



Downtown Jasper Chowdown

(Jasper, Indiana) – Heart of Jasper Announces July 2 Downtown Chowdown: Patriotic Park Party

The Heart of Jasper invites the community to celebrate Independence Day at Downtown Chowdown: Patriotic Park Party on Thursday, July 9, from 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM at Jasper Riverwalk Plaza.

This special patriotic edition of Downtown Chowdown features a variety of food trucks, live music by Jon + Stacey, Conner Loveless, and Studebakers, family-friendly activities, and a festive community atmosphere at Jaycee Park. Families can also cool off at the Jasper Municipal Pool, which will host a special Pool Party from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM with \$5 admission per person. The evening concludes with Jasper's Independence Day drone show display beginning at 10:15 PM, making it the perfect way to kick off the holiday weekend.

Admission to the park is free, and everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends to enjoy great food, live entertainment, and one of Jasper's favorite summer traditions.

Upcoming Downtown Chowdown events:
Thursday September 3rd

Downtown Chowdown is part of the Heart of Jasper's ongoing efforts to promote a thriving, active downtown and support local businesses. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend, enjoy the evening, and celebrate everything that makes Jasper special.

For updates, vendor information, and additional details, follow Heart of Jasper on social media.



Congratulations to our 2026 Miss Dubois County and court!

- 2026 Miss Dubois County - Bella Beckman
- 2026 Miss First Runner Up - Amerynn Fetter
- 2026 Queens Court - Mya Ziegler
- 2026 Queens Court - Laurian Gayso
- 2026 Miss Photogenic - Bella Beckman
- 2026 Miss Congeniality - Mya Ziegler
- 2026 Teen Miss Dubois County - Kate Gray
- 2026 Teen Miss First Runner Up - Millie Popp See less



Free prostate cancer screening

Jasper, IN – Do you know that about 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime? Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but screenings can help in early diagnosis. Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is offering a Prostate Cancer Screening for men age 50 and over or for those with a high risk for prostate cancer. The screening will take place at Memorial Southside Office, 1100 W 12th Ave., Jasper on Friday, July 10, 2026, from 5:45 – 9:00 a.m. EDT. Results will be mailed to participants.

No appointment or pre-registration is necessary. The cost of the PSA screening is \$22. Optional tests include: lipid profile for \$15 (a 12-hour fast is required for a lipid profile prior to the screening); take-home colon cancer detection kit for \$9; thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) for \$14; complete blood count (CBC) for \$14; hemoglobin A1C for \$20; vitamin D for \$47.25; and C-reactive protein (CRP) for \$30. Payment is required at the time of screening. No Medicare, Medicaid, or insurances are applicable.

For more information, call Deaconess Wellness Solutions – Jasper at 812-996-2399, option 1.

Dubois County 4-H Fair returns July 9-13 in Huntingburg

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. — The 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair will bring five days of family fun, agriculture, and community tradition to the Dubois County Fairgrounds, 4157 S. State Road 162 in Huntingburg. Admission and parking are both free, making the fair an affordable outing for families and visitors of all ages.

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Throughout the week, fairgoers can enjoy a wide variety of 4-H exhibits, livestock shows, educational

demonstrations, contests, and competitions showcasing the hard work and accomplishments of local youth. The fair also highlights the area's agricultural heritage while providing entertainment and

activities for the entire community.

In addition to the 4-H events, visitors can expect live entertainment, family-friendly contests, and a variety of attractions scheduled throughout the fair. Food vendors will offer classic fair favorites

alongside regional specialties, while craft and commercial vendors will provide unique shopping opportunities.

Organizers continue to introduce new attractions each year while maintaining the traditions that have made the Dubois County 4-H Fair a summer favorite for generations.

Because schedules and event times may change, attendees are encouraged to check with fair organizers for the latest updates before visiting.

For more information about the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair, contact the fairgrounds office at (812) 482-2434.



Scotty McCreery headlines Jasper Arts Center 12-show 2026-27 lineup

JASPER, Ind. (WEVV) — Jasper Arts has announced its 2026-2027 performance season at the Jasper Arts Center, featuring country, pop, comedy, classical music, Broadway and family entertainment.

The season opens Saturday, Sept. 26, with country music artist Scotty McCreery, joined by special guest Ashley Kutcher. The schedule continues with Gadan on Oct.

3, Vanessa Carlton on Oct. 30 and Backstage Series performer Tabitha Meeks on Nov. 7.

Violinist Nemanja Radulovi and Double Sens will perform Nov. 20, followed by The Ugly Seasonal Sweater Soiree on Dec. 11. Comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Melissa Villaseñor will take the stage Jan. 23, 2027.

The season continues with "Sincerely,

Sondheim" on Feb. 6, Sons of Serendip on Feb. 20 and A Moving Sound on March 20. Broadway performers Joshua Henry and Caissie Levy will appear together at the Jasper Arts Center on April 10.

The season concludes April 30 with "Care Bears Live!," a family-focused theatrical production featuring the popular Care Bears characters. Jasper Arts will again offer flexible

ticket packages, allowing patrons to select three or more performances to create their own season package.

"This season offers an especially broad range of experiences for our audiences," said Kyle Rupert, executive director of Jasper Arts. "There are opportunities to see familiar artists, discover something entirely new, enjoy an evening of comedy or music with friends, and create memories

with family."

"We are excited to welcome these performers and share another strong season with the community," Rupert said.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Eastern on Wednesday, July 1. They will be available online at jasperarts.org/tickets, by phone at 812-482-3070 and in person at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center.

The Jasper Arts Center is located at

951 College Avenue in Jasper.



Scotty McCreery

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

The road to peace: Practice managing the moments

By Teresa A. LeNeave
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This world seems to create an atmosphere of anxiety. I'm convinced, a lot of things that people feel are brought on by things we hear. We hear speakers, both religious and political, saying things that are meant to get under our skin. And we let it! People feel overwhelmed. I feel it too, but I think I bring some of it on myself.

