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# Oak Hill Times

## National Farm Show returns to Louisville for 60th year

LOUISVILLE -- “Every year is an important year for the National Farm Machinery Show as we bring the best in the field together,” said David S. Beck, President and CEO of Kentucky Venues. “Reaching a milestone like the 60th anniversary is a powerful reminder of the show’s legacy and a chance to honor the generations of farmers, innovators, and partners who helped build the show, while continuing to look ahead at what’s next for the future of agriculture.”

Over the four days, an international crowd will browse sold-out exhibit halls showcasing brands such as AGCO, Case IH, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, and New Holland. In addition to expansive equipment displays, attendees can take advantage of free daily educational seminars led by industry experts offering in-

sight into the best farming and production practices. Visitors can also shop from nearly 50 retail vendors at the Gift & Craft Market selling clothes, keepsakes, souvenirs, and more.

In tandem with the farm show, the 57th Championship Tractor Pull sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America returns to Freedom Hall for five dirt-slinging sessions. Now featuring new seats in the lower sections, the event runs nightly at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with an additional noon session on Saturday. Around 200 drivers from across the United States and Canada will compete during the high-octane, heart-pounding sessions. Tickets can be purchased online via Ticketmaster and at the on-site Ticket Office. Livestream and archival footage are available at stream.champpullorg.

The National Farm Machinery Show is free and open to the public.

**About the National Farm Machinery Show:** The National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) is the world’s largest indoor farm trade show, held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Since its founding in 1963, NFMS has brought together farmers, manufacturers, and agricultural professionals from around the globe to explore the latest farming technology, equipment, and innovations. The four-day event features a sold-out show floor, free educational seminars, retail shopping, and the Championship Tractor Pull, making it a cornerstone event for the agriculture industry. The show brings in nearly \$28 million in estimated economic impact to the Louisville region.

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**Brooke Rollins marks impactful first year as U.S. Agriculture Secretary**

Brooke Rollins, the first woman to lead the U.S. Department of Agriculture, marked her first year in office with a focus on supporting farmers and improving food security. Rollins, who served as the U.S. Trade Representative before becoming Secretary of Agriculture, has prioritized listening to farmers and addressing their needs. She has announced several initiatives, including increasing support for small-scale farmers and improving access to credit. Rollins also emphasized the importance of sustainable farming practices and the role of agriculture in addressing climate change. Her first year has been marked by a series of high-profile visits to farms and agricultural events, where she has met with farmers and industry leaders. Rollins has also worked to strengthen the relationship between the USDA and the farming community, ensuring that the department's policies and programs are aligned with the needs of the industry. Her leadership has been praised for its focus on transparency and collaboration, and her first year has set a strong foundation for the department's future work.



**Investing in Grain Bins Now: Choosing the Right Partner Matters More Than Ever**

As the grain storage industry continues to grow, farmers and grain handlers are looking for ways to optimize their storage capacity. Investing in grain bins is a key strategy for ensuring a steady supply of grain throughout the year. However, choosing the right partner for the job is crucial. A reputable dealer can provide the expertise and support needed to select the right bin for the job, ensuring that the investment is sound and the bin is installed correctly. A good partner will also provide ongoing support and maintenance services, ensuring that the bin remains in good condition and is ready to use when needed. Farmers and grain handlers should take the time to research and compare different dealers, looking for a partner who has a proven track record and a commitment to customer service. Investing in a quality bin and a reliable partner can make a significant difference in the efficiency and profitability of the grain storage operation.



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**RED NOW**

# Research in birds, butterflies, leads senior to wildlife conservation

KOKOMO, Ind. — Watching a documentary in her introductory level biology course changed Elisabeth Pennington’s life.

While she thought she might want to be a veterinarian, viewing The Serengeti Rules during her first year at Indiana University Kokomo showed her another way she could make a difference for animals. A research project with Lina Rifai, associate professor of vertebrate biology, confirmed her new path in wildlife research and conservation.

