

## Rep. Lindauer honored by Indiana House for nine years of service

STATEHOUSE – Members of the Indiana House of Representatives recently honored retiring State Rep. Shane Lindauer (R-Jasper) for his service representing House District 63.

“Being trusted by my community to represent them at the Statehouse has been one of the greatest honors of my life,” Lindauer said. “Every decision I made in this role was grounded in the values I was raised with: faith, service and responsibility. I’m very proud of the work I’ve done on behalf of Hoosiers in Dubois, Daviess, Martin and Pike counties. I’m grateful for the relationships and friendships this job has given me.”

Lindauer was appointed to the Indiana House of Representatives on Nov. 1, 2017, filling the remainder of Mike Braun’s term. Prior to his service in the General Assembly, Lindauer served on the Dubois County Council from 2010 to 2014. He also served honorably in both the Indiana and Missouri Army National Guard. During his legislative



State Rep. Shane Lindauer (R-Jasper) speaks on the House floor, reflecting upon his service to District 63 in the General Assembly, on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

tenure, Lindauer held key leadership roles including chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the House Roads and Transportation Committee. He was also appointed to the White River State Park Development Commission.

“Shane has been a trusted leader and dedicated advocate for the

people of House District 63,” said House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers). “His genuine commitment to serving others and supporting Hoosier families, small businesses and fellow veterans has made a meaningful difference. We are grateful for his service and wish him and his family all the best in his next chapter.”

In 2024, Lindauer was given the Guardian of Small Business Award by the National Federation of Independent Business for supporting policies that strengthen small businesses, such as legislation he authored this year incentivizing public contractors to utilize Indiana business resources. In 2021, he

authored House Bill 1004, a House Republican priority bill that expanded the Hoosier Hospitality Small Business Restart Grant Program to help these entrepreneurs recoup some of their economic losses from the pandemic.

“This chapter of my life has been so incredibly meaningful,” Lindauer said. “I’m excited for what’s ahead, especially the chance to spend more time with my family and stay involved in serving my community in ways that matter.”

Lindauer received a Bachelor of Science in industrial supervision technology from Indiana State University and a Doctor of Chiropractic and Bachelor of Science in health and human sciences from Logan College of Chiropractic. He now owns and operates his own chiropractic practice, is a member of Redemption Christian Church and has mentored young people and supported local organizations including as a Cubs Scouts den leader. He and his wife Stacey have two sons, Tyler and Colton.

## Tickets now available for “This Murder Was Staged: Dinner Theatre experience

JASPER, IN — Actors Community Theatre is eager to announce that tickets are now available for This Murder Was Staged: Dinner Theatre Experience, taking place at the Jasper Arts Center, 951 College Ave, Jasper, IN 47546, on March 26th-29th, 2026.

Auditions for This Murder Was Staged were held in mid-January, where local talent was chosen to fill both single and dual-roles for this production. Cast members appearing in this upcoming dinner theatre include: Dorothy Sibrel, Liz Himsel, Linda Cossler, Kelly Lechner, Jaylin McEwan, Kirsten Neukam, Seth Neukam, Ivy Capehart, Leah Brosmer, Lucy Dixon, Sylvia Birchler, Haley Wright, Evelyn Hall, Amanda Olive, Bryan Olive, and Steven Dunn.

Production crew members producing This Murder Was Staged: Din-

ner Theatre Experience include Director Hannah Ingersoll, Stage Manager HarleeRay Toepfer, Lights & Sound Technician Andy Hoffman, Set Build/Design Lead Anne McGowan, and produced by ACT Board Member, Beth Seidl.

Tickets for ACT’s production of This Murder Was Staged: Dinner Theatre Experience are now available online, at [actorscommunitytheatre.com/tickets](http://actorscommunitytheatre.com/tickets), with only 320 seats available for the four-show run. This show is rated for those ages 16 and above, and those under the required age will not be permitted into the event.

A catered meal, prepared by Schnitzelbank Catering, is included in the \$45.00 ticket cost, and will be served before the performance. Light refreshments, desserts, and alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Tickets sales will close on Monday, March 23rd at Midnight, to accommodate the catering count. This performance is constructed with proximity in mind, as patrons will be seated on stage alongside the performers.

Ticket-holders are asked to enter the stage door entrance of the Jasper Arts Center. For the March 26th-28th performances, doors will open at 6:00PM EST, the meal will be served at 6:30PM EST, and the performance will begin at 7:30PM EST. For the Sunday, March 29th matinee performance, doors will open at 12:00PM EST, the meal will be served at 12:30PM EST, and the performance will begin at 1:30PM EST.

Further information on ACT’s Production of This Murder Was Staged: Dinner Theatre Experience can be found on our website: [www.actorscommunitytheatre.com](http://www.actorscommunitytheatre.com)

## Ivy Tech to offer Early Childhood Education Information session

Evansville, IN – Ivy Tech Community College Evansville, will host an information session for high school students and their parents, and anyone interested in learning more about opportunities in Early Childhood Education on Thursday, Feb. 12. The event will be from 5-7 p.m. (EST) at the TRI-CAP Building, 607 Third Avenue, in Jasper.

At the event, individuals can talk with Ivy Tech professors about the kinds of classes and trainings available both in Jasper and other locations and learn more about scholarship opportunities.

Building Blocks, the childcare resource center serving 28 counties in southern Indiana, will also be on hand. This organization works closely with the State of Indiana prioritizing the expansion of programs that enhance the affordability and availability of quality childcare.

