

Westport Area Business Association

# TOWN CRIER



July / August 2025







## *From the desk of the President*

Well folks, it's not every day you get to say "There's an alligator in Westport," but here we are. While the rest of the county gears up for summer barbecues and fireworks, we're out here dodging reptiles on Main Street. Only in Westport, right?

Meanwhile, WABA has been hard at work finalizing a date for the auction of the house at **312 E Schott Street**. It's taken some coordinating and quite a few phone calls, but we're nearly there. We're also happy to share that we've finally received the land survey—one more important step checked off the list! As soon as the date is locked down, we'll shout it from the rooftops—or at least post it on Facebook and put it in your inbox.

This house project is part of our mission to bring beauty, charm, and opportunity back into our community. We're excited to see where this next chapter takes us—and we promise, no alligators will be included with the property.

Also, I'd like to thank everyone who came out to our Feast on 3 food truck event. We had a fantastic turnout, great food, and even better company. It was such a hit, we're already looking at ways to fit a few more into the calendar before the season's out—because Westport deserves more days like that.

### **New Member Welcome**

We're thrilled to welcome some wonderful new businesses to the Westport Area Business Association family!

🎉 Owens Auction

🎉 Paco's Mexican Restaurant

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

**As we head into the holiday, we want to wish everyone a safe and joyful Fourth of July. May your fireworks be bright, your cookouts delicious, and your lawn chairs comfortable!**

**As always, thank you for your support, your ideas, and your unwavering love for this town we call home. Keep an eye out for updates—and maybe also for any wandering wildlife.**

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Warm regards,

*Jannie Jackson*

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



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Happy  
Independence Day!

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In the heart of the Westport business community, Lynn Ramberg is a standout example of strength, compassion, and transformation. As the founder of *Fit Chick Fitness & Nutrition LLC*, Lynn has spent more than 20 years guiding individuals on their path to better health—physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Her journey into health and wellness began from a deep-rooted desire to help others feel their best. With a background in healthcare, disease management, and corporate wellness, Lynn has worked with individuals across all stages of life—from young professionals to seniors, and from athletes to those managing chronic conditions. Her work with special populations reflects her belief that every body is different, and every journey is personal.

Though she was later diagnosed with Celiac disease and multiple food allergies, Lynn had already been inspiring lives through fitness and nutrition coaching for over 15 years. That diagnosis simply deepened her understanding and allowed her to help others with similar struggles on a more personal level.

At *Fit Chick Fitness & Nutrition*, Lynn offers virtual consultations designed around each client's unique needs and goals. Whether it's weight management, lifestyle coaching, or emotional support, Lynn brings a compassionate and science-based approach. Her programs are grounded in experience, but more importantly, built with empathy.

What truly sets Lynn apart is her unwavering belief that health is not a one-size-fits-all journey. Her holistic coaching style focuses on small, sustainable changes—replacing old habits with healthier ones, and building confidence along the way.

Lynn Ramberg is not only transforming individual lives, but uplifting the wellness standard in our community. She is a true Woman of High Impact—and her legacy is one of hope, healing, and empowerment for all.

Learn more or schedule a consultation at  
[www.fitchicknutrition.com](http://www.fitchicknutrition.com).



# BABY POTATO SALAD

## WITH PANCETTA AND CHIVES

### Ingredients (Serves 4)

#### For the salad

- 2 ½ pounds baby potatoes, scrubbed
- Roughly 4 oz smoked pancetta or bacon
- a handful of stale breadcrumbs
- a bunch of fresh chives, snipped
- Salt and pepper

#### For the dressing

- ½ cup soured cream or natural yoghurt
- ¾ cup mayonnaise



*A smoky take on a summer barbecue classic*

### Directions

1. Boil the potatoes gently in salted water until tender, then drain well. Leave them to cool slightly.
2. Fry the pancetta or bacon until crisp, break up, then set aside. Fry the breadcrumbs in the pancetta or bacon fat until crisp.
3. When cooled, slice the potatoes in half and dress with the soured cream/yoghurt and mayonnaise dressing. Fold in the pancetta/bacon and most of the breadcrumbs. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Chill for 1 to 2 hours to allow the potatoes to absorb the flavours. Scatter the top with the chives and remaining breadcrumbs just before serving. Enjoy as a side with your favourite BBQ