“We watched that documentary, and it was like a spark hit,” said Pennington, from Galveston. “I thought it was really cool, and I wanted to get more involved with wildlife conservation. Growing up, I thought I wanted to be a vet but had found out that wasn’t the path I wanted to take. I love science, I love animals, and I love being outside. I realized I had the opportunity to



Elisabeth Pennington, left; and Koby Goodwin will present their research on monarch butterfly migration at Regionals at the Rotunda.

combine all of that in this field.”

She will graduate in August 2026 with a major in biology and minors in chemistry, theater, and physics, and plans to earn a graduate degree in wildlife conservation — something she would not have considered before her IU Kokomo experiences.

“I don’t think I would have had the confidence to leave campus wanting to pursue graduate school and research without the opportunity to work with Dr. Rifai,” she said.

Her first step was volunteering with

Rifai, who is a certified bird bander, assisting as she captures birds, attaches a tiny tracking band on them, and records their data. Then, she joined Rifai’s monarch butterfly population project, capturing butterflies, recording data, tagging them with butterfly-safe stickers and transmitters, and following their migration journeys digitally.

“Using the transmitters we can track their flight patterns and their local movement, or in the case of one of them, the actual migration path he took,” she said, adding that

sometimes it made her nervous to watch the one butterfly tracked beyond the Kokomo area.

“We could watch him live on the website flying through cities or over major highways, and it would be like, ‘Oh no, why are you making these choices?’ she said. “He was the only one we saw leave Kokomo, and we were rooting for him. He was our guy and we were rooting for him the entire time. We followed him all the way to Texas before we lost the signal. It was really cool that he made it that far.”

Pennington worked with students Koby

Goodwin and Madison Townsend on the project. She and Goodwin compiled their data and earned selection to present their findings at IU Regionals at the Rotunda February 18 at the Indiana Statehouse.

She’s also completed research on leeches with T.J. Sullivan, associate professor of biology and molecular ecology, and will complete a project with Patrick Motl, dean of the School of Sciences and professor of physics, this summer.

In addition to research, Pennington has participated in theater, the

Cougar Choir, Student Government Association, and the Cougar Activities Board, and served as a math tutor.

She also was selected for the Innovation Symposium, a three-week KEY experiential learning experience exploring global innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability, that challenges students to develop solutions for local community issues.

“It was my first time traveling outside of North America,” she said. “Karla Stouse took us to England, and I fell in love with sustainability. I learned that I care about a lot of things I previously hadn’t put much thought into. We were able to ask questions of so many people who had such broad experience and have conversations and see amazing things.”

Pennington said her IU Kokomo experience was more than she expected when she enrolled after high school, planning to take her core classes and then transfer somewhere larger.

“I loved all the programs here, especially my science classes and the theater program,” she said. “I made so many friends, and every faculty member I met was just incredible. I kept getting opportunity after opportunity, and I was thriving. It just didn’t make sense to go anywhere else.”



VICTORIOUS

Living

...in a troubled world

Seeing life through two pairs of eyes

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I’m really bad about obsessing over the wrong things. I like schedules and structure. So, when things happen that upset my structure that’s not a real comfortable place for me. Although my comfort zone is structure, as all of us know, that’s not the norm because in this life something always changes. And, out of necessity, I adapt.

I know a lot of Martha’s (not the name, but the thought process), and sometimes I see myself as a Martha. She obsessed over serving her guest while her sister, Mary, sit comfortably at Jesus feet, worshiping and listening.

In the Mary/Martha story, Jesus came to have dinner at Mary

and Martha’s house. It didn’t transpire like Martha had planned and she was upset. (Luke 10:38-42). Jesus told Martha that Mary, her sister, had chosen wisely to not obsess over serving the guest. Believe me, I try to learn from Jesus’ concept about not obsessing over the wrong thing. I try, but sometimes I still obsess over things that matter too much to me and not to anyone else.