What we focus on can overwhelm us. I'm reminded of how Apostle Paul warned us about this topic when he said we should think on whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. He said to look for things of virtue

(good moral qualities) and of ways to praise (Philippians 4:8). That tells me I have some control over my mind and what I allow to dwell on.

The point is, not everything we hear is beneficial. In fact, some of it is downright detrimental. I saw something someone shared on Facebook that said, "Sometimes, I just have to turn off the news and put on a true crime documentary so I can relax". That's a little drastic, but it does say we have a responsibility to protect our own minds.

We say we want good things in our lives but science and the Bible, both, say our thoughts influence and support how we live our lives. The

question is, "what are we thinking about?" Where do our thoughts lead us? Are they directing us toward good things or harmful things? Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life".

How do we "keep our heart with all diligence"? For starters, diligence is not giving up. Diligence is to keep on keeping on. It's impossible to stop "hearing" things that are harmful to our hearts, but we can be diligent about NOT dwelling on it. I've had people who have deeply hurt my feelings, but if I let myself dwell on it, I would definitely end up with emotional pain that wouldn't go away. I think managing the



moments really matter.

I'm continuing to learn how to manage the moments ... the moments that bring me excess stress and even anger. I think that's what Solomon meant when he said "keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life". Solomon wants us

to practice managing the stress moments ... the unhealthy mind moments.

These days, we hear a lot about 'toxic people', but there are toxic conversations, too. The Bible speaks often about guarding both the heart (our inner thoughts) and the mind (how we think, discern

and focus). God's message for "managing the moments" is not just to avoid harmful influences, but to actively cultivate a life centered on God.

2 Cor. 10:5 says, "... we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." This suggests actively evaluating thoughts and opinions rather than automatically accepting them. Just because the world creates an atmosphere of anxiety, we don't have to be caught in its trap. We can actively, and intentionally, practice managing the moments of our lives by renewing our minds through God's truth. His words have more power than we realize and it can help us manage the moments.

God's mercy endures forever, but He cannot compromise

By Dr. Billy Holland

For the last two weeks, we have been discussing the afterlife and who will receive it. Most religions are dogmatic about their salvation ideas, and Christianity may be the most narrow theological view of them all. The exclusive view that following Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven has always been under scrutiny, and I'm facing this hostility today more than ever. I hear arguments such as: how could a loving and merciful God send anyone to an eternal hell just because they chose the wrong religion? Consider the billions of individuals who have embraced the religious path of their families simply because they trust what they have been taught. We read stories of God's strictness and how His truth cannot

compromise, but human nature still hopes He is lenient and forgiving.

This subject has been on my heart lately, and I even had a dream the other night where I saw an endless multitude crying and agonizing, which was disturbing. I woke up, and my first thought was that I was seeing what it would be like at the judgment – they knew it was too late. This brings me to some important questions of my own: Since most Christians accept there is only one Savior who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," why aren't we more broken-hearted about those who do not know Him? If we really believed the majority of the world would suffer eternal punishment because they are not born again, then why do we ignore it? Why aren't we praying,

and witnessing more, or standing on the street corner preaching the gospel? Or are we just happy for ourselves and not concerned about others? Grieving for the lost is not the same as having pity for those who are not blessed like us. We are called to demonstrate our faith by our works, or our love is nothing more than an emotional whim.

A popular idea about salvation is that everyone has the free will to choose whatever they want to believe. This, in turn, makes each individual responsible for where they will spend eternity. The call of Christians to evangelize the world is more focused on those who have never heard about Christ, rather than trying to convince someone to abandon their religion and become a Christian. However, we are reminded of

the analogy of having a cure for a deadly plague and hiding it. Is the gospel the power unto salvation or is it not? Maybe this is a subconscious excuse to not meddle in other people's business and just be glad you have the antidote. There is also a view that is opposite to the free-will philosophy, called predestination. Some Christians believe that before the world was created, God selected certain ones to be saved, which causes a lot of hostility from those who argue this is not fair. The response is that God has sovereign authority and can do whatever He wants.

If the doctrine of election is true, this would explain the lack of missionary support, personal evangelism, and weeping over the lost, since eternal salvation has already been decided. I personally have a hard time

with this view, as the Bible discusses the importance of faith and personal choice. This brings up another simple question, which is whether a person believes what the Bible says. Some believe that when God leaves the ninety-nine and rescues the one, it means reconciling all humans to spend eternity with Him, but others say this is not the correct context. Between the tsunami of religious interpretations and the critics that declare the Bible is not divinely inspired and does not really mean what it says, it's easy to see how religious pluralism, universalism, and even annihilationism is growing.

If all the passages about spiritual discipline and sacrifice, along with the small gate and a narrow road that leads to life, and only

a few will find it, are discarded as an exaggeration, then it's easy to see how the rebellious human nature has created its own non-threatening version of salvation. It's true, everyone wants to go to heaven, but just how strict is God when it comes to sending invitations? Do you see Him as lenient, sneaking a few favorites through the back door? His truth cannot bend or make deals. According to the Bible, the overwhelming majority of every person who has ever lived will suffer forever. Not only all unbelievers, but every person of every other religion that has ever existed.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. To read more about the Christian life, visit our website at billyhollandministries.com

FIFA love

By Gary Miller

I am a sports fan. I don't watch much television, but when I do, it's normally around some sporting event. During the past few weeks, it's been golf majors and some WNBA. And then there's also the largest sporting event in the world. The FIFA World Cup. International football. Or what Americans call soccer. And while I'm not a big soccer fan, I have found myself following this tournament, mainly because this year's event is in the United States. This tournament only happens every four

years, and this year's event will include 48 teams from all over the world. Over one billion people will be watching, worldwide. At this writing, America has made it to the round of 16. Go USA! What has gripped me more than anything else, however, is how all our foreign guests keep going on with the hospitality of our people. Whether they are talking about the people in Dallas, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, or the 12 other host cities, the common theme is that they could not believe how friendly, accommodating, and helpful Americans

have been. They almost always follow those glowing comments by saying, "That's not what our leaders and media led us to believe." And many of these people described the U.S. as a more friendly and welcoming place than their own country. They felt what I believe most Americans do very naturally. Love other people. Now we may not call it love. But that is how our actions were interpreted. And because we did what comes naturally, our neighbors were drawn to us. Even the players from Iran, despite the tensions between our nations,

left a handwritten note to the people of Los Angeles thanking the city for its hospitality and expressing a desire for peace and respect among nations. All of this has not only been amazing to me but has given me so much to think about. One thing I think about is that most of the common people in every country want to live in harmony with others. I think this is inherent because we are all made in the Image of God. Another thing worth remembering is that nearly all media are in the business for profit. And there is nothing wrong with profiting.

