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National Recovery Month reminds Hoosier: You do not have to walk the journey alone

Seniors and anxiety

Discussions surrounding older adults and health often focus on seniors' physical health. That's understandable, as age-related issues affecting the body can add up over time, making it vital that seniors emphasize a physically active lifestyle that can reduce their risk for an assortment of medical conditions.

But mental health also is an important consideration for older adults, many of whom may be struggling. Anxiety is one mental health issue that affects a significant percentage of older adults. A 2024 study published in the Journal of General and Family Medicine noted that the global prevalence of anxiety symptoms among older adults is 28 percent. That means nearly one in three older adults is experiencing symptoms of anxiety. With so many seniors potentially confronting anxiety, it can be helpful to older adults and their loved ones to learn about the condition, its causes and its signs and symptoms.

Defining anxiety

The National Council on Aging notes that anxiety is a natural response to many life stressors. But when anxious feelings overwhelm an individual and make daily life more difficult, a person may be experiencing an anxiety disorder. According to the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP), anxiety disorders cause feelings of fear, worry, apprehension, or dread.

What distinguishes anxiety from an anxiety disorder?

The American Psychiatric Association notes occasional anxiety is a normal part of life. But occasional anxiety comes and goes rather quickly, whereas an anxiety disorder is marked by a more persistent level of anxiety that's harder to control. In addition,

an anxiety disorder can affect how people interact with others, how they work, and even their overall well-being.

Are there different types of anxiety?

Yes. The AAGP notes that anxiety may be a specific phobia in which a person harbors an intense and irrational fear of a place, thing or event. Social anxiety is another type of disorder that occurs when an individual feels overwhelmingly anxious and self-conscious in the typical social situations people encounter each day. Generalized anxiety disorder is marked by constant worry even when there is little or nothing to cause concern. These are just some of the various types of anxiety.

What causes an anxiety disorder?

The AAGP notes a number of factors can contribute to an anxiety disorder, including:

- Extreme stress or trauma
- Bereavement and complicated or chronic grief, which may be of particular concern for older adults dealing with the death of a spouse or a longtime friend
- Consumption of alcohol, caffeine or drugs, including prescription or over-the-counter medication
- A separate medical condition or illness
- Neurodegenerative disorders, such as dementia

How do I know

if I or a loved one is experiencing an anxiety disorder?

Seniors are urged to speak to a health care professional if they feel they are overwhelmed by anxiety. Family members also can learn to look for signs of anxiety disorder, which the AAGP notes include:

- Excessive worry or fear
- Refusing to engage in routine activities or being overly preoccupied with routine
- Avoiding social situations
- Excessive concern about safety
- Physical symptoms such as a racing heart, shallow breathing, trembling, nausea, and/or sweating
- Difficulty sleeping or poor sleep
- Muscle tension, feeling weak and shaky
- Hoarding, which the Cleveland Clinic notes is a distinct mental health condition but also a sign of an underlying anxiety disorder
- Depression
- Self-medication with alcohol or other central nervous system depressants, including benzodiazepines and barbiturates

There are many ways to treat anxiety disorders in older adults, so seniors should not hesitate to open a dialogue with a health care professional if they feel they are dealing with excessive anxiety. More information can be found at aagponline.org.

WARSAW, Ind. — September is National Recovery Month, a time to celebrate the strength, resilience, and hope of individuals who are rebuilding their lives and improving their health.

At Bowen Health, recovery is not defined by a diagnosis. It is defined by a journey of progress, hope, and the courage to take the next step forward. Through its Addiction Recovery Services, Bowen Health partners with individuals and families every step of the way, providing evidence-based treatment, counseling, medication for substance use disorder, recovery support services, and integrated healthcare designed to support the whole person.

"Addiction is a health condition, not a character flaw," said Dr. Rob Ryan, CEO of Bowen Health. "People seek recovery from many challenges, including addiction, mental health concerns, trauma, grief, and other circumstances that affect their overall well-being. Recovery is not a sign of weakness. Seeking help is one of the strongest decisions a person can make, and no one should feel ashamed for reaching out."

