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Ward Davis to perform at the Astra Theatre this Saturday

The Next Act announces the return of Ward Davis to the historic Astra Theatre on Saturday, May 16.

Singer-songwriter Ward Davis will take to the Jim & Pat Thyen Performance stage for a solo acoustic show on Saturday, May 16.

Doors for this event will open at 7:00 PM, with the night's music beginning at 8:00 PM.

Reserved seating tickets range from \$25 for balcony seats, \$30 for main level seating, and \$35 for seats in the front four rows.

Ward Davis is an acclaimed Americana musician and songwriter known for his soulful voice, poignant storytelling, and deeply authentic songwriting.

Davis combines traditional country

roots with a modern edge, creating music that resonates with both honky-tonk purists and contemporary audiences.

With a reputation as a powerhouse in the Americana and outlaw country scene, Davis' authenticity and commitment to his craft make him a vital voice in this music genre.

With his raw, emotionally charged live performances, Davis captures the essence of timeless country storytelling, infused with a contemporary sensibility.

The evening of music will kick off with some pure, honest Country music from the soul when Doe Elliott opens, beginning at 8:00 PM.



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Our Grads

Coming in next week's edition!

2026 Photo Contest voting underway at Dubois Co. Museum

Voting has now begun for the 2026 Photo Contest at the Dubois County Museum. Each visitor will be given a ballot and instructed to list their top three choices for the Youth Category and their top three votes for the Adult Category. A total of ninety-two photos are entered in the contest this year. Voting will continue up to and including May 30. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category. Top three places will be awarded prizes. Winners will be announced on June 2 thru Facebook and local media.. Winners will be

chosen as voted on by the Public and also, voted on by our two professional judges, Bob McCarty and B.C. Baggett.

Come in and cast your vote. The Dubois County Museum is a local nonprofit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and

businesses. It is operated entirely by volunteers. It is located in Jasper at 2704 N. Newton Street (US231). Call (812) 634-7733. Please allow two hours to view exhibits.

Visit the museum web site at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Follow on Facebook and Twitter.

Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center-www.visitduboiscounty.com-800968-4578. Come see, discover, and celebrate our Heritage at the Dubois County Museum.

Chief Justice Loretta Rush to be keynote speaker for Rotary Club 2026 ATHENA AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Dubois County is honored to announce that Indiana Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2026 ATHENA Leadership Awards, to be held Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Huntingburg Event Center.

Chief Justice Rush took the oath of office as Indiana's 108th Supreme Court Justice in November 2012 after her appointment by Governor Mitch Daniels. She was retained by voters in 2014 and 2024 and made history in August 2014 when she was named Indiana's first female Chief Justice. She was reappointed to this leadership role in 2019 and again in 2024. Chief Justice Rush is widely recognized for her leadership at both the state and national levels, including serving as Immediate Past-President of the Conference of Chief Justices and as a member of the National Center for State Courts Board of Directors.

Throughout her distinguished career, Chief Justice Rush has played a pivotal role in advancing initiatives related to mental health, addiction, and access to justice. She co-chaired the National Judicial Opioid Task Force and served on the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness. In 2019, Chief Justice John Roberts appointed her to the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction. She was also recently elected to the American Law Institute and continues to serve on numerous judicial and civic boards and commissions.

Prior to joining the Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Rush spent 15 years in private practice and was elected three times as judge of Tippecanoe Superior Court 3. She earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and her law degree from



Chief Justice Loretta Rush

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, both with honors.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chief Justice Rush as our keynote speaker," said Manda Combs, ATHENA Chairperson. "Her groundbreaking leadership, commitment to public service, and dedication to strengthening communities exemplify the very spirit of the ATHENA Leadership Award."

The ATHENA Leadership Award celebrates exemplary leadership and reflects Plato's enduring insight: "What is honored in a country will be cultivated there." Since its inception in 1982, more than 8,000 women leaders worldwide have received this prestigious honor. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their profession; provide valuable service to improve the quality of life in their community; and actively assist women in achieving their full

leadership potential.

Nominations are open for the 2026 ATHENA Leadership Award and must be submitted by June 8, 2026. Nominees may represent either the profit or nonprofit sector, and there are no age requirements. The nomination form and additional information are available at www.duboiscountyrotaary.com.

Tickets for the 2026 ATHENA Awards will be available soon. Community members are encouraged to save the date and plan to attend this inspiring evening honoring female leadership, mentorship, and service.

About the Rotary Club of Dubois County

The Rotary Club of Dubois County is part of Rotary International, a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to create lasting change in their communities and around the world. Through service, leadership, and fellowship, Rotary works to improve lives and strengthen communities locally and globally.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

This one thing serves you will throughout life

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Television (even cartoons) teach kids that it's funny to have an attitude. Movies teach kids it's okay to have an attitude. And, parents teach them it's okay to be disrespectful when a bad attitude is ignored. Then, we pretend we don't know why kids struggle with good attitudes.