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## Southern Exposure for July/August submitted by Tami Wenning

Somewhere, there is a cheat note that I wrote some column ideas on. I know I'll find it after I have already written and submitted the column. I know one of the notes was about how amazed I've been watching how quickly Linda and Bailey Mozingo's new house is going up. I think it will be a huge help with them having their flower business just next door AND having such great neighbors close by. It's a win for everyone and I'm so happy for them.

Another thing I made a note about involves the volume of ants that have invaded our home this spring. If ants were larger, we'd all be in trouble because there are literally zillions of them. I'm a cold-blooded killer when it comes to them because I can't see without my readers on and I DO NOT want to accidentally find some crunchy little critters in foodstuff in my home. I've tried all of the traditional ways that I combat ants and I'm not sure what these little buggers are after but I think I finally got a gallon sprayer with something that is taking care of them. Just the sheer number of ant carcasses that I've swept up is amazing. I'm sure that there have been more ants in my house than what we have people in our whole county...or maybe our state. I saw some marching in a line across the front sidewalk up to the base of the front of the house and I got my wicked sprayer out and made another trail of insecticide. I hate using toxic things around the home but the packaging says it isn't harmful to pets. Ants are NOT pets.

Oh yeah, speaking of pets... my pet is harmful to all other critters in the wild. We have a cat that is a world-champion mouser, rabbit, birder, and any other critter it can get. I don't understand that, either. I buy her cat food but she apparently likes to stalk and take down her own tender morsels. I'm okay with that except for the fact that she likes to try to share with us. I've now closed the dog door because I don't want to find any more of her "presents" in the house. Cats are beautiful but so inherently cruel. The worst incidents happen because the critter (chipmunk) is in shock when she brings it in. If it gets loose and happens to go under the spare refrigerator in the basement to die, it doesn't go well for the homeowner. I'm over it! Maybe when it gets really cold again, I'll relent and let her back in the house but not until then. Pee-yew!

People who drive through Westport should be doubly cautious now that school is out. There are kids EVERYWHERE! You never know when a bicycle or a little person might pop out from in-between cars. Keep summer fun and safe for everyone. It might not be your fault but it would still be a terrible thing to have on your mind for the rest of your days. Parents of those kids... there are churches all over Westport that have vacation bible schools that a lot of work goes into. Take advantage of those opportunities to have your kids participate in something that can have a positive impact on their lives AND give you some free time! It's a win-win. When I see what they put on at our church, I wish that I was a kid again so I could participate. I also wish that my grandkids lived closer so they could go.

Our summer intern at work and I were talking about the joys of playing in Sandcreek. I grew up swimming in it, camping beside it and canoeing in it. Canoeing in it now is pretty much more dragging the canoe through shallow areas than actually floating and paddling. Nowadays, it is still pretty to look at and a fun place to let the grandkids get wet but I'm far more aware of what else might be in it. No wading barefoot in it anymore! But, skipping rocks and floating sticks in it still counts as a great day when you're little. Exploring the little pools and the cool rocks that can be found is a great way to spend a hot summer day. The biggest, scariest looking snakes in the creek are really harmless, unless you're a small fish or a frog. Hope that your summer is off to a great start. Remember there is no better way to end a great day than with an ice cream! Come to think of it, even a bad day can end up better with an ice cream. Just go and tell them I said "hey". Honestly, I get diet cherry cokes more often than I get ice cream. It's just a treat because it is seasonal and they are so nice!

