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HPD welcomes four reserve officers to dept.

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

HUNTINGBURG — The Huntingburg Police Department has added four new reserve police officers to assist the department in serving the community. Patrick Sierre, Brody Kramer, Stacia Landstrom and Jose Calderon were recently sworn in as reserve officers. Over the next several months, they will complete 40 hours of law enforcement training to prepare for their duties. Reserve officers support the department in a

variety of roles while volunteering their time. The four new officers will balance their service with full-time careers, college studies and personal responsibilities. Department officials expressed appreciation for the new officers' commitment to public service, as well as the support and sacrifices of their families. The department welcomed Sierre, Kramer, Landstrom and Calderon to the HPD team and said it looks forward to the positive impact they will have while serving Huntingburg residents.

Huntingburg police complete first Citizens Firearm Safety course

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HUNTINGBURG — The Huntingburg Police Department recently completed its first Citizens Firearm Safety Course, providing participants with practical instruction on the safe and responsible handling of firearms. The course combined classroom lessons with live-fire training.

Participants learned proper firearm-handling practices, strengthened their marksmanship skills and gained confidence using their firearms safely. According to the department, several participants began the course feeling uncertain or uncomfortable handling a firearm. By the conclusion of the training, they were able to engage targets with greater confidence, accuracy and attention to safety. The program was designed to give residents a stronger understanding of responsible firearm ownership rather than turn participants into expert shooters. Department officials praised those who attended for asking questions, accepting new challenges and remaining committed throughout the training.

The department also thanked the instructors who contributed their time and knowledge to the course. Additional Citizens Firearm Safety Courses are expected to be offered in the future. Dates and registration information will be announced by the Huntingburg Police Department as they become available.

Farmers and Land Managers can recycle empty pesticide jugs at annual Ag Recycling Day

The Dubois County Solid Waste District is sponsoring our annual Agriculture Recycling Day on Wednesday, August 5 from 8:00 am til 12 noon. Dubois County farmers and land managers are invited to bring their empty, triple rinsed pesticide containers (with lids off) to be recycled. Last year over 2700 containers were recycled during this event. The District encourages farmers and land managers to recycle again this year and

welcomes additional businesses or agencies to participate. We regret that bulk waste motor oil will NOT be accepted this year. Farmers and land managers need to ensure the containers are clean and triple-rinsed. Lids must be off to recycle. Participants may bring their jugs tied together with rope or twine for ease of transferring; in most cases twine will need be removed once transferred however. Please call or email

with any questions. The event takes place at the District's Process Center, located at 1103 South 350 West, just outside of Jasper. This is during regular public hours, so items that are accepted on a daily basis will be accepted as well. Farmers and land managers can call the office at 812-482-7865, email swmd@duboiscountyin.org or check out our Facebook page for additional information on the event.



Brody Kramer being sworn in.



New reserve officers, from left to right: Patrick Sierre, Jose Calderon, Stacia Landstrom.

H-burg receives \$17,394 grant for portable speed sign

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

The City of Huntingburg will add a new traffic-safety tool after receiving a \$17,394 grant through AARP's 2026 Community Challenge Grant Program. The funding will allow the

Huntingburg Street Department to purchase a portable radar sign that displays the speed of approaching vehicles. AARP Indiana is providing the full cost of the equipment, with no local matching funds required. Under the grant agreement, the money must be used exclusively for the radar sign included in the city's application. Huntingburg was among only 17 Indiana organizations selected for the nationwide program. The AARP Community Challenge provides grants for quick-action projects designed to make communities safer,

more accessible and better connected for residents of all ages. The project grew from Huntingburg's recently completed Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan, prepared with assistance from Cash Waggner & Associates, PC. The planning process examined ways to improve conditions for motorists, pedestrians and

bicyclists. Sources involved with the project have mentioned that additional traffic-calming equipment and better traffic-data collection were among the needs identified. Huntingburg Mayor Neil Elkins said the portable sign will give the city flexibility to respond to concerns in different parts of the community. "Once purchased,

the radar sign can be moved to areas experiencing speeding complaints, heavy traffic or a higher risk of pedestrian-related crashes," Elkins said. "In addition to showing drivers their current speed, the equipment can display safety messages during school activities, community festivals, construction projects and other events that affect traffic." The equipment will also collect information such as average vehicle speeds and the number of motorists exceeding posted speed limits. That data can help city officials identify problem areas and determine whether safety and enforcement

efforts are making a difference. "We have found that the best way to change driver habits is through education and enforcement," Elkins said. "The sign will help make drivers aware, and the data collected will help us measure the impact of our enforcement." The city credited Emma Hudelson of Cash Waggner & Associates with assisting in the preparation of the grant application. The firm also developed Huntingburg's Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan. Jason Stamm of the Huntingburg Street Department was recognized for his leadership and work throughout the planning process.



Area Deaths

Ronald E. Mroz

Ronald E. Mroz, age 69, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away at home surrounded by family on Thursday, June 25, 2026. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the 2:00 p.m. service time at the funeral home on Saturday, August 8, 2026. A Celebration of Life Service for Ronald E. Mroz will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Donnie E. Vaughn

Donnie E. Vaughn, age 79, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away in Heart to Heart Home Hospice surrounded by family and Linda, his Qualicare sitter, at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026. A Mass of Christian Burial for Donnie E. Vaughn was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military graveside rites.

