

HOOSIER UPLANDS

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



Mission Statement

The mission of Hoosier Uplands, is to plan, implement or cause to be implemented, and provide comprehensive services to the poor, elderly, and disabled. The corporation strives to alleviate poverty, improve living conditions, and provide access to health care and social services to those families and individuals in need within our service area. All endeavors are pursued with the client in mind, never forgetting the value of every human being or the importance of our responsibility to the public which we serve.



Children from the Mitchell Head Start Center were featured in the National Head Start Association's "The Head Start Daily" email that is sent out nationwide. The children pictured were being recognized for perfect attendance.



Thank you to Carrie Ritchison
and team for the donation for
the Persimmon Festival Baby
Contest. It is much
appreciated!- Mackenzie Reeve





Saturday
Oct. 24, 2026



Community baby shower

During this free two-hour event, participants will drive through our vendor resource fair to gather information and resources supporting new parents. This event is open to Orange, Lawrence and surrounding counties. We plan to have more than twenty vendors excited to serve our community. Participants will remain in the comfort of their own vehicle while driving through the resource line, receiving each vendor's available resources and support. Vendors will give resources and goodies to participants.

Sign-ups will be available for a future car seat fit station event. Participants registered in advance will be eligible for door prizes. Additional guests are welcome to participate, but only registered participants are eligible for prizes. Register for one of these drive-through sessions.

Session 1: 10 – 10:30 am **Session 3:** 11 – 11:30 am

Session 2: 10:30 – 11 am **Session 4:** 11:30 am – noon



Indiana University Health

When: Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026

Where: SICIL Parking Area

W. Main St. x Mitchell, IN 47446

Questions: Contact Jodee Rhorer
at jrhorer@iuhealth.org

Arrive during your time slot to help us keep the line moving. It will take approximately 15 minutes to go through the line.

Register online by **Oct. 20, 2026**

forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eBB2fbhqzD

or scan the QR code.



We were awarded funding through Duke called Vibrant Communities Grant. The funds are primarily for Lawrence, Orange, and Martin Counties. With limited funding for Washington Co.

- Must be a Duke customer (will need to provide a Duke bill)**
 - Live within one of the above counties**
- Help with transportation for medical reasons, past due medical bills, and past due water bills**

Please feel free to refer clients to Amanda Johnson. It is first come first served until funding is depleted.

Please share with your family & friends that Hoosier Uplands Hospice is seeking dedicated person(s) to join our team as a Hospice Volunteer.

Hospice Volunteers are caring people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Most volunteers provide patient/family support by giving the caregiver a chance to “take a break”. This can be time for running errands, getting groceries, working in the yard or just taking a nap. Volunteers visit with the patient and family, offering a “listening ear”.

Hoosier Uplands Hospice encourages surviving family members to wait one year following a loved ones’ death to serve as a volunteer.

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer may contact Lee Grimes, Volunteer Coordinator at (812) 849-4447; ext. 4348.

Hoosier Uplands will provide Hospice Volunteer training at no cost.

The greatest gift you
can give someone is your
TIME
Because when you give your
TIME
you are giving a portion of your life
that you will never get back...

WHAT IS SFAE?

SFAE are substance-free alternative events that are organized, social, or recreational activities that explicitly exclude the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. These events provide safe, welcoming environments that promote wellness and community connection without relying on substances for entertainment.





SFAE EVENT SCHEDULE 2026

OCT 30

**TRUNK OR TREAT
FROM 4-6PM**



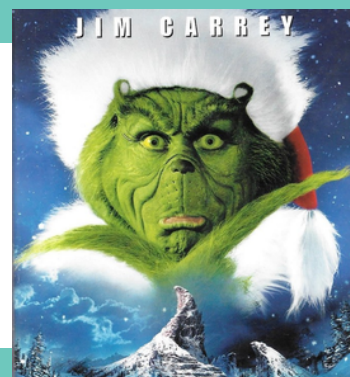
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**ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE
DINOSAURS AT 1PM**



DEC 12

**THE GRINCH + MEET &
GREET AT 1PM!**



These events will take place at the Mitchell Opera House.

Hoosier Uplands Head Start

is taking applications for enrollment in our
FREE preschool program



Call to schedule an
appointment to complete an
application today!

Bedford812-275-0052
Mitchell812-849-4448
Loogootee..... 812-295-4700
Paoli..... 812-723-3687
Salem812-883-5368



INCOME GUIDELINES

Persons in family Income

1.....	\$15,960
2.....	\$21,640
3.....	\$27,320
4.....	\$33,000
5.....	\$38,680
6.....	\$44,360
7.....	\$50,040
8.....	\$55,720

**The following are categorically
eligible to complete an application:
Recipients of SNAP, SSI, and TANF;
as well as Foster and Homeless.**

Serving Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington Counties
www.hoosieruplands.org

SCAN TO APPLY



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!

October Employee Birthdays:

- 6th - Jaylon Goldsberry
- 7th - Rebekah Bailey and Lori Browning
- 9th - Luci McFall and Lisha Young
- 12th - Whitley Clements and Debbie Terry
- 16th - Jenni Snow
- 18th - Arden Thornberry
- 21st - Penny Campbell
- 25th - Connie Griego
- 27th - Markayla Haas
- 31st - Gary Rayhill



*Happy
Birthday*



HOOSIER UPLANDS CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SLEEP SAFE!

WE OFFER PACK N PLAYS AND SAFE SLEEP
TRAINING FOR THOSE IN NEED! CALL US
AT 812-849-4447 AND ASK FOR WHITLEY
CLEMENTS!

*We can help keep
your child safe!*

**HOOSIER UPLANDS OFFERS FREE CAR SEATS,
AND FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS FOR THOSE IN
NEED.**

**CALL OUR OFFICE AT 812-849-4447 AND ASK
TO SPEAK WITH WHITLEY CLEMENTS!**

**Car seats offered include convertible, combination,
high back booster and booster seats!**



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!

Strategic Development's, Hailey England and her husband, Nolan, are expecting their first baby in April 2027!



Also congratulations to 21st CCLC Afterschool Program Director, Carrie Ritchison, on this being her first grandbaby!



PRAYERS REQUESTED:

none at this time