When kids are toddlers, everything is cute. I know. I think everything my grandchildren do is cute. When they pout, I even think that is cute. I guess, kids have been pretty much the same since the beginning of time because the Bible has so much to say

about honoring your mother, your father, and your elders. The Bible is very explicit, and to the point, when talking about honor. I don't think anyone could read what the Bible says about honoring parents and not understand it.

What does it mean to honor your father and mother ... to have a good attitude?

To honor your father and mother means to revere (respect), prize and value. Do we as adult revere, prize, and value our parents? Or, do we think they are adults and we have our own lives to live? ... Never forget your children watch what you do and will probably treat you just like you treat



your parents.

Honor, to me, is something that stems from an inward attitude and it always values the position of the other.

Those who honor their parents are blessed according to Jeremiah 35:18-19. In Jeremiah, the blessing extended from generation to

generation. I believe it still does today.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

In my opinion, we have to teach our children / grandchildren well, because this world is trying very hard to teach them wrong. When it really comes down to learning, kids learn from watching. What do they see in us? Do they hear me talk respectful? Do they

see me be kind or hateful? What they see, they learn.

Why is it important to teach honor to children? One simple statement answers that question: Because it serves them well throughout life. After a child is mature and on their own, the ability to show honor and respect will serve them well in honoring authorities who are above them such as employer, teachers, pastors, even the President. Ask any school teacher how important honor and respect is. Ask any employer who their most valuable employees are. Honor trickles into every vein of your life and it leaks into the life of following generations.

I couldn't ask for anything better

By Gary Miller

About a month ago, I hunted this same area. I was able to take a big gobbler that morning. I had not been back since. So, I knew, after a month, I could go back and see if I could get another one of those toms to come to my call. It was a beautiful, crisp, and quiet morning. My set up turned out to be about textbook. Before I made my first call, a tom belted out a loud gobble over the small hill, about 150 yards away, and directly in front of my location. Just after that another

tom began to belt his opening alarm, behind me, about 500 yards away. He started gobbling almost none stop. I was liking what I was hearing, and also liking my morning set up. But it got better. As day was breaking two more toms joined in the chorus. One just to the left of the one directly in front of me, and one to the right. I couldn't ask for anything better. Three competing in front of me and one behind me. I'm thinking, "Let the competition begin." That was what I was thinking, but that was

not what I was feeling. I was feeling nothing. I mean my heart didn't race, I didn't imagine a trophy camera shot, nor did I fret about what bad scenario could happen. I just stayed calm, enjoyed the welcomed noise, and waited to see what might happen. Again, I did so without ever having the least amount of anxiety. Why? Because I had been here before. I knew that I had positioned myself as good as I could and there was no other move to make. I didn't overcall. I didn't sneeze or

make any alarming noise. I did all I could do. Everything that would follow was out of my hands. So, why worry. Ah yes. Worry.

This is actually the posture I should be making in the more serious areas of my life. The posture that comes from being right in the middle of a situation that could turn out bad or good and yet remaining calm because I have done all that I can do. The rest is out of my hands. But the real, unexplainable calm, comes from knowing Whose hands my circumstances are in. God's. Again, this

is the posture God's wants us to have instead of worry. Jesus put it this way. "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" And then He added. "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. His words to us are basically this. Just get in the right set up (seek first the Kingdom of God) and I (God) will handle everything else, and every possible scenario, in every possible situation or circumstance, that might come about in

your life. We have one thing to do. He has the rest. So, don't worry.

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What is more important than the return of Christ?

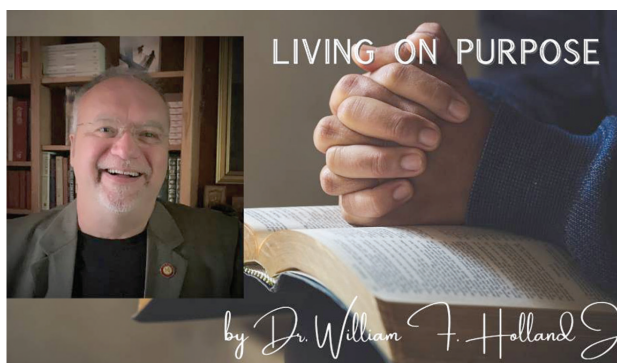
By Dr. Billy Holland

Henry Allan "Harry" Ironside was a Canadian-American Bible teacher, preacher, theologian, pastor, and author who pastored Moody Church in Chicago from 1929 to 1948. It is said that Harry Ironside was one of the most prolific Christian writers of the 20th Century and published more than 100 books, booklets, and pamphlets, many of which are still in print. He also wrote several hymns, including "Overshadowed," "His Grace Proclaim," and "The Wonder of His Love to Me." One editorial reviewer wrote in a 2005 republication that, "Ironside's commentaries are a Christian standard and have stood the test of time."

In his comments on Isaiah 57, Dr. Ironside shares this true account: "Years ago, before the First World War, Professor Stroeter, a well-known prophetic

teacher in Germany, would travel through the country giving lectures, and using charts to explain the dispensations. His meetings attracted the attention of the German Emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm, who, despite his many idiosyncrasies, was quite a Bible student himself and would deliver sermons in the palace chapel on many occasions. One day, the emperor invited Professor Stroeter to his personal residence so that he could learn more about the information the professor had been teaching. The professor was escorted into the library and began to spread his charts out on a table, and as the emperor listened closely, Stroeter pointed out various prophetic stages that led up to the glorious Second Coming.