Robert Dale Reisenbeck

Robert “Bob” Dale Reisenbeck, age 73, of Pikeville, passed away Saturday, August 1st, 2026 surrounded by his family in the comfort of his home. Visitation for Bob Reisenbeck will be held at Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg on Friday, August 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT and also one hour prior to the service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with burial to follow in Stilwell Cemetery in Pikeville.

Polly Ann Wagner

Polly Wagner, age 63, of Ferdinand, Indiana, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2026, at home surrounded by family. Funeral services for Polly Wagner were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Huntingburg with burial to follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Biju Thomas.

Nolan James

Nolan James, 80, passed away on July 29, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. Nolan requested no visitation or funeral services. He hoped that he would be remembered as a devoted family man who enjoyed time spent in nature at their cabin.

Sister Mary Philip Berger

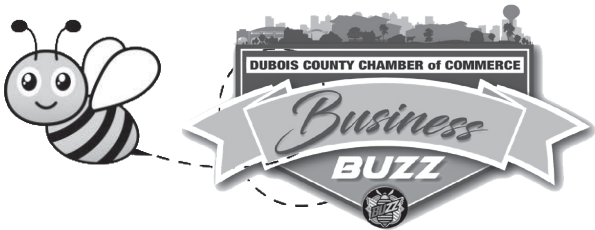
Sister Mary Philip Berger of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, died at 1:30 am. on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand. Public visitation was held in Marian Parlor at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, on Tuesday, August 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. EDT, and on Wednesday, August 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT in the monastery church. A Vigil Service was held in the monastery church on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Funeral Liturgy was held on Wednesday, August 5 at 4:30 p.m. EDT with burial of the cremains at a later date.

Lelah Mae Barnett

Lelah Mae Barnett, age 87, of Folsomville, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Linda E. White Hospice House surrounded by her family. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Gentryville.

Debbie Jane Mackey Peters

Debbie Jane Mackey Peters, 65, of Corydon, Indiana, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Debbie’s life on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time at Graceland Church, 3600 Kamer Miller Road, New Albany, Indiana 47150. Rainey Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.



Are you working in your business or on your business?

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As a small business owner, it’s easy to spend every day putting out fires. There’s inventory to order, customers to serve, phones to answer, employees to manage, and a hundred other tasks demanding your attention.

But here’s a question worth asking: When was the last time you worked on your business instead of just in it?

Working in your business means handling the day-to-day operations that keep the doors open. Those tasks are essential, but if that’s all you ever do, it’s easy to lose sight of the bigger picture.

Working on your business means stepping back to evaluate your goals, your marketing, your finances, and your customer experience. It means asking questions like:

Is my business still meeting the needs of my customers?

Are there ways to become more efficient? Am I reaching new

customers? What do I want my business to look like a year from now?

Even setting aside an hour each month to think strategically can make a tremendous difference. Sometimes the best investment you can make isn’t buying new equipment or launching a new product, it’s giving yourself time to think.

Businesses don’t grow by accident. They grow because owners are willing to plan, evaluate, and make intentional decisions.

So, this week, challenge yourself to step away from the daily routine, even if it’s just for a little while. Grab a notebook, sit down with a cup of coffee, and think about the future of your business.

The work you do on your business today may be what keeps it thriving tomorrow.

#LoveLocalDuCo

Uplift Johnson County launches campaign to help replace vans for senior transportation

UpLift Johnson County is partnering with Johnson County Senior Services (JCSS) to launch an urgent fundraising campaign after JCSS lost two fleet vehicles to major mechanical issues beyond repair. The organization is asking the community to help replace the vans, which are essential to keeping local seniors connected to the care and resources they depend on.

One hundred percent of every donation to the campaign will go directly toward the cost of a van replacement. Without a full fleet, JCSS has a reduced ability to provide the rides that many Johnson County seniors rely on for their health, independence, and connection to the community.

To help jump-start

the campaign, UpLift Johnson County will match the first \$15,000 donated, doubling the impact of every early gift. And the goal is closer than it might seem, if just 5,000 people gave \$10 each, the campaign would reach its \$50,000 target.

“For many Johnson County seniors, transportation is more than just getting from one place to another, it’s access to medical appointments, grocery stores, community programs, and the independence they deserve,” said Wendy McClellan, Executive Director of UpLift Johnson County. “We’re asking our community to help us get these seniors back on the road.”

Each month, JCSS provides more than

360 trips for dialysis treatment alone, in addition to countless other rides that keep seniors healthy, independent, and engaged. Johnson County seniors rely on this transportation for: Crucial, life-saving medical treatments
Doctor appointments
Prescription pick-ups
Grocery trips
Community programs
Social activities
And much more
Community members can support the campaign by making a donation, becoming a campaign sponsor, or simply spreading the word. Donations can be made online at upliftjoco.org/jcss, where the campaign is tracking progress toward its goal.

Every gift, no matter the size, brings Johnson

County one step closer to putting a new van on the road for the seniors who depend on it.

For full details or to donate, visit upliftjoco.org/jcss.

About UpLift Johnson County:

UpLift Johnson County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting community needs with community resources across Johnson County, Indiana. Through partnerships with local organizations, UpLift raises awareness and funding to fill gaps in care for seniors, families, and individuals facing hardship. UpLift Johnson County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

For more information on UpLift Johnson County, visit upliftjoco.org.