But we all have to realize that our major news sources tend to report on what has the greatest potential to make them a profit. And then there are the governments – each one made up of people who are often driven by power and personal prosperity, unlike the Jills and Joes who live under their reign. But of all the images that came to mind, the most compelling was the one that led me to the words of Jesus. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love

one another." I can't correct every false view of my faith that someone here or even in another country might promote. I can't always explain my beliefs so that others can understand. I can't always defend against those who use Christianity as a tool for power or prosperity. But I can, by my actions, love the people God chooses to bring into my life, whether they are with me for a lifetime or just a moment. And if I do that, perhaps they'll leave saying that the ways of Jesus and His followers were not what they thought them to be. They're better. Go USA!

Building self esteem in children:

A foundation for lifelong success

By Ashley Lingafelter
Youth First, Inc.

Research indicates that nearly 40% of children experience feelings of inadequacy, which can severely hinder their emotional and social development. These statistics underline an alarming reality: low self-esteem in children is linked to a host of negative outcomes, including poor academic performance, mental health issues, and difficulties forming healthy relationships.

However, children with positive self-esteem are more likely to embrace challenges, engage in social settings, and develop resilience. As such, fostering self-esteem in children is not a mere parental preference; it is an essential investment in their future.

Positive self-esteem serves as the foundation for children's identities.

It allows them to navigate life's challenges with confidence and fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance, and security. Children who see themselves positively are more likely to engage in behaviors that promote growth, such as trying out for a school play or joining a sports team. Self-esteem also becomes a protective factor that shields children from the adverse effects of peer pressure and bullying, ultimately leading to healthier emotional regulation and mental well-being.

Self-esteem in children emerges at an early age and is influenced by various factors, including family dynamics, social interactions, and individual experiences. As children grow, they internalize feedback from their environment, particularly from

their parents and caregivers. Therefore, the role of parents in nurturing self-esteem cannot be overlooked. It is a delicate balance of offering support while allowing children to learn and grow independently. Parents who emphasize their children's strengths, celebrate their achievements, and provide constructive feedback create an environment conducive to healthy self-esteem development.

To aid in building a child's self-esteem, parents can adopt several effective strategies:

1. Encourage Open Communication: Parents should create a safe space for children to express their thoughts and feelings. Encouraging open dialogue fosters emotional intelligence and helps children articulate their concerns.

2. Promote Independence: Allowing children to make choices fosters a sense of autonomy. Even small decisions, like selecting their outfit for the day or choosing an afternoon activity, can empower children and enhance their confidence.

3. Celebrate Efforts, Not Just Results: Parents should recognize the effort their children put into tasks, not just the outcome. This approach instills a growth mindset, teaching children that persistence is valuable even in the face of setbacks.

4. Set Realistic Expectations: While it is natural for parents to want their children to succeed, setting unattainable expectations can lead to feelings of inadequacy. It is crucial to set goals that are challenging

yet achievable, allowing children to feel a sense of accomplishment.

5. Model Positive Self-Talk: This is arguably the most important and impactful tip. Children learn by observing adults. Parents should exemplify healthy self-esteem by practicing positive self-talk and demonstrating self-compassion in the face of their own challenges.

In conclusion, nurturing self-esteem is fundamental to a child's emotional, social, and academic development. By recognizing the significance of their role, parents can utilize practical strategies that empower their children, laying the groundwork for a confident and resilient adult life. Building self-esteem is an investment in a child's future—one that can lead to

lifelong happiness and success.

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Vincennes Rotarian Jim Gislason honored with Leo A. Simon Award for 50 years of perfect attendance and service

VINCENNES, IN — During the annual Changeover event of the Vincennes Rotary Club on June 30, 2026, Rotarian Jim Gislason was presented with the prestigious Leo A. Simon Award by outgoing President Eric Peters, recognizing his extraordinary 50 years of perfect attendance and five decades of service above self.

Jim Gislason has been a Rotarian since 1976 and has dedicated a lifetime to advancing the mission and values of Rotary at the club, district, and international levels. He served as District

Governor during the 1997–1998 Rotary year and has held numerous leadership roles throughout his Rotary journey.

Past District Governor and longtime friend Steve LaRoche shared reflections on Jim's legacy, describing him as one of the most resilient, dedicated, and persistent Rotarians he has ever known. Steve also shared personal stories, including the honor of having Jim as his Rotary sponsor and recognizing Jim as the recipient of the Governor's Choice Distinguished Service

Award.

Jim's commitment to The Rotary Foundation is reflected in both leadership and generosity. He is a Rotary Major Donor, Paul Harris Society Member, Bequest Society Member, and PolioPlus Society Member. He has served the district in numerous capacities, most recently as District PolioPlus Chair, continuing his strong advocacy for Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio.

In 1982, while serving as Secretary of the Vincennes Rotary Club, Jim played a pivotal role

in the early days of Rotary's historic polio eradication efforts. Following Rotary's successful vaccination campaign in the Philippines, which resulted in the elimination of polio cases there, clubs were challenged to support a bold global vision. When the district set a goal of \$11,000 for the Vincennes club—far exceeding anything previously raised—Jim proposed increasing the goal to \$15,000. Under his leadership, the club surpassed expectations, raising more than \$30,000. That campaign helped

ignite what would become PolioPlus, now one of Rotary's most impactful humanitarian initiatives.

