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## Papa's House celebrates six years providing community support

By Cathy Shouse  
Contributing Writer

Friendship and faith formed the foundation of what has become a help to women in need. Papa's House is a women's residential house Summitville that is in its sixth year of operation.

Becky Fish is House Mom at Papa's House and Leigh Anne Miller is President. To understand their story of how they co-founded the nonprofit organization, they talk of coming from different states.

"Becky grew up in a small town in central Michigan," Fish said. "I moved to Indiana in 2016.

Leigh Anne grew up in Louisiana. She also moved to Indiana in 2016. In 2017 we met and instantly became friends. I love remembering how God brought us both to Indiana for different reasons and He knew we would meet and together begin this work here."

After the two women had known one another for a few years, they felt a calling.

"In 2020 God told us to open a home for women," Fish said. "In February 2021 the Lord led us to our current location in Summitville. The home had the floorplan we needed, and it just felt like home.

"Papa's House is about acceptance and unconditional love," she continued. "It is a home for women in need of a safe place to step back and heal from real-life events and choices. As family members are met with God's truth and grace; healing happens. . ."

The website states that they offer physical stabilization and compassionate support for women



Leigh Anne Miller, left and Becky Fish, co-founders of Papa's House.

transitioning from homelessness, incarceration, and abusive relationships.

They're devoted to their mission and say there are many rewards to the work they do. They're simply creating a family for like the ones they have. Becky has four grown children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren," Fish said. "They live in Michigan, Tennessee and Florida. All great vacation sites! Leigh Anne's mother and brother both still live in Louisiana."

It's all been a labor of love and is ongoing as they work with women in getting their lives on track.

"What we love most about working with Papa's House is having a front row seat to watch what the Lord is doing in the lives of the ladies," she said. "It is incredibly rewarding. Seeing fear being stripped away, lies being uncovered, truth being received, and lives being set free is amazingly powerful and motivating to keep loving and working towards full freedom for each and every woman here. We learn from one another by sharing our stories and

how God has worked in our lives."

There are many needs for volunteer help and financial donations are always welcomed. Furniture, drivers to take members to appointments, and mentorships are current needs.

"We all need community and support. We have been so very blessed to have the best board of directors working with us and some of the finest volunteers in the world. They say it takes an army and I would 100% agree. So in light of that, Papa's House is always looking for a fresh face to come over to the house to play games, teach a skill, lead a craft time, share a cup of coffee or visit the ladies."

They are always planning ahead for

what comes next.

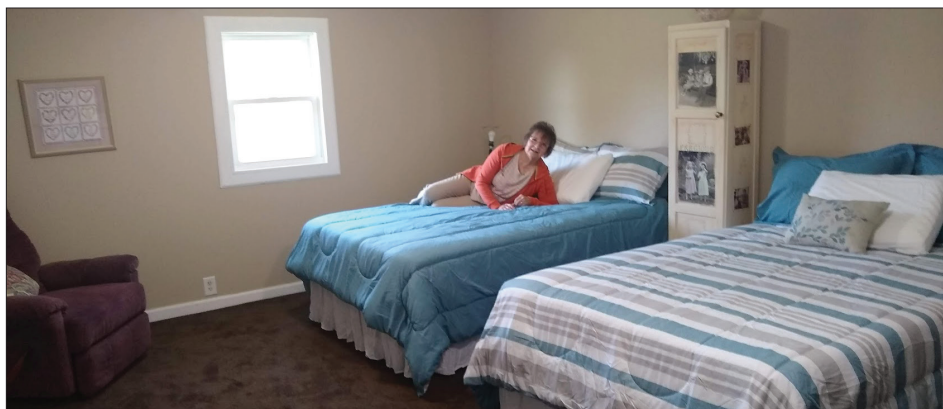
"We are very excited about our future here in Summitville. God is expanding our vision to add several community minded services," Fisher said. "Such as recovery meetings, peer coaching, family mentoring, training center, and a space for community events. We are currently looking for a building that could house these happenings and more.

We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received from Summitville and the surrounding areas, and we look forward to partnering with more of you in the future.

PapasHouseUS.com is our website. PapasHouseUS is also their facebook page Phone: 765-508-9961, address: 412 S. West Street, Summitville.