When we stop obsessing over serving, we realize some things are just not worth obsessing over. At the time it seems very important, but in the scheme of things, it isn’t. Jesus knew this. Knowing how I am, I can’t help but appreciate the fact that He made this a big deal in the Martha/Mary story. As the story goes, Mary had a heart full of love and worship for



Jesus and she didn’t let things around her take away from that.

Martha, on the other hand, loved and worshiped Jesus just as much as Mary, but her heart was also focused on what she had to get done. Martha was the sister who was obsessed

with what her guest thought about her. In her heart and mind, I know she thought it was important to focus on pleasing Jesus and making him feel comfortable in her home. I believe she thought she was doing a good thing. The sisters just saw life

through two different pair of eyes. Remember it was Martha who fully trusted Jesus’ love after Lazarus died! (John 11:20-28).

In the story, obviously, Mary saw the invisible while Martha focused on all the things that needed to be taken care at the

moment. Both sisters were doing their best to make an impact on Jesus and their other guest. And, both were doing important things. We need Mary’s and we need Martha’s. But most of all, whenever and wherever we find ourselves, remembering to stress a little less and relax a little more might be the key to all the chaos in the world

I am reminded of 1 Timothy 6:11, “... Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” We can care too much about what people think of us and not enough of what God thinks. God wants balance in our lives so we love, serve and respect both Him and other people. Could finding balance in our focus be the theme of the Mary/Martha story?

Believer’s baptism or baptismal regeneration?

By Dr. Billy Holland

Believer’s baptism and baptismal regeneration represent two distinct views on the role of water baptism in salvation. Believer’s baptism holds that baptism is an outward, symbolic act of obedience performed “after” a person has consciously trusted in Jesus Christ and His blood for salvation. Conversely, baptismal regeneration teaches that baptism is the sacramental law where God creates spiritual rebirth, forgives sins, and initiates spiritual regeneration. While I tend to avoid writing about church doctrines due to disagreements, my ministry requires me to share my personal interpretations. I’m often asked about what washes away our sins, the water or the blood? There is power in His blood – not the water.

I share the gospel often, including in our local Detention Center on a regular basis. A place to teach and baptize is provided, and our team also serves communion to the new converts. This gives us an open opportunity to explain what it means to confess receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. Sadly, not all Christians are united with church doctrines such as immersion versus sprinkling, infant baptism, and baptizing in the name of Jesus versus in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but even more importantly, there are different opinions about what exactly happens when the person goes under the water.

Some churches, including Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Churches of Christ, and some Anglican and Episcopal churches, including the Mormons, and

Jehovah’s Witnesses, believe in what is called baptismal regeneration, which means a person is not cleansed from sin or spiritually transformed into a new creation in Christ until after they are baptized. Within these churches, baptism is referred to as a requirement that defines water as the only way to literally receive God’s grace, which saves. Groups such as Baptist, Church of God, Assembly of God, Reformed Presbyterian, Non-Denominational, Evangelical, Anabaptists, Mennonites, Quakers, Puritans, and The Salvation Army, use the term “ordinance” meaning that baptism although an important act of obedience, is only a public testimony symbolizing God’s power that has already forgiven and transformed the spirit’s of those who

called upon the name of the Lord to save them, according to John 3:16.

As we are immersed under the water, this displays the spiritual reality of how we died to ourselves, were buried with Christ, and in coming up out of the water, we are raised from the dead by the glorious power of God to walk holy and obey Him in everything as His child. An outward sign of an inward work. Since we have been united with him in his death, we are also raised to life as He was. Yes, we are forgiven and washed clean by the blood of Jesus, as the power of sin is broken, and our carnality was crucified with Christ. As no longer slaves to sin, the new Christian is declared righteous through Jesus, but still has the free will responsibility to demonstrate His holy nature and character. We should consider ourselves

to be dead to the control of sin and to have faith in God for everything. Take a moment to read Romans chapter 6. In fact, as we develop a solemn, reverential fear and awareness of His presence, sin should literally make us nauseated as we realize how much our disobedience hurts Him. If our intentional sins do not cause brokenness, weeping, and deep sorrow, we have become spiritually numb, calloused, and deceived. However, with God’s grace and mercy, our spiritual determination to deny our flesh and walk in sanctification can be rekindled by returning to our first love.