Beyond polio advocacy, Jim played a significant role in the development of Rotary International's insurance program in the United States. He served as a consultant to RI operations, a Council on Legislation representative, and contributed to program development at the request of RI President Mark Maloney. He later served as a consultant to the RI Operations Committee during a

comprehensive review of the U.S. insurance program in 2015.

Two years ago, Jim was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by Past District Governor Shanon O'Toole, further recognizing his enduring leadership and impact.

With 50 years of perfect attendance and an unwavering commitment to Rotary, Jim Gislason continues to exemplify the very best of Rotary service, leadership, and dedication.

Congratulations, Jim Gislason, on 50 years of remarkable service above self.

Cobra Concrete Cutting Services forms exciting new partnership with the Indiana Laborers Union

Highly-experienced concrete sawing and drilling company expands into new markets

Indianapolis — Cobra Concrete Cutting Services today announced they have formed an exciting new partnership with the Indiana Laborers Union. Cobra Concrete Cutting Services is a highly experienced concrete cutting and drilling company who has been in business for over 25 years. Derek Wunder, Business Development

Manager for Indiana, has nearly 20 years of experience in the Indiana construction industry.

Cobra Concrete Cutting Services is a long-time member of the Concrete Sawing and Drilling Association (CSDA) and is fully ISNetworld compliant. Additionally, all of Cobra's technicians are OSHA 30 certified and carry all other

applicable skill and safety certifications.

Cobra Concrete Cutting Services works throughout the State of Indiana with offices in Valparaiso and Indianapolis. They work in the following scopes of work:

- > Concrete Sawing
- > Concrete Drilling
- > Demolition and Removal
- > GPR Scanning
- > Utility Locating

Derek Wunder, said of the new partnership, "Cobra Concrete Cutting Services is very excited about our new partnership with the Indiana Laborers Union. We believe it is an excellent opportunity to expand into new markets and develop new business relationships in Indiana."

Marty Corpuz, Business Manager of

Laborers, Local 120 also commented on the new partnership, "Cobra Concrete Cutting Service is a great company with a highly experienced management team and a focus on performing quality work. We're very excited to have them as a new partner."

For more information on Cobra Concrete Cutting Services contact, Derek Wunder at: 317-

551-4022 or via email at: derekwunder@cobraconcrete.com.

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Area Deaths

Judith A. Snyder

Judith A. Snyder, age 80, of Jasper, Indiana, (formerly of California, Missouri), passed away with family by her side at 3:23 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana. A funeral service for Judith A. Snyder was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at the Becher Kluesner downtown funeral home in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Pastor Dave Chinn will officiate.

Robert C. Gutzsell

Robert C. Gutzsell, age 78, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 5:25 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Robert C. Gutzsell was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

Marlene Kunkler

Marlene Hilda Kunkler, 89, passed away on July 4, 2026. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM CDT on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at St. Mark Catholic Church. Father Dennis Duvelius and Father Tony Hollowell will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3:00-7:00 PM with the Rosary being led at 6:45PM and Thursday from 8:30-9:20 AM at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel.

Sharon Williams

Sharon A. Williams, 81, passed away unexpectedly, on June 28, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM CDT on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City. Bro. Brian Adkins officiated. Burial followed in Lilly Dale Cemetery.

Clara Dickerson

Clara B. Dickerson, 96, passed away on June 28, 2026, at Oakwood Health Campus. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM CDT on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel. Bill Reid officiated. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Doreatha L. Davis

Doreatha L. "Dee" Davis, age 91, of Jasper, passed away at 4:10 a.m., on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Serenity Springs in Jasper. A funeral mass for Doreatha L. Davis was held at 11:00 a.m., E.D.T., on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Father Ackerman will officiate the mass.

Merle J. Kendall

Merle J. Kendall, age 96, of Dale, passed away at 6:52 p.m., on June 29, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. Funeral services for Merle J. Kendall were held at 10:00 AM CDT Monday, July 6, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial took place at Dale Cemetery.

Quinn Gunderson of Jasper earns degree from Belmont University

NASHVILLE, TN — Belmont University held its spring 2026 commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 in the Curb Event Center. As part of Belmont's Class of 2026, Quinn Gunderson earned a Bachelor of Science in Honors Media Production & Motion Picture Production.

Across four ceremonies, the University collectively recognized more than 1,500 candidates among bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates in its 2026 commencement proceedings.

Belmont President Dr. Greg Jones presided over the events and delivered the commencement address at all ceremonies, calling graduates to embrace

resilience as a defining posture and to shape their lives with excellence, creativity and hope.

"I hope you'll go forth from this place and make your life a work of art," Jones said. "As you cultivate that sense of art and nurture that sense of resilience, you will be an agent of hope - a sign of God's grace and goodness. Your life will be blessed, and you will bless the people around you."

The three individuals also accepted honorary Doctor of the University degrees in recognition of their achievements across music, film, architecture, philanthropy and service: Brad Paisley, Kimberly-Williams Paisley and Richard "Dick" Miller.

Recordings of all ceremonies are available on the

University's YouTube channel.

About Belmont University

Located near the heart of thriving Nashville, Tenn., Belmont University consists of nearly 9,000 students who come from every state and 33 countries. The University is nationally recognized for its innovative approach as well as its commitment to undergraduate teaching (U.S. News & World Report). As a Christ-centered, student-focused community, Belmont's mission is to develop diverse leaders of purpose, character and wisdom who possess a transformational mindset and are eager and equipped to make the world a better place. With more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees, Belmont University aims to be the leading Christ-centered university in the world, producing leaders who will radically champion the pursuit of life abundant for all people. For more information, visit belmont.edu

Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle 140 holds June meeting

The Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140 met for their June meeting on Monday, June 8, at the St. Joseph Parish Center. Regent Marge Beckman welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Chancellor Bev Himsel read the Opening Prayer and all stood and recited the Pledge to the Flag. A short ceremony for deceased members was held for Marlene Schmitt and Arlene Sermersheim.

