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Thursday, May 28, 2026

Oak Hill Times



Converse Elementary hosts 2nd grade Wax Museum

Converse Elementary 2nd graders worked hard to prepare their speeches for the annual Wax Museum! We appreciate everyone who was able to come out and join us for this event! We had so many amazing people represented and our students certainly dressed their parts well! Thank you, parents! You knocked these costumes out of the park!



Converse Elementary Spring Program

Mr. Pendleton did an amazing job of leading our 2nd graders through a tribute to Disney through the years! Thank you for all of your hard work 2nd grade and Mr. Pendleton!

Oak Hill 2026–2027 student registration now open

New and returning student registration for the 2026–27 school year is now open. Returning student registration is for students currently attending Oak Hill Schools in grades PK–11 who will return next year. To begin the process, log into your Skyward Family Access account and follow the directions provided. You can access Skyward by visiting our school website at ohusc.k12.in.us and clicking on the Skyward tile in the middle of the page.

If you do not remember your username or

password, click the “Forgot your username or password?” link on the login screen. A reset link will be sent to your email.

New kindergarten students and new students in grades 1–12 can register by clicking on Prospective Students, then selecting Getting Started to view available registration options. Choose the option that best fits your needs.

The deadline to register new or returning students is Monday, July 6, 2026. Registering by this date helps us plan class sizes and transportation routes for the upcoming school year.

If you need technical support with online registration, please contact us at registration@ohusc.k12.in.us or call 765-395-3341 ext. 6017. For questions about the school or application processing, please contact your child’s school secretary at 765-395-3341.

While registering,

please take time to review and update any contact or family information in Skyward to ensure we have the most accurate details on file.

2026–2027 Student Transportation Information

Our transportation department will soon begin working on bus routes for the 2026–27 school year. Please make sure you register your children as soon as possible if you know they will be attending Oak Hill next year. Early registration allows us to better plan transportation routes and may help ensure that you receive your preferred transportation option.

This school year, we have three buses transporting students from bus stops outside of our district, and those buses filled up very quickly. We eventually had to create waiting lists for students who registered late in the process. The earlier you can register, the

better. Transportation requests are completed during the new and returning student registration process through Skyward.

This year we again partnered with the Grant County Family YMCA to provide after-school care at Sweetser Elementary for students in grades K–6. The Grant County Family YMCA has notified us that they will not be able to staff an after-school care program at Sweetser Elementary next year. However, they will continue to offer an after-school program at the Grant County Family YMCA

located in Marion.

Prior to the start of school, we will gauge interest from families to determine whether transportation to the Marion location is something we may be able to explore. At this time, this does not mean transportation will be provided, only that we will look into the possibility if there is enough interest from families.

Save the Date – Back to School Nights

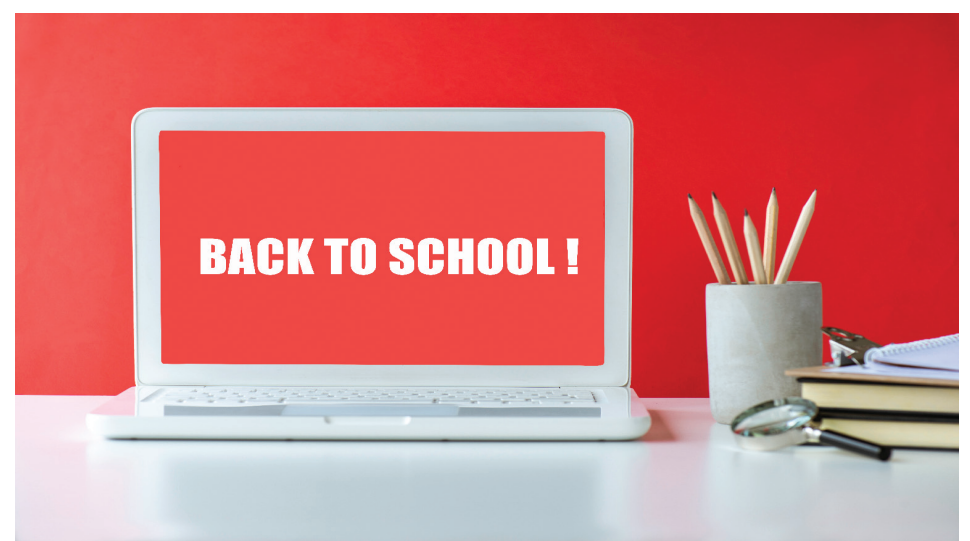
Plans are being finalized for Oak Hill Schools’ Back to School Nights for the 2026–27 school year. Preliminary plans are for the