National Recovery Month serves as an opportunity to challenge the stigma often associated with addiction. Shame and fear can prevent people from seeking treatment, even when effective care is available. Bowen Health encourages



individuals, families, employers, and communities to recognize that recovery happens every day and that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Bowen Health's Addiction Recovery Services support individuals at every stage of recovery through: Integrated physical and behavioral healthcare, individual and group counseling, medication for substance use disorder (MSUD), psychiatric and medication management services, peer recovery support, care coordination, and family support and education.

Through Addiction Recovery Services and integrated behavioral health care, Bowen Health provides compassionate, evidence-based support for individuals and families. Whether someone is taking the first step, returning to recovery after a setback, or supporting a loved one through their journey, Bowen Health's care teams are ready to provide compassionate, personalized support.

"Recovery does not

happen overnight, and it does not have to happen alone," Ryan added. "Our role is to walk alongside people, meet them where they are, and help them build a healthier future. When you are ready, we are here."

Recovery rarely happens alone. It happens through partnership, support, and access to care.

Bowen Health recognizes that September is also National Suicide Prevention Month and reminds individuals and families that no one has to face life's challenges alone. If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for immediate, free, and confidential support, available 24/7.

Anyone interested in learning more about Addiction Recovery Services or behavioral health support can call 800-342-5653 or visit BowenHealth.org. From the first phone call to each step that follows, Bowen Health is committed to walking alongside individuals and families on their journey toward better health and wellness.

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Stephen Shepler

Stephen Shepler, 76, of Marion, passed away at 12:45 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive visitors from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Stephen’s life will begin at 3:00 p.m. with Chaplin Don Miller officiating. Inurnment will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Jodie L. Wood

Joan L. “Jodie” Wood, 96, of Gas City, passed away at 2:25 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at her residence surrounded by loved ones. The family received visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main Street, Gas City, Indiana. Following visitation, a service celebrating Jodie’s life was held at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Thomas “Tom” D. McIntire

Thomas Dewayne McIntire, 82, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2026, at 2:50 p.m., surrounded by his loved ones. A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Alberta Hanthorn

On September 2, 2026, at 1:10 a.m., Our Queen Alberta Hanthorn passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family and loved ones. The family received visitors from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Alberta’s life was held at 1:00 p.m.

Roland “Beau” Hamner IV

Roland Thornhill Hamner IV, known to nearly everyone as Beau, passed away on August 30, 2026, at the age of 45. Family and Friends may gather Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 4:00 PM at College Wesleyan Church for a memorial service, 200 E 38th St, Marion, IN 46953.

Harry “Bill” W. Scott Jr.

Harry William “Bill” Scott, Jr., 73, passed away peacefully in his Westfield home the morning of Sunday, August 30, 2026. The Scott family orchestrated a celebration of Bill’s life that was held Monday, September 7th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Wood Wind Golf Course Pavilion, 2302 W 161 St, Westfield, IN.

Dorothy J. Lynch Schwingle

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dorothy J. Lynch Schwingle, a spirited woman who left us peacefully on Wednesday, September 3, 2026, in Gas City, IN. A public graveside service to honor Dorothy’s vibrant life was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Jefferson Cemetery, with Mick Simpkins officiating.

Dwight Charles Pollen

Dwight Charles Pollen, 85, passed away on August 29, 2026, at Wesleyan Health Care, in Marion, IN. Visitation was on Friday, September 4, 2026, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fairmount Chapel. Services took place on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. with burial following at Park Cemetery in Fairmount, IN.

CSA Civic Theatre announces tickets on sale for Boeing, Boeing

Season tickets for the 2026–2027 CSA Performance season are also still available

MARION, IN — September 8, 2026 — The Community School of the Arts (CSA) Civic Theatre is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for its upcoming production of Boeing, Boeing, the classic French farce by Marc Camoletti.