Andrea Boberg, program chair for Early Childhood Education at Ivy Tech Evansville, said, “We know the need is great in our

communities for skilled, licensed childcare providers and Ivy Tech has many different opportunities to receive these skills. From apprenticeships to non-credit skills training, to dual enrollment and dual credit for high school students in the 2026-27 school year -- we are working together with community partners to provide opportunities for individuals to increase their professional skills and knowledge along with wages and overall program quality.”

Last summer, Ivy Tech Evansville was the first to offer a Department of Labor registered apprenticeship in Indiana with employer partner Carver Community Organization in Evansville.

To inquire about Early Childhood Education classes at Ivy Tech go to <https://link.ivytech.edu/ECInterest>

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## Jasper Chamber’s Health & Lifestyle Expo to be held Feb. 20th

The 21ST annual Jasper Chamber of Commerce Health & Lifestyle Expo is designed to showcase the products and services of the businesses in the Jasper and Dubois County area -- to those attending -- to let them know of the

businesses that exist right here in Dubois County (and some from out of the area).

The event will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Jasper on Friday only, February 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The EXPO is a perfect opportunity to let a large number of people know about the various business services and products - in just one day. Over 40 companies will be vendors -- showcasing their products and services.

Nearly 1000 people visit each booth as the various vendors explain about their type of business. It is an exciting event and all area residents are encouraged to participate, to visit each booth and to see demonstrations and a

chance to prizes, too.

The Jasper Chamber will have an entrance table where you can register for a \$200 cash prize. There are other prizes that will be given away at the conclusion of the EXPO, too.

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

What can an ant possibly teach a human?

Teresa LeNeave  
What can an ant (that no one wants around) possibly teach a human being? Solomon thought they had something to teach us because in Proverbs 6:6 he said, “Go to the ant, you sluggard (slacker) ... consider its ways and be wise”. From what I can tell, they love, they accept, they work, they prepare for the future and they serve.

We have this instruction: love one another: “This is my commandment, that you love one another”. How can we posture ourselves to do that? For one, we can DO things that build up others just like the ant does. Remember the story of the Samaritan that helped the injured man who was beaten up and left to die on the roadside? Jesus said, “A Samaritan, as he traveled, came

where the (injured) man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him” (Luke 10:33 NIV).

What other action postures us to take a bit of wisdom from the ant? Why not try accepting one another without trying to make them like ourselves? When we accept one another, as Christ accepts us, we bring praise to God. Show respect to everyone you come in contact with. A good example is the story of a Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well. This is a very good example of Jesus living out the principal of accepting others. She wasn't worthy. Her reputation was questionable ... but Jesus accepted her and offered to change her life. She accepted the



invitation and won an entire city to Christ. Accepting is NOT approving of wrong, but it's being willing to reach out, without condemnation and with understanding. It's sharing Jesus and offering an opportunity to others to share in the blessings of redemption.

What about serving like the ants serve? The Bible says, “By love serve one another”. Do unto others AS you want them to do to you.

Just as Jesus humbled Himself to wash the disciples' feet, we must keep in perspective that we are all of the same God and no one is loved, by God, above another.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus said, “The one who is greatest among you, will be the servant?” Though there are many reasons, I believe, when you are helpful (without complaining), people enjoy being around you and they

are more willing to hear the Gospel. People have many motives for being helpful, but when helpfulness comes from the heart, people know it. It shows. Ants help each other and it shows.

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer (Prov. 30:25). They plan ahead and leave nothing to chance. They can carry up to 20 times their weight. Some can carry up to

50 times their weight. How is that for “little strength?”

Ants know all about caring for each other. They are social insects. They are almost always with other ants. They always live in a community. They always look after the community. Ants always share what they have. When an ant finds food, he doesn't keep it to himself. He leaves a scent trail that directs other ants to the food.

They cover, and take up the slack, for other ants. If a catastrophe occurs, ants respond by quickly adapting their duties to overcome the problem. If a food item is too heavy, other ants come to their rescue to help them carry the load. They are not lazy. They are workers.

They love, they accept, they work and they serve. I guess that's a good reason to learn from ants as Solomon instructed.

## Do this in remembrance of me

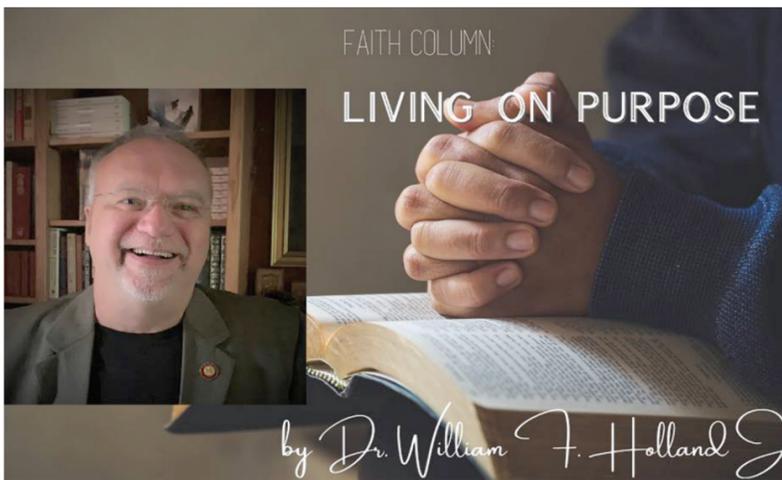
By Dr. Billy Holland

Last week, we touched on the subject of baptism, and this week I thought we could follow up with a chat about communion. For those who are Christians, the church ordinance of communion is a sacred and spiritually personal event. In some circles, the Lord's Supper is referred to as a sacrament, while others call it an ordinance, depending on the theological tradition. However, regardless of the term, within Christian churches, it is seen as a means of grace and an integral part of obedience and worship, established by Christ Himself. A time of sacred reflection on Christ's death and resurrection. Where does it come from? It's a recorded true event that is told in each of the four Gospels, along with the Apostle Paul, who also discusses it in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29. Verse 26 declares, “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”