Celeste Cole of French Lick named to Manchester University Dean’s List

NORTH MANCHESTER, IN (07/30/2026)-- Congratulations to Manchester University students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean’s List for their academic achievements.

The Office of Academic Affairs

publishes the list at the end of each semester.

Celeste Cole of French Lick (47432) was named to the Spring 2026 Dean’s List.

Cole was among nearly 330 students named to the Dean’s List. Cole is studying Early/Elementary Education: Mild Intervention.

Undergraduate students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not

Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean’s List.

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Living...in a troubled world

The Good Shepherd offers a place where you belong

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In a world marked by uncertainty, the message of the Gospel of Christ continues to offer what we all look for: hope, purpose, and lasting assurance. Scripture teaches when God’s Word is faithfully proclaimed, it will never return without accomplishing its purpose. (Isaiah 55:11). The promise is clear: lives are changed, hearts are strengthened, and faith will bear fruit.

In Psalm 23, David boldly proclaimed, “The Lord is MY Shepherd, I shall not want”. Then he goes on to explain the things he wanted. Peace (green pastures) Leadership

(still waters). Hope (restoration of soul). The image of the Good Shepherd provides a powerful picture of God’s care for His people. Unlike human resources that can run dry, the Shepherd’s storehouse is never empty. There is abundant spiritual nourishment for everyone who comes seeking truth. His pasture offers not only wholesome food but also shelter from life’s storms, refreshing water for weary souls, and shade during seasons of hardship.

Those burdened by sickness, weakness, or discouragement are not turned away. Psalm 23 says the Good Shepherd provides healing, restores strength, and



gently cares for those who are hurting. Like a shepherd tending every need of the flock, He removes what hinders growth, restores health, and renews lives until joy and vitality return.

Under His faithful care, the flock flourishes. An

atmosphere of peace and security replaces fear and doubt, allowing believers to grow in confidence and faith. Jesus told a parable about one little lost lamb where the Shepherd left the herd to find the lost lamb and bring it home to safety. (Luke

15:3-7). In the parable every sheep is known personally, and none are forgotten. When one wanders from the safety of the flock, the Shepherd immediately notices and lovingly goes in search of the lost until they are found.

The Good News is

that the invitation remains open to all of us. Those who choose to follow the Good Shepherd discover more than protection—they find a place where they belong. His care creates willing hearts rather than reluctant followers. Drawn by His love and sustained by His provision, His flock receives the nourishment that only God can provide, finding lasting security in His faithful care. David concludes Psalm 23 with “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (God’s commitment to David); and I WILL (David’s commitment to God) dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Nothing can keep us from the love of God

By Dr. Billy Holland

Memories can be wonderful places to visit when they are pleasant and filled with peace and joy. On the other hand, not all of our experiences have been pleasant. Negative thoughts can be more like a haunted house on a dark and stormy night. We all have our own unique collections of thoughts and emotions, which leave us with the task of figuring out a way to deal with them. As most of us know, there are positive ways and negative ways to handle our past experiences, and we can look around and see that some have learned to control their feelings while others allow their thoughts to control them. Who can help? Jesus desires that we give Him our hearts and minds, allowing Him to guide and heal us.

Some will say, “You have not walked in my shoes,” and this is true, but with every person being a unique

individual, God’s love is universal and can bring contentment, peace, and happiness, whatever the situation might be. His promises are true and cannot fail, no matter what we have been through. He can transform our disappointments and stumbling blocks into victorious stepping stones if we listen and obey his voice.

In Psalm 57, we read a story about David, who is in great danger and is hiding in a cave to escape the wrath of Saul. However, even in this dark hour of fear and anxiety, we notice in verse one that he is singing God’s praises: “Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until this difficulty and burden have passed.” We may face different types of trials and sorrows that are filled with doubt and discouragement, but it comes down to us trusting him, adjusting our attitude, and then intentionally taking

shelter in the safety and security of his love.

Maybe you were the one who was always selected last for games in gym class, or teased in the neighborhood, or someone spread a hurtful rumor about you that brought shame and anger. Many individuals have a distant relationship with their parents or their children, which is very painful. Others have been betrayed by the one they loved and trusted and are deeply wounded to the core of their soul. Have you ever felt forgotten, rejected, alone, and unwanted? Emotional suffering can make us feel worthless and hopeless. Maybe you were the one who made mistakes and hurt others, and you feel condemned: the list goes on. Whatever is attacking your conscience and trying to steal your joy, God wants you to know today that he’s here for you, he can transform, restore, protect, forgive, and lead you into the beautiful life he

intended you to live.

God cares about you more than you can imagine. Even before you were in the womb, the Lord knew you and has never taken his eyes away from you. He knows every thought, sees every tear, and wants a personal relationship with you more than anything. The accuser of the brethren will try to remind us how the damage and consequences cannot be changed, but we can boldly remind the devil that our resentment and negative attitudes have been washed away. Micah 7:19, Isaiah 43:25, and Psalm 103:12 establish that through repentance our sins are gone forever. He now sees us as a new forgiven creation in Christ that can walk confidently in the power and divine truth of his grace and righteousness.

