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Local teacher's unique program lifts up students and community

By Cathy Shouse

Sometimes a simple idea can make a big difference. Maria Friend saw a need for positivity and support and filled it with her own creative plan. Friend is a 6th grade science teacher at Madison Grant High School and has developed a group outside of the school curriculum, one that meets at lunch.

"Our group is called Lunch and Laughs," Friend said. "It is made up of a mix of 5th and 6th grade girls. A student shared that she felt invisible and unheard so I wanted to start a group to build trust, connection, and a sense of community through simple activities and conversation. Our social worker, Hannah Rowley, was a huge help in recommending students for this group."

After Friend started the program, other students would drop by her classroom and ask to join. They meet at school on Fridays during lunch.

One project they launched in the group had the aim of putting a focus on something positive. The response was more than they hoped for. There



Maria Friend, a 6th grade science teacher at Madison-Grant, has started a group to promote positivity.

were videos taken of people sharing that were viewed by many.

"The short video was actually our first activity and students around the building seemed to embrace it," she said. "Students in Lunch and Laughs started by selecting a few students each during lunch to 'share something good.' For episode two we set up a mic and camera in the third and fourth grade hallway and 5th and 6th grade hallway during arrival,

allowing students to stop if they felt moved to share something good. We want to share all the positivity going around in our school, and not just what's going on in one hallway or lunch table."

Friend has been interested and appreciated the impact this project has. Some students who hesitated in the beginning, then ended up smiling after they shared. "The girls in

Lunch and Laughs have shared how negativity and drama can often overshadow the positives, and how hard it can be for students to celebrate themselves and their peers in fear of others judging or criticizing them. The activity is one small way we're hoping to shift that mindset by showing everyone that it's okay to feel proud, happy, and supportive."

The activity has had a ripple effect, and has reached out into the community and even into surrounding towns. Some have said the video "brings them joy."

The encouragement to see the bright side has filtered out to MG students not in the lunches. Many have gone beyond the assignment and shared the positivity on their own. "I've witnessed students giving each other positive feedback, a smile, and even a high five when passing by and hearing the positive news their peers had just shared," Friend said.

For more details, go to "Park Elementary" on Facebook.

Rep. Bartels' bill to streamline dozens of Indiana boards passes House

STATEHOUSE – Legislation authored by State Rep. Stephen Bartels (R-Eckerty) that reforms dozens of state boards and commissions was recently passed by the Indiana House of Representatives.

House Bill 1003 would sunset or restructure dozens of redundant or inactive boards and commissions, aiming to streamline government and improve efficiency across multiple policy areas. HB 1003 is part of the House Republican caucus' 2026 legislative priorities to reduce government bureaucracy.

Bartels said that the bill has evolved from its inception, with careful consideration as it moved through the committee process and through hearing stakeholder testimony.

"Almost all of the boards and commissions in Indiana were reviewed thoroughly throughout this process, and stakeholders had the opportunity to submit reports to the Government Reform Task Force," Bartels said. "Without that input, this legislation does not happen. The goal is not taking away services or functions

of the government but streamlining them to improve efficiency. I believe, if this legislation becomes law, that those who interact with any of the affected state boards and commissions will notice a greatly improved experience."

HB 1003 would also consolidate various cultural-focused commissions under one Indiana Cultural Commission (ICC), centralizing resources for communities across Indiana. Bartels said that the change in makeup of cultural commissions preserves critical representation for communities across the state.

HB 1003 now moves to the Senate for consideration. To read more about this bill and follow session, visit iga.in.gov.



Rep. Stephen Bartel



Tell Me Something Good



MG students and teachers were photographed sharing their answer to: Tell me something good. Photos were made into videos. Some were happy when the weather warmed up, when they had a birthday, and when they received good grades.



Weekend fire at Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Submitted by Catherine Lamb

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, Indiana experienced its first ever fire. The buildings involved were 51, 52 and 53 which are engineering

and maintenance. Carpet and linoleum were stored in at least one of the buildings. Fire departments from Marion, Gas City, Swayzee in addition to Washington, Mill and Center Townships were involved in extinguishing the fires. It was reported

that due to low water pressure, tanker trucks of water had to be brought in. As of 3 p.m., the fire was still smoldering. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. Fox 59 reported that the water sprinklers were not in working condition.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Released from past mistakes

By Teresa LeNeave
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If you're a beach lover like me, you've watched as ocean waves wash onto shore melting your footprints into the surrounding sand. If you've noticed, sometimes those powerful waves must take two or three sweeps across the grainy sand before the telltale signs of someone walking completely disappears. A tiny footprint may only take one gush of water, but a big and deep footprint takes more than one.

That's like the footprints left in our lives because of sin. Some are barely seen. Others are very deep. What can we do about the footprints that just won't go away?

In life, not only do we have to contend with footprints we've left behind, we also have to learn to deal with the footprints our



spouses, our children, our churches, our government and sometimes even the footprints our parents left behind. But know this, the past has no power over you if you don't focus on it. Apostle Paul had lots of reasons to regret his life before Christ, but he said, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching

forth unto those things which are before" (Phil 3:13).

Focusing on the left-behind footprints is not healthy. Satan tries to keep our focus on what is wrong, but God wants us to think on what is right. For some of us, it's time to change our thinking habits, if we want to be released from past mistakes. The Bible says, think on these

things: whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report (Phil. 4:8). Not once does Jesus say to think on your failures and shortcomings.

For all of us, the first step in washing away deep and unpleasant footprints, the answer is to give our life to Christ. After that, it becomes a journey. You're not instantly

sanctified and perfect. We are, however, cleansed by his blood and forgiven. Trouble is, forgiveness does not wipe out the past. The price for sin is very costly. Sometimes, bad choices turn our entire lives around and continue spinning in mindless circles. Only Jesus can help people deal with the spinning that is out of control.

Too many of our choices are made without 'thinking'. Take, for instance, when I fell off a city scooter ripping the hamstring muscle from my bone. Getting on that scooter was a decision I made without thinking and it's one I'll be reminded of for the rest of my life. I'll no longer have the freedom to do just any activity I want to. My life will be filled with many restrictions and, for me, that's a gross reminder that there's always a price to pay for not thinking before acting foolishly.

No one can change your life, but you. God can change your heart and your desires, but it will be up to you to obey God and change your life. In this life, we will all leave deep and unwanted footprints, but thank God, He has the ability to wash away our sins and make us whole again.

Whatever happened to the fear of sinning?

By Dr. Billy Holland

What does the average, or maybe we could say normal, person think about sin? Have you noticed that most people would rather listen to messages that talk about how much God loves us and wants to bless us, than how His heart is breaking over us failing Him? Some of you might be thinking, you thought this was an inspiring and encouraging column, but my response is like your mom used to say, before we eat our chocolate cake, we also need to eat our spinach. We claim we want to please God, but is this true? Our level of reverential fear of who He is reveals how much we love and respect Him.

Do we have an awareness or feel guilty when we are not displaying the character of God? For

those who have made a vow to honor the covenant of Christ, are they convicted when they willingly disobey Him? One of the dangers of becoming distracted with the everyday activities of life is how seldom we examine our attitude and behavior. Being spiritually cold and calloused is how the heart and mind can grow numb to sin. Aren't we required to develop spiritual discernment? It's one thing to feel guilty about sins we commit, but we often forget about the sins of omission, where we neglect to obey His voice. We are deceived to assume that God is lenient about our rebellion, as He does not turn a blind eye to our secret games of denial.