Most have seen the images of what is called

the “Last Supper,” where Jesus and His disciples are sitting around a large table eating and drinking at what was called the Passover celebration. We read in all four gospels about this true account, and how Jesus wanted His followers to remember Him as the promised Lamb of God. In Luke 22:19-21, we read, “Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God. As He broke it and gave it to His disciples, He said, this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.” Matthew 26:30 reveals that He concluded the meal by singing a hymn, then they walked out into the night to the Mount of Olives. As they entered the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told them to rest while he took some time to pray. It was there that, as predicted, Jesus was betrayed by Judas. The following day, He was crucified.

Jesus declared that the bread spoke of His body that would be



broken, as Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 describe that He would be so brutally and violently tortured that it was hardly recognizable. The wine spoke of His blood, with Him indicating the terrible death He would soon experience. It is agreed that most likely He literally bled to death. Christ, the perfect Lamb, the Son of God, became the fulfillment of the countless Old Testament prophecies concerning a Redeemer. Genesis 3:15, often called the protoevangelium or first gospel, is an amazing biblical prophecy where God

reveals that at the crucifixion, the serpent will bruise the heel of Jesus the seed of the woman, but in the resurrection, Christ the Son of God will crush the serpents head, establishing the Lord as the ultimate power and authority in the cosmic struggle between good and evil. In my view, the communion does not literally transform into the blood and flesh of Jesus, which is called transubstantiation. Since it is symbolic, I do see the point. It's simply about keeping the sacrifice of His great love fresh within our hearts and minds.

So, as we partake of

the unleavened bread and wine or grape juice, the elements serve as a covenant symbol of Christ's body and blood, and how we grieve as He willingly suffered. He gave the supreme sacrifice of love that can redeem us. Now we can have spiritual hope and faith, as we celebrate this sign of unity and truth among believers, anticipating His return. I've served communion in churches, prisons, and correctional facilities throughout the years, and I currently work with a jail ministry preaching the gospel, baptizing, and serving communion, where I

remind everyone how serious this is. First Corinthians chapter 11 says that whoever receives these elements unworthily will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. They absorbed damnation to themselves, and some have literally died. Never allow the ceremony to become a dead and formal ritual, or come to the Lord's table with unconfessed sin. Personally, when I take communion, I embrace this as entering into the holy presence of God. A sacred time and place of repentance, asking forgiveness, being cleansed, and made presentable to become one with Him. I imagine Jesus hanging on the cross, and what great love that caused Him to willingly die to save me. It's a deeply meaningful moment of remembering and appreciating.

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## Steward your spiritual gifts

By Brandon Bramlett  
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Being blind, uneducated, and seventy years-old, there was not much she could do—but she wanted to do something. The African woman had been led to Jesus by a gospel-preaching missionary, but her newfound zeal hit a brick wall because of her limitations. She wanted to serve the needy, but felt too old. She yearned to teach, but she couldn't read. But after seeking God's wisdom, she conceived

an unconventional idea.

She gave her Bible to the missionary and asked him to underline John 3:16 in red ink. She then passed around her Bible to younger villagers, asking, “Can you read the passage underlined in red?” Then came a follow-up question: “Do you know what this means?” When the youth would respond, “No,” she would then tell them “the old, old story of Jesus and His love.” Although she wasn't a missionary or a Bible teacher, she understood that the Lord gave her a job to

do—and she made it all about Jesus.

Likewise, if you believe in the Man whose voice inspired the red letters, you also have a calling to fulfill, a ministry to steward, spiritual gifts to use, and divinely-tailored tasks assigned by God exclusively for you. As Paul explained, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone” (1 Cor. 12:4-6).

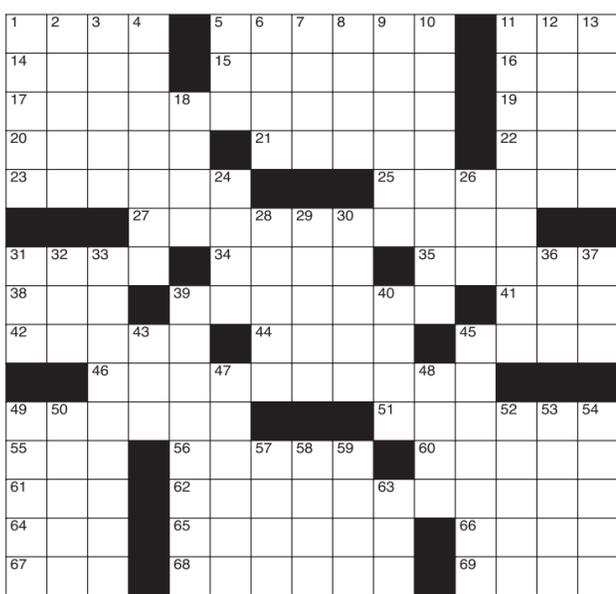
And the not-so-secret secret for faithfully fulfilling your God-given calling is centering your service and spiritual gifts around the “words in red,” and the Man who spoke them. If the glory of Christ is not the goal of your Spirit-supplied abilities, then recognition, results, and reputation will take its place. Thus, whether you are pastoring a church, teaching Sunday school, changing diapers in the nursery, evangelizing a lost neighbor, singing in the choir, leading family worship,

caring for the sick, or counseling the broken—the cross must be the axis. This is why Peter said, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 4:10-11a).