elementary schools to host their events on Tuesday, August 4th, while the junior high and high school events are planned for Wednesday, August 5th.

Elementary Schools – Tuesday, August 4th
Converse: 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Sweetser: 5:00–6:30 p.m.
Swayzee: 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Junior High & High School – Wednesday, August 5th

Junior High: 5:30–7:00 p.m.
High School: 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Youth First: Is your child suffering from “Digital Overload?”

By Camryn Cater,
Youth First, Inc.

Technology. It’s everywhere, woven into the fabric of our daily lives, influencing how we work, communicate and live. While the use of technology can be beneficial to children, it can also have negative effects. Excessive screen time can impact children cognitively,

academically, physically, socially, behaviorally, and mentally.

As our world evolves, technology is reducing real-world interaction, creating continuous stimulation and exposing children to harmful content at increasingly younger ages. Our technology-driven world is physically altering children’s

brain chemistry, creating many risks during critical developmental years. Therefore, parents and guardians need to take steps to create a safer environment and promote a healthy balance for kids.

Children are often introduced to tablets, iPads, iPhones, and apps like YouTube long before they enter kindergarten.

Because the early years are critical to cognitive and social development, the experiences children have during this time can strongly influence their future success. Although technology can improve classroom efficiency and provide valuable educational support, excessive use may hinder a student’s ability to develop essential learning skills.

High exposure to technology can significantly contribute to lower academic achievement. The instant gratification provided by digital devices and media may shorten children’s attention spans, making it more difficult for them to concentrate on slower-paced or less stimulating tasks. In addition, constant overstimulation from technology can also interfere with healthy brain development and negatively impact memory, focus, and critical thinking abilities. Without these essential foundational skills, students may struggle to meet academic expectations and perform successfully in school.

Increased technology use can also lead to physical health

problems. Children are spending less time playing outdoors, engaging in imaginative play, and participating in physical activity. This shift has contributed to increased rates of obesity among children and teens. Another concern is prolonged exposure to blue light, which can cause eye strain and sleep disturbances.

Technology also impacts children socially. With fewer in-person interactions, school may be one of the only places children socialize face-to-face with peers. Children who spend excessive time on devices may struggle more with conflict resolution, empathy, and basic social interactions. Social media further complicates this by exposing children to highlight reels of influencers, celebrities, and peers. Constant comparison can lead to lower self-esteem, which may contribute to mental health struggles such as anxiety and depression.

Overconsumption of technology can also increase the risk of cyberbullying. Children now communicate with peers at all hours of the day, allowing them to hide behind screens and act unkindly, sometimes anonymously. Children may see posts showing events they were not invited to or may be included in group messages they do not want to be part of. They may also be exposed to information that is not age appropriate.

How can parents avoid digital overload in their children? First, establish clear, consistent boundaries around screen time (such as no screens allowed in bedrooms, at the dinner table, or after a certain time). Involve your kids in creating a family media plan, which makes rules around screen time feel like a shared agreement rather than a punishment.

Parents should also model healthy screen-time habits

in their own daily lives. Encourage alternative, non-digital hobbies such as reading, playing board games, crafting, playing sports, and engaging in outdoor activities. In addition, parents should guide children toward interactive or educational content rather than passive scrolling. Whenever possible, co-view media with your kids to promote discussion, engagement, and meaningful family interaction.

Parental control tools and software can be used to block inappropriate content and set screen time limits. And most importantly, have open conversations with your kids about why limits exist and to “pause, think and report” when they encounter disturbing content or someone acting inappropriately online.

