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Volunteers serve food during First Light Mission's Empty Bowl fundraiser in 2024. The charitable organization was one of several making a pitch for federal Block Grant funding.

16-year-old arrested in fatal Morton Street shooting

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ELKHART — A 16-year-old boy has been taken into custody after being arrested for the murder of a 19-year-old man in the 2600 block of Morton Street, the Elkhart County prosecuting attorney said.

Emerson Rodriguez Oviedo of Elkhart was ordered held without bond on preliminary charges of murder until his initial hearing at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 12, in Elkhart Circuit Court.

An investigation by the Elkhart County Homicide Unit was ongoing, Prosecutor Vicki Becker said.

Police were called to a report of a shooting with injuries just before 8 a.m. Monday at a residence north of East Hively Avenue and west of South Main Street. Officers and first responders arrived to find Marco Lopez Terrazas outside the residence with apparent gunshot wounds. He died at the scene, police said.

The arrest was made late Monday afternoon, Becker said.

Prosecutors were reviewing the case for formal charges and expected to make a decision by the end of the day Friday, she said.

Closing the gap

Community Relations hears requests for federal Block Grant funding

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GOSHEN — Grant requests heard by the community relations board Tuesday show some of the gaps between the needs of Hoosiers and the priorities of lawmakers.

Seven organizations presented requests for a share of Community Development Block Grant funds to the Goshen Community Relations Commission. The co-recipients will be included in the city's annual action plan when it applies for the funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"That's basically our application and it explains how we're proposing to use the funding," said Theresa Cummings, CDBG specialist for the city. "All these proposals that we submit have to meet one of three national objections: They have to either benefit low-moderate income individuals, they have to either address slum and blight or meet an urgent need."

First Light Mission is seeking \$42,000 to support its healthy eating program. Mindy Morehead, executive director, said the aim is to teach shelter guests about healthy alternatives when shopping and eating.



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Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center is seeking \$19,680 in Community Development Block Grant funding, which Executive Director Lee Wheeler said will go to tuition subsidies for families in the 30 percent to 80 percent median income range. Up to now, he said, they have been able to save families around half of the \$14,000 annual cost of tuition, but cuts to Indiana's Child Care Development Fund vouchers have hit harder than expected.

"We do 15,695 snacks a year with this," she said. "Our budget is about \$450,000 a year. We provide all of our services to our guests completely for free. On top of our

healthy eating program, we also have a food pantry that we provide everything out of there for free."

The shelter takes in families with minor children. Morehead said

they have a 90 percent success rate in helping guests become self-sufficient and stable when they leave.

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First Fridays event this month has a charitable twist

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GOSHEN — Goshen Gives Back, from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, promises to deliver First Fridays fun and festivities in downtown Goshen while also raising crucial funds for nonprofit organizations that do important work throughout Elkhart County.

First Friday revelers can eat, drink, and shop for a good cause at Goshen Gives Back — presented by Downtown Goshen Inc. — knowing that a percentage of purchases at participating businesses and locations will be donated automatically to a local, not-for-profit partner charity, organizers said.

Purchase Passports allow anyone who makes a purchase at three separate participating locations to enter to win a downtown Goshen prize pack, and select downtown merchants host special First Friday promotions and present in-store activities.

Goshen Brewing Company presents live musical entertainment with Grand Rapids-based singer/songwriter Matt Gabriel from 7 to 9 p.m., and Elephant Bar offers cold drinks to go along with hot beats from a live DJ throughout the night.

"Goshen Gives Back includes a built-in component of charitable giving," said Amanda Rose, director of First Fridays. "While folks are having fun, spending quality time with family and community, and being entertained, they'll also be supporting the work of many great nonprofit organizations in our area."

U.S. sinks Iranian warship as Iran warns of widespread destruction in the Middle East

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A U.S. submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean, as Washington and Israel intensified their bombardment Wednesday of Iran's security forces and other symbols of power. Iran launched more missiles and drones as it warned of the destruction of military and economic infrastructure across the Middle East.

The tempo of the strikes on Iran was so intense that state television announced the mourning ceremony for Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed at the start of the conflict,

would be postponed. Millions attended the funeral of his predecessor, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in 1989.

The U.S. and Israel launched the war on Saturday, targeting Iran's leadership, missile arsenal and nuclear program while suggesting that toppling the government is a goal. But the exact aims and timelines have repeatedly shifted, signaling an open-ended conflict.

Israel was also trading fire with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, while Iran fired on Bahrain, Kuwait and Israel. As the conflict spiraled, Turkey said NATO defenses intercepted a ballistic missile launched from Iran before it entered Turkey's airspace.



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A man carries an Iranian flag to place on the rubble of a police facility struck during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

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