A welcome ceremony was held for new members Jana Gunselman and Donna Deen and they were welcomed into the Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140.

Vice regent Sharon Gramelspacher read from the Spiritual Reflection Guide. The reading was on the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Special intentions expressed by the members present followed and prayers were said for those intentions.

Secretary Pam Schneider called the Roll of Officers. Scribe Kathy Bachman was excused. Schneider then read the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved.

Treasurer Rose Rasche gave the

Report of the Treasurer and bills.

Recording Secretary Schneider read a Thank you note from Dove House and one from Jasper Prom Committee for our recent donations to their causes.

Past Regent Kathy Schneider read Resolutions on the deaths of members Marlene Schmitt and Arlene Sermersheim as prepared by Scribe Kathy Bachman.

Quarterly reports followed. Financial secretary Betty Mehringer reported that our membership number is 274. Treasurer Rose Rasche gave the financial report. Pam Howard, Auditor, reported that the Auditors found the books to be in order. The next Board meeting will be August 3, 2026, at 5:00pm, in room 301 in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Vice Regent Gramelspacher reported on the Visitation of the Sick. Members Pam Howard, Lynne Bohnert and Cindi Jones visited members at the Nursing Home in May. Brenda Heeke, Rose Rasche and Ann Rasche will visit members in June. Currently there are fourteen D of I members in the

Nursing Homes.

Members recited the Membership Prayer and prayers were also said for Respect for Life and Youth.

Under Other Business, the Next Moose Bingo that the D of I will help with will be June 16.

Under New Business, There will be no meeting in July. It is Summer Break time. The next meeting will be August 10. Vice regent Gramelspacher suggested that the Mother's Day Dinner meal start at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm. The motion passed. Vice regent Gramelspacher will again coordinate decorating the Christmas tree at the museum for the D of I. Members offered suggestions for decorating. The history of Queen Isabella was read by Gramelspacher for the Good of the Order.

The meeting was adjourned after closing prayers.

Celebrating birthdays in June were members present at the meeting- Ann Rasche, Barb Schmitt and Bonnie Gehlhausen-Matheis. Ann Rasche won the birthday prize.

Bonnie Gehlhausen-Matheis won the meeting prize.

Caroline Kaiser Named to Spring 2026 Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi

UNIVERSITY, MS Caroline Kaiser, of Jasper, IN, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2026 Honor Roll lists.

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

"These students have achieved at the highest academic level, and we are proud to recognize them on the Chancellor's Honor Roll," Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. "They are exceptional scholars, and their

dedication and achievement is reflected in this designation."

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

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Heat stroke or heat exhaustion?

Particularly warm days, which can arise as spring gives way to the dog days of summer, can be both uncomfortable and unhealthy. Such days also can prove deadly. Despite that threat, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that heat-related illnesses are preventable. Harmful outcomes also are preventable when people learn to distinguish between heat-related illnesses. Heatstroke and heat exhaustion are easily confused, but the two conditions produce noticeably different symptoms. Recognition of that can help anyone stay healthy or help someone in need as the mercury rises this summer.



Heatstroke symptoms

- Elevated body temperature, typically 103 F or 104 F or higher

- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness

- Nausea
- Confusion
- Loss of consciousness

Heat exhaustion symptoms

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale and clammy skin

- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Feelings of

tiredness or weakness

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting

Anyone experiencing these or other abnormal symptoms on hot days is urged to immediately move to a cool place and seek medical help. The CDC notes that heatstroke is a medical emergency, so individuals who suspect they or someone in their presence is experiencing heatstroke should call 911 immediately. If heat exhaustion is suspected, seek immediate medical help if a person is vomiting, experiencing symptoms that are worsening or sticking around for one hour or longer. More information about heat-related illnesses is available at cdc.gov.

Summer pool party safety

A backyard pool opens the door to an endless source of summertime memories. There may be no better place to gather when the sun is shining and the heat is blazing than the cooling waters of a backyard pool. Although a pool can be an enjoyable and relaxing home feature, it also carries significant responsibilities.

Recent findings from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission show that drowning and submersions among children remain high. In 2020, 339 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned, and in 2021, that figure rose by 12 percent. Young children (age 5 and under) represent 75 percent of child drowning deaths and 77 percent of nonfatal injuries.

Pool safety concerns and drowning incidents are largely preventable. By staying up-to-date on

safety standards and being vigilant when hosting others, people can ensure that the pool remains a place to relax and have fun.

Create physical barriers

Modern safety standards require separating the pool from the neighbors and the rest of the home and yard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say a fence that is at least four feet tall that completely surrounds the water can reduce a child's drowning risk by up to 83 percent, compared to three-sided property-line fencing. Gates should be self-closing and self-latching, and entryways to the pool should swing outward away from the water. New smart lock technology can alert homeowners if a gate is left open.

Visual supervision

No technology can replace a human. Someone should be

enlisted to watch the water anytime someone is swimming, and especially when larger crowds during a party will be using the pool. The person should have no phone, book or other

set period of time and then can be rotated out. Those hosting a party may want to hire a lifeguard, even if they have an above-ground pool, to ensure the safety of all swimmers.

the water. Party hosts can set rules, such as no running or diving. People may consider removing large floats or extra toys from the pool water, which can hinder sight lines and mask someone

swimming, or having separate swim times for children and adults, as larger adults might overwhelm the pool and make swimming more challenging for younger swimmers.

Keep safety gear nearby

Rescue equipment, such as a shepherd's hook and a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life ring, should be poolside at all times. At least one person in the household should be trained in CPR. Survival rates and neurological outcomes for drowning victims improve considerably when CPR can be administered immediately, says the American Heart Association.