Fasten your seatbelts for a hilarious trip back to the swinging 1960s, where one bachelor, three fiancées, and a very complicated flight schedule collide!

Boeing, Boeing follows Bernard, a Parisian bachelor who has carefully arranged his life around three airline stewardesses—each from a different airline and each believing she is his one and only fiancée. With a perfectly timed schedule, Bernard thinks he has everything under control. But when new, faster Boeing jets throw his carefully planned timetable into chaos, all three women end up in Paris at the same time. Add an increasingly overwhelmed housekeeper and a visiting old friend, and Bernard’s perfectly organized life quickly takes off in a very different direction.

Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, unexpected arrivals, and plenty of comedic chaos, Boeing, Boeing promises audiences an entertaining evening of classic farce.

Performances of Boeing, Boeing will be held October 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 7pm and October 11 and 18th at 2pm at the James Dean Memorial Theater at the CSA Civic Theatre building. Tickets are available now at CSA or online at www.csa-marion.com/tickets.

In addition to individual tickets for Boeing, Boeing, season tickets for the CSA 2026–2027 performance season are still available. A season ticket is a great way to experience the full variety of CSA Civic Theatre and the CSA Theatre compANY’s upcoming productions while enjoying the convenience and value of a season package.

“One of the things that makes CSA Civic Theatre special is the opportunity to experience a wide variety of theatre right here in our community,” said Shelly Inskeep, Executive Director of the Community School of the Arts. “We hope audiences will join us for an evening of laughter and support the talented local performers, directors, designers, technicians, and volunteers who make community theatre possible.”

CSA Civic Theatre is committed to providing opportunities for local artists and creating engaging theatrical experiences for audiences throughout Grant County and the surrounding communities. Every ticket purchased helps support the continued production of live theatre and arts programming through the Community School of the Arts.

Tickets for Boeing, Boeing and CSA Civic Theatre season tickets are available now. Audiences are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as seating is limited.

For tickets, season ticket information, and additional details about upcoming CSA Civic Theatre productions, visit www.csa-marion.com or follow CSA Civic Theatre on social media.

About CSA Civic Theatre
CSA Civic Theatre is the community theatre division of the Community School of the Arts in Marion, Indiana. The program presents a diverse season of plays and musicals featuring local performers, directors, designers, technicians, and volunteers. Through its productions, CSA Civic Theatre provides opportunities for community members of all ages to participate in and experience live theatre.

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VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

The evidence within: *Faith demands an outward change*

By Teresa LeNeave
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The Bible warns of deception and reveals how deception can be recognized.

In his second epistle, the Apostle John issued a stark warning to the early Church: “Do not be deceived. False teachers are everywhere.” According to the text, the defining mark of these deceptive figures is not that they abandon religious work entirely, but that they deny a core Biblical truth: that Christ has come in the flesh.

These individuals often continue to operate within religious structures, filling the role but

entirely missing the true mission. Their work operates under the spirit of the Antichrist, subtly shifting focus away from the physical incarnation of Jesus. This foundational truth is reinforced in Hebrews 10:5, which declares, “A body hast thou prepared me.”

If the ultimate proof of true faith is acknowledging that Jesus Christ came in human flesh, believers must confront a vital question: What does it mean for Christ to dwell within our flesh today?