For more specific age-appropriate guidelines, consider the 3-6-9-12 rule to guide your approach: No screens before age 3, no consoles before age 6, no internet before age 9, and no social media before age 12.

Camryn Cater, MSW, LSW, is a Youth First Mental Health Professional at Scott Elementary School in Vanderburgh County. Youth First, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening youth and families. Youth First provides over 100 highly trained mental health professionals (primarily master’s level social workers), prevention programs, parent engagement coordinators, and bilingual support personnel to 130 schools across 14 Indiana counties. Over 55,000 youth and families each year are served by Youth First’s school-based social work and community programs that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and maximize student success. To learn more about Youth First, visit youthfirstinc.org or call 812-421-8336.

Rose Farmstead Auction

Thursday, June 4th, 2026, 4:30pm

12511 Licklider Rd., Conover, OH 45317



TRACTOR: 1974 John Deere 4430 Diesel WF, 8 spd. Syncro, 4 Post Canopy, 2 Hydro Remotes, 540/1000 PTO, 3pt. SN#W023677R; 1964 John Deere 3020 Diesel, WF, Single Hydro Remote, 540/1000 PTO, 3pt. SN#50870; Farmall Super M Gas, NF w/After Mkt. Hitch, 540 PTO SN#L505415J; Ford 5000 Diesel WF w/Ford Loader, Hydro Outlet, New Injection Pump.

FIELD & HAY EQUIPMENT: John Deere 7000 Corn Planter 6-30” Row, No Till, Bean & Corn Meters w/Liquid Fertilizer & Monitor; John Deere 750 No Till 15’ Grain Drill w/500ac. New Boots & Seed Disc Openers; IH 510 Grain Drill w/Grass Seeder; IH 475 Disc 18’ Hydro Fold w/Remlinger 3 Bar Harrow; John Deere AW 12’ Disc; Oliver 385 Field Cultivator 12’ w/3pt. & Remlinger 3 Bar Harrow; New Holland 640 Round Baler w/Auto String Tie & Monitor; New Holland 268 Sm. Square Baler w/Wagon Hitch & Chute; 3 Flat Bed Wagon 14 & 16’; New Holland 56 Roll-a-Bar Hay Rake; New Holland 492 & 488 Hay Bine w/9’ Cut; John Deere 660 Roll-a-Bar Hay Rake w/ Dolly Wheel; Sintrex 4 Wheel Hay Rake; 3pt. 6’ Blade; 3pt. 6’ Flail Mower; 3pt. 6’ Bush Hog Rotary Mower; John Deere 4BTM Hydro Reset Plow; Hesston Stand Hand 10; John Deere 494 Planter; JD 4 Row Cultivator; John Deere RM 6 Row Cultivator w/Danish Tine; J&M 250 Bu. Wagon w/Auger; John Deere 40’ Elevator w/Drag Leg; 8’ Double Cultipacker.

VEHICLES: 2001 Chevy 2500 LS HD Gas 6.0L w/Snow Plow, Controls & Lights-Strob, Toolbox 143,667 miles; 1989 Chevy 1500 Silverado StepSide 148,516 miles-Rusted Frame; 2007 Chevy Trailblazer LT 101,684 miles.

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Wabash College celebrates local students named to Spring 2026 Dean’s List

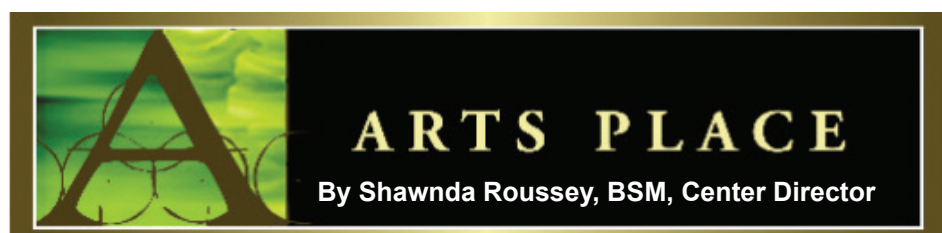
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN — Wabash College congratulates more than 400 students who were named to the Spring 2026 Dean’s List. Students make the Dean’s List by maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0-point scale.