Planning a pool party requires more than making sure water chemicals are balanced and there are refreshments available. Ensuring that swimmers remain safe should be the utmost priority.



distractions, and should remain sober. The CPSC suggests this "water watcher" handle the task for a

Establish firm rules While pools can be fun, it's essential that everyone behave safely when in and around

floundering or drowning. Additional rules may prohibit drinking alcoholic beverages and

Grill safely this summer

Plenty of people can be found working their grilling magic year-round. But the vast majority of people do the bulk of their grilling over the summer, when warm temperatures contribute to a relaxed atmosphere that makes outdoor

cooking and dining that much more appealing.

The relaxing nature of summer can make it easy to overlook safety, particularly when grilling. However, the right safety measures when cooking over an open flame can prevent

home fires and other accidents that can cause injury and even death. In recognition of the many things that can go wrong when grilling, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration offer these simple fire safety tips that every grillmaster can keep in mind as summer grilling season hits full swing.

- Only use a grill outside. Grills should never be used indoors, and that includes in garages with the doors open. Before lighting a flame, make sure the grill is at least three feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.

- Establish a safe zone around the grill. A three-foot safe zone around the grill can decrease the likelihood that pets will run into and potentially tip over the grill. Kids can be taught to respect this zone as well so they avoid being burned.

- Open a gas grill before lighting it. Charcoal grills, hybrid grills and smokers cannot be lit unless the lid is lifted. That isn't the case with gas grills, but gas grills should never be lit with the lid closed. If a gas grill is lit with its lid closed, gas can build up inside and that could cause an explosion. Even if there's some summer

rain falling, open the lid on a gas grill before turning the ignition switch.

- Keep an eye on the grill at all times. It's tempting to walk away from a grill while food is cooking, but someone should always be tasked with staying close to the grill. If cooks must walk away, ask another adult to stay close to the grill until you return. All it takes is a few seconds for a fire to start.

- Clean the grill regularly. Regular cleaning of the grill is both healthy and safe. Cleaning helps to ensure the cooking surface is clean and unlikely to cause

food poisoning. But a grease-free grill also poses less of a fire hazard than one that hasn't been cleaned.

- Let coals cool before discarding them. Coals from the grill should be given ample time to cool before they're removed from the grill and discarded.

- Remember to turn the gas valve to the off position after cooking. When cooking with gas grills, cooks must remember to turn the valve to the off position once all the food has been cooked. Simple safety measures can ensure summer grilling season goes off without a hitch.



Dubois County 4-H Fair continues through July 13

By Laurna Todd
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JASPER, Ind. — From championship livestock shows and hands-on educational activities to tractor pulls, racing, live entertainment and family attractions, the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair offers something for visitors of all ages.

The fair, themed “Beyond Ready: Explore, Create, Achieve,” is being held July 9-13 at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Purdue Extension-Dubois County and the Dubois County 4-H Council, the annual event showcases the accomplishments of local 4-H members while offering entertainment throughout the grounds.

Following Wednesday’s livestock check-in, the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair continues through Monday, July 13, featuring daily livestock competitions, educational exhibits, midway attractions, live entertainment and grandstand events for all ages. Visitors can browse the 4-H Exhibit Buildings, enjoy family-friendly attractions, cheer on competitors in the grandstands and experience a wide variety of activities celebrating agriculture, youth achievement and community involvement.

Daily Attractions
Throughout the fair, the 4-H Exhibit Buildings are open daily from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., showcasing hundreds of projects completed by Dubois County 4-H members. Families can also enjoy the Story Garden, Imagination Station, Lego Land and Whiskers & Wags Imaginary Vet Play each day. Purdue Extension hosts daily STEM Hour, while the Teen Zone offers activities for older youth throughout the week. Jumping Jack’s Entertainment provides inflatable attractions on the midway, giving children even more opportunities to play between events.

Thursday, July 9
Thursday’s schedule begins with the Rabbit Show at 9 a.m. followed by the Cat Show at 4 p.m. Horse Junior and Senior Contesting, the popular Ultimate Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament and a Fishing Contest at the south lake all begin at 5 p.m.

Visitors can enjoy Silly Safaris performances at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., while face painting, the Hunter Education Range and the Garden Tractor Pull begin in the evening. The Garden Tractor Pull starts at 6 p.m. in the grandstand with \$5 admission.

Friday, July 10
Friday features the Goat Show, horse competitions and Line Dancing before the Sheep Show begins in the evening.

Children can explore emergency and construction vehicles during Touch-A-Truck from 6-8 p.m., while the Bear Hollow Wood Carvers perform



demonstrations throughout the afternoon and evening.

Additional entertainment includes live music by Kazoo, caricature artist Karen Kovich, glitter stencils, the Kiddie Pedal Pull, Hunter Education activities and Flat Drags, beginning at 7 p.m. in the grandstand. Admission is \$10.

Saturday, July 11
Saturday offers one of the busiest schedules of the fair with Horse Performance, the

Dog Obedience Show, Beef Show, Poultry Show, Indiana Woods on Wheels and antique tractor displays.

Families with young children can enjoy Book to Barn, while Puppy Palooza offers crafts, puppy meet-and-greets and puppy yoga.

The midway hosts a Foam Party from 1-3 p.m., and the

Sunday, July 12
Sunday begins with the Swine Show, Horse English competition and another Book to Barn session.

Families can cool off during the Foam Truck from noon-2 p.m., while the Bear Hollow Wood Carvers continue demonstrations throughout the day.

The Dairy Show and Tractor Pull both begin at 2 p.m., while Dan the Balloon Guy entertains fairgoers strolling the midway on stilts.

Visitors can also enjoy Purdue Extension’s STEM Hour, the 4-H Livestock Costume Contest, and live music by The Studebakers Sunday evening.

