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# Oak Hill Times

## Rep. Goss-Reaves named “Legislator of the Year” by Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care

STATEHOUSE – State Rep. Lori Goss-Reaves (R-Marion) was named Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care (IAHHC).

IAHHC is a statewide trade association representing home health, hospice, and personal care providers across Indiana. The organization advocates for policies that support quality in-home care, strengthen the caregiver workforce, and improve access to services for patients and families statewide.

The award was presented during a recent IAHHC meeting and recognizes lawmakers who demonstrate strong support for Indiana’s home- and community-based care system.

“I am truly honored to receive this recognition from IAHHC,” Goss-Reaves said. “Home health and hospice providers play a vital role in supporting patients and families during some of life’s most difficult moments, and I will continue working to ensure they have the resources, workforce support, and flexibility they need to provide high-quality care across Indiana.”



State Rep. Lori Goss-Reaves (R-Marion) (left) stands with Evan Reinhardt (right), Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care executive director, after receiving the Legislator of the Year award during a recent IAHHC meeting.

IAHHC leadership said Goss-Reaves was selected for her commitment to strengthening Indiana’s long-term care system and her work supporting policies that improve access to home-based services.

This year, Goss-Reaves continued her work on health care policy by co-authoring House Enrolled Act 1277, which reforms Indiana’s Medicaid long-term care system and strengthens the Pathways for Aging program to improve access to home- and community-based services for seniors

and vulnerable adults. She also sponsored legislation addressing a range of health care matters.

Goss-Reaves said home health and hospice providers provide critical care for Hoosiers, while their compassion and dedication make a profound difference every day.

Founded in 1965, IAHHC represents hundreds of providers statewide and works to promote high standards of care, education, and advocacy within Indiana’s home and hospice care community.



## FIT Camp makes health, wellness, and exercise fun

KOKOMO, Ind. — When Clark Shaffer comes home exhausted from a busy day of making homemade bubble wands, dribbling a basketball, stretching, trying new snacks, playing Foursquare, and making new friends, he just thinks he’s had a great day at camp.

He has no idea he’s brought home valuable lessons about health, wellness, and the importance of physical activity.

Clark, who will be a second grader at Kokomo’s Maple Crest Elementary, is among nearly 40 children attending Indiana University Kokomo’s FIT Camp, five days of games, exercise, and healthy living led by School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions (SNAHP) faculty and students from a variety of majors.

“I thought it would be super fun, and it is,” he said, adding that making slime and playing on the slip and slide were his favorite activities.

Samantha Fouts, clinical assistant professor of nursing, led the camp with Naomi Jones, clinical assistant professor of nursing, as part of an effort to combat childhood obesity. Researchers at the IU Fairbanks School of Public Health reported that childhood obesity spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic, peaking in 2021. Data trends tracked through 2023 showed the surge had not significantly reduced, with 1 in 5 children aged 2 to 19 affected.

“We know childhood obesity is an epidemic,” Fouts said. “Our hope is

this week, as the children learn how to manage nutrition, how to exercise, how to incorporate stress management activities and rest into their daily lives, that will have an impact in our community.”

Each day included lessons on topics including whole grains, proteins and oils, fruits and vegetables, and stress and rest, along with physical activity with the Cougar track and field, golf, soccer, and women’s basketball teams. They also enjoyed craft time making picture frames, slime, stress balls, and bubble wands for giant bubbles, as well as daily healthy snack time.

“We hope they take away strategies on how to be active,” Fouts said. “The recommendation is that kids spend about 60 minutes a day in physical activity. We hope they incorporate that into their summer lives, but also while they are in school as well. We hope they share this with their parents and encourage them to do the same.”

IU Kokomo students prepared to be camp counselors with a three-day summer class taught by Jones and Fouts. They learned about nutrition, classroom management, camp management, and child development, with guidance from Sarrah Grubb, associate professor of education, who gave them skills to keep the campers engaged in learning, while also having fun.

Seth Leon, a finance major from Lafayette, said his academic success coach, Mike

Gault, encouraged him to participate.

“He said it was a good opportunity to get involved on campus,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed getting to know the kids, and also my peers. I just finished my first year. Making friends in college isn’t that hard, but it’s definitely easier when we’re all working together to achieve a goal of teaching the kids a few things. It’s a good experience.”

Nursing major Emma Williams, Kokomo, enjoyed the opportunity to work with children while completing some requirements for her degree.

“I’m learning how to interact with young children, and how to relate to them,” she said. “It gives me the experience of learning to attend to people and understand their individual needs.”

She and the other counselors also learned how to teach lessons in nutrition, which Amari VanCamp, 10, found interesting — especially learning the difference between whole and refined grains. Her favorite part was playing soccer with the women’s soccer team.

“It was really fun,” the homeschooled fifth grader said.

More than 6,700 children have attended FIT Camp since it was founded in 1997 as an educational program for those with asthma or diabetes. It later expanded to include healthy living and completely shifted focus to health and wellness in 2017. More than 300 nursing students have served as camp counselors.

## FREE Summer Movie Day at Arts Place

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# New study finds women in agriculture ready to lead, more support needed



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The American Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership Committee, with support from JBS and CoBank, is unveiling the results of a new national study intended to guide programming dedicated to women in agriculture for the next five years. Conducted via online survey and focus groups, the study provides a comprehensive look at women in agriculture in the United States. It also identifies the

essential roles women currently play in building a sustainable future for agriculture as well as opportunities for growth, improvement and additional support. "Agriculture around the world has flourished with the full support of women — oftentimes behind the scenes — but increasingly in leadership roles," said AFBF Women's Leadership Chair Isabella Chism. "As we celebrate the International Year of

the Woman Farmer along with the 250th anniversary of the United States, this is the perfect time to make sure everyone has a seat at the table in agriculture. This study allows us to take a closer look at the role women play in raising crops and tending livestock but also balancing off-farm jobs, caring for children, volunteering in their community, and so

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## JUNE HEAVY EQUIPMENT

### SAT. JUNE 20TH. 2026 - 8:30AM

**DOZERS:** 2014 Komatsu D65WX-17 dozer-8,951 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 12 ft 4 way blade, 36 in tracks; Komatsu D65EX-12 dozer-2,355 hrs, OROPS, 136 in blade, 24 in tracks; 2020 Komatsu D61PXL-24 dozer-4,817 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 6 way blade, 34 in tracks; 2019 Komatsu D51PXL-24 dozer-7,422 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 6 way blade, 28 in pads; 2022 Deere 650K LGP dozer-2,613 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 6 way blade.