Take the time to make a list of everyone who has hurt and offended you in any way. If you are not able to speak to these



individuals in person, lay your hand on their name and ask the Lord to help you sincerely forgive them. Harboring bitterness toward anyone is the iniquity of omission. Since giving is associated with receiving, we can be assured that forgiving others allows us to be pardoned. Read the entire chapter of Romans 8, but listen carefully to these verses 35, 37-38. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine

or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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Outdoor Truths: Just things

At least once a year I fish the Powell River with my friend, Michael. We live about an hour from each other, so these trips are planned a few weeks in advance. Our preferred way of fishing is with light tackle in kayaks. We both love everything the river offers. The Powell is a small river, and while there are some larger smallmouth bass, most of our trophies measure less than 15 inches. But the fight they put up, combined with the pull of the current, gives

us plenty of thrills and hours of enjoyment. I am new to the river compared to Michael. My river fishing started only about 15 years ago. Michael’s began when he was a child with his dad and brother. Every time we go, I hear stories and lessons from those days on the river. Ed (his dad) was a local postal worker who spent his spare time floating from one stretch of river to the other. He knew every place to put in and take out. Of course he had his favorite bait. And

back then, it wasn’t kayaks, but Jon boats. A mess of redeyes was as good as any meal you could buy at the local grocery store. While I knew Michael and his whole family as a teenager, I never knew the priorities of his dad. What I’ve learned from our fishing trips is that Ed had a great sense of what was truly valuable. And what he valued most was what money couldn’t buy. I learned this after hearing story after story about how the

river would sometimes swallow rods, reels, and anchors. Not to mention glasses, knives, and other tackle. While Ed and the boys had to learn to “deep-sea-dive” to try to retrieve these things when lost, Ed would eventually remind them that they were just that. Things. Replaceable things. There is nothing – no thing- that can trump the value of time on the river, especially the ones with your sons. Rods will be broken. Reels will be lost. The river

will claim whatever isn’t tied down. But the value of those memories will never diminish. In fact, with each passing year, they will become more valuable. How do I know? I hear it in every story Michael tells. I hope the things you value can’t be bought, bent, or broken. I hope they’re found in experiences, adventures, and people – maybe even in the moments that involve losing or breaking those things that were, after all, only things.

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Farm Bureau encouraged by Senate Farm Bill Markup Schedule

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall today applauded the release of farm bill text and notice of a Senate Ag markup for next week.

“When you look across the spectrum of agriculture, there is one piece of legislation that touches almost every farm in America, and that’s the farm bill, so it’s time for Congress to get it done.

“We’re grateful to Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman John Boozman for releasing farm bill text

and are encouraged that we can achieve a bipartisan bill that can get across the finish line. We appreciate the Administration’s call for Congress to move this process forward and urgently deliver a farm bill to the President’s desk.

“The bill includes important provisions beyond traditional farm bill program support, including authorizing the sale of E15 blended fuel year-round, expanding investments in specialty crops and measures to reduce

input price volatility. We’re also calling on Congress to deliver a fix for interstate commerce issues as well as much-needed economic aid for agriculture.

“We’ve lost 200,000 farms in a decade, and a modernized farm bill will help stabilize the struggling farm economy. We’re calling on the Senate Agriculture Committee to advance the bill out of markup and send it forward for full Senate passage and ultimately the president’s signature.”



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Secretary Rollins announces continued growth of USDA’s Product of USA label with six additional companies joining initiative

(Washington, D.C., – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced six additional meat and poultry companies have adopted USDA’s voluntary Product of USA (POTUSA) label, continuing the strong momentum behind the Trump Administration’s efforts to help consumers easily identify products that are truly born, raised, harvested, and processed in the United States.

As more processors adopt the Product of USA label, American families have greater confidence that when they purchase products bearing the claim, they are directly supporting American farmers, ranchers, processors, and rural communities.

“Product of the USA label is a win for American farmers, ranchers, processors, and consumers alike, and we are continuing to see companies respond to this demand,” said U.S. Secretary Brooke Rollins. “American consumers want to know where their food comes from, and they deserve labels they can trust. Every new company that adopts Product of USA is helping strengthen rural America, create new market opportunities for U.S. producers, and make it easier for families to support American agriculture every time they shop.”

The newest companies to adopt USDA’s Product of USA label include:

- Creekstone Farms – Kansas
- Caviness Beef Packers
- CS Beef Packers –



Ranchers (SPUR) Program, a \$500 million investment to help eligible small- and mid-sized beef processors preserve and expand domestic processing capacity. Together, these efforts are strengthening America’s meat supply chain, expanding opportunities for U.S. producers, and increasing consumer access to high-quality American-raised products.

USDA continues to receive strong interest from processors across the country, with additional companies expected to adopt the Product of USA label in the coming months as consumer demand for authentic American-produced meat and poultry continues to grow.

Texas Greener Pastures – Texas Lone Star Beef Processors – Texas Claxton Poultry Farms – Georgia The continued expansion of the Product of USA label complements President Trump’s and Secretary Rollins’

broader strategy to strengthen America’s livestock industry by supporting independent ranchers, family farmers, and domestic meat and poultry processors. By creating new market opportunities for products that are fully American

from pasture to plate, USDA is helping producers and processors compete, grow, and meet rising consumer demand for American-raised meat.

The Product of USA initiative also complements USDA’s Strengthening Processing for U.S.

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USDA asks partners to develop AI solutions to accelerate crop innovation

(Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking steps to speed up progress in plant science by calling on universities and stakeholders to help build new AI tools that can translate the huge amount of germplasm data the agency collects.