Baptism is not just a religious ritual. It’s a deeply personal commitment to living the life this holy re-enactment is revealing. It represents death to sin, the burial of our old life, and the

resurrection to a new life in Christ! We are confessing and professing that Jesus is our Lord, and the miracle of being born again. We receive the gift of God’s love by declaring to the world that we are completely dedicated to loving and serving our Master. The believer’s baptism is an open display and promise that we will fulfill our vow to never return to who we once were. We now promise to allow God to lead us, we have become a temple of the Holy Spirit and are filled with the marvelous light of His eternal truth. Jesus died and resurrected so that you could become a member of His everlasting kingdom of peace and joy. Will you respond to His voice today?

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

When Heaven quakes

By Brandon Bramlett  
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

A traumatic earthquake in San Francisco deeply devastated the little boy, although he was oblivious to it. But he showed subtle signs of how shaken he was on the school’s swingset. The lad’s teachers observed that he would run for the swings during recess, and sway back and forth until it was time for school to resume. And when a teacher finally asked him why he bypassed the slides

and merry go-round to swing alone, he sadly answered, “On the swing, I move like the earth. So, if there’s another earthquake, I won’t feel it.”

Without realizing it, he diagnosed the knee-jerk reaction we often have when we endure troubles in our lives. When we go through a life-shaking storm—an earthquake-level tribulation that rattles our world—we tend to brace ourselves for the next one. We live anxiously and guarded, worried that if things start to get better, that can

only mean they are about to get worse. We often find ourselves quaking before the ground does.

But the heartening truth of Scripture is that a much greater “quaking” takes place in heaven when we pray during times of trouble. As David said in Psalm 18, “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help . . . Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. The LORD

also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters” (Ps. 18:6a, 7, 13, 16; cf. Acts 4:31; James 5:16b).

When we send up a prayer for help during trials, the Lord treats it like a call for backup. At the sound of our requests, God rises like a mighty warrior from His throne, rattling the floor of heaven with His swift steps, and heaven’s gates fling open wide just so the

Lord can get to our side. When we pray in peril, God shouts across the heavens as though to say, “Out of My way, My child is in trouble!” When our prayers reach His ears, He leaves the throne-room of glory and enters the battlefield with us. He conducts a search-and-rescue mission when we petition Him for mercy in misery, and will even mobilize creation itself to provide us with reinforcements so we can survive the battle.

Every good father—upon hearing his

child crying in danger—would drop everything, rush to his location, and push aside anything that stands in his way. Likewise, our heavenly Father rushes to our position, pushing aside all the glories of heaven and all the starry hosts of the heavens to come to our aid when we need Him. As James Rowe (1865-1933) wrote in the great hymn Love Lifted Me, “But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me—now safe am I.”



Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through

5. Consumer protection agency

8. Criminal syndicate

11. Moves back from

13. Satisfaction

14. Feel concern or interest

15. Monetary units

16. Congressman (abbr.)

17. Israeli city

18. Restaurants

20. 2,000 lbs.

