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From the desk of the President





### Hello Westport friends and neighbors,

As President of the Westport Area Business Association, I'm excited to share a springtime update on the three properties we purchased late last fall.

These homes were acquired with one big goal in mind—to help breathe new life into areas of our town that need a little love and attention.

Here's a quick look at our progress so far:

### Property 1: 312 E Schott Street

We kicked things off with a big cleanup bringing in a large dumpster and removing debris from the property. It's now prepped and ready to be auctioned. All proceeds from this sale will go directly into revitalizing the next property on our list.

#### Property 2: 206 E Schott Street

Next up is this home, which is currently in the planning stage. We're gathering quotes from local contractors to begin much-needed repairs and renovations. Once complete, we hope it becomes a bright spot in the neighborhood once again.

#### Property 3: 301 E Sycamore Street

Our plan is to reinvest the proceeds from Property 2 into this third location, continuing our mission of improvement and community reinvestment.

These projects are part of our broader mission to beautify Westport, one home at a time. We're investing in our community's future and working hard to increase property values, enhance curb appeal, and create a town we can all be proud of.

#### New Member Welcome

We're thrilled to welcome several new businesses to the Westport Area Business Association family:

- **Donut Central** Serving up delicious treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.
- **ServPro** Providing professional restoration services to our community.
- CRF Roofing & Restoration Offering topnotch roofing and restoration solutions.

We look forward to the positive impact these businesses will bring to our community.

#### **Community Recognition**

A heartfelt congratulations to Bailey's Flowers for being voted the Best Florist in Decatur County! . Your dedication to excellence and service has truly blossomed, and we're proud to have you as a shining example of the quality businesses that make Westport special.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Together, we're making Westport a stronger, more vibrant place to call home

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→ Warm regards,

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President, Westport Area Business Association Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance/Agent

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### **Ingredients (Serves 8)**

#### For the biscuits

- 4 cups "00" Pizza Flour (or 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour and • 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar 1 1/3 cups cake flour), plus more for work surface
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 11/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) cold unsalted butter
- 11/2 cups buttermilk
- ·Turbinado sugar, for sprinkling

### For the whipped cream

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp. malted milk powder

#### For the brandied strawberries

- 2 (16-ounce) containers strawberries, trimmed and quartered
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup Cognac or other aged brandv



### Directions

- 1. Make the strawberries: Mash one-fourth of the strawberries with the back of a fork in a bowl. Stir in remaining berries, granulated sugar, and cognac. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes and up to 3 hours.
- 2. Make the biscuits: Preheat oven to 450°F. Sift together flour, granulated sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda in a bowl. Cut in butter using two forks or a pastry blender until it forms pea-size pieces. Stir in buttermilk and gently mix until a shaggy ball forms.
- 3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured work surface. With floured hands, knead 2 to 3 times. Pat or roll into a 1-inch-thick circle. Cut dough into 4 wedges and stack the pieces on top of each other. Roll again into a 1-inch-thick circle. Repeat 2 more times.
- 4. Cut biscuits with a 2 1/2-inch round cutter; re-roll scraps. Place on a baking sheet, touching slightly. Sprinkle with turbinado sugar and freeze 15 minutes. Bake until golden brown, 18 to 20 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.
- 5. Make the whipped cream: Beat cream, sugar, vanilla, and malted milk powder with an electric mixer on medium speed until soft peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes.
- 6. Halve biscuits and top with berries and whipped cream, dividing evenly. Serve immediately.



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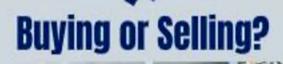


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### Southern Exposure

### Southern Exposure by Tami Wenning May/June 2025

Hello there! I cannot remember when we last talked. The weather is starting to feel more like a "southern" thing. More appropriate to the title of the column, anyway. I used that as the name of the column that I did for the Daily News a long time ago because I was focusing on the southern end of the county. It was only appropriate to continue using it for the Town Crier. I think today, I'll comment on this and that in little snippets. Sort of a newsy thing.

Isn't it great that we have a branch of the library right here in Westport? I was there recently and the librarian fixed me right up with a new library membership and a load of good information. Recently, the library in Greensburg was the starting point for the first ever tour of several points of historical significance in Decatur County. As I'm writing this, I'm thinking that I need to drop off some of the brochures that were created so that people can pick them up at the Westport branch.

Four bus loads of people braved the yellow travel advisory on an extremely rainy weekend to tour the northeastern part of Decatur County. They had a guided tour that pointed out several sites that were part of the Underground Railroad. The brochure that I'll be dropping off at the Westport branch has a selfguided tour and a QR code that you can click on that will give you loads of interesting information. If you're looking for something interesting to do on a pretty spring day, this tour will take you to some interesting places that most just drive right past. On the kick-off of the bus tours, there were also guest lecturers, music and an author. In addition to all of this, a book will soon be available that is specifically about Decatur County's role in history regarding the Underground Railroad.

It was the passion of the late Bill Smith and he had written an earlier book about it but had collected more information intending to re-write it. Due to his untimely passing, his wife shared Bill's collection of information with local historian and retired teacher John Pratt. With the help of a small village, the book has been finished and is currently being printed. I believe the libraries will each have a copy available and there will also be copies for sale.