After a lengthy conversation, the emperor cautiously asked, "Are you saying that Christ is coming back literally, and when He returns,



all the empires of the world are going to be destroyed, and He will set up His eternal kingdom upon their ruins?" Professor Stroeter said, "Exactly, your Majesty." The emperor backed away with a look of sadness and disappointment and said, "Oh no, I can't accept that! This would interfere with my plans!" What an honest but troubling admission from a man who professed to be a student and teacher of the Bible, and even more importantly, a personal disciple of Christ. There are indeed many interpretations and opinions about what the future may bring, but we can agree that there is coming a

day when this earth will be cleansed and judged, and every knee will bow and know that Jesus is Lord and King of all.

We look around and notice that many are striving to build their dreams, but are these God's ideas? I know individuals who are making plans 10, 20, and even 30 years from now, and hope these are divine blueprints that God has drawn. Have you known or heard about those who had their lives all mapped out, but were suddenly taken out of this world unexpectedly? It's worth ensuring whose voice we are following, as the Bible declares that there is nothing more important than keeping our spiritual

eyes and ears open to where God is leading us. "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" Proverbs 19:21.

We might add Christ to our long list of things we are interested in, but if God's will is not at the top, we need to rearrange our list. Yes, we all have responsibilities, but ignoring God and not being prepared to meet Him will have serious consequences. Jesus used the term "birth pains" to describe the signs of His return. Like the agony of childbirth, these warnings will become more intense and frequent as the day draws nearer. Can you see them today? Beware of those who mock and say, "It's been 2000 years, so the Lord must not be coming back." Remember the wise virgins in Matthew chapter 25. It simply comes down to who we will trust.

How often do Christians stop and

consider that when they made a vow to surrender their heart to God, their lives were no longer their own? We promised God and the world going forward, we will only follow His voice. So, I ask today: Is there anything in this world that would cause us to wish Christ would postpone His return? Of course, we want to see our family be saved, which is why it's so crucial to intercede and fast for their salvation.

What about you, dear friend, are things like enjoying your wealth, building a house, seeing the world, graduating college, getting married, having children, getting that promotion, retiring, or completing a project you've been working on, more exciting and important than the return of your Savior? Maybe instead of wondering about His return, we should live as if He never left.

Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com

UE receives \$50,000 gift from Toyota Indiana for driving possibilities vehicle

GIBSON COUNTY, IND. — In a surprise announcement made Thursday during Toyota Indiana's 30th anniversary celebration in Princeton, the company announced \$330,000 in grants supporting local organizations and community initiatives. Among the recipients was the University of Evansville (UE), which received a \$50,000 gift to support the purchase of a dedicated vehicle for its role as Coordinating Partner in the Driving Possibilities initiative.

This investment will help staff at the Center for Innovation & Change and the School of Education's Design & Innovation Training Studio travel to students participating in STEM-related programming throughout the region, including in Evansville, Gibson County, and the Princeton area. The vehicle will allow the program to transport more staff to hands-on learning experiences, educational events, and visits to Toyota facilities and other industry sites across the region.

Toyota Indiana recognized the growing transportation needs associated with the program as participation and regional outreach continued to expand. The initiative's team members regularly travel throughout Southwest Indiana and often visit Toyota plants and partner

organizations to learn best practices in increasing student access to advanced manufacturing and STEM career pathways.

Driving Possibilities is designed to inspire students to explore future careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through real-world experiences and community partnerships.

"This investment from Toyota Indiana is much more than a vehicle, it's an investment in the future workforce of Southwest Indiana," said Erin Lewis, Executive Director of the Center for Innovation and Change. "Through Driving Possibilities, our team creates hands-on opportunities for young people to explore STEM careers and discover innovation in meaningful ways. This generous support once again shows that Toyota truly thinks in generations, and we are so grateful for their partnership."

The vehicle will support programming across the University's Driving Possibilities territory and strengthen partnerships between schools and industry leaders.

UE's Center for Innovation & Change and Toyota Indiana have maintained a longstanding partnership focused on educational access and preparing the next generation of leaders and

Changemakers.

Toyota Indiana has sponsored UE's High School Changemaker Challenge since 2016, the Mobile Innovation Lab in 2019, the Toyota Trinity Stormwater Park in 2021, and in 2024, UE announced the new partnership with Toyota USA Foundation, Toyota Indiana, North Gibson School Corporation, and the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation to become the Coordinating Partner of the Indiana Driving Possibilities initiative. That initiative included a grant totaling approximately \$2 million to the university.

The University of Evansville is a private, comprehensive university with a solid foundation in the arts and sciences and professional schools in business, engineering, education, and health sciences. Established in 1854, UE is recognized across the globe for its rich tradition of innovative, academic excellence and dynamic campus community of #Changemakers.