21. Grandmother

22. North, South and Central

25. In an early way

30. Foes

31. Social networking platform

32. Early term for basketball player

33. Another name for sesame plant

38. Disallow

41. Provide greater detail

43. Inaccessible

45. Evoke emotions

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Celtic punk rockers

50. A fencing sword

55. Actor Idris

56. Affirmative (slang)

57. Afflicted in mind or body

59. One point north of northeast

60. Born of

61. Social media hand gesture

62. Hong Kong food stall \_\_\_ pai dong

63. Opposite of beginning

64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language

2. Fashionable

3. Borough in Helsinki

4. Inability to hear

5. More quickly

6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth

7. Shrewdly

8. Rooney and Kate are two

9. Mediterranean port

10. Benedictine monk

12. Midway between south and southeast

14. Town in Galilee

19. Satisfy

23. Mice genus

24. Brass instrument

25. Chest muscle (slang)

26. Transmits genetic information from DNA

27. Records electric currents generated by the brain

28. Woman (French)

29. Short route aircraft

34. Pitching statistic

35. Pointed end of a pen

36. Popular sports league

37. Body part

39. Inoffensive

40. Yellowish cotton cloth

41. Feline

42. Does not tell the truth

44. Seduced

45. Spiritual leader

46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

47. Repair

48. Olive genus

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. C. European river

54. Keep under control

58. Father

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Word Search

HEALTHY HEART WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

WORDS

AEROBIC

ARRHYTHMIA

ARTERIES

ATHEROSCLEROSIS

BEATS

BLOOD

CARDIAC

CARDIOVASCULAR

CHOLESTEROL

CIRCULATION

CORONARY

ENDURANCE

EXERCISE

HEALTHY

HEART

HYPERTENSION

INFLAMMATION

MUSCLE

PLAQUE

PULSE

STRESS

STROKE

VALVES

VEINS

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Good Luck! **ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE**

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

IW HTEG

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Answer: Weight

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on February 11, 1969 in California. I worked various odd jobs to support my acting career. One of my first acting jobs was in a 1993 horror film. My fame skyrocketed thanks to a very popular TV show about a group of young people living in New York City.

Answer: Jennifer Aniston

COLORING FUN

If apples were pears, and peaches were plums.  
And the rose had a different name.  
If tigers were bears, and fingers were thumbs,  
I'd love you just the same.

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day Jokes

What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's Day?  
You're purr-fect for me

Why did the Valentine get arrested?  
For stealing someone's heart

What's the most romantic ship?  
A relation-ship

What do you call a Valentine's Day card from a dog?  
A paw-sitive note

What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?  
A valen-tiny

What did the painter say to his Valentine?  
I love you with all my art





Dr. Eric Laurence Smitt

Dr. Eric Laurence Smitt, 77, of Marion, formerly of Melbourne, Florida, passed away at 12:13 am on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Miller’s Merry Manor in Marion. The family will hold a private graveside service followed by burial at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Rayford G. Hall

Rayford G. Hall, 72, of Hartford City, passed away at 8:34 am on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in his home. The family will receive visitors from 11 am to 1 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral and Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN, 46952. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park following the visitation.

Bobby Dean Haynes

Bobby Dean Haynes, 89, of Marion, passed away at 2:47 am on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Marion Health. The family will host a private celebration of Bobby’s life at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Russell L. Beckett

Russell L. Beckett, 87, of Marion, passed away at 3:13 pm on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center in Marion. The family will have a private service to celebrate Russell’s life. Burial will take place at Estates of Serenity.

Stephanie L. Rude

Stephanie Lynn Rude, 46, of Marion, passed away at 11:03 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2026, in Marion. At Stephanie’s request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Gregory Gray

Gregory Paul Gray, 78, of Marion, passed away in his home on Friday, January 30, 2026. At Gregory’s request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Burial will take place at Estates of Serenity in Marion. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Scott Buckles

Jerald Scott Buckles, 61, of Marion, passed away at 1:38 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026, in his home. A service to celebrate Scott’s life will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026 beginning at 12:30 pm at Marion National Cemetery - Protestant Chapel with Pastor Bob Engle officiating.

Ruthanna “Tootie” Titus

Ruthanna “Tootie” Titus, a lifelong resident of Fairmount, joined her heavenly Father at 101 years of age with family by her side on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Yorktown Manor. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana. Celebration of life service was held on Monday February 9, 2026 at 11 AM with her son Jack and Pastor Glenn Davis officiating.

Roger D. Blackburn

Roger D. Blackburn, 78, of Marion, Indiana, formerly of Fairmount, passed away Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Stillwater Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928. The family has chosen cremation, with a private service to be held at a later date.