Homeschool moms, this is field trip worthy! There is a small banner hanging in front of the Westport Christian Church. The church is celebrating 175 years of giving praise to our Creator. Obviously, none of the original members are still there but I think they would be pleased with where we're at. I wish that everyone could have the sort of relationships that we have with our "church" family. All I know is that I am very happy to be known as "Grammy Tami" to a lot of very sweet kids. I also think it is so good for children to see men being so involved in the church and we have such a great group of men, young and old(er), that continue to step up and do what needs doing. The ladies (young and old(er)) just held the nicest tea party on a Saturday afternoon that was just beautiful. We had so much fun laughing, talking and sharing stories. It is one of the few places where I can actually relax. Sundays are always crammed full of things but it is all good stuff and I still find Sundays to be relaxing even when we put so much into the day.

And then there are Mondays. I guess if we didn't have Mondays, we'd start to complain about Tuesdays instead. I've had my job at the community foundation for almost 11 years now and I don't know where the time has gone. I do know that there are very few dull moments, though, and that is why I'm still here. It is a good feeling knowing that so many people care enough about our county. I have a little secret. If you look for bad things, you'll find them everywhere.

But, if you look for the good, you'll find it is right there in front of you too. You get to choose which you surround yourself with. Even on the darkest days, there is always something good to be found. Thank you to all of you who share smiles with strangers, hold doors for people, let other cars out ahead of you when you have the chance. All those little acts of kindness go a very long way. Thank you for all you do to keep that ripple of kindness reaching out into this wild and crazy world we are living in. What you do really does matter.





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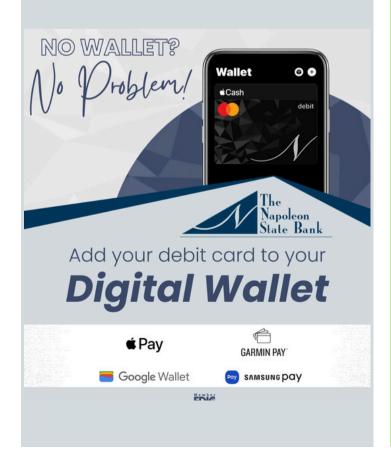
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Tuesday		DAVE HAPPY	13	20	27
Monday		Main Street Westport 6:00PM @Comm. Bldg. Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	<b>12</b> Westport Town Council 6:30P @ Comm Bldg Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	<b>19</b> Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	26 Memorial Day Service @Westport Cemetary 10AM Food Giveaway Christian Church
Sunday		7	Choice State	8	25

### Notes

IHSAA Spring Sports Sectionals: Girls Track - 5/20, Boys Track - 5/22 Softball - 5/26-5/31, Baseball - 5/28-5/31, 6/2 Boys Golf - 6/5, 6/6, 6/7, 6/9 Teacher Appreciation Week 5/5-5/9

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
-	2 Main Street Westport 6:00PM @ Comm Bldg Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	Ю	4	5 Kiwanis - 6:30PM @Comm. Bldg.	Q	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
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<b>22</b> VBS @ Chrsitian Church 5:30P-8P	<b>23</b> Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM VBS@Christian Church 5:30-8P	24 VBS @ Christian Church 5:30P-8P	25 VBS @ Christian Church 5:30P-8P	26 National Chocolate Pudding day	27 National Sunglasses day	28
29	<b>3O</b> Food Giveaway Church 4PM					

#### Notes

On June 14, all across the Unites States people commemorate Flag day. This day celebrates the birthday of the United States flag, which was first adopted on June 14, 1777. This day also coincides with the U.S. Army's Birthday, founded on June 14, 1775. Credit: https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/flag-day/

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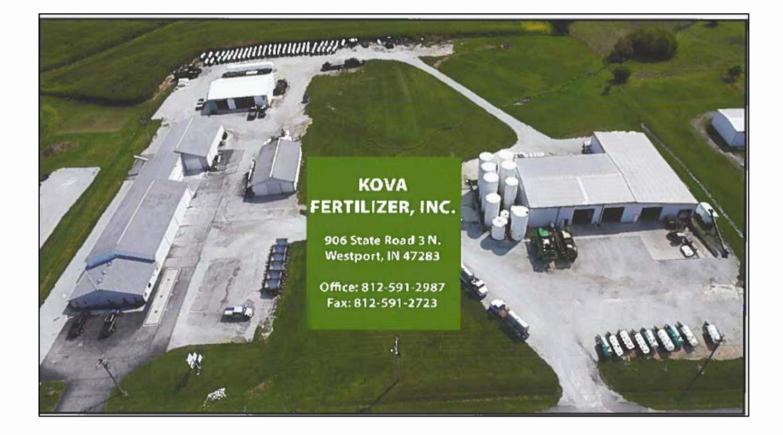
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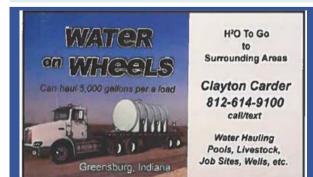
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Mothers Day

11 May









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Date:

Direction: Have fun finding the following words.

### MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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ord Bank:	emancipation	abolish	secede	Juneteenth			
president	parade	perseverance	commemorate	justice			
	to show respective to be set free, I						
: to put an end to, get rid of							
: a war between citizens of the same country							
: a holiday that commemorates the liberation of slaves							
: persistence in achieving something, to try repeatedly							
: to withdrawal, give up							
: just behavior or treatment, fairness							
: leader of a republic							
: a public procession on a special day							





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- Edging
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- Snow Removal
- Bush Hogging
- Light Dirt Work
  - Landscaping





### **RULES for ENTRY**

Eighteen years old

One entry per household

Fill out entry form

### Postmark by May 15th Guess number of tomatoes on this page

All entries will be combined and 3 people drawn on May 20, then notified when and where to receive their plant...SELECTIONS are final **GOOD LUCK** 

First Name	Last Name	
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Phone	Number of Tomatoes	



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