I was pretending to be a race car driver heading north on SW 60 and it made me think back to when Westport used to have go-kart racing in the streets. It was so neat but so scary at the same time. I was afraid to watch because when they crashed into the straw bales that surrounded utility poles, I was afraid I would see someone get hurt. But, it was really exciting to watch as long as no one got hurt. I'm sure trying to do that nowadays would be cost-prohibitive because of the liability insurance that it would require. It was something though, "back in the day"!

Hoping that you have a great summer and get the time to make memories that can carry you through the cold days of winter. 😊

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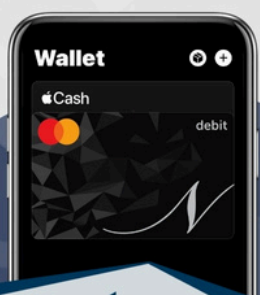




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# 2025

HAPPY  
4<sup>th</sup> of  
July

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> National Fried Chicken Day 	<b>7</b> Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> I Forgot Day 	<b>3</b> Kiwanis: 6:30 @ Comm Bldg DQ Sponsor Night Dec Co Conservation Club	<b>4</b> <b>HAPPY</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>
<b>13</b> Fair Grandstands Southern Indiana Dirt Drags @ 6:30P	<b>14</b> Westport Town Council 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM NTPA Region 2 Truck & Tractor Pulls - 7P	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Decatur County 4H Fair Starts Wolf Brother ATV Drags 7P	<b>11</b> All Star Circuit of Champions TQ Midget Races 7P	<b>12</b> Baby Show 8:30A @ Farm & Home Bldg Demolition Derby at the Fair 7:30 P
<b>20</b> International Chess Day	<b>21</b> Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	<b>15</b> Kings RODEO in the Grandstands @ 7P	<b>16</b> Business Association 5:30 PM Supper 6:00 PM Meeting @ Comm Bldg DQ Sponsor Night Westport Fire Dept	<b>17</b> Kiwanis - 6:30PM @ Comm Bldg	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM DQ Sponsor Night NV Elementary PTO	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> DQ Sponsor Night Main Street Westport	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas in July 	<b>26</b>
		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> National Avocado Day 		