Earl W. “Bill” Bowman, Jr

Earl William “Bill” Bowman, Jr., age 79 of Mexico, IN passed away on Monday February 2, 2026, at Community Howard Regional Health in Kokomo. Memorial donations may be made to the Mooseheart: www.mooseheart.org Per the family wishes, there will be no public services.

Jane Ellen Bennett

Jane Ellen Bennett, 97, passed away on February 5, 2026 at Heritage Pointe of Warren. Funeral service was held at 1 pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Heritage Pointe of Warren, 801 N. Huntington Ave., Warren, IN with Pastor John Moyer officiating. Burial will follow service at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, IN.

Elizabeth Amentt

Elizabeth “Liz” Ann Amentt, 72, passed away on February 2, 2026 at her residence. Elizabeth’s wishes were to be cremated with no services at this time. Her remains will be interred at Hartford City Cemetery. Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City is in charge of arrangements.

Terry D. Shields

Terry David Shields, 86, passed away at on January 31, 2026 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Funeral service for Terry was held at 2 pm on Friday, February 6, 2026 at Grace Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City, IN with Pastor Jeannie Winter officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory in Muncie.



Scotty Inman in concert at Epworth Church February 13th

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce Scotty Inman with special guest The Siler Family in concert on Friday, February 13, 2026! Doors open at 6 PM, Concert starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15. Also, a love offering will be received. Limited seating, To guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance at epworthworship.com/scotty or call/text 765-667-0842. Music runs through Scotty Inman’s veins. A second generation vocalist, Scotty’s music career has taken him around the world and allowed him to share the message of Christ on stages that many only dream of. With messages of faith, family and life woven

deep with his lyrics, the 4-time BMI awarded singer/songwriter and 2024 Singing News New Artist of the Year is breaking the mold and forging a path all his own. For two decades, Scotty Inman was a vocalist for the award-winning group, Triumphant Quartet. Then in 2023, Scotty Inman felt God leading him into a new season of life to minister as a solo artist. Toby and Christi Siler have traveled and sang gospel music together since they were first married. In 2002, one sunny Sunday morning in September, their family doubled in size when we said “hello” to boy/girl twins, Jarrod and Jewel, who were destined to grow up



“on the road”. They continued to travel for several years following their arrival until God spoke to us that it was time for me to come off the road. When asked whether or not we would ever sing together again, Toby and Christi would respond that we hoped and prayed that God would allow us to travel again as a family. Someday. You know...when the kids

were older. Eventually, Jarrod & Jewel started asking when the four of us would be going back on the road to minister as a family. And so began their adventure begin to start traveling again as “The Siler Family”. They have had the privilege of ministering together all across the US, across the ocean in the Philippines, and even on the ocean during Gospel cruises.



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- Fairmount Church of God – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
- Fairmount Friends – 10:30 a.m.
- Fairmount Wesleyan – 9:30 a.m.
- Fairmount United Methodist – 9:30 a.m.
- Fowlerton United Methodist – 10:45 a.m.
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- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 9 a.m. (Hartford City)
- 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
- Westview Wesleyan, 11 a.m. (Jonesboro)
- Women of Hope Bible Study – Tuesday – 10 a.m.
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- Fairmount UMC – Monday – 7 p.m. – Campus Life
- Fairmount UMC – Wednesday – 10 a.m., Men and Women’s Bible Study

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# How seniors can cultivate a new hobby



Retirement is often characterized as a carefree time in life when adults who spent years in the workforce get to enjoy the fruits of their labors. But upon retiring, many retirees find themselves fighting boredom. A recent study from Indeed found that, as of March 2022, 3.2 percent of workers who retired a year earlier had already reentered the workforce. No two retirees are the same, and a host of variables, boredom among them, likely compelled recently retired professionals to go back to work.