Home of the Purple Aces, UE is located in the southwestern region of Indiana and offers over 75 majors, 17 Division I sports, and a unique study abroad experience at Harlaxton, the University's very own Victorian manor located in the countryside of England. For more information, please visit evansville.edu.

Area Deaths

Gina Brittain

Gina Brittain, age 60, of Otwell, Indiana, entered into eternal rest at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at home. A Prayer Service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel. There will be no burial at this time.

Sheryl L. Hudson

Sheryl L. Hudson, age 63, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 1:47 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana. A Prayer Service for Sheryl L. Hudson was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial following in Shiloh Cemetery in Jasper.

John E. Mohr, Jr.

John E. Mohr Jr., age 82, of Ferdinand, Indiana, passed away at 7:07 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at home surrounded by family. There will be no services at this time. Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Jack M. Goodman

Jack M. Goodman, age 94, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 1:25 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Serenity Springs at Northwood in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Jack M. Goodman was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial was held in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military graveside rites.

Sam R. Jones

Sam R. Jones, 80, passed away on May 5, 2026 at his residence in Tennyson, Indiana. Services at Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 12th with burial followed at Augusta Cemetery in Winslow, Indiana.



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

Margery Villalta Martinez

Margery Villalta Martinez, age 20, of Huntingburg, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Visitation for Margery Villalta Martinez will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at Iglesia Nueva Vida Church in Jasper from 9:00 a.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m., E.D.T. with burial to follow at Fairmount Cemetery in Huntingburg. Nass and Son Funeral Home has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

Teresa M. Elpers

Teresa M. Elpers, age 60, of Stendal, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville. There will be no services held. Condolences may be shared online at: www.nassandson.com.

Barbara Ann Kendall

Barbara Ann Kendall, age 56, of Velpen, Indiana, passed away at 7:32 p.m., on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville. Funeral services for Barbara Kendall were held at 2:00 p.m. E.D.T., Thursday, May 7, at Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg with burial to follow at Augusta Cemetery. The service was celebrated by Austin Kendall.

Shannon Simmons

Shannon R. Simmons, 54, passed away unexpectedly on May 5, 2026. A memorial visitation was held from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Huber Funeral, Cannelton Chapel.

Steve Oldham

Steven B. Oldham, 56, passed away on May 5, 2026, at Owensboro (KY) Regional Health Hospital. As per his wishes, there will be no funeral service for Steve but his memory will continue to live on at family get togethers. Memorial contributions may be made to Rivers Edge Animal Shelter.

Donna Kratzer

Donna E. Kratzer, 80, passed away on May 2, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM CDT on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Cannelton Chapel, with burial to follow in New Cliff Cemetery.




Volunteer opportunities open to join Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are gearing up for a summer of parades and library story times. Come join us for a rewarding volunteer opportunity bringing joy and conservation

messages to the public. If you are interested in and want more information on helping us to bear the responsibility of teaching kids "Only you can prevent wildfires," then please

reach out to our staff at (812)275-5987 or email us at SM.FS.R9HOFwebsite@usda.gov. Volunteer opportunities exist for our Tell City and Bedford offices.



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Helping high school seniors overcome graduation anxiety

By Kelli Knight,
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Graduation is a huge milestone for high school seniors, but it can also bring a lot of anxiety. While many students are excited to finish high school, the idea of what comes next can feel overwhelming. Whether they're thinking about college, their career, or simply leaving behind what's familiar, it's easy for stress and uncertainty to take over. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways parents, teachers, and others can help students manage their worries and feel more confident about the transition ahead.

For many high school seniors, graduation represents a major shift in their lives. It's often the first time they're facing big decisions that will shape their future, such as what to do after graduation, whether to go to college, or what career path to take. These choices can feel like

a lot of pressure, especially when it feels like everyone has an opinion about what they "should" do.

On top of that, high school seniors are leaving behind the world they've known for years - the same group of friends, the same daily routine, the same teachers. Everything is about to change. It's no surprise that some students worry about making new friends, adapting to new environments, and finding their place in the world. All of these changes can leave students feeling uncertain and anxious about what's next.

Graduation anxiety doesn't always show up in obvious ways. Some students might not talk about their fears, but instead may have trouble sleeping, loss of appetite, or seem more irritable than usual. Others might withdraw from friends or avoid dealing with important decisions. If you notice a student is acting differently

or seems especially stressed, it could be a sign that they're struggling with anxiety about what's to come.

How to Support Students During This Time:

1. Acknowledge Their Feelings: One of the best things you can do is let students know that their anxiety is normal. Graduation is a big life change, and it's okay to feel unsure or stressed about it. Let them know they're not alone, and everyone goes through this at some point.

2. Encourage Open Conversations: Give students a chance to talk about their worries and really listen to what they have to say. Sometimes just having someone to vent to can help them process their feelings and ease their stress.

3. Shift the Focus to the Journey: While it's easy to get caught

up in the pressure of post-graduation plans, it's helpful to remind students that this isn't the end. Graduation is just one part of their journey. Encourage them to reflect on everything they've accomplished so far and reassure them that there's no one right way to move forward.