This brings us to some interesting questions: Does God keep a running record

of our sins? When we ask Him to become our Lord, does this mean all our sins, past, present, and future, are forgiven? If we need to constantly ask forgiveness, do we confess each sin specifically, or can we just take the easy way by grouping them all together as one general request? "Lord, forgive me of all my sins." Some churches emphasize private confession, where the individual explains to the priest the ultimate details of what they have done. This particular theology believes a prescription is given that will eliminate the offenses from the eternal record. Other churches embrace that Jesus is the only personal mediator between God and man, and the only Savior who can forgive us. Jesus paid for our sins with His blood at Golgotha,

but does this mean that all our trespasses are automatically washed away? Or are we required to repent for each specific sin? What if we forget about certain sins?

Sin is basically defined as missing the mark, which refers to God's plan for the redeemed to live holy as He is holy. You see, God has the highest standard of purity and expects His people to see sin as intentional rebellion and disobedience. We have mentioned recently how it's common for the average person to ignore sin as something that God does not pay attention to. This is not true. We need to realize our carnal behavior breaks His heart. When was the last time our sin made us physically ill to the point of being nauseated? Why are we not afraid of sinning against

Him, especially since the Bible contains terrifying stories about those who did? One example is found in Joshua chapter seven about a man named Achan. He kept some of the valuable spoils of war, after God warned Israel to not keep anything, and his disobedience resulted in Israel losing the battle, the death of 36 soldiers, and he and his entire family were executed.

In Acts chapter five, we read about Ananias and Sapphira, a husband and wife who claimed to donate the full amount of a land sale to the church. However, as they secretly held back a portion for themselves, their deception was considered by God as lying to the Holy Spirit, and they fell dead. There is not enough room to list them, but

consider just a few punishments for sin including Adam and Eve, the prophets of Baal, the flood, Miriam's leprosy, Lot's wife, Herod Agrippa, Nabal, Er and Onan, Uzzah, Nadab and Abihu, Sodom, the 250 followers of Korah, and the 42 children who mocked the prophet Elisha. The point is that just because we do not see people falling dead for their sins, this does not cancel the warning that declares the wages of sin are death. "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire" Hebrews 12:28-29.

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It seems, years ago, I simply reacted when hunting season came. The preparation phase lasted only about a month. The reason was because I hunted area farms. Unlike many hardwoods' areas, farmland hunting is fairly predictable. The deer are basically going to be there from year to year. I know this cuts out the need for a lot of scouting articles, but the truth is the truth. For instance, I have heard all my life that oak trees only produce acorns every three years or so. Now, I've not studied this, so don't send me mean emails. What I have discovered is

this. If there is an oak tree on the side of a field, and that field is fertilized by the farmer every year, that tree will have acorns every year. I have also noticed this. If that same farmer has several cows and those cows fertilize around that oak tree every year (if you know what I mean), that tree will have acorns every year as well. Things just are a little different on the farm. And what about that wonderful spring gobbler? I've hunted them in the deep woods and on the farm and I can tell you, once again, if that farmer has cows and he feeds those cows a little sweet feed; he



is creating one of the best management areas for turkeys. What each hunter needs to realize is that each cow pie is a natural bait pile that a turkey will eventually find. Somehow, I just can't see this technique being given print space in any

outdoor magazine; but again, that's life on the farm; a little different and, in my opinion, a lot better. The farmer has learned that nothing is wasted – even waste. He has learned that what the rest of the world sees as worthless and even unmentionable is the

catalyst for growth and the medium for consistency. He has learned that waste is not waste. It is fertilizer!

What all of us need to remember is there is nothing that happens in our life that is useless or worthless. God never looks at something we have done and says, "I can't use that." He uses everything and has promised that even the things we consider of no use, He will use to grow our life into one that is consistent in bearing spiritual fruit year after year. As I like to say, not only can God make something out of nothing, but He can

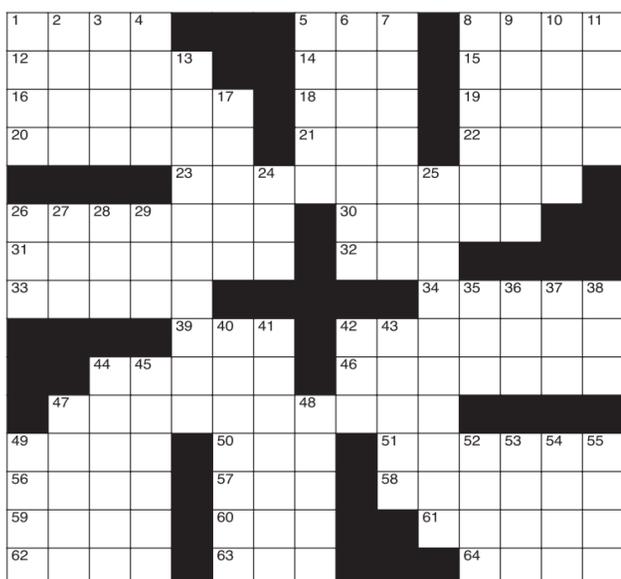
make something out of everything. And that means what looks like cow pies to you, is fertilizer to God.

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Crossword Puzzle



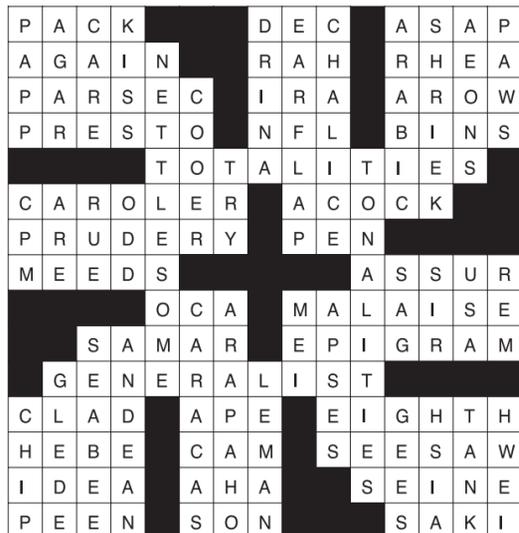
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. What travelers must do
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Hopefully quickly
- 12. Once more
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 16. Astronomy unit
- 18. Savings vehicle
- 19. Get your ducks in this
- 20. Right away
- 21. Popular sports league
- 22. Containers
- 23. Entireties
- 26. One who wassails
- 30. Turned-up position
- 31. Extreme modesty
- 32. Writing utensil
- 33. Rewards (archaic)
- 34. Ancient capital
- 39. S. American wood sorrel
- 42. General discomfort
- 44. Philippine island
- 46. A witty saying
- 47. One who summarizes
- 49. Covered in
- 50. Mimic
- 51. Henry was a notable one
- 56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 57. Retired NFLer Newton
- 58. Playground equipment
- 59. Concept
- 60. Satisfaction
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Hammer end
- 63. A father's male child
- 64. Japanese drink