Jesus illustrated this truth in His parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30). A

master entrusted great fortunes to his servants while he was gone. Two servants invested what they were given, but the “wicked and slothful servant” buried his money in the ground for safekeeping. When the master returned, he blessed the servants who used what he gave them, but cursed the servant who did nothing with what he was given. And the lesson is clear: use what God has given you (Rom. 12:6). Don't bury your abilities and spiritual gifts—steward them faithfully.

### Crossword Puzzle



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cut quickly
- 5. A way to state clearly
- 11. River in NE Scotland
- 14. Expansive
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Toadstools
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Experimented with
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Acquisitive
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. Everyone has one
- 35. Kalahari Desert lake
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. People 65 and over
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Daughter of Acrisius
- 44. Ornamental box
- 45. Government agents
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Treeless plains
- 55. One's sense of self-importance
- 56. Consumer advocate
- 60. Type of lounge
- 61. Body part
- 62. Can be persuaded
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught
- 66. Arab ruler title
- 67. Unhappy
- 68. Gradually went away
- 69. Able to think clearly

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed
- 2. Small water spirit (Germ.)
- 3. Heroes
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. Some don't want to share theirs
- 6. Free-swimming invertebrate
- 7. Litigates
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uneasy feelings
- 11. Cross
- 12. A way to remove
- 13. Pages can be dog-\_\_
- 18. Ukrainian city
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Month
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Group of chemicals
- 30. Rider of Rohan
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Southwestern Russia city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Angry
- 37. Drivers' licenses
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. They \_\_
- 45. Women
- 47. Be filled with love for
- 48. Thick-soled sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The leading performer
- 53. Protein
- 54. "Gunga Din" script writer
- 57. Art \_\_, around 1920
- 58. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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### Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to the library.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 9 = E)

- A. 11 10 15 9 20**  
*Clue: No noise*
- B. 20 15 20 19 9**  
*Clue: Book name*
- C. 6 10 20 25 14 8**  
*Clue: Writer*
- D. 14 8 4 6 12 15 5 9 16**  
*Clue: Made orderly*

Answers: A. quiet B. title C. author D. organized

### Word Search

LIBRARY VISIT WORD SEARCH

B A S M I D S F M S K I H E K K T Y U R F  
L O R Q M F S L N O V L L P I E K V V L D U G F C  
H D K Q M R S K Q O V L L C V U V R F U C C  
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C T D V R E F D M L Q K D V L R G L L L L  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

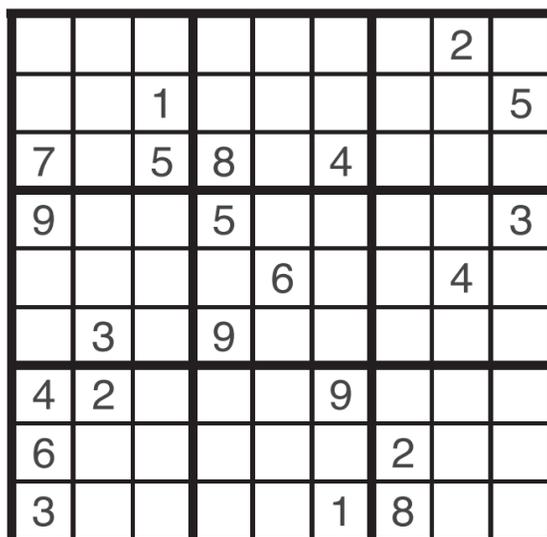
#### WORDS

- ARCHIVES
- ARRIVAL
- AUDIOBOOKS
- BIBLIOGRAPHY
- CATALOG
- CHECKOUT
- CIRCULATION
- COLLECTIONS
- DATABASE
- DESK
- LIBRARIAN
- LIBRARY
- LOAN
- MICROFICHE
- PERIODICALS
- QUIET
- READING
- REFERENCE
- RESERVE
- RETURN
- SHELF
- STACKS
- STUDY
- SYSTEM

### Sudoku Puzzle

#### How it Works:

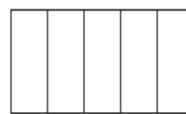
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric 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**



### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the library.

SBKOO



Answer: Books

### Guess Who?

#### GUESS WHO?

I am a singer/actress born in California on February 20, 2003. My acting debut was a role based on a character from a book series I was introduced to as a child. Early in my career I starred in movies and in a Disney show before progressing to music. A song about driving propelled my fame.

Answer: Olivia Rodrigo

### COLORING FUN



National Love Your Pet Day  
February 20th

### Valentine's Day Jokes

**Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?**  
Because then it would be a foot.

**Why did the football coach yell at the vending machine?**  
He wanted his quarter back.

**What's the most popular fish in the ocean?**  
The "star" fish

**How did the student feel when he learned about electricity?**  
Totally shocked

**What do you call a happy cowboy?**  
A jolly rancher

**What subject do cats like best in school?**  
Hiss-tory



### Dennis E. Adams

Dennis E. Adams, age 65, of Ferdinand, Indiana, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at home. A Celebration of Life memorial service for Dennis E. Adams will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. Pastor Darrel Land will officiate. A memorial visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. service time at the funeral home.