Monday, July 13
The final day of the fair showcases the talents of Dubois County’s top exhibitors during the 4-H Livestock

Supreme Showmanship Contest beginning at 9 a.m. The afternoon includes the Horse and Pony Fun Show, while the fair concludes with the annual Tug of War at 6 p.m., open to both 4-H members and the public.

Livestock checkout is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, from 6-9 a.m., with 4-H exhibit checkout taking place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 5-7 p.m.

The community is invited to attend the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair, July 9-13, at

the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. Visitors can explore award-winning youth exhibits, attend livestock shows, enjoy family-friendly entertainment and take part in special events while celebrating the accomplishments of Dubois County 4-H members.

While the fair is one of the year’s signature events, it represents much more than a few days of competition and entertainment. Dubois County 4-H members spend the entire year caring for livestock, completing projects, learning life skills, participating in leadership opportunities and giving back through community service. The annual fair is their opportunity to proudly display the results of months of hard work and dedication.

For generations, the Dubois County 4-H Fair has been a cherished community tradition that brings families together to celebrate agriculture, education and youth achievement. Organizers encourage residents and visitors alike to come out, support local 4-H members and experience one of Dubois County’s most anticipated annual summer traditions.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension-Dubois County at 812-482-1782 or visit duboiscounty4hcouncil.com.

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Dubois County 4-H Fair Schedule

ALL WEEK Thursday- Monday

10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open - EB1 & EB2
 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Open Play: Story Garden, Imagination Station, Lego Land, Whiskers & Wags Imaginary Vet Play - CP
 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - STEM Hour with Purdue Extension - CP
 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Zone - CmB (Thur, Fri, & Mon)
 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Zone - CmB (Sat & Sun)
 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Jumping Jacks Entertainment - MW (Thur, Fri, & Mon)
 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Jumping Jacks Entertainment - MW (Sat & Sun)

Thursday, July 9

9:00 a.m. - Rabbit Show-SAB
 5:00 p.m. - Horse Junior & Senior Contesting - HPA
 5:00 p.m. - Ultimate Rock, Paper, Scissors - CP
 5:00 p.m. - Fishing Contest - CP/South Lake
 5:30 p.m. - Silly Safaris-FS
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Range
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Face Painting by Ranger Cheerleading - GPT
 6:00 p.m. - Garden Tractor Pull - GSA - Admission: \$5
 7:30 p.m. - Silly Safaris - FS



Friday, July 10

9:00 a.m. - Goat Show/Showmanship** - SC
 2:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 4:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 5:00 p.m. - Horse Mini's/1st Year - HPA
 5:00 p.m. - Line Dancing - CP
 6:00 p.m. - Sheep Show/Showmanship** - SC
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00pm Touch a Truck - MW
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Range
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Live Entertainment (Kazoo) - DCTS
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Karen Kovich Caricature - GPT
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Glitter Stencils - GPT
 6:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 6:30 p.m. - Kiddie Pedal Pull - CP
 7:00 p.m. - Flat Drags - GSA - Admission: \$10 NO PIT PASS
 8:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW



Saturday, July 11

9:00 a.m. - Horse Performance - HPA
 9:00 a.m. - Dog Obedience Show - DA
 10:00 a.m. - Beef Show/Showmanship - SC
 10:00 a.m. - Indiana Woods on Wheels
 10:00am - Antique Tractors - MW (Time could change)

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Book to Barn PreK-2nd - CP
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Puppy Palooza: craft, meet & greet, & puppy yoga
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Foam Party - MW
 2:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 2:00 p.m. - Poultry/Ducks/Turkey/Pigeon Show - SAB
 4:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 4:00pm - Scrapper Race - GSA Admission \$10
 5:00 p.m. - Magic Show/Balloon Twisting - FS
 5:00 p.m. - Watermelon Eating Contest - CP
 6:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show -MW?
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Live Entertainment (Connor Loveless) - DCTS
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Range
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Karen Kovich Caricature - GPT
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Glitter Stencils- GPT
 8:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m. - Swine Show/Showmanship** - SC
 10:00 a.m. - Horse English - HPA
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Book to Barn PreK-2nd - CP
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Foam Truck - MW
 12:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 2:00 p.m. - Dairy Show/Showmanship** - SC
 Following Dairy Show: 4-H Livestock Costume Contest- SC
 2:00 p.m. - Tractor Pull - GSA - Admission: \$10
 2:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - STEM Hour with Purdue Extension- CP
 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Stilt Walking with Dan the Balloon Guy - MW
 4:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 6:00 p.m. - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Show - MW
 5:00 p.m. - 4-H Livestock Costume Contest- SC
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Live Entertainment (Studebakers) - DCTS



Monday, July 13

9:00am- 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship Contest- SC
 3:00pm - Horse and Pony Fun Show - HPA
 6:00 p.m. - Tug of War - GSA (4-H & Open)

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Animal Checkout - Livestock & Barn Areas
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibition Check-out - EB1 & EB2
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibition Check-out - EB1 & EB2



Event Locations Code List

AFO= Annex/Fair Office | GPT= Gathering Place Tent | MW= Midway | FS= Free Stage | GSA = Grandstand Arena | SC = Show Corral | CP/CPO = Clover Pavilion & Office | HPA = Horse and Pony Arena | DA=Dog Arena | SAB = Small Animal Building | SwB = Swine Barn | CmB = Commercial Building | EB1 = 4-H Exhibit Building 1 | EB2 = 4-H Exhibit Building 2 | CtB = Cattle Barn | ShB = Sheep Barn | DCTS - Dubois County Tourism Stage No Alcohol Permitted on 4-H Fairgrounds during 4-H Fair.

Coolers are NOT allowed in the Grandstand Arena. Grandstand Admission free for Ages 5 and under

Check-out Facebook for schedule changes and updates prior to and during the Dubois County 4-H Fair. Also, post your own experiences and adventures at the 4-H fair.

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Beyond Ready: 4-H prepares youth for life



While the 4-H Fair exhibits showcase months of hard work, they also represent something much bigger—the mission of 4-H to prepare young people for success in life.