"Family members" and volunteers enjoy the community atmosphere at Papa's House in Summitville.



Connie Clark, a board member at Papa's House, enjoys one of the bedrooms.



## Upland Community Market announces move to Depot Park and exciting Summer event lineup

The Upland Community Market is entering a new chapter this summer with a move to Depot Park, a location that has been home to Upland markets for 26 years.

Effective June 26th, the Market will operate from Depot Park each Friday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., offering residents a welcoming place to shop local, connect with neighbors, and enjoy special family-friendly events throughout the summer.

Visitors can expect a variety of local vendors offering fresh produce, meats, baked goods, handmade crafts, artisan products, plants, educational resources, and more. In addition to weekly shopping opportunities, the Market has planned several special events designed to bring families together and support local entrepreneurs.

Touch-A-Truck Night: July 10th

One of the season's most anticipated events, Touch-A-Truck Night, will give children and families the opportunity to explore emergency and service vehicles up close. Local first responders and community organizations will bring fire trucks, police vehicles, ambulances, and other equipment for hands-on exploration and learning.

Homeschool Book Sale: June 26th, July 17th, August 21st

Homeschooling families from across the region will gather for a monthly summer Homeschool Book Sale, providing an opportunity to buy and sell curriculum, educational resources, and children's books. The event series allows families to browse materials in person,

ask questions, and find resources that fit their educational needs.

Young Entrepreneur Market: July 24th

The Young Entrepreneur Market will showcase the creativity and innovation of local youth. Young business owners will have the opportunity to create products, interact with customers, and gain real-world business experience while sharing their talents with the community. There is currently space for a few more young entrepreneurs.

Bounce House Night: July 31st

Families can enjoy an evening of fun during Bounce House Night in partnership with Jump Up Bounce House Rentals. Children will be able to enjoy inflatable attractions while parents shop the market and connect with local vendors.

The Upland Community Market was founded with a mission to strengthen community connections and support local businesses, farmers, makers, families, and organizations. The Market team hopes the move to Depot Park will provide a welcoming gathering space where residents can shop local, and support small businesses, while honoring the 26 year history of markets in Upland.

For updates, vendor information, and upcoming event details, follow @UplandCommunityMarket on Facebook and Instagram.

The Upland Community Market is held Fridays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Depot Park in Upland. July 3rd there will be no Market so vendors can spend the holiday with their families.

# Things that go 'boom' in the summer night



Fireworks are staples of summer, when neighborhoods sporadically light up with multicolored splendor, and distant pops can be heard on a regular basis.

Most fireworks are made of a small tube called an aerial shell that contains various explosive chemicals, says the American Chemical Company. The shell has gunpowder and something called "stars," which give fireworks their color when they explode.

The shell is housed in a mortar that will launch the firework into the air after a fuse is lit. Ultimately, a bursting charge of the firework explodes and ignites the black powder and stars.

If the stars are randomly placed in the shell, they will produce random patterns. But many fireworks are carefully created so that the stars are placed to allow for specific patterns when the firework explodes. The

following are some types of fireworks that surely will be lighting up night skies, courtesy of Sky Bacon Fireworks, Jake's Fireworks, and American Pyrotechnics Safety & Education Foundation, and Pyro City.

- Brocade: This firework has a large number of trailing stars falling slowly in an umbrella pattern.

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# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## Open arms, closed arms: *Two ways of meeting life*

By Teresa A. LeNeave  
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Sarah Jakes Roberts is a New York Times bestselling author. You also know her as a pastor and speaker. She got pregnant at 13, married at 19, divorced at 22, and all while under the intense public scrutiny as the daughter of a very famous pastor. Reading about her life; it's ups and downs and how she was finally able to embrace who she was, is such an inspiration. In her book, *Power Moves: Ignite Your Confidence and Become a Force*, she shares her struggles and what it takes to get back up.

She reminded me of the two ways we meet life. There seem to be two kinds of people in the world. Not by wealth, intelligence, background, or success, but by the way they meet life itself. Some people move through the world with open arms. Others move through it with closed arms, but can you pass from one side to the other? Can you gain confidence if you



have none? She says yes you can.