**OFF-HIGHWAY TRUCKS:** 2006 Volvo A40D 40 ton haul truck-17,752 hrs, cab, heat/AC, tailgate; 2007 Volvo A40D 40 ton articulated haul truck-15,430 hrs, cab, heat/AC.

**EXCAVATORS:** 2019 CAT 336 excavator-6,277 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, 48 in bucket; 2010 Deere 350D LC excavator-10,177 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hydr thumb, 52 in bucket; 2015 Komatsu PC308US LC-3EO excavator-9,831 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr coupler, 55 in bucket; 2014 Kobelco SK260SR LC-3 excavator-8,428 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick coupler, 48 in bucket; 2005 CAT 320CL excavator-15,357 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, quick coupler, bucket; 2007 Ingersoll-Rand ZX125 excavator-865 hrs, cab, rubber tracks, swing boom, hydr thumb, blade; 2020 Komatsu PC88MR-10 excavator-5,165 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, rubber pads; Hitachi ZX85USB-5N excavator-2,279 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr thumb, quick coupler, blade.

**MINI EXCAVATORS:** 2021 CAT 305.5E2 mini excavator-783 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr thumb, blade; 2019 CAT 305E2 CR mini excavator-3,055 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, angle blade, bucket; 2016 CAT 305E2 CR mini excavator-367 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket, blade; CF Industry QK16R mini excavator, gas, rubber tracks, blade, hydr thumb; CFG Industrial mini excavator, gas, rubber tracks, aux hydr, thumb, bucket, blade, NEW/UNUSED; CFG, ZJG & ATS mini excavators, gas and diesel options, buckets, blades, thumbs, LED lights, toolboxes, several NEW/UNUSED.

**WHEEL LOADERS:** 2021 Komatsu WA380-8 wheel loader-5,778 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 124 in rock bucket, rear camera; 2019 Volvo L90H wheel loader-5,640 hrs, cab, heat/AC, JRB quick coupler, aux hydr, bucket; 2019 Volvo L70H wheel loader-4,308 hrs, cab, heat/AC, JRB hydr quick coupler, bucket; 2021 Deere 524 P-Tier wheel loader-3,414 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hydr quick coupler, aux hydr, bucket.

**SKID STEERS / TRACK LOADERS:** 2019 CAT 299D2 tracked skid steer-6,557 hrs, cab, aux hydr, bucket; 2024 CAT 289D3 tracked skid steer-2,053 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow XPS, hydr attach, bucket; 2019 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-2,516 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, quick attach; 2019 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-2,151 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, 2 spd, quick coupler; 2018 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-1,996 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, hydr quick attach; 2024 Yanmar TL100VS tracked skid steer-745 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, bucket; 2020 JCB 3TS-8T TeleSkid-2,062 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, telescopic boom, bucket; Kubota SVL90-2 tracked skid steer-3,584 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket; 2023 Bobcat T76 tracked skid steer-2,005 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2023 CAT 259D3 tracked skid steer-3,200 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2023 CAT 259D3 tracked skid steer-1,056 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2019 CAT 259D tracked skid steer-2,928 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick attach; 2020 Bobcat T650 tracked skid steer-3,680 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2020 Case TV370B tracked skid steer-4,225 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, quick attach; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-2,077 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-1,944 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-1,840 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2023 JCB 270 skid steer-870 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, 2 spd, quick attach; 2024 CAT 226D3 wheeled skid steer-1,009 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick attach; 2021 CAT 262D3 skid steer-5,848 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2016 Bobcat S570 skid steer-2,638 hrs, OROPS, heat/AC, aux hydr, 2 spd; 2007 Bobcat S250 skid steer-3,590 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket; 2014 JCB 190 skid steer-668 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, quick attach.

**MINI SKID STEERS:** 2021 Bobcat MT100 mini track loader-1,128 hrs, diesel, aux hydr; 2019 Bobcat MT85 mini track loader-779 hrs, aux hydr, bucket, diesel; ATS & ZJG mini skid steers, gas, aux hydr, buckets, toolboxes, several NEW/UNUSED.

**CRANES:** 1992 Grove AP308B carry deck crane-2,689 hrs, Cummins diesel, 24 ft boom, 15 ft jib; 2020 Hiab K-Hipro 505 truck crane, 82 ft horizontal reach, 91 ft vertical reach, 6,400 lb cap.



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much more. This study provides a comprehensive look at the many hats worn by women in agriculture as well as opportunities to better support them.”

A key finding from the study is that women in agriculture have strong confidence in their ability to balance farm work and family responsibilities. Most respondents also have a high level of confidence in their ability to represent agriculture in public or professional settings. In fact, 9 out of 10 women report feeling

confident speaking at community meetings about agriculture, and an impressive number — nearly 90% — of women surveyed are interested in taking on leadership roles now or in the future.

Conversely, the study also identifies five key areas where the agriculture sector could increase support: time and caregiving; skill development; leadership involvement; financial future; and overall wellbeing.

For example, almost half (44%) of women surveyed reported interest in gaining equipment or technical skills training, while nearly

6 in 10 respondents (56%) expressed interest in business and financial management training.