4. Break Big Decisions into Smaller Steps: The future can feel overwhelming when it seems like one big, confusing question. Help students break down their goals into smaller, more manageable tasks. Whether it's applying for college, finding a job, or becoming skilled in a trade, small steps can make things feel more doable.

5. Encourage Self-Care: Encourage your senior to find activities that help them relax, whether it's exercise, meditation, or just taking time to hang out with friends. A

little self-care can go a long way toward managing stress.

6. Offer Practical Help: Sometimes the anxiety comes from not knowing where to start. Whether it's helping with college applications or talking through career options, offering guidance and resources can make a big difference. Having a trusted adult to talk to can give students a sense of direction and control during a time that feels uncertain.

Graduation is an exciting but stressful time for high school seniors. It's normal for them to feel anxious about what comes next, but with the right support, they can face the future with more confidence. By acknowledging their fears, providing practical help, and encouraging open communication, we can help them navigate this big transition and feel ready for what lies ahead. With the right encouragement and

guidance, graduation can become not just an ending, but the beginning of a new, exciting chapter.

Kelli Knight, MSW, LCSW, is a Youth First Mental Health Professional at Evansville Central High 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 or call 812-421-8336.



Shanda Purcell of Mayfield, KY, receives her Master of Arts in Theology diploma during commencement in St. Bede Theater at Saint Meinrad on May 9, 2026.

34 earns master's degrees from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, were awarded master's degrees at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Angie Greulich, of Jasper, IN, Saint Meinrad alumna and charitable giving relationship manager for Catholic Relief Services, gave the address.

Receiving Master of Arts (Catholic Philosophical Studies) degrees were:

Ryan Carlson and Ben Keating, Diocese of Little Rock, AR; Hunter Dickens, Diocese of Owensboro, KY; Michael Florin and Matthew Henry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend,

IN; Steven Kehoe and Sean Sullivan, Diocese of Springfield, IL; Lucas LaRosa, Luke Roesener, and Todd Seiler, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN; Hong Le, Thang Trinh, and Peter Trinh, Diocese of Thanh Hóa, Vietnam; Brother Isaac Levering, OSB, and Brother George Meredith, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey, IN.

Receiving Master of Arts (Theology) degrees were:

Stanley Amuchaka, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN; Karen Guilford, Harrison, OH; Joseph Hayden, Evansville, IN; Christopher Hickman, Louisville,

KY; Glenn Hutchens, Nashville, TN; David Johnson, Springfield, TN; John Knight, Henderson, KY; John Molitor, Milford, DE; Kathleen Morley, Downers Grove, IL; Moses Ndung'u, Glenmary Home Missioners, OH; Aaron Noll, Bloomington, IN; Robert Peters, Cape Girardeau, MO; Shanda Purcell, Mayfield, KY; Eugene Ritter, Weaverville, NC; Edward Saer, Little Rock, AR; Jacob Schneider, Diocese of Evansville, IN; Robert Schulenburg, Cedar Rapids, IA; Elizabeth Suaso, Rochester, MN; Kathleen Weaver, Indianapolis, IN.

Beta Gamma Chapter holds April meeting

Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority for women educators, met on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the Holy Family Fellowship Hall. Members enjoyed refreshments provided by the April Fellowship Committee of Paula Alles, Denise Schroering, Karen Terwiske, and Jessica Mehringer. The first order of business was to vote for new officers for the 2026-2028 year: President - Ava Widolff; Secretary - Kathy Bachman; Treasurer-Booke Elrod; Historians-Shelley Weinzapfel and Jessica Mehringer; Membership - Brenda Hurm; and Chaplain - Beth Meece. The Nominating Committee who came up with the roster were Marie Patton and Pat Seger.

The guest speakers for the afternoon

were Camilla and Matthew form Total Care ABA in Jasper. They shared how the organization provided care and management of those young people who have autism.

The business meeting began with Chaplain Pat Seger reading "How to Support Teachers Through the End of Year When Days Get Long."

Secretary Sue Ann Burns gave roll call with twenty-five members present. Minutes, sent out ahead of the meeting, were approved after Barb Kendall made the motion to approve with a second from Susan McGovren. Treasurer Brooke Elrod's report is filed for audit.

Fraternity Ed Shelley Weinzapfel handed out a paper for members to draw "What Kind of ADK Member Am I?" Membership head Brenda Hurm has not heard about

Margaret Buechler or Delores Lueken's membership standing from headquarters yet. Academic Grant head Brooke Elrod announced that Sydney Schmitt, scholarship winner, had also won state.

Nine people have signed up to attend the June outing on June 11 at Alcohol Acres. Members are asked to decide which events they want to explore. Members will meet at 10:00 behind Fazoli's.

April birthdays: 8- Christine Betz; 11 - Sarah Sergesketter; 23 - Dolores Lueken; 30 - Bonnie Wininger

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, at the Holy Family Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Share Your Style" of recipes, sewing, and/or books and authors.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa."