Through the Genesis Mission

and the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA), USDA is expected to launch an Agricultural National Science & Technology Challenge later this year. The Challenge will ask innovators to create practical solutions that pull together different types of information—like

images, field data, and lab results—so scientists can quickly spot important plant and seed traits and develop crops that are more resilient and productive.

“USDA is taking concrete steps to give scientists the modern tools they need to innovate agricultural solutions from the vast plant data that they collect,” said

REE Under Secretary and USDA Chief Scientist Dr. Scott Hutchins. “When our partners help us to solve agricultural challenges by using AI tools, we’ll unlock faster discoveries with germplasm data and grow better crops that strengthen our food system for many future generations.”

The Genesis Mission, launched in November 2025, is a national effort coordinated by the White House Office of Science and Technology

Policy to leverage artificial intelligence to accelerate scientific discovery. The Mission will bring together America’s scientists, top innovative businesses, world-renowned universities; and data repositories, production plants, and national security sites — to use AI tools to solve the nation’s most complex science and technological challenges. Challenge teams will have access to the American

Science and Security Platform, DOE-built shared infrastructure that will connect datasets, scientific instrumentation, and AI tools to accelerate discovery.

More details on the Challenge are forthcoming. Proposing teams are encouraged to read the full Genesis Mission Executive Order and bring their best ideas to advance America’s future in germplasm innovation.

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USDA, HHS, EPA join forces to bolster consumer protections

(Washington, D.C., — Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin announced an updated Memorandum of Understanding (PDF, 2.3 MB) to reaffirm their shared commitment to protecting consumers from heavy metals and other contaminants in food.

For decades, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have coordinated through the National Residue Program to monitor and regulate meat, poultry, and egg products. This updated MOU strengthens collaboration under this program and adopts new methods to better detect and address potential risks.

“American farmers, ranchers, and producers grow and raise the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world. Together with our partners at HHS and EPA, we are strengthening the health of American families and giving consumers confidence in the safety of our food supply,” said Secretary Rollins. “This new MOU modernizes how our agencies work together and streamlines the way we share information, coordinates scientific expertise, and improves how we detect and address potential risks. This is the Trump Administration improving the way our government works so we can better protect the American people and ensure the safety of our food supply, which is truly a national security and health priority.”

“Protecting Americans from harmful contaminants in food is a core priority of the Trump Administration,” said HHS Secretary Kennedy. “We are strengthening oversight, improving detection, and coordinating across the federal government to reduce exposure to heavy metals and other toxins. I appreciate Secretary Rollins and Administrator Zeldin for their leadership as we work together to protect American families and Make America Healthy Again.”

“At the Trump EPA, we are excited to help advance new policies to Make America Healthy Again. Today’s announcement ensures a safer food supply by supporting new testing methods to reduce metal residues in produce, meat, and, for the first time ever, processed foods,” said Administrator Zeldin. “We want Americans to feel confident the food on their plate has been held to the highest standards of safety. It’s an honor to serve on the MAHA Commission, led by Secretary Kennedy, working with great partners like Secretary Rollins to pave the way for a healthier nation for generations to come.”

As part of this effort, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has already taken steps to modernize monitoring for heavy metals in foods by implementing a new, streamlined laboratory method to measure the quantity of 18 heavy metals at extremely low levels. If elevated or unusual levels are detected, FSIS conducts science-based assessments to determine when the agency should take action to keep risky products out of the food supply. Additionally, FSIS will also expand its surveillance for heavy metals to include processed foods, such as sausages and ready-to-eat meals, which combine ingredients from multiple sources.

The data collected by FSIS shows heavy metal contamination of raw meat and poultry products is extremely rare and FSIS will continue to publish results of this surveillance testing online, ensuring transparency for industry and consumers.

This updated MOU further advances efforts to Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) and builds on the MAHA Report’s goal of reducing children’s exposure to heavy metals, PFAS, and other harmful contaminants.