“As a grassroots organization and committee, we have long built our programming based on feedback from members,” Chism said. “For example, we doubled the number of communications boot camps we host. This survey gives us contemporary data that will help us develop future workshops, online engagements and peer-support networks for women.”

Encouragingly, several data points reinforce existing

Farm Bureau programming. For example, 45% of respondents expressed interest in policy or civic engagement training, and 42% expressed interest in community involvement or advocacy training. This aligns with the focus of Farm Bureau’s Women’s Communications Boot Camp, which has trained more than 350 women in agriculture in communications and advocacy.

Furthermore, the Women’s Leadership Committee has continually focused on the importance of mentorship among women in

agriculture, an interest identified by 45% of survey respondents. Programs such as AgConnectHER serve to inspire and equip women in agriculture to succeed in leadership, not just in the agricultural industry but well beyond.

More than half (52%) of all respondents reported interest in training related to farm succession or ownership transition. Farm Bureau has featured workshops on succession planning at eight of the last 10 most recent Farm Bureau Conventions and nine of the 10 most recent Young Farmers &

Ranchers or FUSION conferences.

More than 4,300 women in agriculture from all 50 states and Puerto Rico responded to the survey. A strong majority (61%) described their operation as a family farm, and more than 25 different crops and commodities were represented. AFBF and its research partners will continue analyzing the study results to gain additional insights.

Farm Bureau is appreciative of CoBank and JBS for their support of this study in order to recognize the essential roles women play in agriculture.

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**TELEHANDLERS:** 2023 Magni TH5.5.19P telehandler-1,625 hrs, 12,000 lb cap, 61 ft reach, cab, heat/AC, forks, outriggers; 2019 Merlo P50.18HM telehandler-514 hrs, 12,000 lb cap, 59 ft height, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, forks; 2018 Xtreme XR1147 telehandler-10,580 hrs, 11,000 lb cap, 47 ft height, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, forks; 2023 JCB 510-56 telehandler-655 hrs, 10,000 lb cap, 56 ft reach, outriggers, aux hydr, forks; 2018 Xtreme XR1055 telehandler-4,594 hrs, 10,000 lb cap, 55 ft reach, OROPS, outriggers, forks; 2018 SkyTrak 10054 telehandler-7,764 hrs, 10,000 lb cap, 54 ft reach, cab, heat/AC, forks, outriggers; 2016 SkyTrak 10054 telehandler-4,575 hrs, 10,000 lb cap, 54 ft height, forks, outriggers; 2004 JLG 944E-42 telehandler-1,999 hrs, 9,000 lb cap, 42 ft reach, OROPS, 4x4; 2024 Bobcat TL619 telehandler-246 hrs, 5,500 lb cap, 19 ft reach, cab, aux hydr, quick attach.

**TRENCHER / PAVER / SWEEPERS:** Hoes 685 trencher-800 hrs on motor, Deutz engine, 7 ft digging depth, tile boots; 2016 Volvo PF2181 asphalt paver-5,939 hrs, diesel, heated screed, 15 ft 7 in max paving width; 2017 Lay-Mor Sweepmaster 300 towable sweeper-408 hrs, OROPS; Tennant 550 floor scrubber-2,108 hrs, OROPS.

**BOOM LIFTS / SCISSOR LIFTS:** 2013 Genie S85 boom lift-2,278 hrs, 85 ft reach, 4x4; 2015 JLG 600S boom lift-5,419 hrs, 60 ft height, diesel; 2014 JLG 600A boom lift-3,213 hrs, 60 ft height, 4x4, dual fuel; 2014 Genie S45 boom lift-3,728 hrs, 45 ft height, 4x4, jib; 2011 Genie Z45/25J boom lift-6,086 hrs, 45 ft platform height, dual fuel; 2007 Genie S40 boom lift-2,955 hrs, 40 ft height, gas; 2012 JLG E400AJPN electric boom lift, 40 ft height; 2018 JLG T350 towable boom lift-160 hrs, 34 ft platform height; 2008 Genie GS5390RT scissor lift-2,531 hrs, 4x4, outriggers, 53 ft height; Skyjack SJ9250RT scissor lift-2,230 hrs, 4x4, outriggers, 50 ft platform height; 2015 Genie GS5390RT scissor lift-2,115 hrs, 4x4, outriggers; 2012 JLG M4069LE electric scissor lift-524 hrs, 40 ft platform height; 2006 JLG 2630ES electric scissor lift-469 hrs; 2023 MEC Micro 26 AC electric scissor lift-143 hrs.

**COMPACTORS / ROLLERS:** 2014 CAT CP56B padfoot roller-11,158 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 84 in drum; 2012 CAT CP56 padfoot roller-7,517 hrs, cab, blade, 84 in drum; 2017 Bomag BW177PDH-5 padfoot roller-1,177 hrs, OROPS; 2010 Bomag BW138AD double drum roller-2,060 hrs; 2017 Bomag BW900-50 double drum roller-158 hrs, OROPS; Benford 2010SD roller-558 hrs.

**TRACTORS:** 2021 John Deere 5045E tractor-2,409 hrs, OROPS, MFWD, 3pt, PTO; 2019 John Deere 5045E tractor-2,745 hrs, OROPS, MFWD, 3pt, PTO; John Deere 3010 tractor-1,578 hrs, open station, synchro trans, PTO, 3pt; 2007 John Deere 2320 loader tractor-1,229 hrs, loader, mower deck, hydrostatic trans.