Benjamin J. Henke of Jasper
Matthew B. Wright of Jasper

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Upcoming Classes & Events

Summer Piano Lab

Students 2nd grade - 4th grade from any county may participate in group piano lessons once a week for 6 weeks. Students are loaned a keyboard to take home to provide additional practice time. The loaned keyboard must be returned on the last day of piano lab, 07/29/26. The Piano Lab is intended for beginning students.

Students must be registered in advance.

Event Date/Time: Wednesdays; June 17 - July 29, 2026, 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

NOTICE: There will be no lesson on June 24th.

Registration Closes: June 8, 2026 11:59pm

Event Location: Arts Place Blackford County Arts Center 107 West Washington St Washington St Hartford City, IN 47348

Cost: \$30.00 per student

Participants Must Be Pre-Registered No Walk-Ins Accepted

Registration Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE Registration is NON-TRANSFERABLE

Arts Place contact person for questions or more information and how to be involved

Call Lydia Rowles at 765-348-4154 with any questions.

Summer Percussion Lab

Students 6 - 12 years old from any county may participate in group percussion lessons once a week for 6 weeks. Students are loaned a practice pad to take home to provide additional practice time. The loaned practice pad must be returned on the last day of percussion lab, 07/08/26. The

Percussion Lab is intended for beginning students. Students must be registered in advance.

Event Date/Time: Wednesdays; June 3 - July 8, 2026, 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm.

Registration Closes: June 2, 2026 11:59pm

Event Location: Arts Place Blackford County Arts Center 107 West Washington St Hartford City, IN

47348

Cost: \$30.00 per student

Participants Must Be Pre-Registered

No Walk-Ins Accepted Registration Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

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Arts in the Parks

Brief description of performance/event:

Come celebrate America's 250th birthday with Arts Place! Arts in the Parks classes will be centered around this patriotic celebration!

Registration is now open! To register, please visit www.myartsplace.org

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Event Date/Time: June 1-July 17 (no classes July 2-7 for 4th of July)

Event Location: East Central Indiana (Berne, Geneva, Hartford City, Montpelier, Dunkirk, Redkey, Pennville, & Portland) and West Central Ohio (Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, St. Henry,

Minster, & New Bremen)

Cost: \$5 unless otherwise noted Financial assistance is available

For more information or questions on how to be involved, please contact Arts Place by calling 260-726-4809 or emailing visualarts@myartsplace.org

Summer MusicWorks Registration is LIVE

MusicWorks is a comprehensive program of music instruction for all ages. Students learn: to read music, proper playing techniques, and the fundamentals of music theory. Our experienced teaching artists share their passion and enthusiasm for music.

Event Date/Time: June 15 through July 24, 2026

Registration

Deadline: June 8, 2026

Event locations: Arts Place, Jay County Campus 131 E Walnut St, Portland, IN 47371

Blackford County Arts Center, 107 W Washington St, Hartford City, IN 47348

Registration Link: www.myartsplace.org

Lesson times will be scheduled in the order registrations are received. Please respond promptly when you are contacted.

MusicWorks is made possible by the

following generous sponsors: The Portland Foundation, Adams County Community Foundation, WPGW Radio, Dennis and Marianne Horn, Citizens State Bank, and Blackford County Community Foundation.

For more information or questions on how to be involved, please contact Arts Place by calling 260-726-4809 or emailing jcc@myartsplace.org



AGES

Children 6 to 12, unless otherwise noted

COST

Each class: \$5, unless otherwise noted Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

REGISTRATION

Register online at myartsplace.org or call 260-726-4809. Pre-registration is required, no walk-ins allowed.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For financial assistance, please call 260-726-4809.

QUESTIONS?

Please email visualarts@myartsplace.org.

Follow us on Facebook@Arts Place for pop-up classes.