## Notes

2025 Decatur County 4H Fair  
Thursday 7/10 to Wednesday 7/16.  
Grandstand events are listed above.



# 2025



# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Main Street Westport 6:00PM @ Comm Bldg Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	5 DCCS First Day of School	6 DQ Sponsor Night Waynesburg Christian Church	7 Kiwanis - 6:30PM @ Comm Bldg	8	9 National Book Lovers Day 
10	11 Westport Town Council 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	12 National Vinyl Record Day 	13	14 Kiwanis - 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg SDHS Picture Day	15	16 The Westport Swap 9A - 2P @ Methodist Church on Hwy3
17	18 Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	19	20 Business Association 5:30 PM Supper 6:00PM Meeting @Comm Bldg	21	22 National Be an Angel Day 	23
24	25 Food Giveaway Christian Church 4PM	26	27	28 National Bow Tie Day 	29	30 National Beach Day 
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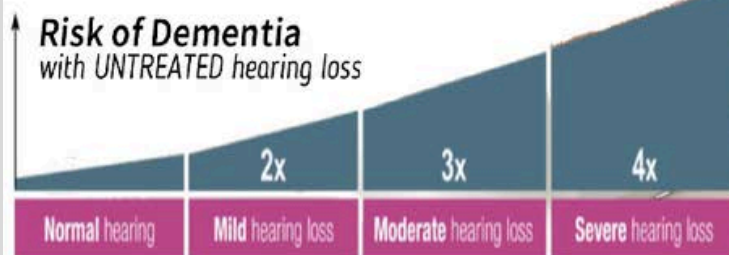
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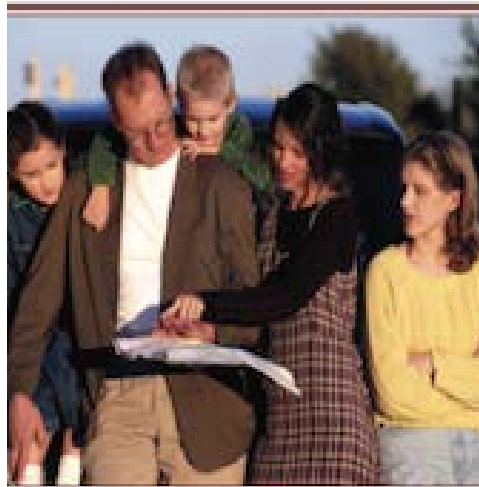
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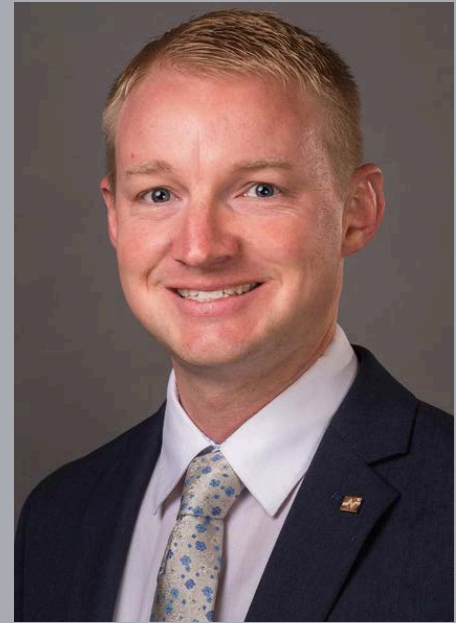
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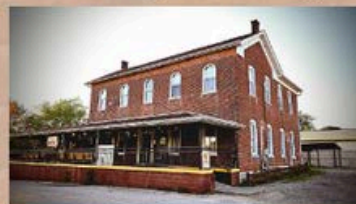
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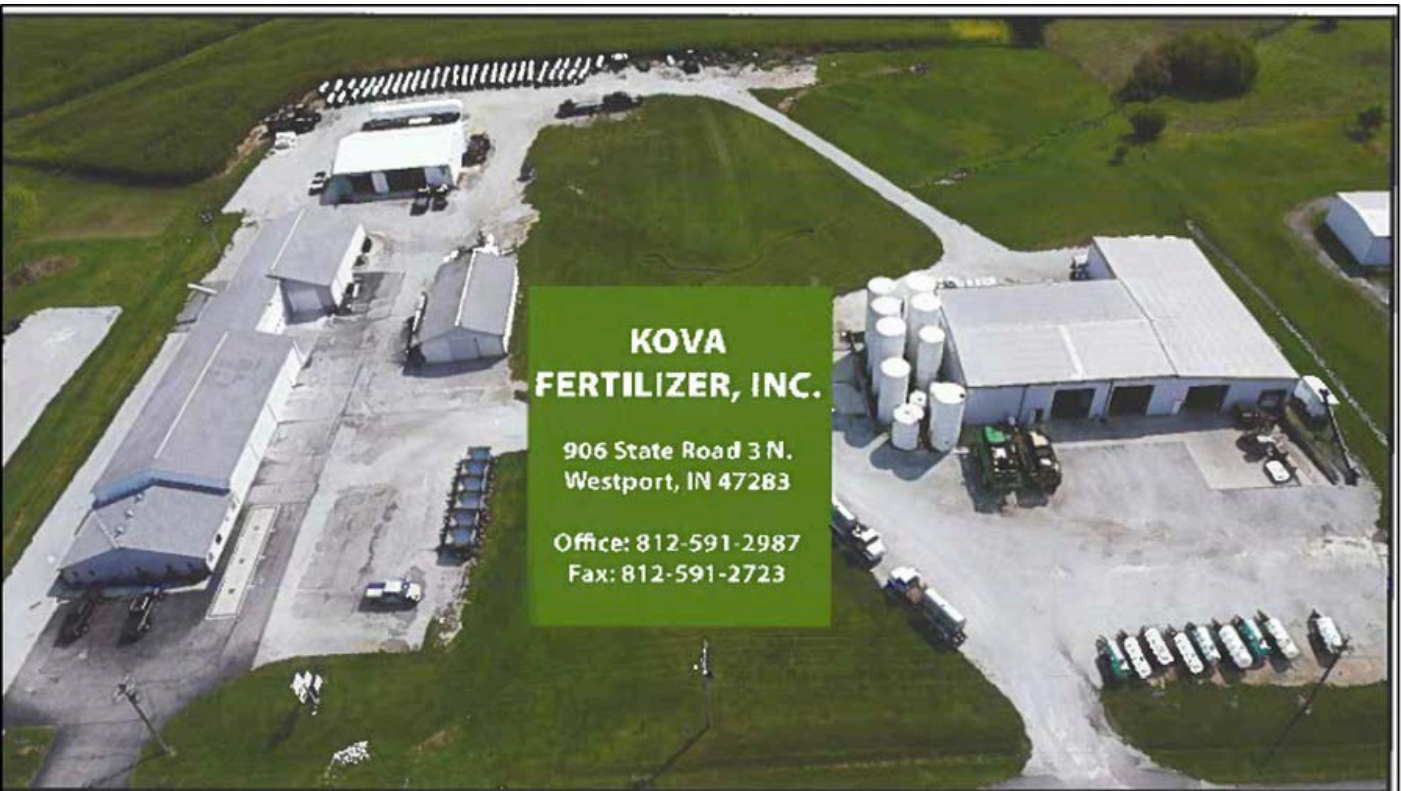
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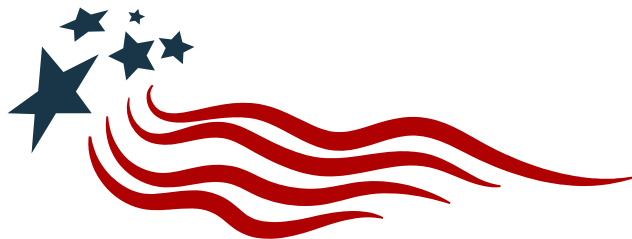