### Linus O. "Lenie" Jahn

Linus Othmar "Lenie" Jahn, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A Mass of Christian Burial for Linus Othmar "Lenie" Jahn will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Saturday.

### Jerry L. Breeding

Jerry L. Breeding, age 86, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at home surrounded by family. A funeral service for Jerry Lee Breeding will be

held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial at a later date. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military rites at the funeral home after the service. A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

### Lowell Byrum Beasley

Lowell Byrum Beasley, age 89, of Huntingburg, went to be with Jesus at 3:16 p.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., E.S.T., Monday, February 16, 2026, at Central Christian Church in Huntingburg with burial to follow at Fairmount Cemetery. Pastor Jacob Keeling will officiate at the service. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2366 Memorial Detail.

### Debra Turtle Grunden

Debra L. "Turtle" Grunden, age 64, of Huntingburg, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at The Waters of Huntingburg. A private graveside service will be held at Marengo Cemetery at a later date.

### Darlene Delores Eckert

Darlene Delores Eckert, age 85, of Huntingburg, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Brookside Village in Jasper. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m., E.S.T., on Friday, February 13, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntingburg with burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery. The funeral Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Biju Thomas.

### Lauren R. Patterson

Lauren R. Patterson, age 71, of Jasper, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center, Jasper. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be shared online at: [www.nassandson.com](http://www.nassandson.com)

### Karen S. Phillips

Karen S. Phillips, age 78, of Huntingburg, Indiana, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2026, at her residence. A Celebration of life for Karen Phillips will be at Nass and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m.

### Rosalee Hodge

Rosalee Hodge, 83, passed away on February 13, 2026, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Rosalee requested no funeral services. Huber Funeral Home is assisting her family with arrangements.

### David Dantt

David Brent Dantt, 51, passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM CST on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Cannelton Chapel. Pastor Jason Johns will officiate with burial to follow in Derby Cemetery.

### Frank Jochim

Frank Jochim, age 67, of Huntingburg, passed away at 4:15 p.m., on February 10, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. There are no events scheduled at this time. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family of Frank Jochim.

## Former mayor's spokesman Joe Atkinson returns to UE to lead Evansville NewsLab

EVANSVILLE, IND. —In a full-circle moment for one of Evansville's most versatile media voices, the University of Evansville (UE) has named Joe Atkinson as Director of Evansville NewsLab, a UE ChangeLab focused on strengthening civic journalism and community engagement across the region.

Atkinson has served as Communications Director for the City of Evansville under Mayor Stephanie Terry since 2024 and is widely known for his earlier roles in local journalism, his documentary film work, and as a member of the UE faculty. His appointment marks a return to his alma mater and former professional home, where he taught dozens of courses for nearly a decade before taking a job with the city.

Atkinson holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Ohio University and advanced degrees from the University of Evansville and the University of Nebraska Omaha. His background spans journalism, higher education, and public service, a blend that uniquely positions him to guide the NewsLab's mission of building trust and collaboration between media outlets and the Evansville community.

Evansville NewsLab is a community-driven journalism initiative dedicated to fostering meaningful connections between local media outlets and the public. Through innovative projects and collaborative research, the lab works to amplify diverse voices and empowers residents to

actively participate in shaping the narrative of Evansville.

The program was awarded a \$10,000 grant in 2024 from the Listening Post Collective, a nonprofit organization that supports innovative, community-focused journalism. The grant supported ChangeLab's expansion of outreach initiatives, including surveys and focus groups, as it works to develop a sustainable civic journalism hub for the Evansville area.

In 2025, Evansville NewsLab was awarded a \$230,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation through the Press Forward Initiative. This new funding will allow NewsLab to expand its community connections, deepen partnerships with local organizations, and engage more students and community members in the production of impactful journalism.

The grant reflects growing national concern over the decline of local journalism, which has left many communities without trusted sources of news and accountability. Through Press Forward, Lumina Foundation joins a broad coalition of funders and organizations committed to rebuilding local news ecosystems.

Evansville NewsLab is part of UE's nationally recognized Changemaker Campus initiative, which encourages students and faculty to develop real-world solutions to social and community challenges.

For more information about Evansville NewsLab and the Center for Innovation & Change, visit <https://www.evansville.edu/centerforinnovation/>

# Creating a positive relationship with motivation

By Yolanda Vidal, Youth First, Inc.

Motivation is often misunderstood as a personality trait, something you either have or you do not. In reality, motivation is a psychological state that fluctuates based on emotional regulation, self-perception, nervous system balance, and the perception of meaning. When labeling motivation solely as an individual's discipline or willpower, we overlook the complex processes involved in making sustainable change possible.

Low motivation is rarely about laziness. More often, it is a signal of burnout, depression, anxiety, or unresolved trauma. When the nervous system is in survival mode, the brain prioritizes safety over development and growth. In these states, asking someone to "work harder" can feel invalidating and reinforce shame or negative self-worth.

Creating a positive relationship with motivation involves reframing motivation not as force, but as

alignment within your life. Taking time to identify stressors, creating sustainable lifestyle changes, and increasing self-care can be pivotal pieces to balancing one's relationship with motivation.

The foundation of motivation involves maintaining emotional safety. Chronic stress, perfectionism, and low self-worth can activate the brain's response system to threats. When this response is activated, the brain's ability to make decisions is impacted. Our bodies are not meant to function in this survival state for long periods of time. One of the most effective first steps in rebuilding motivation and increasing emotional safety is developing self-compassion.