The open-arms people are not necessarily happier, luckier, or more privileged. They have suffered losses, disappointments, and heartbreaks just like everyone else. Yet they possess a willingness to embrace what comes. Somehow they find ways to make peace with circumstances they never would have chosen.

Closed-arms people, on the other hand, often struggle to accept the life they have been given. They may carry a quiet resistance to reality. The job they didn't want, the relationship that ended, the dream that never materialized, the

family they were born into, the challenges they never asked for. These become sources of ongoing conflict. Their energy is spent wishing things were different.

When disappointment arrives repeatedly, closing one's arms can feel like protection. If you expect life to hurt you, embracing it may seem foolish, but Sarah says that's where you find freedom. On a Mel Robbin's podcast, "How to become the most confident version of yourself and step into your power", I heard Sarah say: You cannot heal while you are still punishing yourself.

It seems there is a hidden cost to living with closed arms.



Resistance does not stop pain; it often prolongs it. The more tightly we cling to the belief that life should have been different, the harder it becomes to appreciate what is actually before us. Opportunities go unnoticed. Relationships remain distant. Joy arrives at the door but finds no invitation to enter.

Open-arms people understand something important: acceptance is not the same as approval. Embracing life does not mean liking every part of it. It does not mean pretending suffering is good or that injustice should be tolerated. Rather, it means acknowledging reality

before deciding how to respond. They recognize that fighting against what has already happened is a battle that cannot be won.

The paradox is that acceptance often creates the possibility for change. Once we stop denying reality, we can work with it.

Most of us are not entirely open-armed or closed-armed. We move between the two states throughout our lives. We embrace some experiences and resist others. We welcome success but reject failure. We celebrate beginnings but mourn endings.

Life doesn't ask for our permission before slapping life changing circumstances on

us. It presents us with circumstances, opportunities, setbacks, and surprises without consulting our preferences. In the end, the quality of our lives may depend less on what happens to us and more on how we hold onto what happens.

The people with open arms are the ones who have learned that life, however imperfect, is still worth embracing. My sister who was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer, didn't choose it. But she is walking through it with such grace that she inspires others. Perhaps the greatest freedom we can find is not in controlling our circumstances, but in gradually opening our arms to the life that is already here and knowing God will make the best of it. He will turn what the devil meant for evil into something good. (Gen. 50:20).

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

## Our world is not meant to be perfect

By Dr. Billy Holland

The Lord has given most of us a good life filled with blessings, but with me, no matter how much "stuff" we accumulate, it does not bring spiritual contentment or joy. And in all honesty, it's not supposed to. I've been around a while, and lately I'm rarely pleased with anything. I realize I'm probably too picky, but I have a standard that simply wants what I pay for. It seems no matter how much I spend, there are always details that disappoint me. For example, over the years we've had a lot of remodeling work done on our home, as most of you know, it's not cheap. The problem is that instead of skilled craftsmen who take pride in their work, there is now an army of people who try to hurry

and finish a job without the conviction of doing it right.

Another area I'm growing weary of is the food industry. In our area, there are only a few places that serve decent meals, while the overwhelming majority of restaurants have disgruntled employees, and this lackadaisical attitude shows up in their service and their products. I do not believe it's demanding too much to have an expectation to be satisfied with my purchase. Again, it's obvious in our day and age that most people do not want to work, and couldn't care less about doing what they are paid to do. Whether it be new cars, new houses, clothing, vacations, or whatever, it seems that very few things are what we dreamed they would be. Surprise: it

was never intended to. Even Solomon, who had everything, was depressed because nothing on earth can spiritually satisfy or take the place of our personal relationship with God.

I've often wondered if my expectations are unrealistic, but I just believe that when we pay for something, we deserve a quality product and quality service. It's one thing to make a mistake, but when there is no effort or concern to give people what they pay for, this is unacceptable. Controlling how we react to disappointments can help our emotional roller coasters, and when we recognize that flaws and failures will always be with us, it allows us to appreciate the small victories when they happen. How encouraging it is to imagine that many of

our loved ones, our new name, our new body, our inheritance, and citizenship, along with crowns and rewards, are all a part of our glorious and "perfect" future. How wonderful to know that heaven will be filled with endless praise, everlasting joy, perfect peace, and contentment without darkness, discouragement, or disappointment.