Children can take classes at any Arts in the Parks location. Classes offered in your community are listed on the back of this flyer.

IN OHIO - Coldwater, Fort Recovery, Minster, New Bremen, and St. Henry.

IN INDIANA - Berne, Dunkirk, Hartford City, Montpelier, Pennville, Portland, and Redkey

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CECILIA HANCOCK MJH 8th-grader
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ZACKARY MARCUM MHS junior

KYLER MUSSELMAN MHS junior
AVA PERKINS MHS senior
ADDY POWELL MJH 8th-grader
CLAYTON RAINEY MHS junior
KAYLAH SPAULDING MHS senior
DANI TERRY MHS sophomore
LILLIAN WEAVER MHS senior

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Marion students earn top awards at Indiana Thespians State Conference

Marion Community Schools congratulates 13 of our students who earned 15 top awards at the annual Indiana Thespians State Conference.

The students, who are all also enrolled in the CSA Arts Academy, attended the conference with the International Thespians Society troupe at the Marion Community School of the Arts.

Congratulations to these Marion students, who all earned Superior rankings in the prestigious International Thespians Excellence Awards (Thespy Awards for short), recognizing the highest level of achievement in school theatre performance and tech:

Sophi Gentry, Marion High School freshman, Superior in Duet Acting, with Clayton Rainey, MHS junior

Tallulah Gibson, McCulloch Junior High School 8th-grader, Superior in Musical Theatre Solo

Theo Gipson, MHS freshman, Dani Terry, MHS sophomore, Clayton Rainey, MHS junior, Superior Acting Ensemble, with fellow Thespians Aubrey Denny (who attends another school)

Zackary Marcum, Marion High School junior, Superior in Musical Theatre Solo

Kyler Musselman, MHS junior, Superior in Duet Acting with fellow MHS junior Zackary Marcum

Ava Perkins, MHS senior, Superior in Makeup Design

Addy Powell, MJH 8th-grader, Superior in Solo Acting

Cecilia Hancock, MJH 8th-grader, Annalisia

Hofmeister, Marion High School freshman, and Kaylah Spaulding and Lillian Weaver, both MHS seniors, Superior in Musical Theatre Ensemble

Two other troupe members who attend other schools also earned Superiors: Aria Barmes, in Musical Theatre Solo, and Jasper Southerland, in Costume Design

The Thespy competition, presented by Disney Live Entertainment, celebrates the work of theatre students, giving them the opportunity to receive constructive feedback on prepared theatrical material, technical designs, plays, and short films, and recognizing their achievements on local, regional, and international stages. High school students who earn Superior ratings at the state level qualify to compete at the International Thespians Conference.

In addition to this chance to showcase their talent and skill and receive professional feedback, the state conference also offered students the opportunity to participate in workshops, attend theatre performances by fellow Thespians, and connect with peers from across the state.

The International Thespians Society is the only theatre honor society for middle and high school students in the United States. CSA's Thespians troupe is made up of qualifying members of the CSA Theatre compANY, a premier training program open to kids around the region, ages 10 to 18.

CSA Theatre compANY provides students with hands-on experience both on stage and behind the scenes. From

performance to theatre production and design, the Theatre compANY program helps students develop the skills and confidence to succeed in all aspects of theatre. In addition to top-tier training, the Theatre compANY stages three to four full-scale productions each season, providing thought-provoking and engaging theatrical experiences that inspire and connect audiences of all ages in our community. For more information about the CSA Theatre compANY, including upcoming auditions, visit <https://csa-marion.com/theatre-company>.

All CSA students in grades 7-12 also have the opportunity to enroll in the CSA Arts Academy program, an exclusive partnership between Marion Community Schools and CSA that provides pre-professional arts training along with the benefits of a traditional public school. Alumni of the CSA Arts Academy, which was established in 2016, have continued their arts training at various well-known post-secondary schools, including The Julliard School, AMDA, UNCSCA, Belmont University, Millikin University, and more, including prestigious art programs at Indiana schools including Ball State University, Indiana University, and others. For more information about the CSA Arts Academy program, click here, or call 765-662-6363. (Note: Neither Marion Community Schools enrollment nor Arts Academy enrollment is required for participation in Theatre compANY, or for qualification for CSA's Thespians troupe.)