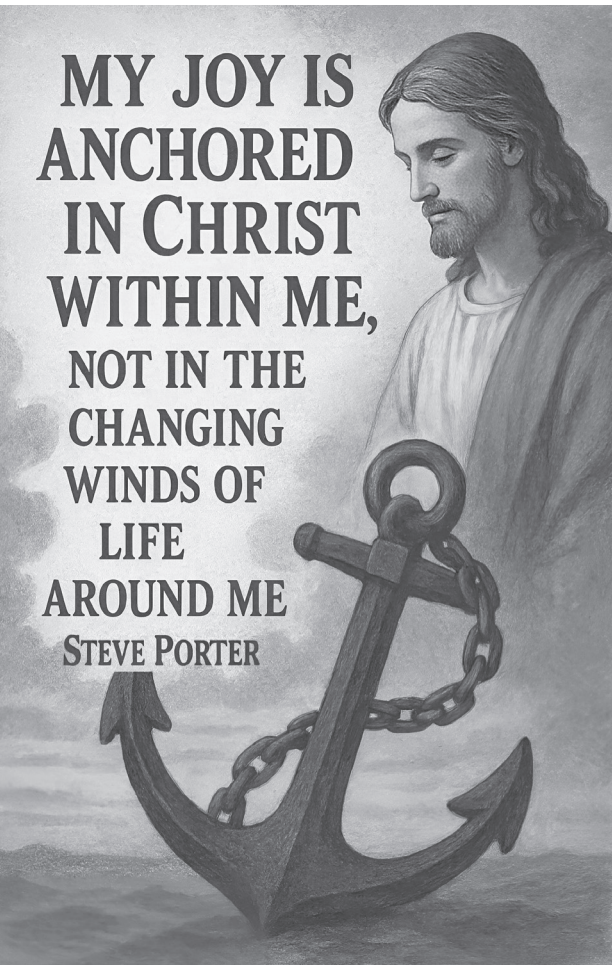
The scriptures outline a clear reality: an inward spiritual transformation must

produce visible, outward evidence. According to 2 Corinthians 4:10-11, the life of Jesus is meant to be made manifest daily in the physical bodies of believers. The New Testament frequently reinforces this concept of tangible change, describing believers as “His workmanship” (Ephesians 2:10) and the very “temple of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Despite human shortcomings or feelings of inadequacy, biblical doctrine assures believers that they “are complete in Him” (Colossians 2:10). The texts emphasize that a sovereign Creator

takes what is broken or empty and refashions it into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This identity brings a deep sense of peace to the struggling soul. The Gospel message concludes not with human striving, but with divine selection. As recorded in John 15:16, Jesus reminds His followers: “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.” The ultimate purpose of this divine choice is for believers to live transformed lives that bear lasting spiritual fruit. Apostle Paul called it, “Christ in me, the hope of glory” (Colossians 2:27). Accepting Christ as your Savior has deep and lasting benefits.



The infallible Word or man’s imaginations?

By Dr. Billy Holland

The common thread of Christianity pertaining to the understanding of the Bible is that everyone who declares by faith to be born again has free access to the Holy Spirit to help them discern what it means. At the same time, we must also consider that, with human free will, each individual has the opportunity to form their own opinions. It’s common and normal for Christians to have the confidence to voice their own interpretations, even if it’s rejected by their fellow brothers and sisters. Yes, the majority immediately condemns biblical and spiritual views that do not line up with mainstream theology as the errors of a novice or, even worse, a heretic. Multiply this among the billions of believers, and we have what is known as a divided, confused, and hostile world of religiosity.

Christians are taught that the Bible contains the infallible words of God exactly as he guided approximately 40 human writers to record them within a period of around 1500 years from Moses

to the early church. If you are a traditional Christian, most likely you embrace this doctrine that promises God personally breathed and inspired divine truth through the minds and hands of His messengers. And it has been preserved without any alterations since the day they were written? Or do you wonder about errors, embellishments, personal worldviews and opinions mixed in between the lines?

When it comes to believing the Bible as perfect truth versus seeing the writings as religious philosophy and folklore, to be honest, I’ve come to a point in my walk that I’m tired of arguing with other Christians about Biblical interpretations. When I was a young student, I thought I could win any debate about Christianity and religion, and like most of you, I’ve always believed my views were correct. However, we cannot change someone’s mind about their doctrines and creeds unless these two things are involved: The Holy Spirit is intervening, and the truth seeker is sincerely praying that God will transform

their conscience by the renewing of their minds.