Across the nation, 4-H has launched its “Beyond Ready” initiative, highlighting how 4-H helps youth build the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world. Beyond Ready means preparing

young people not just for their next project, competition, or school year, but for future careers, leadership opportunities, and lifelong success.

Here in Dubois County, that preparation happens every day through local 4-H clubs, workshops, camps, contests, community service projects, and hands-on learning experiences. Whether a member is raising livestock,

building a robotics project, learning to sew, preparing a speech, designing a photography exhibit, or serving in a leadership role, they are developing valuable life skills.

Research consistently shows that 4-H members gain confidence, communication skills, responsibility, problem-solving abilities, and leadership experience. They learn how to set

goals, manage projects, work as part of a team, and overcome challenges. These are the same skills employers, colleges, and communities seek in future leaders.

The county fair serves as a celebration of these efforts. While ribbons and awards recognize achievement, the true success of 4-H is measured by the growth that occurs throughout the year. Every

project completed, presentation delivered, animal cared for, and leadership role accepted helps prepare a young person to become a confident and capable citizen.

As you visit the Dubois County 4-H Fair this year, take time to look beyond the exhibits and see the learning, dedication, and personal growth behind them. The youth you

meet are gaining experiences that will serve them long after fair week ends.

That is what it means to be Beyond Ready.

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As another 4-H year comes to a close, we proudly recognize and celebrate our graduating senior 4-H members. These young leaders have dedicated years of hard work, service, leadership, and growth through their 4-H experiences. From projects and fair exhibits to community service, workshops, and lifelong friendships, they have represented the true spirit of 4-H and left a lasting impact on our program. We congratulate our Senior 4-H Class and thank them for the many contributions they have made over the years. We wish each of them success as they begin their next chapter!



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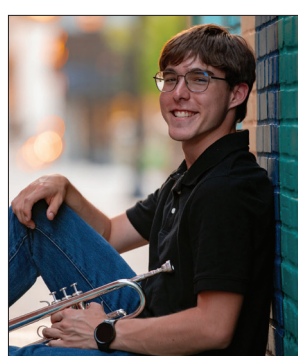
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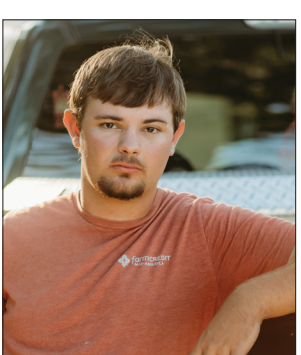
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Dubois County 4-H is built on tradition

As summer arrives in Dubois County, so does one of our community's most cherished traditions — the Dubois County 4-H Fair. For generations, 4-H has helped young people develop leadership, citizenship, life skills, and lifelong friendships through hands-on learning experiences.

Throughout the year, 4-H members dedicate countless hours to projects ranging

from livestock and agriculture to photography, foods, crafts, communications, STEM, robotics, and more. The fair serves as the culmination of their hard work and provides an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments while celebrating their growth and success.

More than an exhibition, the Dubois County-4-H Fair is a celebration

of community. Families, volunteers, alumni, businesses, and supporters come together to invest in and encourage the next generation. As 4-H members gather to exhibit their projects, they continue a tradition that has positively impacted Dubois County youth for decades and helped prepare them to become future leaders in our communities.



Thanks to everyone who makes Dubois County 4-H possible



The success of Dubois County 4-H would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community partners. Their investment in local youth help provide valuable opportunities and experiences that make 4-H possible.

We sincerely thank all who continue to support the mission of 4-H and the future of our community.

The community is invited to attend the 2026 Dubois County 4-H Fair, July 9-13, at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Visitors can explore youth exhibits, attend livestock

shows and special events, and celebrate the accomplishments of Dubois County 4-H members. We look forward to showcasing the talents of our youth and the lasting impact of 4-H throughout our community.



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The importance of 4-H in today's communities

For more than a century, 4-H has helped young people develop the skills, confidence, and character needed to become successful adults. While many recognize 4-H for its livestock shows and county fairs, the organization offers far more than agricultural education. It provides hands-on learning experiences that prepare youth for life.

The four H's—Head, Heart, Hands, and Health—represent the organization's commitment to helping members think clearly, care deeply, serve others, and live healthy, productive lives. Through projects

in agriculture, science, technology, leadership, public speaking, cooking, photography, robotics, and community service, young people discover their interests while building practical skills.

One of the greatest strengths of 4-H is its emphasis on learning by doing. Members gain experience through real-world projects that encourage problem-solving, responsibility, and perseverance. Whether caring for an animal, creating a woodworking project, conducting a science experiment, or organizing a community service

event, participants learn lessons that extend well beyond the project itself.

County and state fairs provide opportunities for members to showcase their hard work, receive constructive feedback, and celebrate their accomplishments. These experiences teach sportsmanship, goal setting, and the value of dedication and preparation.

Equally important are the relationships built through 4-H. Adult volunteers, club leaders, and Extension educators serve as mentors who encourage youth to reach their full potential. Friendships formed through



clubs, camps, and competitions often last a lifetime.

As communities continue to evolve, 4-H remains a valuable investment in the next generation. By fostering leadership,

citizenship, and lifelong learning, the program equips young people with the confidence to meet future challenges while encouraging them to give back to their communities.

The skills learned through 4-H continue to benefit members long after the ribbons are put away, making the organization an enduring force for positive youth development.



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2:00pm— Start Time

\$10-ADMISSION
\$20 PIT PASS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Antique Tractors
 - 4500 4mph
 - 4500 8mph
 - 5000 10pmh
- 6Mph Farm Stock
- OVTPA (Hot Farm)
 - Southern IN Farm Stock
 - 8pmh N/A
 - 12mph
 - 16mph
 - 8500 Street Stock Diesel
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SATURDAY, JULY 11

Start Time: 5:00pm

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