**TRUCKS:** 2007 Kenworth T800 dump truck-812,770 mi, quad axle, CAT C15, 18 spd, aluminum bed, roll tarp; 1996 Mack RD688S dump truck-36,817 mi, quad axle, aluminum bed, roll tarp, 8LL trans; 2005 Peterbilt 378 sleeper semi-503,000 mi, rebuilt engine, manual trans, wet kit; 2013 Kenworth T660 sleeper semi-1,387,668 mi, Cummins, tandem axle, sleeper; 2005 Peterbilt 385 day cab-820,419 mi, CAT engine, manual trans; 2010 International ProStar day cab-416,479 mi, Cummins, manual trans; 1999 GMC TopKick C7500 dump truck-191,299 mi, CAT engine, auto trans, roll tarp; 2012 International Durastar 4400 dump truck, MaxxForce, auto trans, roll tarp; 2007 International 4400 flatbed-319,525 mi, tandem axle, MaxxForce DT, Allison auto; 2006 Chevrolet Kodiak C4500 dump truck-192,846 mi, crew cab, Duramax, auto trans; 2017 Ford F550 XL service truck-270,009 mi, 4x4, diesel, crane, compressor; 2012 Ford F450-174,168 mi, 6.7L Powerstroke, enclosed van body; 1994 Ford F700 dump truck-177,000 mi, Cummins L10, manual trans, 9 ft dump body; 2017 Chevrolet 3500HD LTZ-56,947 mi, crew cab, dually, 4x4, Duramax; 2018 Ram 2500HD-158,513 mi, crew cab, long bed, 4x4, gas; 2013 Ford F150 Platinum-191,093 mi, crew cab, 4x4, leather; 2007 Ford F150 Lariat-210,230 mi, extended cab, 4x4; 2014 Ford E250 van-187,594 mi.

**TRAILERS:** 2017 Wilson DWH-651 40 ft hopper trailer, electric tarp, electric hoppers, lift axle; 2015 Western 44 ft belt trailer, hydr door, roll tarp; 2008 Utility 53 ft van trailer, fixed axle, missing reefer unit; 2005 Wabash 53 ft van trailer, sliding axle; 2005 Wabash 53 ft van trailer, tandem fixed axle; 1995 Fruehauf van trailer, tandem axle; 1993 Transcraft Eagle aluminum flatbed trailer, 45 ft x 96 in, spread axle; 1971 40 ft flatbed trailer, tandem axle, wood deck; Fontaine step deck trailer, 41 ft overall, 10 ft step, 29 ft main deck; 1979 East 30 ft end dump trailer, roll tarp, plastic liner; 2026 Industrias America 625 bale wagon;



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*Doris Maureen Colvin*

Doris "Maureen" Colvin, 86, of Marion, passed away at 9:12 am on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center in Marion. The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Maureen's life will begin at 12:00 noon with Evangelist Taylor Ladd officiating. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park.

*Brenda Sue Borders*

Brenda Sue Borders, 63, Gas City, passed away in her home at 7:45 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. A funeral to celebrate Brenda's life will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the funeral home. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating with burial following at Riverside Cemetery.

*Lowell D. "Skip" Roby*

Lowell D. "Skip" Roby, 86, Gas City, passed away at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne. A funeral service to celebrate Skip's life was held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at the funeral home. Pastor Tom Mansberger officiated with burial following at Grant Memorial Park.

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

*Michael F. Schadler*

It is with deep respect and heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of Michael F. Schadler, a devoted man of faith and family, who left us on June 7, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana. A visitation to honor Michael's memory was held on June 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at, Maple Run Friend's Church, located at 4460 W 400 S, Marion, Indiana 46953. The funeral service followed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the same location.

*Jason R. Cochran*

CJason R. Cochran - September 30, 1974 — June 11, 2026 - Funeral Service was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm (Eastern time) at Jones-Smith Chapel, 259 N Main St, Upland, IN 46989.

*William T. Conrad*

William T. Conrad, 85, of Swayzee, passed away at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Marion Health. At William's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

*Sherry Lynn Rice*

Sherry Lynn Rice, 74, of Upland went to be with the Lord on June 9th, 2026. There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers please make donations to your local pet shelter in her honor. The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care during Sherry's end of life journey.

*Kevin D. Van Ness*

Kevin D. Van Ness, 59, of Marion, Indiana, passed away on June 8, 2026, in Ft. Wayne. Services will be set for a future date to be determined. Owen-Weilert Duncan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

*Velma Olena Wafford*

Velma Olena Wafford, 73, passed away on June 9, 2026 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Velma's wishes were to be cremated with no services. Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street, Hartford City is in charge of arrangements.

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- Fowlerton United Methodist** - 10:45 a.m.  
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- 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

**Master's Voice and The Rogers Family in concert at Epworth Church**



Master's Voice



The Rogers Family

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce Master's Voice with special guest The Rogers Family in concert on Friday, July 10, 2026! Doors open at 6 PM, Concert starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15. Also, a love offering

will be received. Limited seating, To guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance at epworthworship.com/mv or call/text 765-667-0842. Master's Voice is a Southern Gospel quartet based in Bristow, Oklahoma, founded in 1995

by Ricky Capps. Master's Voice's music spans several genres, including Southern Gospel, Country Gospel, and Contemporary Christian, all while conveying the core message of Christ. Their primary goal is to encourage believers and reach out to those who do not yet know Jesus personally. They maintain a busy tour schedule, performing extensively across the Midwest and other regions, including international tours to places like Canada and Australia. The current lineup consists of Ricky Capps (tenor), T.J. Evans (lead), Nathan Terry (baritone), and TBA (bass). The Rogers Family originated in Northeast Georgia

where Ray & Helen Rogers, and their daughter, Kim, sang in churches with Kim playing the piano. Kim met Sammy Shields at a church in North Carolina, and they married in 1999. They have three children: Rebekah, 25; Samuel, 21; & Hannah, 17. The family now resides in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Ray passed away in 2010, and now the kids do most of the singing, although Kim and Helen still enjoy singing with the family as well. Helen, Kim, Sammy, Rebekah, Samuel, & Hannah is the current group that travels and sings today, with Kim still the pianist, and is blessed to carry on the tradition of southern gospel music.

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## Is paying your bills getting increasingly harder?