Self-compassion techniques, such as positive self-talk and normalization, can help reduce overall stress, increase positive self-worth, and decrease feelings of resistance. When individuals learn to speak to themselves with the same empathy that they would offer a

loved one, motivation becomes less about fear of failure and more about curiosity and self-respect. Self-compassion supports greater resiliency and a positive relationship with motivation.

To ensure emotional safety, emotional regulation is necessary. Motivation cannot be sustained without a regulated nervous system. Utilizing different mindfulness and grounding techniques can help bring the body out of chronic fight-or-flight and into a state where action feels accessible.

Simple interventions such as deep breathing techniques, body scanning, or brief mindfulness checks can significantly decrease stress and improve emotional regulation. When individuals learn to

notice how they are functioning internally, they can respond with regulation rather than avoidance. Motivation becomes a byproduct of feeling capable rather than overwhelmed. This is particularly important for individuals with anxiety or trauma histories, where avoidance is often a protective response. By addressing emotional regulation, motivation naturally improves as the nervous system stabilizes.

Sustainable motivation is deeply connected to meaning. Values-based actions and motivation can support long-term engagement and positively impact one's mental health overall. Identifying core values can open motivation to personal connections that feel meaningful to individuals rather

than forced. When actions and goals align with personal values, motivation shifts from "I should" to "This matters to me."

Management is key when looking to increase motivation. Motivation can improve when goals and tasks are broken into small, achievable steps. Large goals and tasks can often feel unachievable or impossible to complete. Even minimal action, such as five minutes of action, can build confidence and challenge feelings of avoidance. Over time, motivation becomes reinforced through consistent experiences and utilization of skills rather than pressure, shame, or guilt.

Ultimately, motivation is not something to conquer. It is something to listen to. When individuals learn to view motivation as a relationship with themselves, rather than a performance metric, change becomes gentler and more sustainable. Building a positive relationship with motivation honors feeling understood,

regulated, and aligned with one's values. Within this positive relationship, motivation stops being a battle and becomes the natural process of change connected to taking care of ourselves.

Yolanda Vidal, MA, LMHC, ATR, is a Youth First Mental Health Professional at McGary Middle School in Vanderburgh County. Youth First, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening youth and families. Youth First provides over 100 highly trained mental health professionals (primarily master's level social workers), prevention programs, parent engagement coordinators, and bilingual support personnel to 130 schools across 14 Indiana counties. Over 55,000 youth and families each year are served by Youth First's school-based social work and community programs that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and maximize student success. To learn more about Youth First, visit [youthfirstinc.org](http://youthfirstinc.org) or call 812-421-8336.



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# Dubois County Art Guild February minutes

The Dubois County Art Guild held their February 5th meeting at the Hickory Room in the Jasper Public library. President LaVonne Tisdal called the meeting to order at 6 pm and welcomed twenty-five members plus one guest. She reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet for record-keeping purposes. The Guild welcomed our new members- Steve Poehlein, Alexianna Mundy, Harry Hagan OSB, Cheyenne Temple and Bill Bolander.

Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to members. If anyone failed to receive the minutes, please reach out to ensure proper

communication.

Treasurer, Mary Reisz, presented the treasurer's report. The group discussed the importance of member dues and confirmed all members have paid.

Alexianna Mundy from Traditional Arts Today discussed the gallery's search for local artists to display and teach classes. Please contact info@traditionalartstoday.org for more information.

The upcoming Dubois County Art Guild show will be held on April 2nd. Brother Jean Fish OSB from the Saint Meinrad Archabbey is the judge for the 2026 show. He has a Bachelors degree

of Fine Arts from the University of Birmingham. Guild members must send their piece's picture, title, dimensions, name and medium for the show to Emily Colucci-Peak at the visualarts@jasperindiana.gov before February 28. Artwork must be dropped off on March 30 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Thyen-Clark center. On April 2nd, Brother Fish OSB will judge the show. The opening reception is from 5-7pm on April 2nd. There will be no guild meeting that night. Artwork pick up is on May 26th from 9 am to 5 pm. The Guild will be notified by March 5 if

members may display 2 pieces. The Thyen-Clark center will take a 40% commission. All artwork must have 2 D rings on the back for display. An email will be sent out with more details.

Joseph (Swampy) Schoenbachler is organizing a September Art Show at the Dubois County Museum for DCAG members. August 22nd and 23rd will be the drop off dates for the art. The commission might be set at 20%. The largest size the art may be is 2ft by 3ft. The picture must have wire or saw tooth hangers on the back.

Kim Henzel is the featured artist at the Jasper Mill until May

2026. Please check out the beautiful display!

Ann Kissel will be teaching a free, grant-funded pastel workshop at Trinity United Church of Christ on March 7th or March 14th from 9am to 3pm. The workshop is to help combat loneliness among older individuals. Ten members from the guild and ten members from the public are invited to this free workshop. Please bring your own sack lunch. DCAG members must bring their own board, pastel, charcoal, masking tape, rubbing alcohol, ¼ - 1in bristle brush, and ruler. Sign-ups will be sent out by the end of the month. Members LaVonne

Tisdal, Sue Tarrant, and Jamie Moss shared their pastels from the Ashley Addison Black pastel workshop. The pastels were done on sanded paper. Each participant did a scene of Queen Anne's Lace, a sunset and a lake.

President LaVonne Tisdal did a Valentine's Day bookmark craft. Members cut a heart out of an envelope corner and decorated it.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

The next Dubois County Art Guild meeting will be held on March 5th at 6pm in the Hickory Room at the Jasper Public library.

## Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140 meet

The Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140 met for their monthly meeting on Monday, January 12, at 6:30pm, in Room 301 in the St. Joseph Parish Center. Regent Marge Beckman welcomed all to the meeting and invited members to join her in a rosary said for past members Mona Resenbeck, Alice Beck and Marie Seifert. A rosary was not said for them by the Circle at their showing. Following the rosary, Regent Beckman welcomed all to the meeting. Chancellor Bev Himsel read the Opening Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was said. Vice Regent Sharon Gramelspacher read from the Spiritual Reflection Guide on "Greetings to Mary". Regent Beckman asked for any special intentions and prayers were said for the intentions.

Secretary Pam Schneider called the Roll of Officers. Present were Marge Beckman-Regent, Sharon

Gramelspacher-Vice regent, Kathy Schneider-Past Regent, Rose Rasche-Treasurer, Betty Mehringer-Financial secretary, Chris Schuetter-Assistant Financial secretary, Pam Howard, Lynne Bohnert and Tracey Merkel-Auditors, Pam Schneider-Secretary, Kathy Bachman Scribe, Bev Himsel-Chancellor and Dianne Klein-Second Guide. Martha Matthews was absent. The minutes from the December meeting will be read in February. Treasurer Rose Rasche gave the Report of the Treasurer and Reading of Bills. Secretary Schneider read several letters. A Thank you note was received from Southwest Junior Achievement for our recent donation. The Family of Bernita Berger thanked the D of I for our contributions made in Bernita's name to St. Joseph Church and St. Meinrad. Thank you notes were received from Fathers John

Brosmer and Donald Ackerman for the gifts given to them by the Daughters of Isabella at Christmastime. Scribe Kathy Bachman stated there were no deaths to report and that she had sent out corrected announcements to the parishes and news media listing Marge Beckman as our newly elected Regent.

Under the report of Standing and Special Committees Vice Regent Gramelspacher reported that visiting the sick during February will be Bev Himsel, Sharon Reckelhoff and Donna Altman. It was announced that eleven members are now in the nursing homes. Under Membership a Prayer for Membership was prayed by all. Our Circle continues to be the largest Daughter of Isabella Circle in the organization with 276 members. The Circle welcomes Catholic women who wish to be members of the Circle. You must be 16 years or older

to join and a Catholic. Many members join the organization to share with other Catholic women the three pillars of the organization, which are: to live in unity, friendship and charity. Contact Regent Marge Beckman for more information about joining the D of I. Dues are \$20 a year. The Jasper Circle invites all Catholic women in their area parishes of St. Isidore, Divine Mercy, St. Mary's Ireland, St. Mary's Huntingburg, and Precious Blood, Holy Family, and St. Joseph in Jasper to join.

Members were informed that St. Joseph parish in Jasper will again host weekly Lenten Friday Night programs with the Way of the Cross and serving meatless soups before their Lenten presentations. More information will be coming on the date, time D of I will commit to and variety of soups they will make.

Dates were

announced for 2026 for D of I scheduled Masses. Mass for Shut-ins will be April 1 at 8:00 a.m., April 23 will be the Memorial Mass at 6:30 p.m. and May 7 will be a Mass said at 8:00 a.m. for D of I living/deceased members. All Masses will be said at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

The Moose Bingo Fundraiser dates have been announced. The D of I will assist the Moose on January 20 and February 24 with their Bingos those nights.

The D of I decorated a Christmas tree and shared printed information on the organization at the Dubois County Museum's Festival of Trees. Vice Regent Gramelspacher thanked all those who helped. We plan on participating again next year.

Members read the prayer for Youth and Chancellor Himsel read the Evangelization Prayer.

Financial Secretary gave the receipts of

the meeting. She thanked those who have already paid their 2026 dues. Members with last names beginning with the first letters of A-K are asked to send their \$20 check, with a stamped self-addressed envelope to Betty Mehringer at 1744 W. Ackerman Road, Jasper; while those members with last names beginning with letters L-Z are asked to send their check and envelope to Chris Schuetter at 2452 N. Mill Street, Jasper.

The meeting closed with the Obligation and the Closing Prayer and the singing of the Closing Ode. The next meeting will be February 9 in Room 301 at St. Joseph Parish Center at 6:30pm.

Winning the meeting prize was Sharon Gramelspacher. She also had a January birthday and won the birthday prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bachman  
Scribe

## Actors Community Theater offering \$500 annual theatre scholarship opportunity to area students

JASPER, IN – Actors Community Theatre is proud to announce the availability of a \$500 scholarship for talented individuals in our community.

ACT believes in the transformative power of the arts and providing opportunities for growth. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must have participated in at least two ACT productions, maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2, and either be a 2026 high school graduate attending college in the fall of 2026 or currently enrolled in college. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2026.

If you meet the eligibility criteria and are interested in applying, you can submit your application online at actorscommunitytheatre.com/

scholarship. For any further inquiries, please contact ACT at info@actorscommunitytheatre.com.

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Directors and generous community donations have played an integral part in the success of these and other ACT endeavors.

ACT is organized to provide the community with cultural and educational entertainment in all branches of dramatic arts. Our goal is to promote theatre as a necessity of community culture through productions, workshops, master classes, and other theatrical opportunities.

The 2026 Performance Season for Actors Community Theatre includes:

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## Caroline Kaiser named to University of Mississippi 2025 Chancellor's Honor Roll

UNIVERSITY, MS — Caroline Kaiser, of Jasper, IN, was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2025 Honor Roll.