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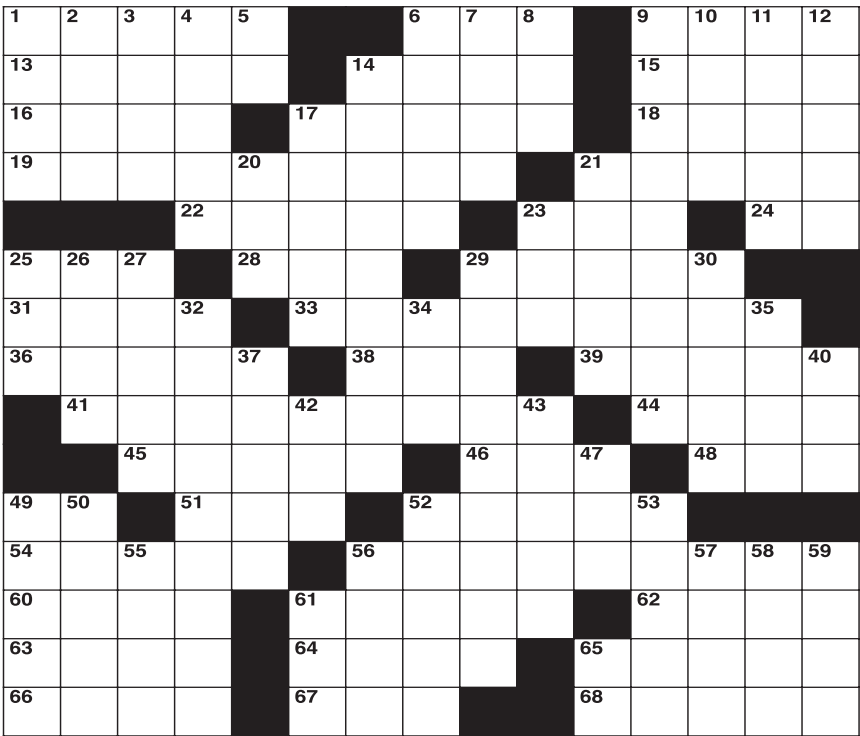
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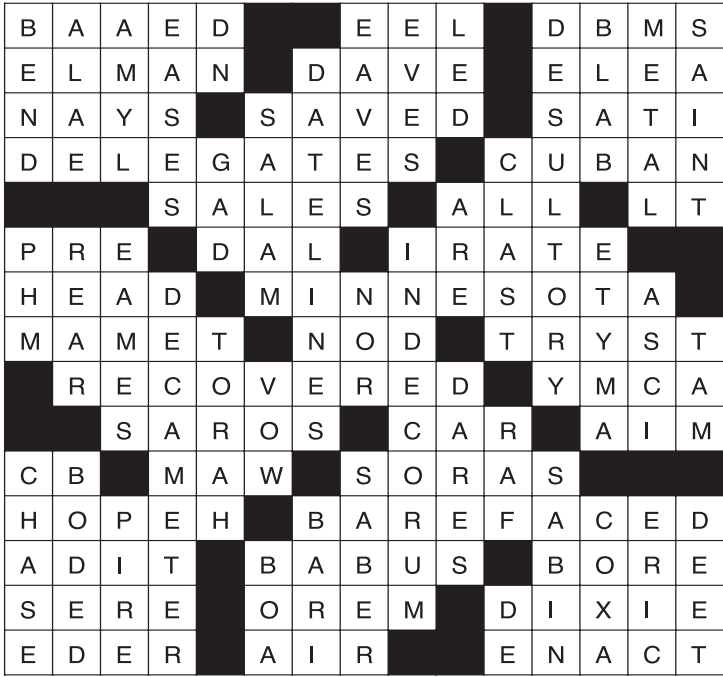
CLUES ACROSS

1. Bleated
6. Snakelike fish
9. Database management system
13. Social evolution anthropologist Service
14. American rocker Grohl
15. Greek personification of compassion
16. Negatives
17. Rescued
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Popular type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. The whole quantity
24. New York Giants legend
25. Indicates before
28. Lentils
29. Extremely angry
31. Body part
33. “North Star State”
36. David __, US playwright
38. Lower and raise one’s head
39. Private rendezvous
41. In a way, improved
44. A place to play
45. Astronomical period of 18 years
46. Automobile
48. Something you can take
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Short-billed rails
54. Chinese province
56. Shameless
60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
61. Indian respectful titles
62. Fail to entertain
63. Dried-up
64. Central Utah city
65. Southern U.S.
66. German river
67. Necessary for breathing
68. Put into play