By Teresa A. LeNeave  
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Buyer beware. Everything around you is geared toward taking the money you work so hard to make. Department stores have one motive in mind: taking your money. Drug companies (no matter how harmful the side effects are) have one motive in mind: taking your money. Banks have one motive in mind: taking your money and using it to make them more money. As strange as it seems, some of your friends have one motive in mind: taking your money. Amazon, which I love, is geared toward taking our money. So, what do you do to fight against the desperate battle for your money that surrounds you all day, every day?

Almost everyone in America has heard



of the financial guru, Dave Ramsey. He says, “We (Americans) are ignorant as to how much effort, time, energy, and money is spent to get our business and thereby our money. While companies spend billions of dollars and hours to sell to us, we sit idly by, getting sold and sold and sold.”

Ramsey said if you want to be debt free you must, “figure out what your actual income is and then proceed to live far below that mark.” He says you must remind yourself to slow down. Evaluate carefully every purchase because you may be sacrificing your financial freedom for years to come.

Ramsey says if you must borrow money there are two sure-fire guidelines to abide by. First, borrow on short terms and only borrow on items that go up in value. That means, it’s okay to borrow for a house that is within your budget, but borrow for the least number of years you possibly can.

I wonder if most American’s have more trouble getting out of debt, or keeping out of debt?

He says, “Debt will always get you in trouble. Have you ever lain awake at night wondering which bills were going to get paid? Have you ever wished you could buy something for your

children but didn’t have the money?” According to scripture debt will bind you and choke the life out of you. Proverbs 22:7 says, “The rich rule over the poor and the borrow is servant to the lender.”

The Bible speaks against being impulsive. It says, “He who is impulsive exalts folly” (Prov 14:29).

Dave Ramsey is a first-hand rags-to-riches kind of guy. At 26-years-old, he had a \$4 million portfolio, but by the age of 30 he was bankrupt. He has since rebuilt his financial life and devotes himself to helping others who find themselves in the same “mess”. This is not an advertisement for Dave Ramsey, but a bell ringer to get our attention in a volatile financial world. I believe God gives us wisdom when we actively try to make wise choices.

## Outdoor Truths: God changed everything

By Gary Miller

### OUTDOOR TRUTHS

As adults, we all can look back on our lives and find people or moments that will forever be etched into our memories. Some of them will not only forever be remembered, but they are the ones that changed the trajectory of our lives. It may be the death of a loved one, an illness, or a tragedy, but these periods moved us to places we would have never otherwise gone. Thankfully some of these events were good as well.

For instance, I can remember my first time fishing at the lake and my first time sitting in a tree stand waiting on a deer. Both became part of the foundation of these articles that I have written for 24 years and the ministry they birthed. But the real life-changing event came without excitement.

In fact, without one small gesture, it would have been quickly forgotten. It didn’t come from anything that was special or anyone that was famous. But it is the one thing that changed my life forever. And it is the one thing I continue to go back to, to offer to others who may need that same life change as I did.

It happened one evening as I was preparing to speak at a wild game dinner, 18 years ago, this month. The event was small and held outdoors. About an hour before that event, two men drove up in an older van. I remember a couple of things about their arrival. First, as I noticed the interior of the van, it looked like they were living out of it. I don’t think they were, but it looked like it. And secondly, as I noticed the appearance of these two guys, it looked like they were

living out of the van. Lol. There was nothing special about our encounter. But for some reason I noticed their kindness. After a few introductions, they handed me a thin paperback book and invited me to read it. I thanked them, tossed the book in my truck, and went on with my business. I don’t know how long after that, that I decided to pick up that book, but when I began to

read, I couldn’t put it down. It changed my life because it showed me that God had already freed me from the responsibility of trying to live the Christian life in my own strength. It explained how Paul came to the end of his efforts to keep the law so that he could simply trust Christ to live His life through him. In essence, it broke the grip that legalism had on me

and showed me what grace really was, and how it was not only responsible for my salvation, but also for any spiritual growth I will ever experience. My job was not to produce the life of Christ. My job was simply to bring myself to the Source. Since that time, I have shared that message across the country, looking for others like me who have grown tired of their inability

to live the Christian life by their own efforts.

Looking for others who need someone to fire them from the job they were never qualified to do. So, happy anniversary to me! Eighteen years ago, two ordinary men handed me a little book, and God used it to change everything. “It’s for freedom, that Christ has set you free.” ~Paul

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He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men’s events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at [Outdoortruths.org](http://Outdoortruths.org)



## Momentary Affliction

By Brandon Bramlett  
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

Numbness arrested my legs. Every step was an agonizing jolt, making it impossible to ignore the excruciating pain. Sweat trickled down my face and tears nearly did, too. Every fiber of my being screamed for me to throw in the towel. All of this agony stemmed from the 375-foot ascent to Eagle Point Buttress in the Red River Gorge of eastern Kentucky.

But once I got to the peak, the

sights made the struggle worthwhile. The breathtaking panoramic views stretched as far as the eye could see, as lush pine valleys and rolling hills came together to paint an unforgettable landscape. The beautiful blue sky was like an ocean floating in the heavens. The sun cast a golden glow upon every rock, tree, and stream in the wilderness, illuminating the scene with warmth. And as I took in the incredible scenery, every ounce of my pain melted away.

And the Bible says the same thing about the believer’s earthly sufferings. The uphill climb of life’s trials can make you feel like giving up. There will be times when you feel like you can’t take another step on the tribulation-laden road to everlasting life. But the sight of Jesus Christ in glory will make all of your sufferings worthwhile. That is why Peter said, “But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter

4:13).