Kaiser, in the B.A.Ed. in Elementary Education program, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"We are very proud of the students earning the Chancellor's Honor Roll designation," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "This recognition reflects their academic excellence and achievements and exemplifies the hard

work, commitment and dedication that define our university community."

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# DNR hiring for Indiana Conservation officer positions

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Law Enforcement is looking for highly motivated, outdoor-centered individuals to fill Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) positions across the state.

Anyone interested should first read "Become a Conservation Officer" on our website and complete the

pre-screening test under the "Apply" link. Successful completion of the pre-screening test will automatically enter you into the hiring process. You will then be notified of the next process phase as it becomes available.

To be qualified to pass the pre-screening test, you must be a United States citizen and be 21 years old by Oct. 30. You also must be

able to pass the new Physical Agility Test, which is the new fitness standard for all Law Enforcement in the state starting Aug. 1. The website listed above also contains a video demonstrating the Physical Agility Test, course diagram and testing protocols.

Conservation officers comprise Indiana's oldest state law enforcement agency. ICOs are fully

recognized Indiana police officers who enforce and uphold all DNR rules and regulations as well as all other Indiana state laws. ICOs spend most of their time on the job enforcing fishing and hunting regulations, conducting marine boat patrol on Indiana's waterways, and patrolling DNR properties to keep them safe and family friendly.



In addition to traditional law enforcement work, ICOs also engage in specialty areas, including scuba, K-9,

search and rescue, swift water rescue, and many more. To view all DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

# Gebisa Ejeta to be inducted into National Inventors Hall of Fame

*Plant geneticist honored for lifesaving research on vital grain crop*

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — World-renowned plant geneticist and Purdue Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Agronomy Gebisa Ejeta, whose groundbreaking research and patent of grain sorghum has saved millions of people from starvation around the world, will be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame Class of 2026 on May 7 in Washington, D.C., in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Ejeta, who is a Presidential Fellow and previously served as executive director of the Purdue Center for Global Food Security, helped farmers increase production of the versatile and important cereal grain by developing drought- and disease-resistant hybrids and boosting crop



Gebisa Ejeta, the Presidential Fellow for Food Security and Sustainable Global Development and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Agronomy, was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame Class of 2026. (Purdue Agricultural Communications photo/Tom Campbell)

yields. His work has improved food security for people across Africa and globally.

Ejeta is one of 15 innovators who will be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Since 1973, the NIH has annually honored influential patent-holding innovators whose work has significantly advanced technology, society and the nation's

welfare.

Ejeta's outstanding contributions to the science of plant genetics and his impact on the world's ability to reliably produce resilient sorghum hybrids, along with his service as an advisor at the highest levels of science and national policy, earned him the World Food Prize in 2009 and the U.S. National Medal of Science in 2023.

Born and raised in a small, rural community in west central Ethiopia, Ejeta earned his master's and PhD in plant breeding and genetics from Purdue. He served as a College of Agriculture faculty member and researcher from 1984 until his retirement in 2025.

Ejeta's work is part of Purdue's One Health initiative, a presidential initiative

focused on solving complex challenges at the intersection of human, animal and plant health and delivering real-world impact.

The 2026 class also includes Frank S. Greene Jr., who received his master's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue in 1962. Greene will be posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. He developed high-speed semiconductor memory systems, including the fastest microchip then available for the ILLIAC IV supercomputer. Greene died Dec. 26, 2009. He was 71.

About Purdue University  
Purdue University is a public research university leading with excellence at scale. Ranked among top 10 public universities in

the United States, Purdue discovers, disseminates and deploys knowledge with a quality and at a scale second to none. More than 106,000 students study at Purdue across multiple campuses, locations and modalities, including more than 57,000 at our main campus locations in West Lafayette and Indianapolis. Committed to affordability and accessibility, Purdue's main campus has frozen tuition 14 years in a row. See how Purdue never stops in the persistent pursuit of the next giant leap — including its integrated, comprehensive Indianapolis urban expansion; the Mitch Daniels School of Business; Purdue Computes; and the One Health initiative — at <https://www.purdue.edu/president/strategic-initiatives>.

## 30th Annual 2026 Spring Farm Auction ONLINE ONLY Saturday, March 7th - 10 AM CST



The 30th ANNUAL SPRING FARM CONSIGNMENT AUCTION will be an online auction through [DASONLINEAUCTIONS.HIBID.COM](http://DASONLINEAUCTIONS.HIBID.COM). All equipment will be lined up and staged at the Warwick County 4-H Center as usual. We will not be accept: hand tools, boxed lots, tires, or small barn and garage related items that are usually lined up along the barn. DAS has the writer refusal of any Merchandise Items will be lined up and staged outside in the order they come in the commission is on a sliding scale per each item and a \$15 fee will be charged for each item with a title.

DAS WILL TAKE CONSIGNMENTS FROM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 5 FROM 7 AM TILL 5 PM.

**NO CONSIGNMENTS TAKEN on Friday, MARCH 6th or on AUCTION DAY!**

Please bring a list of good description of items being signed each day, items will be updated and available for online auction.

Items can be viewed at the 4-H Center Friday, March 6 and on March 7.

The staff will be present if you have any for more information.

For pictures & bidding please call or look at our website [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](http://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com)

The percentage of each item for the auction are as follows:

\$1 to \$100	30%
\$101 to \$500	20%
\$501 to \$2,000	15%
\$2,001 to \$7,000	10%
\$7,0001 on up	7%



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