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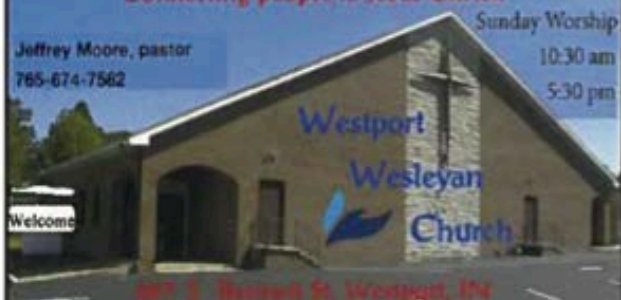
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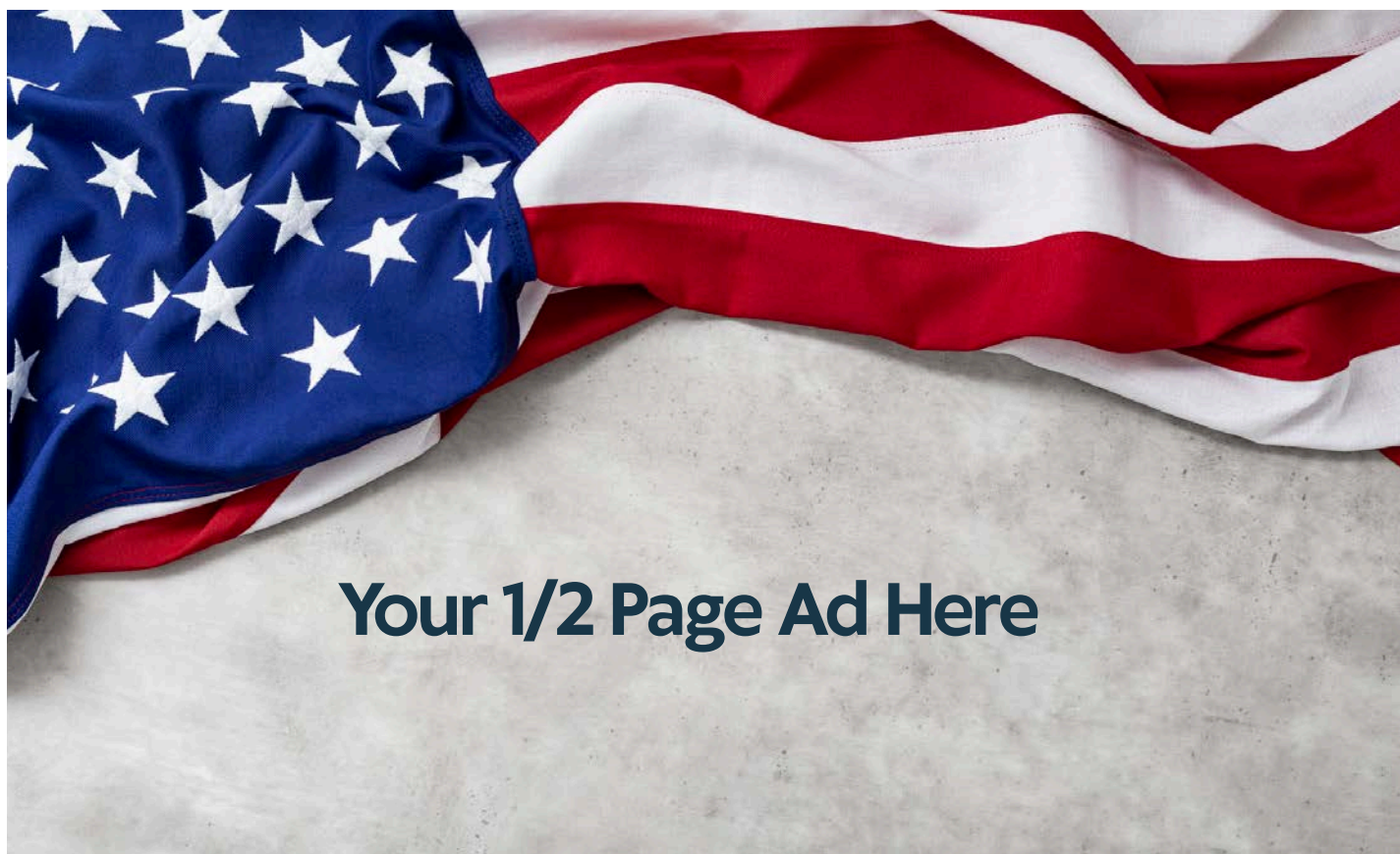

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## Word Bank

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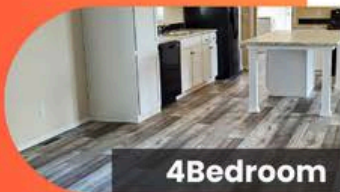




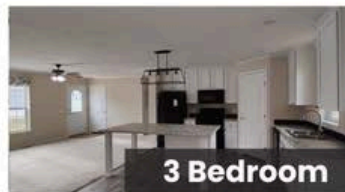
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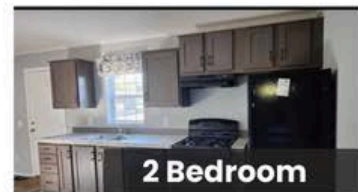
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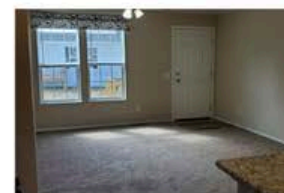
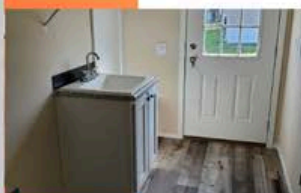
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