We are only briefly passing through this "imperfect" world, and the only thing we will take with us when we leave is an account of how we lived. It's sad but true that not everyone is concerned with their eternal destiny. We are graciously given eternal life when we repent, confess, obey, and receive Christ as our Lord who willingly paid our ransom. Billy Graham is quoted, "I will not go

to heaven because I am a preacher. I'm going to heaven entirely on the merit of the work of Christ. The most thrilling thing about heaven is that Jesus Christ will be there!" "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born-again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:3-4).

When we talk about hope, this usually means we are wondering if something is going to turn out the way we want, but there is a spiritual hope empowered by faith where we can definitely know that God is watching and

listening, and that our prayers will be answered without having to worry or be afraid. Romans 15:13 reminds us, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." You see, those who trust and know God have been born again into an eternal inheritance that can never change or fail. Adam and Eve, and even the earth is under a curse, but there is coming a day when mediocrity will be no more. God has always been perfect, and in the future, we will be perfect, heaven will be perfect, and we will never be disappointed again.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, teacher, and author. Read more about the Christian life at [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com).

## Outdoor Truths: Balanced Believers

By Gary Miller

If you want deer on your trail cameras this time of year, then make sure you have a salt or trace mineral block out if your game laws allow. Because sodium is often lacking in spring and summer vegetation, the deer will seek these spots to fill that lack. And if you notice, most of the time they are more interested in the ground around the block than the block itself. As the sodium melts into the soil, the soil becomes a bowl

of mineral cereal that deer love. Bucks need it to help build antler growth and does need it to help provide minerals to their recently birthed fawn. But just as salt creates thirst for us, it also does that for the deer. So, water is crucial this time of year as well. It's all about balance. Food, supplements, and water. And just enough of each.

I'm reminded of a man who bought a parrot from a pet store. After several days, the bird still hadn't said

a word. Concerned, the man returned to the store. "Maybe he's lonely," the owner suggested. "Buy him a mirror." The man did, but the parrot remained silent. A few days later, he returned. "Maybe he needs something to do," said the owner. "Try a ladder and a swing." The man bought both. Still no words. Finally, the pet store owner suggested a larger cage. The man purchased it and went home. Several weeks later, the owner ran into the man at the grocery store. "How's

that parrot doing?" he asked.

The man lowered his head. "Unfortunately, he died." "He died? Did he ever say anything?" "Yes," the man replied. "Right before he died, he said, 'Didn't that pet store sell any food?'"

If I could teach Christians one thing about living around unbelievers, it would be that influence is more important than instruction, and experience is more impactful than

theology. Jesus said we are to be salt and light. Salt adds flavor. But too much salt is bitter. Light adds clarity and illumination, but too much light blinds. The impact of Jesus on our lives came as someone brought the right amount of flavor and clarity on the person of Jesus. And this balance is still the way. Any other approach is like providing a restaurant, when the real need is just a sandwich.

Join me on Zoom each Tuesday morning at 6:30 central time as

we dive deeper into this week's Outdoor Truth.

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*Stephen G Danser*

Stephen G. Danser, 76, Indianapolis, passed away at 12:05 am on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Greenfield Healthcare Center in Greenfield. The family received visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service was held to celebrate Stephen's life at 1:00 pm with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City.

*Connie White*

With deep sorrow and love, we announce the passing of Connie S. White, who passed away on May 19, 2026, at the age of 64. Connie's kindness, warmth, and devotion to her family touched many lives. Though she is no longer with us, her love and memory will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. She will be laid to rest at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, Indiana.

*James Michael "Mike" Willis*

James Michael "Mike" Willis, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 27, 2026, at the age of 80. Arrangements for Mike have been entrusted to Mississinewa Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 200 North 7th Street, Gas City, Indiana. A memorial service in honor of Mike will take place on May 29, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the funeral home. Family and friends are invited to gather to reflect on Mike's life, share memories, and celebrate the legacy he leaves behind.

*Erin Peacock*

Erin Peacock, 31, of Nashville, TN passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 19, 2026 after 14-month-long battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Celebrations of Erin's Life will be held at 1951 East 900 South, Fairmount, IN (Sunday, May 31st; 2-5 PM EST); Nashville, TN (Sunday, June 14th-Erin's Birthday); and Philadelphia, PA (June 25th). Information for these services will be announced at a later time.