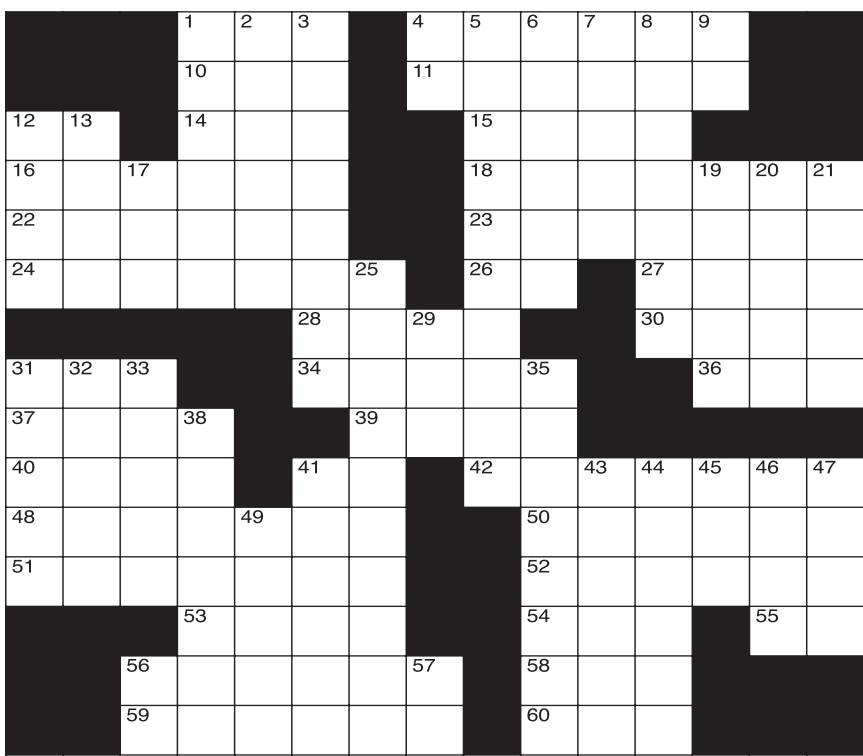
Being with Jesus in heaven will far surpass the pain of your earthly hardships. As a matter of fact, the magnitude of your heavenly reward far outweighs the gravity of your tribulations on earth—so much so that a comparison between them is impossible! As Paul aptly said, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18). The troubles of this life

are temporary and they weigh nothing compared to the weight of heaven: “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison” (2 Cor. 4:17). What is one drop of sorrow compared to an overflowing cup of joy in eternity? What are a thousand dark days compared to being forever in the light of God’s glorious presence?

I also snapped many photographs of the awe-inspiring peak to help me remember why the climb was

well worth it. And believers likewise have a picture of heaven to encourage them that the excruciating climb of life will be worth it in the end: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:3-4).

### Crossword Puzzle

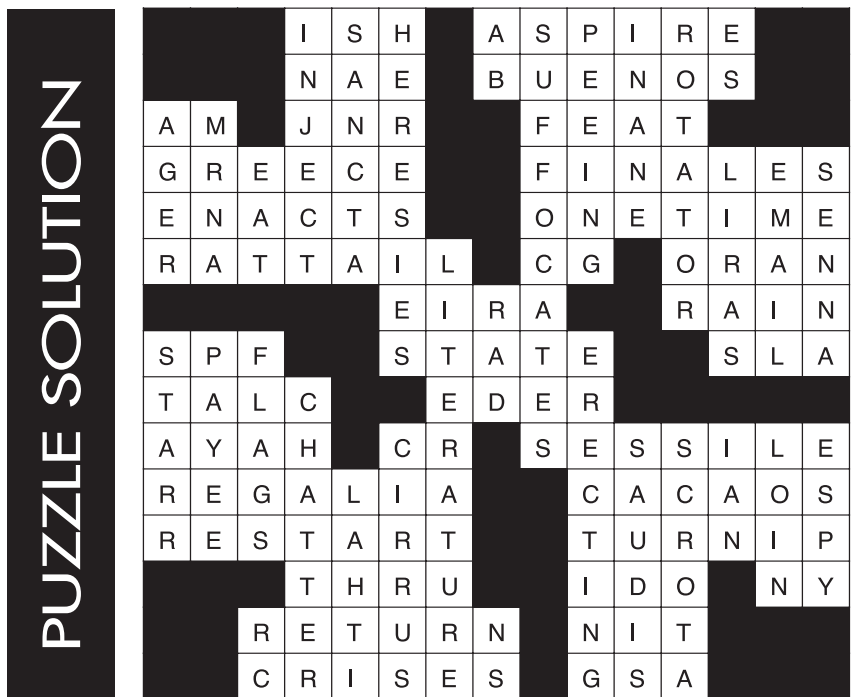


#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Similar
- 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
- 10. No (Scottish)
- 11. \_\_\_ Aires, city
- 12. Morning
- 14. Senior's son (abbr.)
- 15. A notable achievement
- 16. European nation
- 18. Endings
- 22. Puts into place
- 23. Former
- 24. Grenadier
- 26. Sea patrol
- 27. Algerian port
- 28. Norwegian river
- 30. Precipitation
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. New York is one
- 36. Patti Hearst's captors
- 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
- 39. Retired Brazilian footballer
- 40. An Indian nursemaid
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Immobile
- 48. Insignia of royalty
- 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Round root
- 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
- 54. What newlyweds just said
- 55. Empire State
- 56. Give back
- 58. College hoops tournament
- 59. Unstable situations
- 60. Young women's association

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Administer a drug
- 2. Holy places
- 3. Contrary opinions
- 4. Blood type
- 5. Gags
- 6. Micturating
- 7. Silly
- 8. A type of "cuff"
- 9. Spanish be
- 12. Austrian river
- 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 17. Consume food
- 19. California supermarket
- 20. Electronic communication
- 21. Cassia tree
- 25. Written works
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
- 32. One who was compensated
- 33. National symbols
- 35. Raising
- 38. A type of talk
- 41. Cloud
- 43. Middle Eastern peoples
- 44. Pouches
- 45. 007's creator
- 46. A cut of meat
- 47. Sports entertainment award
- 49. Christine \_\_\_, actress
- 56. Relief organization (abbr.)
- 57. Canadian province (abbr.)



### Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to the pollinators. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = O)

- A. 6 26 4 4 13 17 9 7 26 19**  
Clue: Carries pollen
- B. 11 4 26 25 16 19**  
Clue: Contains petals
- C. 22 19 26 25 7 23**  
Clue: Getting bigger
- D. 24 4 26 26 5 8**  
Clue: Flowering

Answers: A. pollinator B. flower C. growth D. blooms

### Word Search

#### FLOWER FRIENDS WORD SEARCH



#### ANSWERS ON CLASSIFIED PAGE

- #### WORDS
- ANTENNAE
  - APIARY
  - BEEBLE
  - BLOSSOM
  - BUMBLEBEE
  - BUTTERFLY
  - CHRYSALIS
  - COLONY
  - DRONE
  - ECOSYSTEM
  - FLIGHT
  - FORAGING
  - HABITAT
  - HOVERFLY
  - HUMMINGBIRD
  - LARVA
  - MANDIBLES
  - MIGRATORY
  - NECTAR
  - OVARY
  - PETAL
  - POLLEN
  - PROBOSCIS
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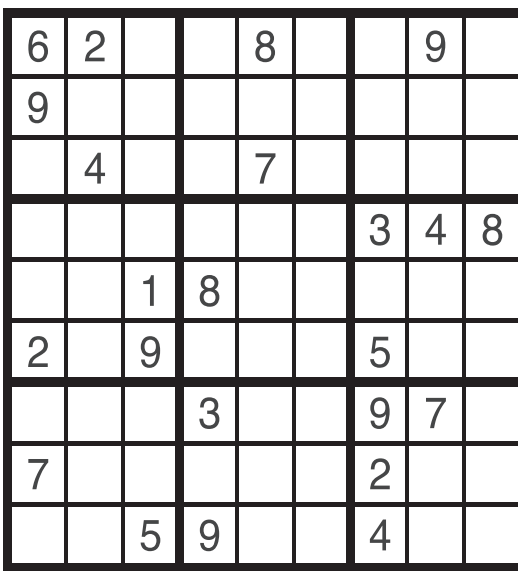
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### 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!

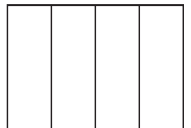
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### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the pollinators.

E S E B



Answer: Bees

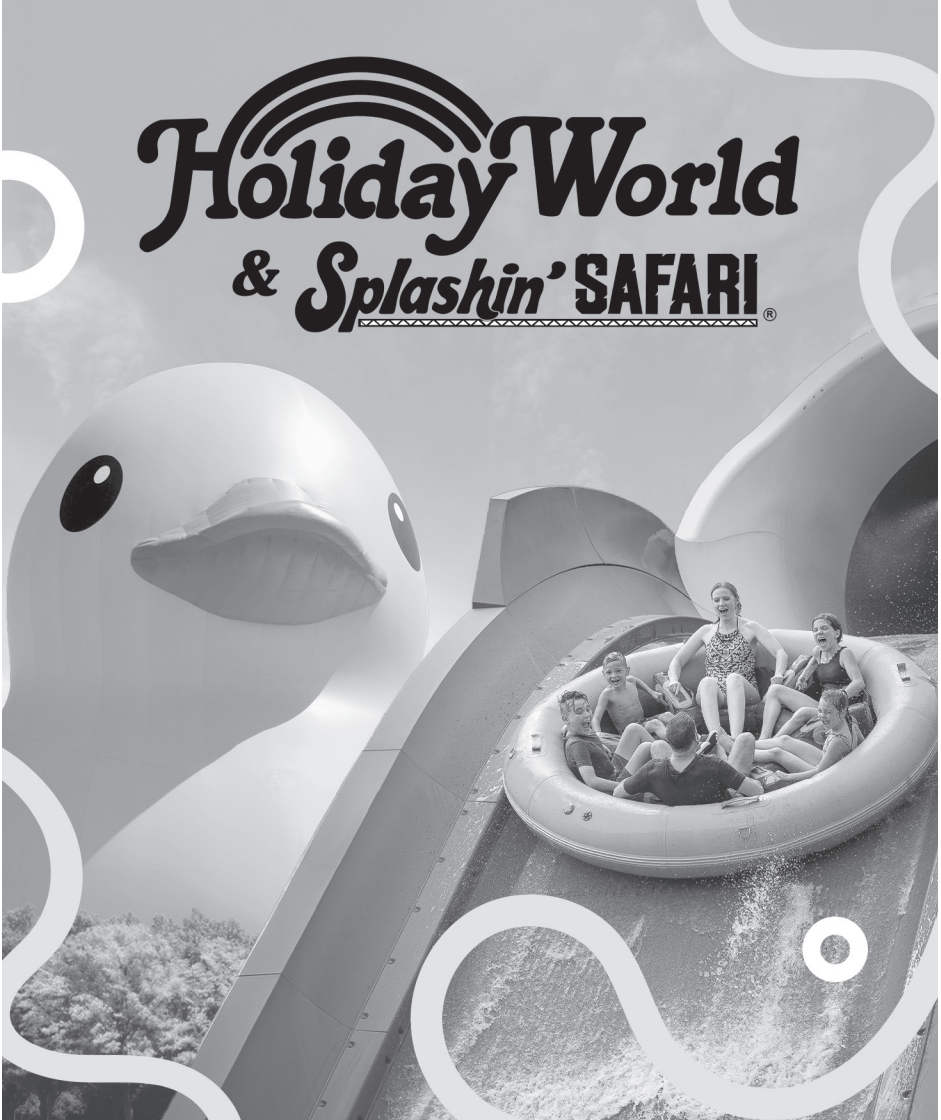
### Guess Who?