Retirees who like the freedom of not working but are confronting a good bit of boredom can consider these tips to cultivate a new hobby that can help them pass the time in a rewarding and engaging way.

- Identify new (or old) interests. Many retirees discover new passions in retirement, while others turn back the clock and revisit favorite hobbies from their youth. A good way to begin cultivating a new hobby is to jot down a list of activities you always found interesting but never had the time to learn or became too busy to fully invest in. Some seniors hit the links for the first time in retirement, while others return to school to study subjects they find interesting but did not engage with during their college

years. The options are endless, and jotting down a list of new or old interests is a great way to get the ball rolling.

- Embrace new ways to engage a passion. Virtual resources like online courses and book clubs conducted over Zoom with fellow readers across the nation and possibly even the globe are a great way to cultivate a new hobby in retirement. Virtual resources can be especially beneficial for seniors with mobility issues.
- Consider locally based resources. Community parks departments and libraries may offer an array of free or affordable opportunities for seniors to engage with a new hobby. Parks departments may offer anything from cross country skiing tutorials to age-based hiking excursions, while libraries may offer weekly crafting sessions or wellness programs to local

residents. In addition to providing fun ways to discover and cultivate a new hobby, programs offered through parks departments and local libraries are great ways to meet fellow retirees.

- Put your experience to use. Retirees with years in their field don't have to go back to work to make use of their professional expertise. Contact local youth organizations or outreach programs sponsored by churches, libraries or local law enforcement agencies and offer to share your expertise with young people. Such opportunities allow retirees to continue to engage with their professions and help a younger generation of aspiring professionals gain valuable insight into fields they're interested in.

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Vietnam Veterans of America to hold veterans benefit luncheon Feb. 21st

Lawrence, Indiana — Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L Davis Chapter 295 will host a luncheon for veterans and their families noon Saturday, February 21 in the veterans center 9450 East 59th Street, Lawrence, Indiana 46226 during which chapter leaders will present its highly regarded program explaining benefits available to veterans and their families through the Veterans Administration and other organizations.

“The genesis of this presentation was our realization that we were doing a great job of helping veterans get the benefits they had earned but we were not doing a very good job of explaining the benefits their spouses and survivors were eligible for,” Dennis Smalling, president of VVA Chapter 295 and a certified service officer explained.

“Since we’ve been doing these briefings we have helped many veterans and their families get the benefits they have earned,” Smalling continued.

According to Smalling, their presentation has been getting state-wide and national attention. “This information is thoroughly researched and life-changing for some of our veterans and their families,” Smalling said. “We are trying to get this information out to as many people as we can in as many ways as we can” he continued.

“We would like to give this presentation as often and in as many locations as possible,” Smalling continued. “Last year we were invited to give it at an event held at a Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in South Bend and at the national convention for the Society of Certified Senior Advisors in Baltimore.

“We are constantly seeking new opportunities and will respond to requests from and groups who would like to host us,” Smalling concluded.

According to Smalling, VVA has partnered with the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors to post a video of the Veterans, Spouse and Survivor Benefits presentation on their you-tube channel so that interested parties unable to attend the quarterly programs in Lawrence are able to get the information at any time.

There is no charge and all are welcome, including media.

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Common Council looking to fill Grant County Visitors Bureau opening

Marion Common Council is accepting resumes to complete a term with the Grant County Visitor’s Bureau. This term will end June 2027 with the opportunity to be reappointed. As a commissioner for the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), you will play a key role in promoting tourism and supporting the growth of local attractions.

Commissioners meet publicly four times per year and are also expected to participate in one of the following committees: Marketing, Attraction, Development, or Finance, each of which meets three times annually.

This is a two-year volunteer commitment aimed at enhancing the visibility and economic impact of Grant County as a destination. Resumes with a cover letter need to be received in the Marion City Clerk’s office, 301 S. Branson Street or emailed to [BCowgill@cityofmarion.in.gov](mailto:BCowgill@cityofmarion.in.gov) no later than 12:00pm on February 26, 2026

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