*Michael Richard Kegg Sr.*

Michael Richard Kegg Sr. - April 1, 1943 — May 18, 2026 - Arrangements for Michael have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928, where a visitation was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., a funeral service followed at 5:00 p.m.

*Carolyn E Beal*

Carolyn E. Beal, 79, of Marion, IN, passed away unexpectedly on May 17, 2026. Born on July 11, 1946, to the late Charles and Betty Bryant, Carolyn brightened the lives of everyone around her. Arrangements for Carolyn have been entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

*Robert "Bob" A. Kramer*

Robert A. Kramer, 83, passed away on May 20, 2026, in his home. There will be a private funeral mass and burial. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

*Chelsey R. Goble*

An obituary is not available at this time for Chelsey R. Goble. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

*Lewis F. Davis*

Lewis F. Davis - April 22, 1955 - May 14, 2026 - An obituary is not available at this time for Lewis F. Davis. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

*Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Prayers of comfort and peace.*

# Tori Beal earns dean's list honor at Lee University

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- One of Ten Ministries and Church** - 10:30 a.m.  
Pilgrim Holiness - 6 p.m.
- Real Community Covenant Church** - 10 a.m. - 1240 S. Adams in Marion
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We want to hear from YOU! Our Request for Performance Submission Forms are NOW LIVE on our website for the 2027 Eric R. Rogers Performing Arts Series and the 2027 Hudson Family Park Summer Concert Series.

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## Caring for Seniors

# How seniors can remain physically and mentally active

Growing older is often equated with slowing down. Aging may be characterized as a period of decline marked by an inability to do the things you once did, but recent data

indicates otherwise. According to a report in the journal *Geriatrics*, a far more optimistic reality awaits seniors. Nearly 45 percent of people age 65 and older

show measurable improvements in brain health, physical function or both over time when they take certain steps to promote physical and mental wellness.

### Physical activity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week, supplemented by at least two days of muscle-strengthening exercises. Brisk walking or swimming can improve cardiovascular health and reduce the risk of stroke and hypertension, says the Massachusetts Council on Aging. Incorporating yoga or Tai Chi is vital for fall prevention, as it targets balance and flexibility. The CDC says improving joint mobility and balance can significantly extend the amount of time seniors can live independently. In addition, lifting



light weights or using resistance bands helps combat age-related muscle loss, which is essential for maintaining metabolic health.

### Cognitive advantages

Mental fitness is just as vital to seniors as physical fitness. According to the World Health Organization, routine cognitive stimulation enhances “brain capital,” delaying the onset of dementia and Alzheimer’s. Strategies for effective mental engagement include:

- **Learning:** Lifelong learning techniques include picking up a new language

or learning an instrument. This helps strengthen neural pathways that allows the brain to reorganize itself even in later decades.

- **Play games:** Play isn’t just for kids; games like chess or complex puzzles improve problem-solving and memory retention, according to Nixon Adult Daycare in Houston.
- **Socialize:** Isolation is a leading risk factor for cognitive decline, says the National Institutes of Health. Group activities like book clubs or community volunteering can offer emotional fulfillment and mental stimulation.

### Power of positivity

Findings from a recent Yale University study indicated seniors with a positive outlook on aging were significantly more likely to show physical and mental improvements compared to those with negative perspectives. Psychological resilience is an important tool for seniors to stay healthy.

Movement, social interaction, stimulating activities, and a positive attitude can help seniors maintain overall health.



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Taxpayers of the Gas City Redevelopment District, and all other persons affected hereby, are notified that the Gas City Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”) adopted a declaratory resolution on July 24, 1995, as amended and supplemented to date (collectively, “Declaratory Resolution”), as confirmed by a confirmatory resolution adopted on October 30, 1995, as amended and supplemented to date (collectively, “Confirmatory Resolution”), establishing the I-69 Industrial Park Economic Development Area (“Area”), within the corporate boundaries of the City of Gas City, Indiana (“City”). The Declaratory Resolution and the Confirmatory Resolution are collectively referred to as the “Area Resolution.”