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Dubois County RTA meets at Celestine Park Clubhouse

President Sarah Sergesketter welcomed 24 attending the final meeting of the 2025-26 membership year. It was held at the Celestine Park Clubhouse on April 29. The Pledge was recited. Sarah noted that our Area 9 Director Mary Jo Beachamp had been invited, but was unable to attend. Joan Schaeffer motioned, seconded by Deb Nordhoff, to approve the minutes of the December meeting. The motion carried. Sarah said that Linda Hayes, Member Concerns chairman, had fallen and could not attend. A card was signed for

her. If anyone knows of others needing a greeting card, please let Linda know. Ruth Gehlhausen gave the treasurer's report, noting that our year ended with 34 paid members and 70 lifetime members. Her report will be filed for audit. Susan McGovren, Community Services chairman, said that 14,569 hours of volunteer work were reported to the state. She thanked all for their volunteerism and for turning in their hours. Congratulations were extended to Sandra Miller as the Dubois County Outstanding Volunteer and Lynne Bohnert and Vic

Betz for honorable mention recognitions. The Dubois County Museum, the Dove House, and the Alexander Schoolhouse received many hours of devoted service from our members. We now select our 2026 altruistic cause. Susan followed up from a previous suggestion to work for Habitat for Humanity. She said that after her research, she has decided that we are not physically capable of doing the work that needs to be performed. For another idea, she has spoken to a gentleman who is developing a men's

home in Jasper, but she has decided that it may be a better fit for us in a couple of years. Another suggestion is to tour the day care facility at Jasper High School. After discussion and input, it was decided that our best project for the rest of 2026 will be donating time and money to the Food Bank in Jasper and Shared Abundance in Huntingburg. Therefore, when we meet again on SEPTEMBER 15 and DECEMBER 10, we are to bring donations for this cause. Diapers, wipes, and toilet paper are always needed, as are supplies such as Gator Ade bottles, cottage cheese and Cool Whip containers, Walmart and other plastic bags, and Holiday Foods paper handle bags. Joan Schaeffer said that at the last 2-hour evening of work, 159 families were served. She offered that any supplies can be dropped off at the locations, or at her home at 1556 Mushroom Lane, Jasper. Extra produce from home gardens is also welcome. Sarah noted that donors should keep a record of hours and dollars spent on this project, as on other volunteer work. The next topic was the need for new officers and other "helpers," as most have already served 6 years. Just having someone to lead the meetings, or do other tasks, would be great! We are in dire need of a membership

chair, whom Dorothy Rasche has offered to train on the Excel program. Sarah gave thanks to the calling tree, and pleaded that anyone willing to help in any capacity should PLEASE talk to her. The program, given by Northeast Dubois High School JEM teacher Tina Terwiske and well-spoken junior students Grace Dooley, Simon Sermersheim, and Sam Beck, followed. Tina explained that the Jeep Engineering and Manufacturing class is in its third year as an actual business, with income and grants being used to continually update a wide range of capabilities and inventory of projects. Other schools wishing to set up similar programs have visited the Jeeps. The class's display of items was impressive! CAD Software, laser engraving, 3D printing, embroidery, plasma cutters, lucite, metal, and wood are all used in production. Next they are hoping to buy a 52" printer to make banners. They produce all of their own athletic trophies and other awards. They also take custom orders for various items. The class produces tool holders for Jasper Engines, with weekly orders; thus they earn a steady stream of income, enough that the seniors in the program will all receive a scholarship. To end their visit,

they presented members a lucite key chain with an apple and Thank You design. Sarah asked that everyone think about attending the JUNE 10 Representative Assembly in Indy. It's an informative and worthwhile way to spend a day. Please let her know of your interest by May 10. Joe Rohleder asked for help at the Alexander Schoolhouse on Saturdays during the Farmer's Market on the Jasper Library parking lot. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone can call him or Dana Reckelhoff at the Older Americans Center to sign up to volunteer. Darlene Ziegler won a \$20 gift card to Cranberries as the attendance prize. Sarah expressed thanks for bringing clean plastic caps for a SWICCAC bench. Many more are needed! She led a prayer and thanked Arnie's Catering for the lunch. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 15, at the Riverwalk Park in Jasper. Cindy Franklin and Joan Schaeffer motioned and seconded for adjournment at 12:15. Respectfully submitted — Clara Fromme, Secretary

Photos: Sandra Miller with Outstanding Volunteer certificate. Students Simon Sermersheim, Sam Beck, and Grace Dooley with JEM instructor Tina Terwiske.



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Dubois County Art Guild holds monthly meeting

Vice President Kaylynn Rasche opened the May 7th meeting at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in the hickory room of the Jasper Public Library. Mary Reisz gave the treasurer's report. The Theyn-Clark gallery exhibit closes at the end of May. Please pick up your

artwork from 9am to 5pm on May 26. DCAG received another grant for the 2026 Loneliness Workshops. More details will be provided at the June meeting. Joe Schoenbachler provided an update on the Dubois County Museum art show. The show may be extended to September and October. DCAG members may bring their artwork during the last weekend of August during normal museum hours. If someone purchases the art from the show then they will take it home with them that day. Dubois County Art Guild members may display 2 pieces of art. The museum will take a 20% commission. The art does not have to be for sale if the member doesn't want to sell it. To display the member must be a current dues paying member.