Stephen G Danser

Stephen G. Danser, 76, Indianapolis, passed away at 12:05 am on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Greenfield Healthcare Center in Greenfield. The family received visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service was held to celebrate Stephen's life at 1:00 pm with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

Connie White

With deep sorrow and love, we announce the passing of Connie S. White, who passed away on May 19, 2026, at the age of 64. Connie's kindness, warmth, and devotion to her family touched many lives. Though she is no longer with us, her love and memory will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. She will be laid to rest at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, Indiana.

James Michael "Mike" Willis

James Michael "Mike" Willis, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 27, 2026, at the age of 80. Arrangements for Mike have been entrusted to Mississinewa Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 200 North 7th Street, Gas City, Indiana. A memorial service in honor of Mike will take place on May 29, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the funeral home. Family and friends are invited to gather to reflect on Mike's life, share memories, and celebrate the legacy he leaves behind.

*Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.
Prayers of comfort and peace.*

Erin Peacock

Erin Peacock, 31, of Nashville, TN passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 19, 2026 after 14-month-long battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Celebrations of Erin's Life will be held at 1951 East 900 South, Fairmount, IN (Sunday, May 31st; 2-5 PM EST); Nashville, TN (Sunday, June 14th- Erin's Birthday); and Philadelphia, PA (June 25th). Information for these services will be announced at a later time.

Michael Richard Kegg Sr.

Michael Richard Kegg Sr. - April 1, 1943 — May 18, 2026 - Arrangements for Michael have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928, where a visitation was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., a funeral service followed at 5:00 p.m.

Carolyn E Beal

Carolyn E. Beal, 79, of Marion, IN, passed away unexpectedly on May 17, 2026. Born on July 11, 1946, to the late Charles and Betty Bryant, Carolyn brightened the lives of everyone around her. Arrangements for Carolyn have been entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Robert "Bob" A. Kramer

Robert A. Kramer, 83, passed away on May 20, 2026, in his home. There will be a private funeral mass and burial. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

Chelsey R. Goble

An obituary is not available at this time for Chelsey R. Goble. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

Lewis F. Davis

Lewis F. Davis - April 22, 1955 - May 14, 2026 - An obituary is not available at this time for Lewis F. Davis. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

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https://www.libertyfamily.org (765) 384-7004
Sunday School - @ 9:00 AM
Worship - @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening - @ 6:00 PM
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Classes @ 5:30 & 6:30 PM

Sweetser United Methodist Church

413 N. Main Street, Sweetser, IN 46987
www.sweetserumc.org (765) 384-7354

Swayzee United Methodist Church

306 S Washington St, Swayzee, IN, United States, 46986
www.umc.org (765) 922-7223

Converse Church of Christ

301 E. Wabash Street Converse, IN 46919
765-395-3361
First Hour service (traditional) @ 9am
Second Hour service (contemporary) @ 10:15am

Sweetser Wesleyan Church

(765) 384-7232
200 West Delphi Pike Sweetser, IN 46987
www.https://www.sweetserwesleyan.org
Sunday Morning 10 am

Back Creek Friends

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Back Creek Wesleyan

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fairmount Baptist Church

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fairmount Church of God

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Fairmount Friends - 10:30 a.m.

Fairmount Wesleyan

- 9:30 a.m. Fairmount United Methodist - 9:30 a.m.

Fowlerton United Methodist

- 10:45 a.m. Grant Church (Global Methodist) 11018 S 300 E Fairmount 9:00 a.m.

Jones Chapel

- 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - 9 a.m. MorningStar Ministries, 11:00 a.m. (Jonesboro)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

- 9 a.m. (Hartford City)

One of Ten Ministries and Church

- 10:30 a.m. Pilgrim Holiness - 6 p.m.