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Off-Broadway figure
- 2. Gelatinous substance
- 3. Concern
- 4. "Lick It Up" rockers
- 5. Serbian river
- 6. Part of a hat
- 7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- 8. Semitic language
- 9. Utter a shrill cry
- 10. Long times
- 11. Animal parts
- 13. Causing annoyance
- 17. Amorous talker
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Harmonic effects
- 26. Cost per mile
- 27. They ___
- 28. Bitterly regret
- 29. Not even
- 35. A way to drop
- 36. Title of respect
- 37. World leader
- 38. Georgia rockers
- 40. National capital
- 41. Great Plains people
- 42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- 43. Architectural recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Mountainous
- 47. Kite bird
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Popular snack made of potato
- 52. 70s songsters The Bee ___
- 53. SE China port ___-men
- 54. Something to fill up
- 55. League of Legends character

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to canned food. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = E)

- A. 6 22 21 21 5 8**
Clue: Sealed in metal
- B. 1 5 22 16**
Clue: Pairs well with carrots
- C. 16 14 15 1**
Clue: Liquid meal
- D. 10 5 22 21 16**
Clue: Legumes

Answers: A. canned B. peas C. soup D. beans

Word Search

CANNED GOODS WORD SEARCH



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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

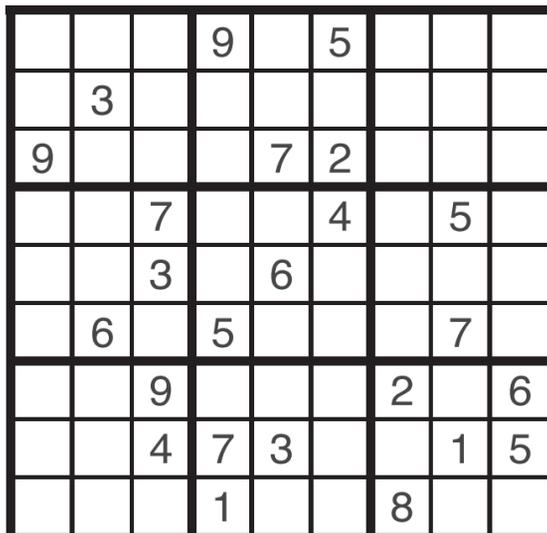
WORDS

- BRINE
- CAN
- CANISTER
- FERMENTATION
- FILLED
- LABEL
- LID
- LINING
- OPENER
- PACKING
- PASTEURIZE
- PICKLING
- PRESERVE
- PROCESSING
- REHYDRATE
- ROTATION
- SEALING
- SHELF
- STERILE
- STOCKPILE
- STORAGE
- SYRUP
- TIN
- VACUUM

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 canned food.

ODGOS



Answer: Goods

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on February 25, 1976 in California. I attended Harvard University and wanted to become a lawyer. But I went into the arts and starred on a popular television series about the recreation department of a small town. My father was a legendary record producer.

Answer: Rashida Jones

COLORING FUN

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Monday, March 2nd

Valentine's Day Jokes

What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?
Lily

Why do birds fly north in the spring?
Because it's way faster than walking.

How excited was the gardener about springs?
So excited he wet his plants!

What did the big flower say to the little flower?
Hi, Bud!

Why are trees very forgiving in spring?
Because they turn over a new leaf.

What goes up when the rain comes down?
An umbrella



Clara May Chism

Clara May Chism, 85, of Swayzee, passed away at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Timbercrest Senior Living in North Manchester. Honoring Clara's wishes, 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, Indiana.

Richard G. Mauman

Richard Gene Mauman, born December 19, 1951, was a loving son, husband and father. He passed away with Jesus and family by his side on February 18, 2026. The family will receive visitors from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Additional visitation will be from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon with a Mass to celebrate Richard's life at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the St. Paul Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory - Marion.

Lawrence R. Schmidt

Lawrence R. Schmidt, 80, Marion, passed away at 12:57 am on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System. A funeral mass to celebrate Lawrence's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026, at St. Paul Parish 1009 W. Kem Rd., Marion, IN. Father Michael Block will be officiating with burial following at Gardens of Memory - Marion.

Ronald W. Mullen

Ronald "Ronzo" Mullen, 65, of Marion passed away February 17, 2026, after a brief, but courageous battle with cancer. The family received visitors from 12 to 1 pm on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Ronald's life was held at 1 pm with Tracy Phillips officiating.

Jane Ann Boxell

Jane Ann Boxell, 88, of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 11:44 am on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne. A committal service to celebrate Jane's life will take place at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at Grant Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion, IN, 46952. Rev. Haley Asberry officiating. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park.

Linda Walker

Linda Walker, a beloved figure in her community and a dedicated professional, passed away on February 20, 2026, in Marion, Indiana, the age of 77. The memory of Linda Walker will be honored during visitation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM on February 24, 2026, at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home in Marion, Indiana. Linda's spirit will continue to inspire and guide her family as they

navigate the days ahead without her physical presence; while cherishing the love and warmth she brought into their lives.

Aimee E. Carter

Aimee E. Carter, born on December 31, 1972, in Marion, Indiana, departed this world on February 18, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter that will echo in the hearts of all who knew her. Family and friends were invited to gather in Aimee's memory during the visitation on February 23, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 6:00 PM, all took place at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, located in Marion, Indiana.

Richard Parks

Richard Parks, a beloved member of the Gas City community, passed away on February 15, 2026, at the age of 76. A visitation in Richard's honor took place on February 18, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, located at 1202 West Kem Road, Marion, Indiana 46952.

Dale Williams

Dale L. Williams, 67, of Fowlerton, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Aperia Care. Dale's wishes were entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928. In accordance with Dale's wishes, cremation will take place with no services scheduled.

Linda J Listenfelt

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Linda J. Listenfelt, who left this world on February 18, 2026, at the age of 77. Arrangements for Linda were entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928, where on Friday, February 20, 2026, there was a visitation held from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., the funeral service followed at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Glen Davis. Burial immediately followed at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, Indiana.

Jay McClellan

Jay H. McClellan, 69, of Alexandria, Indiana passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2026, surrounded by the familiar comforts he cherished, after facing a long and difficult medical journey with strength and determination. Visitation for Jay was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, IN 46989. The funeral service followed at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the funeral home, with Pastor Joe Ruberg officiating. Burial followed at Matthews Cemetery.

Donald Michael Board

Donald "Mike" Board, 76, of Marion, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to College Park Chapel Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, Indiana 46953. A graveside service will be held at Grant Memorial Park on February 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., with Pastor Steve Armes officiating.

Brian D. Hurley

Brian DeWayne Hurley, 55, passed away on February 16, 2026 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Memorial service was held at 6:30 pm Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, IN with Rev. Tim Hall officiating. He will be cremated and burial of cremains will take place at Trenton Cemetery at a later date.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Submitted by Catherine Lamb

Back Creek Friends – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Back Creek Wesleyan – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Fairmount Baptist Church – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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.

Grant Church (Global Methodist)
11018 S 300 E Fairmount
9:00 a.m.

Jones Chapel – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9 a.m.

MorningStar Ministries, 11:00 a.m. (Jonesboro)

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.

(Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)

Fairmount UMC – Monday – 7 p.m. – Campus Life

Fairmount UMC – Wednesday – 10 a.m., Men and Women's Bible Study

Upcoming Community Events

Submitted by Catherine Lamb

Community Breakfast – Masonic Lodge #635, Saturday, (biweekly), freewill donation Hope Center – Every Friday, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fairmount Town Council – Biweekly at 6 p.m.

Eagles Nest Food Pantry – February 19th at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(At Park School. Additional dates are on Fairmount Wesleyan Church website. Click events)

Feeding Fairmount Ministry – 2nd Monday of month – Fairmount UMC, freewill donation, 12 noon

Blackford County Extension - April 14: April District Meeting in Hartford City, "As American As Apple Pie"

Blackford County Extension - May 7: Achievement Day which includes recognition of perfect attendance, membership milestones, new members & Memorial for deceased members.

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***Deadline is Monday at 5 PM for the
Thursday edition.**



UPCOMING EVENT

Brenden Trojan, Magician

Arts Place Jay County Campus invites you to the second performance of the 2026 Eric R. Rogers Performing Arts Series!

Brenden creates interactive magic and mentalism experiences where the audience isn't just watching, they're part of the show. His goal is to make every person in the room feel like the magic was made just for them!

Event Date/
Time: Saturday,
March 7, 2026
Doors open: 2:15 pm
Performance: 3:00 pm

Free magic kids (while supplies last) at the conclusion of the show courtesy of Compass Wealth Solutions

Event Location:
Arts Place Jay
County Campus:
131 E Walnut St,
Portland, IN 47371

Cost: Adult tickets:
\$8.00

13 and under
tickets: \$4.00

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The Guardians and 8th Street in concert at Epworth Church March 14

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce The Guardians with special guest 8th Street in concert on Saturday, March 14, 2026! New Saturday early start time for 2026: concerts start at 6 pm (Doors open at 5 pm. Tickets \$15. Also, a love offering will be received. Tickets on sale at epworthworship.com/guardians or call/text 765-667-0842.

John Darin Rowsey, Pat Barker, Dale Forbes, and Paul Lancaster, collectively known as The Guardians are a southern gospel quartet with a unique sound, tight harmony and a passion for sharing the gospel through their music. Occasionally, they are joined on stage



The Guardians

by founding member, owner and manager, Dean Hickman, who has been in southern gospel music for over 60 years. With three Dove Award nominations, multiple #1 songs and Fan Awards, the Lord has blessed The Guardians with an incredible journey

since their inception. Each member of the Group brings a sincere commitment to glorifying Jesus Christ. Therefore, their mantra remains echoing John the Baptist's words in John 3:30: "He must increase but I must decrease". It all started on 8th street in Sapulpa,



8th Street

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Local students to President's and Dean's Lists

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Clayton McCorkle of Converse (46919), studying Business Management.

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Kinzi Whitton of Marion (46952), studying Early/Elementary Education: Mild Intervention.

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SAINT MARY OF THE WOODS, IN — Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is pleased to announce that Jaleigh Crawford of Elwood, IN has achieved Dean's List Honors for the fall 2025 semester.

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Open your eyes to the threat of glaucoma

It is easy to take sight for granted when eyes are working as they should. When vision begins to diminish, people may seek the advice of an eye professional to determine if there is something they can do to prevent further deterioration.

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, advises the Cleveland Clinic. Unlike some other vision problems like cataracts that affect the lens or surface of the eye, glaucoma impacts the optic nerve directly. However, blindness from glaucoma often can be prevented with early treatment.

Under pressure

Glaucoma is brought on by abnormal pressure buildup in the eye. The American Academy of Ophthalmology® says the eye constantly makes a substance known as aqueous humor. When new aqueous humor flows into the eye, existing aqueous humor should drain out through an area called the drainage angle. But if the drainage angle is not working correctly, the fluid builds up and intraocular pressure in the eye increases. Over time, this pressure damages the optic nerve. The primary function of the optic nerve is to transmit visual information from the retina to the brain.

Open-angle and closed-angle glaucoma

The most common type of glaucoma is known as open-angle glaucoma, which occurs when the drainage angle becomes blocked or there is resistance to the fluid draining out, says the Cleveland Clinic. This disease may go undetected for years because most people do not experience symptoms early on. The Mayo Clinic says gradual development of blind spots in peripheral vision and, in later

stages, difficulty seeing things in central vision may occur.

In closed-angle glaucoma, also called angle-closure glaucoma, a person's iris is very close to the drainage angle and the iris itself can end up blocking the drainage angle. When the drainage angle becomes completely blocked, pressure in the eye can rapidly increase. The AAO says this is known as an acute attack and is a true emergency that can result in blindness. Signs of an acute attack include:

- Suddenly blurry vision
- Severe eye pain
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Rainbow-colored rings or halos appearing around lights

Glaucoma risk factors

Glaucoma can affect anyone, but the risk increases with age (over 60) and is higher among Black and Hispanic populations. Asian and Inuit populations are more susceptible to closed-angle glaucoma, says the Cleveland Clinic. People with diabetes also have a much higher risk of getting glaucoma. In addition, individuals with a family history of glaucoma; people with high blood pressure; and people with previous eye injury or surgery are at risk for glaucoma.

Treatment

The main treatment for glaucoma includes prescription eye drops that will decrease fluids and improve drainage in the eye. Laser therapy also may be recommended to help improve fluid drainage. Surgery also can achieve better eye pressure, but it is more invasive and additional methods may be tried first.

Glaucoma is not something to take lightly. Routine eye exams that measure intraocular pressure can help determine if eyes are healthy.

Dozens of Marion Community Schools students competed in the annual ISSMA Solo & Ensemble competitions in the past month, and many brought home top ratings for their performances. More than 50 Marion Community Schools students have advanced to the state level competition!

State qualifiers:

Audrey Alsop (10th)
Nolan Berryhill (11th)
Madelynn Boogar* (11th)
Skylar Boogar (10th)
Cassandra Bucher (12th)
Mariana Castro (12th)
Miles Contreras (8th)
Keagan Couchman (11th)
Selah Craig (11th)
Aliya Cruz* (11th)
Antonio Cruz (8th)
Aubriella Cruz (9th)
Dahkota Daley (12th)
Clara Davies* (11th)
Bralen Davis (11th)
Gracie Dixon (10th)
Cymaura Dorsey (9th)
Myla Dunston (8th)
Damian Evans (12th)
Gabriel Fisher (11th)
Cecilia Hancock* (8th)
Joseph Hancock (10th)
Heidi Harshman (10th)
Benjamin Havens (10th)
Micah Hawkins (11th)
King-Henry Henriquez (10th)
Mackenzie Herring (10th)
Chayim Hofmann (12th)
Hannah Huff* (10th)
Lucy Jenkins (11th)
Evelynn Lopez-Gomez (12th)
Ruby Metz (8th)
Mia Moreno* (12th)
Jecca Paduga (8th)
Justin Peters* (12th)
Elisabella Ramirez* (8th)
Colin Roysse* (11th)
Dietrich Runyan (9th)
Brooklynnne Smith* (11th)
Hannah Smith (10th)
Nicholas Smith (11th)
Jehren Smithley (12th)
Norin Smithley (9th)
Arabella Stanley (11th)
Greg Stanley (8th)

Justice Sweat* (9th)
Skai Terry (9th)
Manuel Trejo* (12th)
Jayden Wallace (10th)
Macey Wayman* (10th)
Micah Wayman* (8th)
Zoey Wayman* (12th)
Aleah Weaver (9th)
* advanced with more than one solo or ensemble
Each year, the Indiana State School Music Association puts on regional and state level Solo & Ensemble competitions for instrumentalists and for vocalists and pianists. This year, instrumental regional competitions were held Jan. 31, and vocal/piano regional competitions were held Feb. 7. Several musicians advanced to state level competition, which is set for Feb. 21 for vocal and

piano, and Feb. 28 for instrumental.