#### GUESS WHO?

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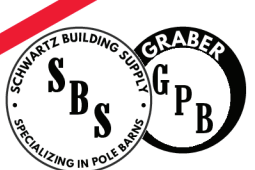
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# Jay County Civic Theatre elects three board members

Jay County Civic Theatre elected three board members during its annual meeting Saturday evening. Re-elected to the civic theatre board of directors was Reid Knuth for a third three-year term. Elected to the board was Katie Loy for her first three-year term. (Katie was originally appointed to the board to fill an unexpired term.) And newly elected to a three-year term on the board was Julie Crandall. Other board members are

Ray Cooney, Lee Osteen, Casi Denney, Sarah Lingo and Rachel Tebbe. Jay County Civic Theatre junior ambassadors for 2026-27 will be Alison McGraw, Leah Wuebker, Esther Crandall and Izzy Huelskamp. Board president Ray Cooney provided a review of the organization's 2025-26 activities. The year included productions of "Legally Blonde," "Annie" and this week's "1776"; the hiring of the organization's



first paid employee — Maisey Kelly as its operations and development coordinator; and work on an annual campaign. Also at the meeting,

the board announced its scholarship winners for 2026. Jacob Kellogg received the Tom Casey Memorial Scholarship. Inara Sanderson,

Jackson Sonner and Leah Wuebker each received a Heather McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship. Inara Sanderson, Jackson Sonner, Leah Wuebker and Jacob Kellogg each received a Jay County Civic Theatre Merit Scholarship. All scholarships are for \$250. Upcoming Jay County Civic Theatre activities will include: •This week's production of "1776" — Tickets are available at bit.ly/JCCT1776, by calling

(260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. •Working at the gates during the Jay County Fair •Hosting theatre workshops during July (stay tuned for additional details) •Auditions for "White Christmas," with details to be announced next month The next Jay County Civic Theatre regular board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, in the board room at Arts Place.

# Tanner Brooks receives sports award from Wabash

CRAWFORDS VILLE, IN — Wabash College is proud to honor its student-

athletes for their accomplishments in the past academic year.

Award recipients include: Tanner Brooks of Fairmount - Varsity

Letter in Track and Field Located in Crawfordsville,

Indiana, and founded in 1832, Wabash is a private liberal arts college, which teaches

men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

# Carson Sehy graduates from Carthage College!

KENOSHA, WI — Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. congratulates Carson Sehy from Fairmount, IN (46928), who

graduated earning a degree/s in Management and Geoscience. About Carthage Carthage College is

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Wednesday, June 10, the band 45RPM took the James Dean Memorial Stage at PlayAcres Park in Fairmount.



Members of the Fairmount Lions Club host and run the shows: L to R David Crouse, Hunter Wolf, Ava Osborne, Jake Roth and Mike Greenwald

# Fairmount concerts at the Stage in full swing for the summer

"Amazing show tonight," Ava Osborne posted on Facebook Wednesday, June 10. 45RPM performed,

and the crowd was out on the dance floor. If you missed it, come out again every Wednesday.

For more info. Go to Facebook: Fairmount Concerts at the Stage." Cadaver Dogs up net on iJune 24, 7

pm-8:30 pm. Concerts Wednesday nights through August 19 at PlayAcres Park in Fairmount.

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2026 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

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June 10th 45 RPM Band	July 22nd Endless Summer Band
June 17th Mike & Joe Band	July 29th Hubie Ashcraft Band
June 24th Cadaver Dogs Band	August 5th The Toy Factory
July 1st The Sweetwater All Stars	August 12th The Flying Toasters
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# Great activities for kids come the dog days of summer

The arrival of summer is a momentous day for children. Summer means school is closed and weeks of rest, recreation and fun in the sun are on the schedule.

Although summer may start off with a bang, it may not be too long before kids are uttering the dreaded, "I'm bored," leaving parents and caregivers looking for ways to keep children occupied. Having a list of activities at the ready can help families stay active and engaged during the dog days of summer.

**Summertime swim-**

**ming**

Those lucky enough to have a backyard pool have a great source of entertainment right at home. Swimming alone can grow monotonous for kids, so work with friends' parents to devise a schedule to have the kids alternate whose house they visit for swimming sessions. Standard games like water volleyball or diving retrieval games can add some fun, but many times kids are happy to splash and float with friends. Stock a cooler with water, juice and healthy snacks so kids can just hop out

of the water and grab a refreshment, rather than leaving a water-logged trail into the kitchen.

Those who do not have a pool can consider membership to a township pool, where everyone can mingle with neighbors.

**Host a movie night**

The dog days of summer tend to be humid, hot and sometimes uncomfortable. Scheduling activities for later in the day makes the most of weather that has cooled off a bit. Purchase or borrow a projector that hooks up to a computer

or tablet, and set up a screen in the yard. Stream a family-friendly movie and prepare ready-made bags of popcorn or cotton candy for the show.

**Add water to everything**

Favorite backyard games can be enhanced with the use of a little water. For example, instead of tossing bean bags for cornhole, fill up water balloons. Kids who are playing tag or games like capture the flag may have to run through a garden sprinkler to get into their opponent's territory. Kids can

put their engineering skills to use by building an obstacle course of hurdles and the like from tires or pool noodles. Poke holes into one pool noodle and feed a garden hose into the end to create a water hazard.

**Go on a scavenger hunt**

Whether at a beach, park, or even walking the neighborhood, families can have a list of objects that must be found. The first child to find all of the items on the list gets a prize, such as choosing which ice cream shop to visit.

**Dance in the rain**

Summertime is known for the sudden arrival of storms. When a downpour occurs, have the family head into the garage with the door open to catch the amazing sights of Mother Nature. Take turns briefly running out into the deluge to dance and splash in the rain. Retreat to the indoors when thunder and lightning are close by.

Families have plenty of ways to fill the dog days (and nights) of summer with entertaining games and other activities.

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