Real Community Covenant Church

- 10 a.m. - 1240 S. Adams in Marion

Westview Wesleyan

11 a.m. (Jonesboro) Women of Hope Bible Study - Tuesday - 10 a.m.

(Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)

Fairmount UMC

- Monday - 7 p.m. - Campus Life

Fairmount UMC

- Wednesday - 10 a.m., Men and Women's Bible Study

First Steps in Music: Registration is now Live

First Steps in Music is a music class for toddlers based on John Feirabend's curriculum "First Steps in Music." Fierabend is a devoted childhood educator who blends movement and musicianship to help young children develop their brains and musical ability. First Steps in Music is designed for the child

and parent together. Grandparents are welcome too!
Event Date/Time: June 3 - July 8, 2026
10 - 23 months old 9:00 am - 9:35 am
2 - 3 years old 10:00 am - 10:35 am
4 - 5 years old 11:00 am - 11:35 am
Registration Deadline: June 2, 2026
Event locations:

Arts Place Jay County Campus, 131 E Walnut St, Portland, IN 47371
Cost:
First Steps + Class Materials - \$60.00
First Steps (already have materials) - \$45.00
Registration Link: www.myartsplace.org
Teaching artist: Amelia Freeman
First Steps in Music is made possible by

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Area college graduate's accomplishments

Students named to Trine University President's List

ANGOLA, IND. — Trine University students were named to the President's List for the Spring 2026 semester. To earn President's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000. The following area students were named to the President's List: Silas Jones of Swayzee, majoring in

Accounting Grady Schnepf of Gas City, majoring in Exercise Science
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Community Foundation awards nearly \$1 million through 2026 Spring Grant Cycles

Strategic investments support innovation, education, housing, healthcare, youth development, and downtown revitalization across Grant County

Grant County, Indiana — The Community Foundation of Grant County is proud to announce the distribution of \$955,850 in grant funding through its 2026 Give To Grant Spring Grant Cycles, supporting projects and partnerships designed to strengthen communities, expand opportunity, and improve quality of life across Grant County.

Funding was awarded through three coordinated grant opportunities: the Innovation Partners Cycle, the Vireo Funding Partners Cycle, and the General Funding Partners Cycle.

Together, these grant opportunities reflect the Foundation's commitment to investing in both immediate community needs and long-term transformational impact aligned with the Grant County Strategic Vision. Representing investments in housing stability, healthcare access, educational opportunity, disability inclusion, recreation, arts and culture, downtown revitalization, and long-term economic growth throughout Grant County.

"Grantmaking is one of the most visible ways generosity comes to life in our community," said Dawn Brown, President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Grant County. "These projects represent organizations that are solving problems, creating opportunity, and working collaboratively to move Grant County forward. We are incredibly grateful to the donors whose generosity makes this work possible."

"These grant

awards reflect what is possible when donors, nonprofits, community leaders, and residents work together around a shared vision for Grant County," said Mark Atkinson, Board Chair of the Community Foundation. "We are proud to support organizations that are improving lives today while also creating momentum and opportunity for the future."

Innovation Partners Grant Award

The Foundation awarded a transformational \$800,000 Innovation Partners grant to the City of Marion in support of AllRose at The Banks, a \$17.5 million mixed-use riverfront redevelopment project in downtown Marion.

The development will include:

- 66 residential units
- Nearly 5,000 square feet of retail and office space

- Significant public infrastructure improvements

The project is led by BW Development in partnership with the City of Marion and is intended to catalyze continued investment and revitalization within Marion's Riverfront District.

In alignment with the Foundation's charitable mission, grant funding is specifically designated for public-benefit components of the project, including public infrastructure, greenery and green space enhancements, and trail extension improvements connected to the broader riverfront redevelopment effort.

Vireo Funding Partners Grant Award

Thriving Grant

County received a \$50,000 Vireo Funding Partners grant to support the Post-Secondary Enrollment and Completion Collaborative Action Network (CAN), focused on improving college and career outcomes for local youth through coordinated, systems-level collaboration. Additional Vireo Awards are expected later this year.