On May 5, 2026 the Commission adopted an amending declaratory resolution (“Amending Declaratory Resolution”) to amend the Area Resolution to: (i) expand the Area by adding the parcel identified on Exhibit A attached thereto and incorporated therein (“Parcels”) to the Area as further set forth in the map attached thereto as Exhibit B and designating the Parcels as the Solar Allocation Area (“Solar Allocation Area”); (ii) designate BR Solar Sheriff 2 LLC and BR Solar Sheriff 3 LLC each as “designated taxpayers” for purposes of capturing increases in depreciable personal property assessed value in the Solar Allocation Area; and (iii) add the projects set forth in Exhibit C attached thereto and incorporated therein in, serving or benefiting the Area to the original Economic Development Plan (“2026 Plan”), all as described in the Amending Declaratory Resolution.

The Amending Declaratory Resolution, 2026 Plan and supporting data including a map describing the Area and the Solar Allocation Area have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, City Hall, 211 Main Street, Gas City, Indiana.

Notice is further given that the Commission will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., local time, in the City Hall, Gas City, Indiana, to receive and hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the Amending Declaratory Resolution. At the time fixed for hearing or at any time prior thereto, any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Commission in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, City Hall, Gas City, Indiana, by 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2026. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Amending Declaratory Resolutions.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2026.

GAS CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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## 7 benefits of socialization for seniors

One of the primary lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic was how challenging social isolation can be. Social isolation often goes overlooked, but it’s a key contributor to poor mental health.

Experts state that it is increasingly important for adults to maintain an active social life as they age. There are many benefits that come from staying engaged and socializing with others. The following is a look at seven ways socialization benefits seniors.

1. Regular social interactions can help older adults avoid depression, anxiety and feelings of isolation, according to Integrecare, a senior living company.
2. Social engagement can help reduce the risk of cognitive decline and dementia because socializing helps to keep the mind sharp through new experiences.

3. Socialization often revolves around an activity that gets seniors up and moving. While being sedentary is alright on occasion, consistently sitting or laying around can lead to high cholesterol, weight gain and high blood pressure. A 2019 study published in *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* determined that older adults who interacted with people beyond their usual social circle of family and close friends were more likely to have higher levels of physical activity, greater positive moods and fewer negative feelings.

4. Regular social interaction may compel seniors to embrace healthier eating habits. Social events expose seniors to different types of food, which can help them get the nutrients they need to live healthy.

5. Regular socialization can help seniors feel they are needed and have a sense of purpose, which can boost self-esteem. Engaging with others often means contributing to a community, and that can be satisfying.

6. Getting out and interacting with others can serve as an informal wellness check, potentially alerting family and friends to issues that may need attention.

7. Getting outside and interacting with others can open seniors up to new hobbies. Whether that is participating in a new sport or joining a club, there are mental and physical advantages to engaging socially.

Socialization is an important factor in seniors’ overall wellness, and one that should be discussed along with diet, exercise and illness management.



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# Hoosier farmers committed to soil conservation

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) recently announced the results of the conservation transect survey, which estimated Hoosier farmers planted 1.58 million acres of overwinter living covers.

The conservation transect is a visual survey of cropland in the state. It is conducted between March and May each year by members of the ICP, including the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, USDA Natural Resources

Conservation Service, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as Earth Team volunteers, to estimate agricultural conservation practices implemented post-harvest by private land owners throughout the state.

Overwinter living covers, such as cover crops and small grains, provide environmental benefits that include increasing organic matter, improving water infiltration, and adding living roots to the soil for more months of the

year. Other covers, like legumes, serve as natural fertilizers.

This year's survey data estimated that 1.79 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering Indiana's waterways, which would fill about 17,000 train freight cars. In addition, the results estimated 70% of row crop acres were not tilled and nearly 16% of row crops had reduced tillage on them over the winter. This early spring survey is not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

"Cover cropping and reducing tillage have

become important conservation tools for Hoosier farmers to help keep their soil healthy and thriving in the winter months," said Don Lamb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director and Boone County farmer. "I applaud our Division of Soil Conservation, along with partners in the Indiana Conservation Partnership, for their commitment to advancing the mission of conservation stewardship, and I encourage fellow farmers to implement these important practices."

The conservation transect does not differentiate between cover crops and small grains. On a typical year, Hoosier farmers plant fewer than 300,000 acres of small grains, which means the majority of the estimated 1.58 million acres is represented by cover crops.