Marion Community Schools congratulates these students on their great accomplishments, and expresses gratitude to the teachers who work every day to help these students develop their talent and skills.

Here's a look at the full list of Marion musicians who competed at the Regional Solo & Ensemble, and their awards:

Marion High School

Instrumental soloists:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):

Madelynn Boogar, junior, marimba
Benjamin Havens, sophomore, flute
Hannah Huff, sophomore, flute
Justin Peters, senior, trombone
Justice Sweat, freshman, baritone saxophone
Manuel Trejo, senior, trumpet

Other regional awards:
Mackenzie Herring, sophomore, alto saxophone, Group I silver rating
Kate Nguyen, sophomore, flute, Group I silver rating
Cymaura Dorsey, freshman, marimba, Group II gold rating
Hannah Smith, sophomore, clarinet, Group II gold rating
Hannah Smith, senior, oboe, Group II gold rating
Katy Rayment, sophomore, clarinet, Group II silver rating
Roman Dailey, junior, marimba, Group III gold rating
Carson Martindale, sophomore, flute, Group III gold rating
Rosetta Bishop, freshman, baritone, Group III silver rating
Arizona Holt, freshman, flute, Group III silver rating

Instrumental ensembles:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):

Percussion ensemble: Chayim Hofmann and Damian Evans, seniors; Bralen Davis and Madelynn Boogar, juniors; Gracie Dixon and Joseph Hancock, sophomores; and Cymaura Dorsey, freshman
Clarinet trio: Dahkota Daley and Evelynn Lopez-Gomez, seniors; and Hannah Smith, sophomore
Saxophone trio: Mackenzie Herring, sophomore; and Norin Smithley and Dietrich Runyan, freshmen
Brass quintet: Manuel Trejo, Jehren Smithley, and Justin Peters, seniors; Keagan Couchman, junior; and Jayden Wallace, sophomore

Other regional awards:
Flute trio: Eliana Campanero, Kate Nguyen, and Benjamin Havens, all sophomores, Group I silver rating

Vocal soloists:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):
Mariana Castro, senior
Aliya Cruz, junior
Aubriella Cruz, freshman
Clara Davies, junior
Hannah Huff, sophomore
Mia Moreno, senior
Colin Roysse, junior
Macey Wayman, sophomore
Zoey Wayman, senior

Other regional awards:
Liam Carpenter, sophomore, Group II gold rating

Dozens of Marion musicians advance to ISSMA's Solo & Ensemble state competition

Piano soloists:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):
Colin Roysse, junior

Vocal ensembles:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):

Chamber Ensemble 1: Zoey Wayman, senior; Nolan Berryhill, Clara Davies, Gabriel Fisher, Micah Hawkins, Colin Roysse, Nicholas Smith, juniors; Skylar Boogar, King-Henry Henriquez, sophomores; Justice Sweat, Skai Terry, freshmen
Chamber Ensemble 2: Cassandra Bucher, Mia Moreno, seniors; Madelynn Boogar, Selah Craig, Aliya Cruz, Lucy Jenkins, Brooklynnne Smith, Arabella Stanley, juniors; Audrey Alsop, Heidi Harshman, Hannah Huff, Macey Wayman, sophomores; Aleah Weaver, freshman
Quartet: Zoey Wayman, senior; Clara Davies, Brooklynnne Smith, juniors; Macey Wayman, sophomore

Other regional awards:
Jazz Choir: Mariana Castro, senior; Kera Liddick, Shauntae Stroud, juniors; Isaiah Carpenter, Kaelynn Ellis, Lena Gibson, sophomore; Alexander Castro, freshman; Angelus Conway, Aubriella Cruz, Amayah Habegger, Addison Hickman, Jakiem Jackson, Ja'mela Johnson, Molly Larson, Chrishon Lenoir, Halo Riddle, freshmen; Group II gold rating
Treble Choir: Zariah Phillippe, senior; Cheyenne Becker, Tammy Long, juniors; Heaven Hess, Ayla O'Banion, Jadynn Rybolt, sophomores; Zarah Clemons, Lilly Cook, Danica Dunning, Hailey Mauller, Stephanie McChessney, Savayia Seward, freshmen; Group III silver rating

McCulloch Junior High School

Vocal soloists:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):

Cecilia Hancock, eighth
Elisabella Ramirez, eighth
Micah Wayman, eighth

Other regional awards:
Myla Dunston, eighth, Group II, gold rating
Kylynn Howell, seventh, Group III, gold rating
Sa'Myra Letson-Reeves, seventh, Group III, gold rating
Selah Veenkant, eighth, Group III, gold rating

Vocal ensembles:
Advancing to state (Group I gold rating):

Miles Contreras, Antonio Cruz, Myla Dunston, Cecilia Hancock, Ruby Metz, Jecca Paduga, Elisabella Ramirez, Greg Stanley, Micah Wayman, all eighth

Other regional awards:
Zoey Allen, Charlie Arenas, Melissa Carpenter, Blakely Conrad, Keyly Lechuga, Zoe Lewis, Londyn Nation, Lainey Morgan, Eleanor Runyan, Jasmine Sanchez, Alexa Turner, Keke Walker, all seventh; Group III, gold rating
Qe'era Bradford, Naliyah Daniel, Myla Dunston, Emily Geren, Leyna Greenwood, Lorily Greenwood, Ky'Leah Griffin, Cecilia Hancock, Audrie Mendoza, Ruby Metz, Tavarionna O' Bryant, Jecca Paduga, Elisabella Ramirez, Tae'Lynn Reamer, Liberty Vugteveen, Annabelle Ward, all eighth; Group III, gold rating
Miles Contreras,

Antonio Cruz, Samuel Davies, Adam Gonzales, Greg Stanley, Micah Wayman, Eli Wilkinson, all eighth; Leland Craig, Jaxon Hardwick, CJ Jordan, all seventh; Group III, gold rating

Instrumental soloists:
Regional awards:

Samuel Davies, eighth, trumpet, Group II gold rating
Nate Slinkard, eighth, alto saxophone, Group III silver rating
Blakely Conrad, seventh, clarinet, Group III gold rating
Antonio Cruz, seventh, snare drum, Group III gold rating
Skyla Diskey, seventh, flute, Group III gold rating
Asa Harshman, seventh, trombone, Group III gold rating
Ellie Hart, seventh, clarinet, Group III gold rating
Cordell Jordan, seventh, tuba, Group III gold rating
Maybrey Kissell, seventh, trumpet, Group III gold rating
Alice Leonard, seventh, clarinet, Group III gold rating
Ruby Myers, seventh, marimba, Group III gold rating
Tavarionna O'Bryant, eighth, flute, Group III gold rating
Annemarie Sanchez, seventh, flute, Group III gold rating
Ty Summers, eighth, trumpet, Group III gold rating
Kamayah Smith, seventh, trumpet, Group III gold rating
Ahmari Turner, seventh, clarinet, Group III gold rating
Chris Villarreal, seventh, snare drum, Group III gold rating
Liberty Vugteveen, eighth, flute, Group III gold rating
Micah Wayman, eighth, bassoon, Group III gold rating
Kyrie York, eighth, flute, Group III gold rating
Alina Chau, eighth, flute, Group III silver rating
Raelyn Jackson, seventh, flute, Group III silver rating
Kinnley Drake, eighth, trombone, Group III silver rating
Amariyae Tatum, seventh, tenor saxophone, Group III silver rating

Instrumental ensembles:
Regional awards:

Flute trio: Tavarionna O'Bryant, Liberty Vugteveen, and Kyrie York, all eighth, Group III gold rating
Clarinet trio: Ellie Hart, Ahmani Turner, and Ahmari Turner, all seventh, Group III gold rating
Woodwind trio: Blakely Conrad, Alice Leonard, and Annemarie Sanchez, all seventh, Group III gold rating
Trumpet trio: Samuel Davies, Hadley Rumble, and Ty Summers, all eighth, Group III gold rating
Percussion quartet: Antonio Cruz, Samuel Davies, and Kyrie York, all eighth, and Chris Villarreal, seventh, Group III gold rating
Brass trio: Kyrie Beck, Asa Harshman, and Lincoln Vugteveen, all seventh, Group III silver rating
Woodwind Duet: Skyla Diskey and Amariyae Tatum, both seventh, performed for comments only

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City launches repayable loan program for investors of underutilized buildings

(Marion, IN) — The City of Marion Redevelopment Commission (RDC) has launched a new Repayable Loan Program to support private investment in the rehabilitation and improvement of underutilized buildings across the city.

The program will make up to \$1 million available annually, with loans of up to \$200,000 per project, focused on capital improvements that strengthen existing businesses and promote long-term redevelopment. Projects must leverage significant private investment and align with the City's redevelopment priorities.

Loans will feature flexible terms, including below-market interest rates and the potential for an initial interest-only period, and will be offered on a rolling basis until available funds are committed. The program will be administered in partnership with the Marion Community Development Corporation (CDC). "This is a practical

tool to help move redevelopment projects forward and encourage reinvestment in Marion," said Joe Murphy, Executive Director of the Marion Redevelopment Commission.

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**City of Marion
Redevelopment
Commission -
Repayable Loan
Program Scope & Eligible Project
Criteria**

Program Purpose:
The City of Marion Redevelopment Commission ("RDC") Repayable Loan Program is intended to support targeted private investment that advances redevelopment objectives within the City of Marion. The program is designed to assist projects that require additional upfront capital to

rehabilitate, restore, or improve underutilized or neglected buildings and spaces, thereby promoting reinvestment, economic vitality, and long-term community benefit.

This program advances one of the RDC's core principles by encouraging reinvestment in existing structures and addressing deferred maintenance and disinvestment within the community.

Loan Amounts and Terms:

- **Maximum Loan Amount:** Loans may be awarded in amounts up to \$200,000 per project.

- **Interest Rate:** The interest rate shall be set 1.0% below the applicable U.S. Treasury rate corresponding to the loan term in effect at the time of RDC approval.

- **Loan Term:** Loan terms shall be established on a project-by-project basis, with a minimum term of two (2) years and a maximum total term of seven (7) years.
- **Repayment:** Loans shall be fully repayable in accordance with the terms established

in the final loan agreement.

Interest-Only Repayment Option:

The RDC may, at its discretion, approve an initial interest-only repayment period for qualifying loans. The 'Loan Amounts and Terms' referenced above are applicable to the interest-only repayment option outlined below.

- The interest-only period may extend for up to twenty-four (24) months, as determined by the RDC based on project scope, construction timeline, and operating ramp-up needs.
- During the interest-only period, borrowers shall be required to make regular interest payments, with no principal amortization.

- Following the interest-only period, the loan shall either:
 - o convert to a fully amortizing repayment schedule for the remaining term; or
 - o be refinanced or repaid through conventional financing, subject to the terms of the final loan agreement.
- Approval of an interest-only period does not guarantee refinancing and shall be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.

Program Funding and Availability:

- The RDC shall allocate up to \$1,000,000 annually for projects under this program, subject to availability of funds. Program will not automatically renew annually.

- There shall be no formal application window. Projects will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until annual funds are fully committed.

Program Administration:

- The program shall be administered in partnership with the Marion Community Development Corporation (CDC), similarly to how the RDC currently operates with of Commercial Property Grant Program.

- **Project Evaluation and Approval:** All projects shall be evaluated and approved by the RDC.

- **Loan Administration:** Upon RDC approval, the CDC shall be responsible for issuing loan

funds, administering loan documents, and managing repayment and servicing over the loan term.

- The recipient will be billed an annual administrative fee for loan management by the CDC and RDC.

Eligible Uses of Funds:

- Loan proceeds must be used solely for capital improvements related to the operation or expansion of an existing business. Eligible uses may include, but are not limited to:
 - Purchase of equipment necessary to operate or expand the business;
 - Renovation, restoration, or expansion of an existing building for business use;
 - Improvements addressing deferred maintenance, code compliance, or functional obsolescence.

Ineligible Uses of Funds:

- Loan proceeds may not be used for:

- Purchase of land;
- Construction of new, ground-up buildings;
- Uses unrelated to capital improvements tied to business operations.

Minimum Private Investment Requirement:

As a condition of eligibility, each project must demonstrate a minimum private investment leverage ratio of two-to-one (2:1).

- Private investment may include borrower equity, third-party financing, or other non-RDC public or private funding sources, as approved by the RDC.

- The RDC reserves the right to require documentation verifying sources and uses of funds prior to loan closing and throughout the term of the loan.

- Projects that exceed the minimum leverage requirement may be given preference during the evaluation and selection process.

Loan Security and Guarantees:

All loans made under this program shall be secured by collateral appropriate to the size and risk of the project. This may include any of the following:

- Mortgages on real property
- Leins on business assets or equipment
- Personal and/or corporate guarantees

Loans may be subordinated to senior private lenders when necessary to facilitate project financing, and the RDC shall seek to obtain the strongest practicable security position while recognizing the program's role as gap financing.

Annual Allocation and Leverage Strategy:

The Redevelopment Commission intends to deploy the annual program allocation of up to \$1,000,000 in a manner that maximizes private investment and redevelopment impact. Accordingly:

- All approved loans shall meet or exceed

the minimum private investment leverage ratio of two-to-one (2:1).

- In allocating annual funds, the RDC shall consider the cumulative amount of private investment leveraged across all approved projects, with the objective of maximizing total investment impact within the community.

- The RDC may prioritize projects that demonstrate higher leverage ratios, broader redevelopment benefits, or greater strategic importance when determining the timing, amount, and sequencing of loan awards within a given year.