The mill art exchange will be June 11 from 11am to 12:30pm. Please

drop off your new artwork and pick up your old piece during that time frame. The piece must have a wire hanger on the back. Please send your name and the name of your artwork to Diane Winiger (dianewine302@gmail.com) before the end of May. Diane is looking for a member to help hang and carry pieces of art that day. The Dubois County Art Guild will be taking nominations in September for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Exhibit, Gallery and Program committee heads. The program was presented by Maryla Scarpa. She described different stretches for your eyes, neck, head, hands and back. These allow one to avoid cramping and tired muscles while making art. The next Art Guild meeting will be held June 4th at 6pm in the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center Room 171.

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Nominations open for 2027 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for the 2027 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest, which comes with cash prizes and bragging rights. This is the ninth year of the contest, supported by Nestlé Purina PetCare, which celebrates farm dogs and the many ways they support farmers and ranchers.

The grand prize winner – Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year – will win a year's worth of Purina Pro Plan dog food and \$5,000 in prize money. The winner will be recognized at a Farm Dog of the Year award ceremony at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, in January 2027.

The 2027 Farm Dog of the Year will also be featured in a professionally produced video. The profile of 2026 Farm Dog of the Year Max can be viewed here. Since its inception, the contest has provided a link to the farm for pet-loving Americans who vote for their favorite farm dog online.

“Farm dogs are often important partners in our daily work as well as wonderful companions for farm families,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “As



we saw with our 2026 winner, Max, these loyal companions go above and beyond to look after both the land and the farm families they work alongside.”

Rounding up livestock, chasing off predators, fetching or carrying tools/buckets and greeting visitors are among the many tasks performed by farm dogs.

Scientific research from a collaboration between Mayo Clinic and Purina reveals that interacting with pets can provide health benefits. For example, spending just 20 minutes with a dog increased a hormone that helps moderate stress. This was also associated with a decrease in heart rate and an increase in a self-reported

sense of well-being.

“We are honored to continue supporting the hard-working, devoted farm dogs featured in the American Farm Bureau's Farm Dog of the Year contest,” said Jack Scott, vice president of sustainable sourcing at Purina. “Purina proudly uses nutritious ingredients sourced from American farms to make our pet food, and we remain committed to supporting American farmers who have fed generations of people and pets.”

Desired attributes for the Farm Dog of the Year include helpfulness to the farmer and his/her family, playfulness and obedience.

Farm dog owners must be Farm Bureau members

to enter their dogs in the competition. Not yet a Farm Bureau member but interested in nominating your farm dog? Visit fb.org/join to learn about becoming a member.

Eligibility guidelines and submission requirements are available here. Farm Dog of the Year nominations, which include written responses to questions, at least one still photo and a video clip (optional), must be received by July 11, 2026, for consideration. The Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest is sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The People's Choice Pup, a popular social media element of

the Farm Dog of the Year competition, returns for 2027. Profiles of several dogs nominated for the contest will be shared beginning in September, with the public invited to vote. Bragging rights and a \$2,500 cash prize from Purina will be awarded to the People's Choice Pup.

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2173 HRS, 90/100' BOOMS, ROW SENSE, 15" NOZZLE SPACING, FENCE ROW NOZZLES, SS EDUCTOR, FRONT FILL, 1000 GAL TANK, CROP SHIELDS, 380/90R46 TIRES, EXACTAPPLY NOZZLE CONTROL



2024 JOHN DEERE
6155M \$155,000

982 HRS, JD 640R LOADER W/ BUCKET, 380/85R30 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R42 REAR TIRES, RACK & PINION REAR AXLES, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 20 SPEED POWER QUAD, LHR, S/N 1L06155MLRG416351



2024 JOHN DEERE 6R
145 \$151,500

1193HRS, 380/85R30 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R42 REAR TIRES, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 20 SPEED AUTOQUAD PLUS, WARRANTY TILL 05/2028, S/N 1L06145RERK217869



2022 JOHN DEERE
6155R \$130,000

2139 HRS, 380/85R30 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R42 REAR TIRES, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, IVT TRANSMISSION, LHR, EMISSIONS WARRANTY TILL 09/2027, S/N 1L06155RLNP141828



2023 JOHN DEERE
6120M \$125,000

666 HRS, JD 620R LOADER W/ BUCKET, 380/85R24 FRONT TIRES, 460/85R34 REAR TIRES, 2 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 16 SPEED, LHR, 1 OWNER, S/N 1L06120MPPH198500



2014 CASE IH MAGNUM
260 \$92,500

3581 HRS, 420/85R34 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R50 REAR DUALS, 3 SCV, 1000 PTO, QUICK HITCH, 18 SPEED POWERSHIFT, S/N ZDR001441



2024 SHELBOURNE
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\$87,500

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federal funds, the Department invites the development of projects pertaining to the following issues affecting the specialty crop industry:

- Enhancing food safety.
- Improving the capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, for example, by developing "Good Agricultural Practices," "Good Handling Practices," "Good Manufacturing Practices," and in cost-share

arrangements for funding audits of such systems for small farmers, packers and processors.

