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Michael Brooks poses for a photo in front of his new home during a party on Saturday thanking those who built and raised funds for the house.

The house that faith built

Miami County community members band together to donate home

JAMES BENNETT III
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BUNKER HILL — When Michael Brooks wakes up in the morning and looks around his home, he can hardly believe it's all his.

Nearly 50 years old, he's lived on the same plot of land since he was about to turn 11. It's about a third of an acre, out in rural Bunker Hill — close enough to the dragstrip that you can hear the engines

screaming from his front porch.

His home looks different today than it was a year ago, when the mobile home he shared with his mother was demolished. It's been a few years since she died.

Today, he lives in a house that was built by community members, most of whom Brooks had never met and maybe never will.

He hosted a BBQ dinner on Saturday to thank the people who helped construct his home or raise funds. Long rows of folding tables stretched out in the sunlight where his guests ate pulled pork and baked beans.

Inside, contractors and members of various churches toured the home. Several were astonished

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A painting by Brooks of a vintage Cadillac hangs by his front door.

Schools to survey food dyes in meals

State order mirrors federal directions

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The Indiana Department of Education is surveying public K-12 schools about the prevalence of artificial food dyes and additives following an order from Gov. Mike Braun last year directing state officials to assess the dangers of ultra-processed foods.

The voluntary survey went out to K-12 schools via a newsletter asking school officials whether they've observed a decline in artificial food dyes and additives served to students this year.

Braun directed Education Secretary Katie Jenner to survey schools, so the state could determine how common artificial food dyes and additives are in meals served to students.

He issued the executive order last April as part of U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s "Make America Healthy Again" campaign to curtail consumption of sugary and ultra-processed foods.

WHAT'S IN THE SURVEY

The survey asks school officials to confirm which dyes and additives are present in foods served to students who receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

It singles out seven dyes of concern: FD&C Red No. 3, Red No. 40, Yellow No. 5, Yellow No. 6, Blue No. 1, Blue No. 2 and Green No. 3.

The survey asks school officials about their communications with food suppliers to determine whether suppliers are working to limit additives and

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Mike Braun



Katie Jenner

Logansport Farmers Market moves into new home Saturday

All vendors, products from nearby counties

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The Logansport Farmers Market will move into its new home at The Pavilion this Saturday to start the 2026 season.

The Pavilion and the incubator kitchen next door — dubbed "The Kitchen" — were part of a massive multi-million dollar development spearheaded by the Cass County Community Foundation, which received a \$5 million grant through the Lilly Endowment's Gift Phase VIII initiative in December 2024 to start the project.

The community foundation's community initiatives committee selected Steinberger Construction

to manage the project's design and build. The Pavilion is now ready for use and the finishing touches are being done to The Kitchen. The Pavilion is on the corner of Fourth and Market streets, with The Kitchen next door.

The Logansport Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday starting in May and ending in October. It will also be open Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. in July and August.

The official Facebook page for the farmers market offered a few tips for shoppers:

- Cash is king. While there are some vendors that do accept cards, many do not.
- No sales will be allowed before 8 a.m.
- Be patient and extend grace this year. The new pavilion is a shift from how it has previously operated, so

there may be kinks as operators figure out the best ways to utilize the new space.

According to its website, all items for sale are grown or made by local farmers and craftspeople. Vendors and their products are all from Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Pulaski and White counties.

Items available in season include meat (lamb, beef, pork, pheasant, partridge, rabbit, chicken and eggs), a large variety of produce, and preserves and baked goods (mead, jams and jellies, honey, salsa, homemade breads, cookies, pies, scones and cobblers). A variety of crafted items (jewelry, art, flowers and more) will also be available.

For more information and updates, visit the farmers market website at logansportfarmersmarket.org and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/logansportfarmersmarket.



Matt Weinstein | Pharos-Tribune

The Logansport Farmers Market will be held every Saturday starting this week at The Pavilion, seen from Iron Horse Park.

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