- Annual allocations may be adjusted to ensure that available funds are deployed in a balanced manner across project types, locations, and redevelopment priorities, consistent with the RDC's economic development strategy.

Project Evaluation and Selection Criteria:

In selecting recipients of loans under this program, the Redevelopment Commission shall consider, among other factors, the extent to which a proposed project advances the goals and objectives of the City of Marion and the RDC. Evaluation criteria may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The total amount of private and other non-RDC investment unlocked or leveraged as a result of the loan.

- The number jobs created or retained through the project, including both temporary construction-related employment and permanent positions associated with ongoing business operations.

- The project's alignment with the City's and RDC's broader economic development and redevelopment strategies, including its contribution to targeted corridors, districts, priority industries, or long-term redevelopment objectives.

- o Priority shall be given to projects that require additional upfront investment to rehabilitate or restore buildings and spaces that have experienced disinvestment or neglect and that further the RDC's mission to promote redevelopment and long term economic vitality.

- The degree to which the project supports redevelopment of underutilized or neglected properties, strengthens the tax base, improves the built environment, and contributes to sustainable economic growth.

- Consideration may be extended to disadvantaged businesses that have made efforts to secure project financing through traditional channels but have not succeeded.

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Madison-Grant Jr/Sr High School FFA



Pictured from left to right are James Madison Jr/Sr High School students Corbin Wright, Tristan Ford, Levi Nelson, Jared Payne, Bryce Miller, Dylan Billings, Brooklyn Hodupp, and Peyton Dollar. A major sponsor of this event would not have been possible without Mike Hodupp and many others.



Tristan Ford, Bryce Little, and Jared Payne are pictured on the finished tractor. A 1937 Allis Chalmers WC that was completely taken apart and restored in Ag classes over the course of two years. There is a basketball wagon attached to the tractor that the FFA built last year. One of the things that Madison Grant Jr/Sr High School is looking forward to is a petting zoo that will be put on for the elementary schools in the spring. During this event the FFA will also correspond with drive your tractor to school day.



The James Madison Jr/Sr High School participated in the James Dean parade.



Mississinewa High School

By Destiny Wycoff
Mississinewa High School FFA Advisor

This school year Mississinewa FFA has focused their efforts on increasing membership in our chapter. We held an ice cream social in September where students were invited to mingle, ask questions of current members, and visit the ice cream bar. We have also held two trivia contests where winners received \$15 gift cards to Walmart, Dairy Queen, and Starbucks. Trivia questions focused on FFA, plant science, and animal science. On March 11, we are hosting Indiana State FFA Treasurer Lily Sloan for the day. Lily will be visiting all of the agriculture classes at both Mississinewa High School and RJ Baskett Middle School to promote FFA and lead us through leadership building activities. New members are always welcome to Mississinewa FFA, and as our membership grows, we will have new opportunities to compete in competitions, travel on field trips, and host larger events.



Eastbrook High School FFA advisor Q & A

By Kevin Pluimer
Eastbrook High School FFA Advisor

Achievements & Activities:
What recent competitions, awards, or major events has your FFA chapter participated in this year?

Activities
that have been completed so far this year are as follows:

- Hosted a chapter bonfire for games and chapter bonding

- Soils Evaluation Had the 1st & 2nd Place team in the county and finished 17th at area contest
- Horticulture CDE placed 29th in the state

- Went to the local nursing home to carve pumpkins with the residents

- Crops Evaluation Entomology Evaluation: Placed 10th at the area contest

- State Meats Evaluation we finished 17th in the state

- Went to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis

- Hosted a chapter friendsgiving meal and played games

Worked the



- Walkway of Lights in Marion volunteering to man the toll booth.

- Went shopping at Walmart for the 4 children the chapter adopted from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

- Participated in the Wreaths Across America, laying wreaths on fallen heroes graves at the Marion National Cemetery

- Looking Ahead: What upcoming event, competition, or goal are you most excited about for the rest of the school year?

- One thing that we are looking forward to is the relationship we are building with NewFields Ag and working with them on the DUST program. We are selling DUST

which is a seed lubricant that replaces talc and graphite. It is made of 100% soybean grown in the US. We are working with them getting students real world sales experience, while at the same time promoting an American made product for the agriculture industry.

Upcoming events that students will be participating in the District VI Leadership contest where students will be presenting Demonstrations and speeches. This will take place at Huntington University on Saturday March 14, 2026.

Upcoming competitions that we are preparing for is District Small Engines contest, Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, Floriculture Contest, and Vet Science. All of these competitions will take place in March, April, May, and June.

We will be hosting our annual awards banquet towards the end of April where all FFA members will be recognized

FFA FUN FACTS

- The organization's official colors – national blue and corn gold – were adopted in 1929. The blue pays tribute to our nation's flag, while the gold gives a respectful nod to agriculture, symbolizing golden fields of ripened corn.
- The signature blue-and-gold FFA jacket was adopted as the organization's Official Dress all the way back in 1933, and it remains an FFA tradition 85 years later! More than 50,000 FFA jackets are manufactured every year.
- Ever wonder which states have the most FFA members? The top five membership states are Texas, California, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri. FFA operates in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The national FFA emblem consists of five meaningful symbols. The emblem's foundation is the cross-section of an ear of corn, a symbol of unity because corn grows in every state. The red rising sun symbolizes progress and opportunity. The blue plow signifies labor, the backbone of agriculture. The eagle serves as a reminder of our freedom, and the owl represents the wisdom and knowledge required for success in agriculture.
- Did you know females were not allowed to be FFA members until 1969? Today, nearly half of all FFA members are girls. To be exact, females make up 45 percent of FFA's total membership and hold about half of all state leadership positions. Talk about girl power! (ffa.org)
- African-Americans were not allowed

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Southridge



From competition to convention: Southridge FFA builds momentum

By **Laurna Todd**
ING Writer

The Southridge Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter continues to gain momentum this school year through competitive success, industry experiences and expanding leadership opportunities. Guided by agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Nick Souders, chapter members have remained active in events designed to strengthen agricultural knowledge while developing confidence and leadership skills.

According to FFA President Jaylynn Goodwin, the chapter has participated in several major competitions and activities throughout the year. Southridge FFA members competed in the Area Livestock Skill-A-Thon Career Development Event and advanced to the state level, marking an important achievement for the program.

Students also recently traveled to Purdue University to compete in the Milk Quality and Products State Career Development Event, where members applied classroom learning through hands-on agricultural evaluation. In addition to competitions, students attended the Superior Ag Annual Meeting, gaining insight into agricultural business operations and industry leadership.

The chapter further broadened its

agricultural experience by attending the National Farm Machinery Show and Championship Tractor Pull, one of the nation's largest agricultural events. The trip allowed students to explore modern equipment, technology and potential career pathways within the agriculture industry.

Looking ahead, Southridge FFA is preparing to host the District X FFA Convention. District Advisors Brianna Lammers and Nicholas Souders, alongside District President Jaylynn Goodwin, are organizing the event, which will welcome FFA chapters from across the district for leadership development competitions and activities.

Chapter leaders say they are excited to showcase Southridge while supporting members competing in upcoming leadership development events. The convention represents another opportunity for students to strengthen communication, teamwork and leadership skills — key pillars of the FFA mission.