Visit [www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/conservation-transect/](http://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/conservation-transect/) to view the full report and learn more about the survey.

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State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reports to Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

## Applications open for 2027 Veteran Farmer Award for Excellence

The American Farm Bureau Federation, with support from Farm Credit, is seeking applicants for the Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence. The award recognizes U.S. military veterans or service members for excellence in farming or agriculture and positively impacting local communities.

The honoree will receive a \$10,000 cash prize plus reimbursement in travel and other expenses incurred for him/her and one guest to attend the 2027 American Farm Bureau Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, Jan. 8-12. "We're proud to

shine a spotlight on veterans for their service to our nation and their meaningful contributions to agriculture and their communities," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "We sincerely appreciate the sacrifices of veterans and active duty service members who protect our freedoms, and we're pleased to honor their continued service to our country in agriculture."

Retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Rutter of South Carolina was the recipient of the Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence last year. Rutter served 22 years in the Army, where



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his service included leading intelligence operations across Europe and the Middle East. Rutter co-founded the nonprofit Project

Victory Gardens to help veterans transition to civilian life with renewed purpose and hands-on agricultural skills. He

also developed Farmer Bootcamp, a nationally recognized training program for veterans interested in learning about agriculture.

Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern on Sept. 1. Applicants are not required to be Farm Bureau members. The national award recipient will be recognized by AFBF through various outlets and should be willing to share their story and represent the veteran farmer community. The recipient will be notified in mid-September, with the winner being recognized publicly on Veterans Day – Nov. 11. Learn more and apply at <https://www.fb.org/initiative/afbf-veteran-farmer-award-of-excellence>



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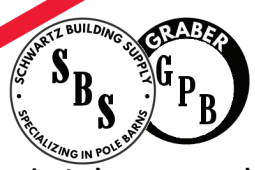
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**BOOM,**  
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- **Cake:** Sometimes called a "repeater" or a "multi-shot aerial," a cake is a firework that has a single fuse used to light several tubes in sequence. They fire at a rapid pace and can sometimes feature more than 1,000 shots. Cakes are often used as part of a show's finale.
- **Chrysanthemum:** This is a spherical break of colored stars that leave a visible trail of sparks.

- **Crossette:** A crossette is a shell that contains several large stars that travel a short distance before breaking apart into smaller stars with loud crackling sounds. This creates a criss-crossing effect.
- **Dahlia:** This shell produces a starfish-like shape when it bursts.
- **Firecrackers:** These are more about bang than flash. They lay on the ground, and when the fuse is lit, will go off one after another with a loud bang.
- **Fish:** These produce an aerial

effect that seems like several objects swimming through the air and only lasts a few seconds.

- **Fountains:** These fireworks shoot between four and eight feet into the air and are very colorful. They are sometimes called "driveway items" or "safe and sane" because they don't propel like other fireworks and may be safer for novices.
- **Pistol:** A pistol features a center sphere of stars that burst in a spherical shape. Pistils contain an outer sphere of stars as well.



- **Roman candle:** This firework has a paper tube that shoots flaming balls out of one end of the tube.
- **Strobe:** Similar to other fireworks with a spherical break shape, this has the added effect of blinking components that makes it appear like shimmering water in the sky.
- **UFO:** This firework spins very fast and lifts high into the sky, where it bursts into a special aerial effect. They're sometimes called helicopters, sky flyers or planes.

There are many different types of fireworks that add bang and color to evening celebrations.

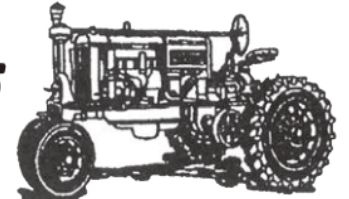
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NOTE: SETUP ALL DAY ON THURSDAY AT MORGAN CO. FAIR.