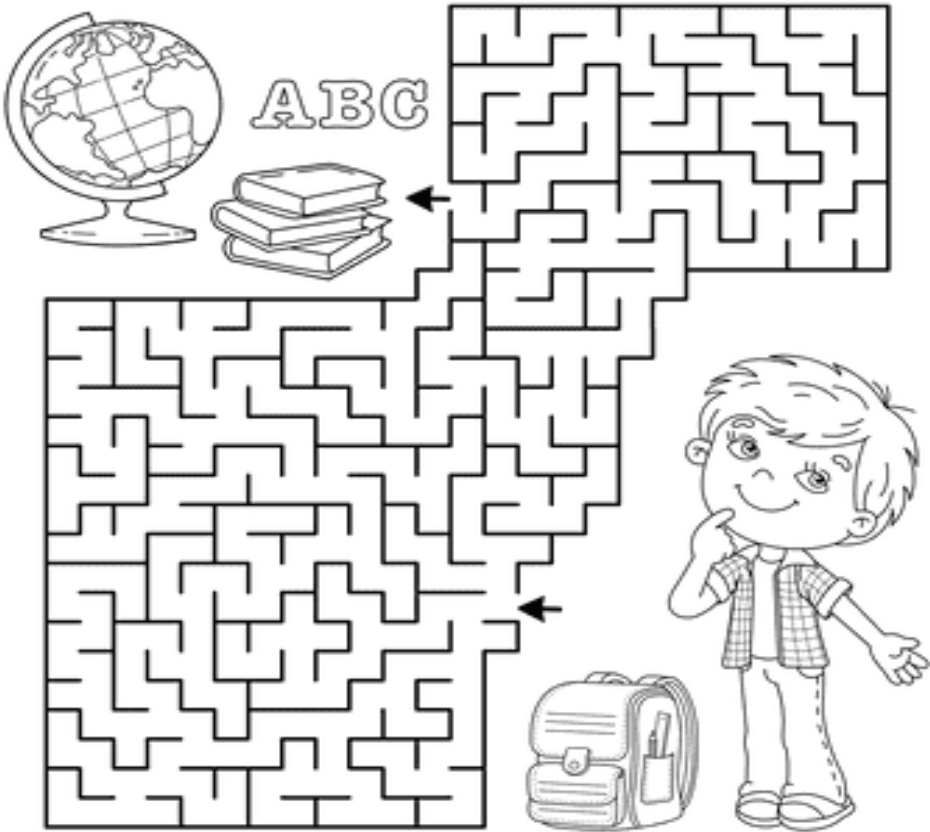
CLUES DOWN

1. Curved segment
2. Wings
3. Yellowish volatile liquid
4. Makes less severe
5. Debit note
6. Overhang
7. The nights before
8. Type of light
9. Lacking enthusiasm
10. Tattle
11. Some is “heavy”
12. One who is canonized
14. Indicates date and place of writing
17. “Peace” in Arabic
20. “Olaf” actor Josh
21. Fragmented rock
23. They __
25. Advanced degree
26. Backside
27. Influential architect and design couple
29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived
32. 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Fungal sacs
37. The law of God revealed to Moses
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. British Air Aces
49. Large bank
50. Served as an omen
52. Cavalry sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
56. Italian Seaport
57. Hip joint
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Insect repellent
61. Constrictor snake
65 “The First State” (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Maze Craze



Word Search

FAIR DAYS

WORD SEARCH

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

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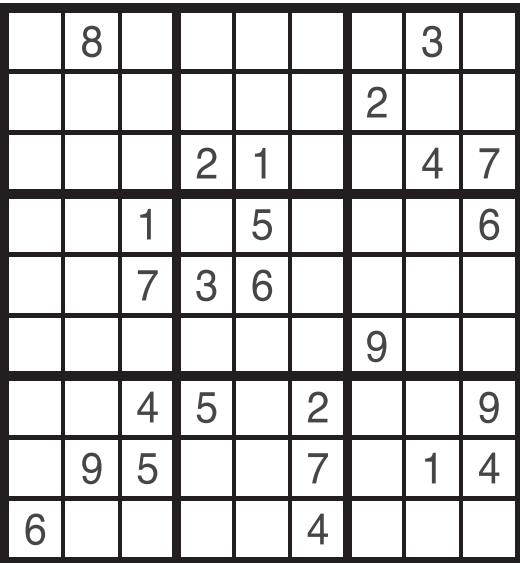
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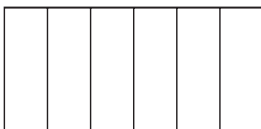


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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fairs.

EKCITT



Answer: Ticket

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a musician born in California on August 3, 1963. I learned to play various instruments after being inspired by the band Aerosmith growing up. I am a cofounder of one of the most popular heavy metal bands of all time.

Answer: James Hetfield

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to fairs. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = R)

A. 10 3 14 15

Clue: Fun outdoor gathering

B. 5 3 15 23 14 22 3 8

Clue: Event with rides and attractions

C. 15 14 17 7

Clue: Amusement

D. 22 7 23 17 1 15

Clue: Sells something

Answers: A. fair B. carnival C. ride D. vendor

Coloring Fun



Reorder the letters to find the words from the picture.

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Greater Jasper Schools to lead countywide digital wellness initiative

By **Laurna Todd**
ING Writer

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools will lead a new countywide effort to help children and families develop healthier relationships with phones, tablets, social media and other forms of digital technology.

The “Screens in Balance: Dubois County Digital Wellness” initiative was selected for support through the Being for Others Health & Wellness Foundation’s 2026 Community Collaboration Grant program. The foundation has committed up to \$500,000 for two collaborative projects serving Dubois and Orange counties.

Greater Jasper will serve as the lead organization for the Dubois County initiative. Partners include Northeast Dubois County School Corporation, Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, Southwest Dubois County School Corporation, the Dubois County Health Department, Crisis Connection and the Dubois County CARES Coalition.

By involving all four county school corporations and organizations that work directly with children and



families, the project is designed to address digital wellness as a communitywide concern rather than an issue limited to individual classrooms or households.

The collaboration will examine the effects excessive screen use may have on students’ anxiety levels, sleep, attention and overall well-being. It will also promote healthy routines, emotional regulation, positive social connections and a more balanced use of technology.

The long-term goal is to help students focus, participate and succeed academically and socially while giving parents and caregivers practical support for establishing healthy digital habits at home. The planning process

will allow schools and community organizations to identify current resources, determine where additional support is needed and develop a consistent approach that can be used throughout Dubois County.

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools will receive \$50,000 during the first year for a facilitated planning process. Representatives from education, public health and community organizations will work together to study the issue, gather community input, identify gaps and create an implementation plan based on research and local needs.

Following the planning phase, the Dubois County

collaboration will be eligible to receive up to an additional \$200,000 over a two-year implementation period. Additional community partners interested in improving digital wellness are also being sought.

BFO developed the Community Collaboration Grant program following a 2025 strategic planning process conducted with assistance from Bank of America consultants and community volunteers. The process examined national grant-making practices and ways philanthropy can help rural communities develop larger, long-term solutions to complicated health and wellness

challenges.

The 2026 selection process began with a letter of intent period, followed by an invitation-only application process and in-person presentations. BFO received 21 letters of intent from organizations throughout its eight-county service region. Four finalists were invited to present their proposals before the two recipients were selected.

Team OC was selected to lead the second project, the Orange County Bridge to Stability Housing Collaborative. That initiative will bring together schools, government agencies, law enforcement, health care providers, financial institutions, churches and nonprofit

organizations to address housing instability and help prevent homelessness.