Through competition, travel and leadership experiences, Southridge FFA continues to provide meaningful opportunities that prepare students for future careers while promoting the importance of agriculture within the community.



Cutline: Southridge FFA members recently participated in a year filled with competitions, leadership events and agricultural experiences. Pictured top to bottom, left to right are: Row 1: Jacob Tempel, William Sickbert, Makenzi Ring, Janelle Hill, Chris Rust. Row 2: Clayton Sickbert, Garrett Goodwin, Colten Schmetz, Mark McAninch, Isaac Heile, Olivia Keubler, Ethan McCoullagh, Benjamin Hoblitzel. Row 3: Alex Hohler, Lucie Mullins, Isabelle Flamion, Sybilla Burrows, Addyson Kane, Brylee Enlow, Anna Meyer, Justina McClane. Row 4: Katelynn Goodwin, Madison Richardson, Jaylynn Goodwin, Abigail Hawkins. Row 5: Ambrose Hohl, Bryce Peters, Shelby McAninch, Abigail Flamion, Leigha Blume and Kaden Jackson.

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GAME CHANGE

The Marion Giant Boys Basketball team draws a bye and will play the Norwell/Heritage winner on Friday, March 6 in the IHSAA 3A Boys Basketball Sectional Semifinal @ Belmont. That game will tip @ 6:00 pm.

Vaccination schedules for cats and dogs

Preventative veterinary medicine is a cornerstone of pet health. Vaccinations are a major part of that care that protect pets from highly contagious and potentially fatal diseases. Vaccines tend to be the safest and most cost-effective ways to protect companion

animals from preventable diseases. Specific schedules will vary based on the type of pet and the advice of a vet, but there are standard protocols recommended by most professionals. Here's a look at common core and non-core vaccinations, courtesy of The

Spruce: Pets and PetMD. Core vaccinations provide immunity against the most dangerous and widespread diseases, while non-core are recommended for pets who may be exposed to certain diseases due to geographical location or outdoor lifestyle.

Cats

FVRCP: Kittens receive the feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia generally between six and eight weeks of age. It is repeated every three to four weeks until around 16 weeks of age

FeLV: Feline leukemia virus is non-core in low-risk adult cats but often is considered core for all cats less than a year old. Kittens will get the first FeLV vaccine between nine and 11 weeks of age, then a booster three or four weeks later. Adult cats who spend time outdoors should get this vaccine booster annually.

FIV: Feline immunodeficiency virus is spread through bite wounds. It is no longer considered core, nor available in North America.

Dogs

DA2PP/DHPP/ DAPP: Canine distemper/ adenovirus-2 is commonly given as one vaccine referred to by these acronyms. The first dose of this vaccine tends to be administered between six to eight weeks of age, then boosters again between 10 and 12 weeks, and 14 and 16 weeks of age. From then on, it is an annual vaccine.

Rabies: Around the age of 14 weeks, dogs will get a rabies virus vaccine. The rabies vaccine will be an

annual shot unless the vet administers the three-year vaccine.

Leptospirosis: Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease caused by the leptospira bacteria. It affects dogs who come in contact with infected animal urine or contaminated water or soil. The leptospirosis vaccine will protect against the bacteria and symptoms.

Bordetella: Also known as kennel cough, bordetella is a highly contagious respiratory infection. Dogs who spend a lot of time in social settings are recommended to get this vaccine, first between age six and eight weeks, and later as an annual vaccine.

Lyme: Vets recommend that dogs who live in areas where Lyme disease is prevalent receive the Lyme vaccine at around age 10 weeks, and yearly thereafter.

Canine influenza: This vaccine is recommended for dogs who go to daycare, boarding facilities, the groomer, or any places where they will spend time among other dogs.

Various vaccinations are recommended for companion cats and dogs to keep them safe and healthy. Pet owners are urged to speak with their animals' veterinarians to get pets on the right vaccination schedule.

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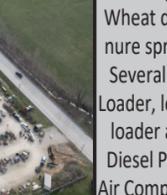
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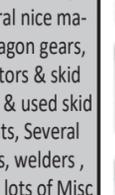
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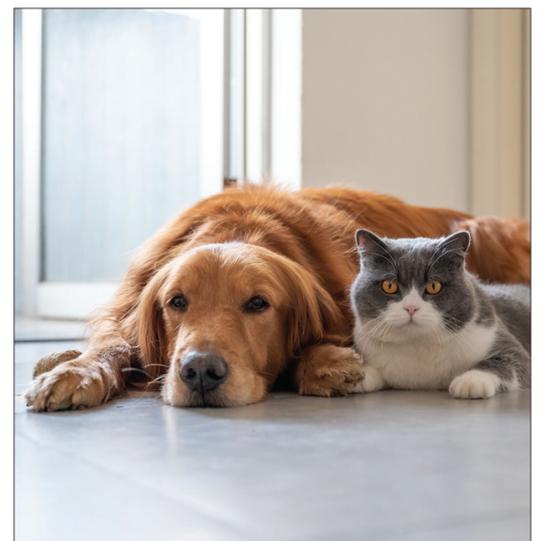
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30th Annual 2026 Spring Farm Equipment Consignment Online Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th @ 10 AM CST

Warrick County 4-H Center • Boonville, IN

One mile East of Boonville, IN on Hwy 62

COMBINES, TRACTORS, VEHICLES, FARM & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, ATV's, RIDING MOWERS, LAWN & GARDEN, NO SMALL ITEMS!



The 30th annual Spring Farm Consignment Auction will be an online auction through [DASONLINEAUCTIONS.HIBID.COM](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com). All equipment will be lined up and staged at the Warrick County 4-H Center as usual. We will not be accepting small items: hand tools, boxed lots, tires, or small barn and garage related items that are usually lined up along the barn. DAS has the right of 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 Feb. 28th through Thursday March 5th from 7 AM till 5 PM. **NO CONSIGNMENTS TAKEN ON FRIDAY MARCH 6th OR ON AUCTION DAY!** Please bring a list and good description of items being consigned. Each day, items will be updated and available for the online auction. Items can be viewed at the 4-H Center Friday March 6th and on auction day, March 7th. The staff will be present if you have any questions. For more information, please call or look on our website at <https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com>.

TERMS: A 10% buyer's fee will be charged. A credit card is required to sign up to bid through [Dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com). When the online auction closes, you will receive an invoice by email (about 30 minutes after the conclusion of auction) for items you win. When you pick up your items, you can **pay with cash, check, or credit card (3% charge)**. Indiana 7% state sales tax will be charged (Exemption forms will be available). All items need to be paid for by Monday March 9th. If items are not paid for on Monday, March 9th your credit card will be charged. Items can be picked up 1 hour after the auction is completed and invoices are emailed (loaders will shut down at 5:15 PM - NO LOADING IN THE DARK) and Sunday March 8th through Tuesday March 10th from 9 AM to 4 PM. Loaders will be available.

If you need assistance signing up with Hibid, let us know and we will email you a instruction sheet.



For pictures and bidding go to:

dasonlineauctions.hibid.com

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

\$1.00 to \$100.0030%
\$101.00 to \$500.0020%
\$501.00 to \$2,000.0015%
\$2,001.00 to \$7000.0010%
\$7,001.00 on up7%

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