Investing in specialty crop research, including research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes.

Supporting the growth of organic specialty crops.

Developing new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops.

Improving pest and disease control.

Increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops.

Improving efficiency and reducing costs of distribution systems.

Projects that benefit a particular commercial product or provide a profit to a single organization, institution, or individual are ineligible. Farmers' markets, roadside stands and community-sponsored agriculture programs should consider submitting proposals to the USDA's Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service defines specialty crops as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture)." There

are more than 3,200 producers devoting more than 83,000 acres of Illinois farmland to specialty crops production, creating nearly \$500 million in annual sales for Illinois farmers. Nationally, Illinois ranks first for its pumpkin and horseradish production and ranks in the top ten for the production of asparagus, cauliflower, fresh-cut herbs, peas, mustard greens and lima beans. Additional information about the program can be found online at the Department's website and/or by contacting AGR.ISCBG@illinois.gov



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2018 JOHN DEERE 712C
\$51,500

2018 JOHN DEERE 712C CORN HEAD, KNIFE ROLLS, HYD DECK PLATES, HEADER HEIGHT SENSORS, ROW SENSE, S/N 1H00712CHJX805004



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KINZE 3500 8/15 ROW PLANTER, NO TILL, KEATON SEED FIRMERS, MARKERS, CORN & BEAN METERS, W/ MONITOR



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\$45,000

2022 NEW HOLLAND ROLL-BELT 560 ROUND BALER, 900 BALES, NET & TWINE, 540 PTO, W/ MONITOR, S/N HBJRB560PMN206060



JOHN DEERE 2210
\$34,500

JOHN DEERE 2210 FIELD CULTIVATOR, 3 SECTION FLEXIBLE, FLOATING HITCH, 38" 6", 3 BAR COIL TINE HARROW, S/N 1N02210XEE0760084



2008 CASE IH 8010
\$32,500

2008 CASE IH 8010 COMBINE, 4WD, 3175/2296 HRS, 520/85R42 DUALS, 540/65R30 REAR TIRES, LATERAL TILT, CHOPPER W/ SPREADER, S/N HAJ202217



2010 JOHN DEERE 1590
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2010 JOHN DEERE 1590 DRILL, 15', 7.5" SPACING, NO TILL, S/N N01590X735368



J&M 1151
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J&M 1151 GRAIN CART, 1000 PTO, ROLL TARP, 68X50.00-32 TIRES, S/N 6072



2014 KUHN KRAUSE 4400-42
\$25,500

2014 KUHN KRAUSE 4400-42D CULTIPACKER, 42", S/N 4400-42D-2693



1997 JET 34
\$13,000

1997 JET HOPPER BOTTOM TRAILER, 34', 60" SIDES, ROLL TARP, 2 HOPPERS, W/ TITL, VIN: 1J9G34201VH009295



2013 CLAAS 12-30
\$11,000

2013 CLAAS 918 CORN HEAD, 12 ROW, 30" SPACING, KNIFE ROLLS, ROW SENSE, S/N 91802024



2011 JOHN DEERE 635F
\$10,500

2011 JOHN DEERE 635F FLEX PLATFORM, S/N 1H00635FVB0741590



1998 JOHN DEERE 566
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1998 JOHN DEERE 566 ROUND BALER, W/ MONITOR, S/N E00566X128107

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Forest Service and other federal lands help sustain rural communities

Bedford, IN — The U.S. Forest Service recently announced it will issue \$248 million in Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments for 2025, delivering critical funding to eligible states and counties with National Forest System lands. These payments help sustain public schools, maintain local roads, strengthen wildfire preparedness, and support other essential services in rural communities.

During the past decade, the Forest Service has distributed \$2.4 billion through the Secure Rural Schools program. In Indiana, the Hoosier National Forest spans nine counties, all of which will receive SRS funding based on timber receipts and special use permits. These counties also receive annual support through the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program,

which helps local governments offset reduced property tax revenue from federally owned lands. Together, these programs provide consistent and reliable funding that helps communities maintain critical services. For 2025, Indiana counties will receive the following combined SRS and PILT allocations:
Brown County - \$84,858
Crawford County - \$97,220

Dubois County - \$24,311
Jackson County - \$85,506
Lawrence County - \$49,626
Martin County - \$28,427
Monroe County - \$119,206
Orange County - \$152,007
Perry County - \$210,401
For more information about the Secure Rural Schools program, visit the Forest Service website. About the Forest

Service: The Forest Service has, for more than 100 years, brought people and communities together to answer the call of conservation. Grounded in world-class science and technology — and rooted in communities — the Forest Service connects people to nature and to each other. The Forest Service cares for shared natural resources in ways that promote lasting economic, ecological,

and social vitality. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest wildland fire and forestry research organizations in the world. The Forest Service also has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 900 million forested acres within the U.S., of which over 130 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

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