General Funding Partners Grant Awards

The following organizations received General Funding Partners grants through a combination of unrestricted community endowment dollars and donor-directed charitable funds stewarded by the Community Foundation of Grant County. Primary funding support was provided through the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund, with additional support from the WindSwell Foundation Fund, Cochran-Miller Fund, Kurt Herriman Memorial Endowment Fund, Virginia June and Lowell Byron Richards Fund, and Tri Kappa Janet Beer Music Education Fund.

Affordable Housing Corporation — \$10,000

Funded through the WindSwell Foundation Fund in support of Project RHO, an eight-unit permanent supportive housing initiative for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

Cancer Services of Grant County — \$10,000

Funded through the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund for the BESS Program providing free mammograms, follow-up diagnostic testing, breast health education, and support services to underserved residents of Grant County.

Carey Services — \$10,000

Funded through the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund in support of Phase I of the Next Generation Campus project, expanding opportunities for individuals with

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Grant County Family YMCA — \$10,000

Funding support included from the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund and the Kurt Herriman Memorial Endowment Fund to provide swimming and water safety lessons to all second graders in Marion Community Schools.

Junior Achievement — \$10,000

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Radiant Health — \$10,000

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Special Olympics Indiana – Grant County — \$10,000

Funded through the WindSwell Foundation Fund for the purchase of sports equipment to expand athletic programming opportunities serving individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Upland Area Greenways Association — \$9,850

Funding support included the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund and the Virginia June and Lowell Byron Richards Fund to replace, expand, and improve trailhead and wayfinding signage at the Seven Bridges Trailhead.

Orchestra Indiana — \$6,000

Funding support included from the Give To Grant Unrestricted

Fund and the Tri Kappa Janet Beer Music Education Fund to provide live orchestral music access through a Gas City community concert.

Kate's Kart — \$5,000

Funded through the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund to support reading resources and literacy engagement for hospitalized children at Marion Health.

Dodson Legacy, Inc. — \$5,000

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About the 2026 Spring Grant Cycles

The 2026 Give To Grant Spring Grant Cycles were designed to support organizations at multiple levels of impact:

Innovation Partners supports large-scale, transformational community investment opportunities.

Vireo Funding Partners aligns funding around coordinated Career-to-Cradle strategies focused on long-term educational and workforce outcomes.

General Funding Partners provides accessible grant opportunities for nonprofits meeting ongoing community needs.

All grant opportunities align with one or more priorities identified in the Grant County Strategic Vision, including Economic Vitality, Talent Development, Quality of Place, and Quality of Life.

The Community Foundation will continue its 2026 Give To Grant grantmaking efforts with several additional funding opportunities later this year, including: Collaboration Partners Summer Grant Cycle, Leadership Partners Fall Grant Cycle, and Crowdfunding Partners Winter Grant Cycle. Organizations interested in future funding opportunities are encouraged to monitor GiveToGrant.org.

org for application timelines, eligibility details, and grant announcements.

The Community Foundation

encourages donors interested in growing future grantmaking opportunities to contribute to the Give To Grant Unrestricted Fund. Through the Lilly Endowment Inc. GIFT IX initiative, every dollar donated to the fund is currently eligible to be tripled, turning a \$1 gift into \$3 to support future community needs across Grant County.

These charitable dollars are permanently invested to grow over time, creating an enduring source of community support. As those investments grow, a portion of the earnings becomes available each year to award grants, respond to emerging needs, support innovative ideas, and strengthen Grant County for generations to come.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of Grant County or to support future community impact, visit Community Foundation of Grant County at GiveToGrant.org.

About the Community Foundation of Grant County

The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. is an advocate for local philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the lives of people in the Grant County area. An effective steward of the community's charitable resources since 1984, the Foundation partners with donors to establish charitable funds and invests in nonprofit organizations and community initiatives through a variety of grantmaking efforts.

The Community Foundation connects people, resources, and causes to promote sustainable impact for the betterment of Grant County. Currently the Community Foundation holds over 400 charitable funds that support a variety of charities and charitable causes in Grant County. For more information, please visit GiveToGrant.org.

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