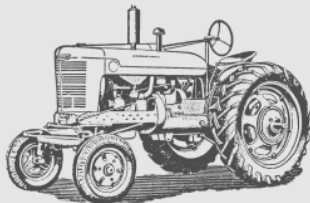
<b>Skilllet Toss Contest</b> All Ladies Welcome \$50 Cash to Winner	<b>GOOD FOOD AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS</b> FREE ENTERTAINMENT KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL	<b>FLEA MARKET &amp; CRAFT SPACE AVAILABLE</b> IN AIR CONDITIONED BUILDING. AUCTION ITEMS WANTED FOR DONATION AND CONSIGNMENT	<b>Church Services Sunday at 8:30 AM</b> LARGE FLEA MARKET, SWAP MEET & CRAFT FAIR
<b>Membership required for Exhibitors (\$15)</b>	<b>FREE BARREL TRAIN RIDES &amp; BOUNCE HOUSE FOR KIDS</b>	<b>TRADING POST &amp; SWAP MEET</b> Bring Your Unwanted Items We Will Sell Them For You	<b>AUCTION SUNDAY 1:00 PM</b>
		<b>4-H TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST AT 10 AM SUNDAY THE 28TH</b>	<b>CAMPER SPACE AVAILABLE FOR \$25/night Free Primitive Camping</b>



In Partnership With

### MORGAN COUNTY FAIR & MORGAN COUNTY ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION TRACTOR PULLS

WHEN: JULY 10  
Starting at 5pm  
Pits Open at 2pm



WHERE:  
MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
1749 Hospital Drive, Martinsville, IN

\$20 HOOK FEE

NATPA RULES

PAYOUT FOR EACH CLASS

1st - \$100 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

CONTACT JEFF BUSTER WITH QUESTIONS  
(317) 549-5743

#### THE GRANDSTAND GATES

\$10 general admission  
\$20 to enter pits

Antique Classes  
3500 lb. 6500 lb.  
4500 lb. 7500 lb.  
5500 lb. 9000 lb.

T/C 4000 5mph  
T/C 4500 5 mph  
T/C 5000 5 mph  
T/C 5500 5 mph

F/C 4750 8 mph  
F/C 5250 8 mph  
F/C 5250 12 mph  
F/C/ 5500 12mph

Indiana Farm Stock Puller Classes  
12000 # NA 6mph  
12000 # NA 8mph  
12000 # Turbo 12 mph

Out of Field Farm Stock  
10,000#, 12,000 #  
and 14,000 #  
Turbo and NA

For more information, contact:  
Jeremy Bright @  
765-346-0490

### Vintage Car, Truck, Motorcycle & Tractor Parts & Antiques Swap Meet

Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27th



Tread Trimmers  
Coffee & Cruise-In

Morgan County Fairgrounds  
Sat., June 27th - 8 am to 2 pm

#### SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

Tractor Drive Leaving the Morgan County Fairgrounds at 9 AM

All are Welcome - Must be able to Run 10MPH  
Fish Fry Lunch Included

GOOD FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY • FREE ADMISSION • FREE ENTERTAINMENT • FREE PARKING

## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 25th</b> 7:00 AM Setup Begins	<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 27th</b> <i>Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day</i> 7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens 8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business 9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies 10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Motorcycle Ride Leaves Fairgrounds / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins 11:00 AM Tractor Teeter Totter Competition 12 NOON Straw Search For Kids 12:30 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration Opens 1:00 PM Kids Tractor Pedal Pulls/Farmers Market Ends 2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Pet Adoption Ends / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins 3:00 PM Pedal Tractor Games & Races 4:00 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pulls	5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration 6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 26th</b> <i>Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day</i> 7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens 8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business 9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies 10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration 1:00 PM Tractor Dyno Opens 2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration 3:00 PM Tractor Games 4:00 PM Skilllet Toss/Nail Driving Contest 5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration/Cruise-in Opens 6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo 9:00 PM Cruise-in Ends		<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 30th</b> <i>Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day</i> 7:00 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Church Service 10:00 AM Slow Tractor Drive / Working Exhibit Demonstration 1:00 PM Auction Begins

We will also be at the Morgan Co. Fair July 10th-18th!

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BECKI HAMILTON, Treas	317.797.2367	KERRIE OWENS, Craft Show	317.318.0384
SUE BOSWORTH, Sec/Flea Market	317.445.6800	KAREN SCHOOLCRAFT, Food Court/Concessions	317.358.5307
HANK BOSWORTH, Camping	317.538.4151	CARL "FRITZ" VAUGH, Tractor Games	812.720.0952
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Free Parking / Free Admission  
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