Team OC will also receive \$50,000 for its first-year planning process and will be eligible for up to \$200,000 during the following two years.

The grant program was structured to provide initial funding without requiring recipients to secure matching dollars in advance. BFO hopes the seed funding and collaborative planning process will help the organizations attract additional support and investment as their projects develop.

BFO plans to continue funding the Community Collaboration Grant program over the next five years. The next letter of intent period is expected to open in January 2027, with an additional selection round anticipated in 2028.

The Being for Others Health & Wellness Foundation was established through a \$20 million endowment resulting from the 2024 affiliation between Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center and Deaconess Health System. The private nonprofit foundation supports health and wellness efforts in Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer counties.

Dubois County Democratic Party brings “Your Community, Your Say” town hall to Jasper

Jasper– Neighbors from across Dubois County and beyond are invited to a community town hall on Thursday, August 6, at KlubHaus61, 2031 N Newton St in Jasper. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the program begins at 7:00 PM. It is the second in the series of Big Tent town halls hosted by the Dubois County Democratic Party.

The first of these filled the community center in St. Anthony on July 22, with more than sixty people in a town of about two hundred and forty. Word has traveled since, and residents from several neighboring counties have said they plan to make the drive to Jasper. The organizers took notes as well. Each town hall is built for the community hosting it and for the decisions in front of that community right now, and Jasper’s has been rebuilt from the last one: a different subject, a different set of guests, a different format.

“If you remember the Phil Donahue show, that’s the idea,” said Angie Nehmer, who moderated the first town hall in St.

Anthony. “No podium, nobody standing up front giving a speech. Four or five guests around a coffee table, and a microphone that comes out to you. And there’s no such thing as a dumb question. If you’re sitting there wondering about something, I promise you somebody else in that room is wondering the same thing.”

The party is organizing and paying for the evening, and has handed the microphone to a Republican. Jason McCoy, a familiar voice at Property Rights Alliance meetings across the county, will moderate. That is deliberate: this is not a party meeting and it is not a rally.

The subject is the part of local government nobody ever explains to you: who actually decides, and how you find out in time to do anything about it.

Consider one example from the same evening. While sixty people were in St. Anthony asking how these decisions are made, the Jasper City Council was making one. The council took up the city’s membership in the

Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority. Three options were on the table, and the city attorney confirmed all three ended on the same date in December 2027, including the one labeled withdrawal. There was no option to leave any sooner. That date came from a legal opinion the RDA board itself had obtained, in an area the city’s attorney described as uncharted, with no case law defining how any of it was supposed to work. The council voted 5-2 to take no action, and two members voted no anyway, on principle. So who decides what goes on an agenda, and what stays out? Who writes the ordinance, and who decides which choices a council gets to pick from? Is the attorney in the room there to advise, or to decide? Nobody asked you, and nobody explained it. Those questions have answers, and most residents have no idea where to go looking for them. They are the same questions every time. From local income tax to property taxes, solar farms and battery storage, data centers and

what they bring with them: the projects are the evidence, not the agenda.

The guest list is short on purpose, four or five people with varied political backgrounds in the same conversation. They don’t always agree with each other, and that is the point. Nobody is asked to change their mind about anything, and nobody is asked to check their party at the door. Guests include Brad Hochgesang, Democratic candidate for Indiana State Senate District 48, and Tiffanie Arthur, candidate for Indiana State House District 63, joined by Republican and Independent voices from around the county.

The Property Rights Alliance is canceling its own regular meeting so its members can attend, and other civic groups around the county have told organizers their people will be there. Every elected official in Dubois County is invited, not to be put on trial but to help explain how the sausage actually gets made. Candidates for local, statewide, and national office will be in the audience

rather than on the stage, introduced at the start of the evening so residents know exactly who is in the room and can ask them questions directly. People will notice who shows up.

“This is not a Democratic Party meeting. We are organizing it, we are paying for it, and then we are getting out of the way,” said Dennis Tedrow, chair of the Dubois County Democratic Party. “A Republican is running the microphone, a good share of the room will be Republicans, and they are welcome. Roads, taxes, and what gets built where do not sort neatly by party. We want to know where we actually disagree, and where we actually agree. We would rather hear that from you than through the grapevine.”

“When I ask for your vote, I’m asking you to be my boss,” said Brad Hochgesang, Democratic candidate for Indiana State Senate District 48. “I’d make a poor employee if I never asked what the job was. So come Thursday and tell me — what should this office be doing for you, and what has it been doing instead? If you’re

one of the people most affected by these decisions, I especially want to hear from you. You’re the one who almost never gets asked.”

Residents are encouraged to bring questions, and can send them ahead of time to the Dubois County Democratic Party by email or through social media.

Event details

- What: Big Tent community town hall. How local government works, who sets the agenda, and how residents hold elected officials accountable.

- When: Thursday, August 6, 2026. Doors open 6:30 PM, program begins 7:00 PM.

- Where: KlubHaus61, 2031 N Newton St, Jasper, Indiana.

- Who: Everyone welcome and strongly encouraged to attend, from Dubois County and beyond. Republicans, Independents, Democrats, and folks who don’t follow politics at all.

- Cost: Free and open to the public. Refreshments served, with a suggested \$5 donation to help cover venue and refreshment costs.

