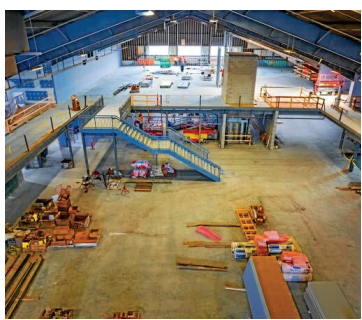


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Juvenile dead, 2 injured in shooting

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PINE TOWNSHIP — Kimberly Horn heard what she thought were fireworks outside her home late Saturday night and then discovered a bullet had torn through her front door and into a small home entertainment center.

Sun shone through the hole in the door Sunday morning, and wood debris still littered the floor of her living room in the wake of a shooting the night before that Porter County police said left a juvenile male dead and another juvenile male and 18-year-old female injured.

"It's like Mayberry," Horn said, comparing the short stretch of Liberty Avenue between U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 in Pine Township where she has lived since the age of 2 to the idyllic town portrayed on television

in "The Andy Griffith Show."

That all changed shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday when during a gathering of young people at a short-term rental house in the 1700 block of Liberty Avenue, shots rang out leading to what neighbor Mike Schnell described as havoc.

Schnell said he was outside his home around 10:30 p.m. Saturday trying to keep the young people from parking on his lawn when he too saw and heard fireworks in the street.

Schnell said he did not hear the gunfire. "It almost sounded like it was coming up at the same time," he said of the fireworks. "It was nuts."

Social media reports link the shootings to a post-prom gathering involving



Kimberly Horn points out the bullet hole in her front door and gunfire damage to a home entertainment center that occurred during a fatal shooting just outside her door in the 1700 block of Liberty Avenue in Pine Township.

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LAUGHTER FOR A CAUSE



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Clockwise, from left, Curt Bowers, Nicholas M. Neal, Evelyn and Jay Harris, Rick Peltier and Jen and Bill Trowbridge perform at Stand Up for St. Jude House. The community members were the comedy contenders in Laugh-A-Minute, St. Jude House's new fundraising segment.

St. Jude House raises money for victims of domestic violence through comedy

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GARY — "Everyone deserves safety, everyone deserves dignity and no one should have to suffer alone."

St. Jude House Executive Director Anna Schoon's words both welcomed guests to the fundraising event and reminded them why they were gathering for Stand Up for St. Jude House: to spread awareness, financial support, volunteering opportunities and the center's

mission to support the victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Hundreds of dedicated fundraisers, donors, sponsors and members of the community gathered at Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana in Gary on Friday for a fun night of laughter and auctioning while never forgetting what Schoon's words echoed.

"This is St. Jude House's largest annual fundraiser, and we raise 50% of our operating budget every year," Schoon told The Times. "So

this event is really crucial to us being able to provide the kind of care and service to survivors and their children that we believe they deserve."

The local domestic shelter and prevention center in Crown Point offers an array of services, including domestic violence services, children's services and transitional housing, to those in need of reaching safety and stability from

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Union sues city over protest arrests

Charges against picketers were dismissed

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Local 150 of the AFL-CIO has filed a federal lawsuit accusing Michigan City officials and police of unlawfully disrupting protests at a data center construction site in late 2025.

The suit, filed in the Northern District of Indiana, names Michigan City Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch and the Michigan City and Trail Creek police departments. It alleges officers illegally arrested two union agents outside the Project Maize data center site at 204 Royal Road.

Local 150 began protesting the developer in September 2025, accusing it of hiring out-of-state, non-union workers.

The data center is slated for use by Google, and received a \$42 million tax break over the next 35 years from Michigan City's City Council.

"If Indiana taxpayers are funding these developments, Indiana workers should be building them," union spokeswoman Kristine Kavanagh previously told The Times.

The project's developer, Milwaukee-based Phoenix Investors LLC, has criticized the union's "pressure tactics" related to the \$832 million project. Phoenix sued the union in federal court in November 2025, alleging "substantial economic injury" and accusing it of interfering with business relationships and delaying Project Maize.

The union's lawsuit centers on a dispute over where private property at 204 Royal Road ends and public property begins. The union says it has legally protested outside of the worksite on public property, with picket signs, a large inflatable dubbed "Scabby the Rat" and a "rat patrol" van.

Roughly a month after protests began, a Phoenix Investors associate hand-delivered a letter to picketers threatening to call police, according to court records. The union did not move. About a week later, Phoenix contacted authorities. Michigan City police allegedly threatened arrest for criminal

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