People rarely change what they believe because their opinions and convictions are rooted deep within the core of their being. Have you ever argued with someone about the Bible and finally had to agree to disagree? This not only includes the angry discord between traditional Christians, but in today’s modern world we now have a growing movement called the agnostic theist. This is someone who believes in God but sees the Bible as a collection of passed-down, exaggerated oral stories and personal biased philosophies that are not necessarily based on proven facts. This way of thinking allows for belief in the perfect God of creation while maintaining skepticism about legalistic dogma and the exclusive “my way or the highway” attitudes and demands from dictatorial churches.

These are the seekers that have way more questions than answers, and have separated from those who they consider are afraid to use their intelligence and realize that much of the content

is not literally accurate. They refuse to accept a compilation of ancient religious dialogues, visions, and stories from human writers as divine revelation simply by faith. Many are asking: “Is the Bible God’s word top man, or man’s word about God?” If God’s word is infallible and the Holy Spirit gives each follower perfect understanding, explanations, and interpretations, why why is there so much arrogance, antagonism and caustic attitudes? If God is broadcasting, evidently many are on the wrong channel. Agnostic theism emphasizes prayer and personal experiences with God rather than becoming entangled in the chaos of intolerant churchianity. This is not to be confused with secular agnosticism that does not believe in the existence of any God, along with the supernatural being unknown and unknowable.

Traditional followers argue that if portions of the Bible are not



Dr. Billy Holland

correct, how can anyone know what is true? For example, if someone is convinced there is no possible way the story of Noah and the Ark actually happened, then what else has been embellished or even fabricated? Does it matter that accuracy and credibility may have been lost through years of oral storytelling? Some may believe they can put their trust in God and live for Him without trusting the scriptures, but if the Bible is truly God’s perfect word, it is the most important communication from God to mankind the world has ever known. If every word is God-breathed, we must cherish it, obey it, and trust it. If the written Word IS God, and we dismiss it as inaccurate, isn’t this doubting God Himself.

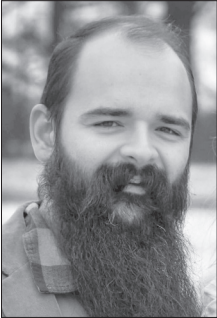
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The old lighthouse

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

The old lighthouse may be crumbling, but it continues to beam guiding light across the stormy sea. The Hooper Island Lighthouse in Chesapeake Bay has been steering seafarers since 1901, but many people think it’s time for the old beacon to retire to the junkyard. What used to be a brilliantly towering cylinder of hope is

now a worn out and rusty hunk of metal. However, according to the Washington Post, the lighthouse isn’t going anywhere since it remains as an “active aid to navigation for the U.S. Coast Guard.” Even though it is old and frail, it still has a pivotal purpose: lighting the



Brandon Bramlett

way. Similarly, all Christians are called to be a lighthouse for sinners sailing in the darkness of depravity. The “children of light” are commanded to radiate the light of the glory of Christ in order to direct wayward sinners to the “Father of lights” (cf. 1 Thess. 5:5; James 1:17). As

Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-15).

The harsh elements of life will eventually cause you to rust and wither away,

but this is your eternally significant purpose as long as you remain standing. The “outer self” is wasting away, and it’s not as vigorous as it used to be (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16). Indeed, you will fade like flowers of the field, and your radiance will dim with time (Isaiah 40:7). Moreover, with each passing day, you are closer to the dust from which you came (Eccl. 12:7). But, as long as God keeps you upright in the world’s waters, your critical

mission is to shine gospel light to those who grope in the darkness of sin (cf. 2 Cor. 4:6).

“O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come” (Psalm 70:17-18).

Blackford County School Board amends current monthly schedule

To meet budget and negotiations’ deadlines in October, the following changes have been made to the Blackford County School Board current monthly schedule:

September 15 - Regular session at 5:30 p.m., but the meeting takes place in the Blackford Jr.-Sr. High School Library. A tour of the Performing Arts Center construction is planned for the evening.

October 13 - Special Board Meeting at 5: 30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Public Hearing for Tentative Agreement Hearing

October 20 - NO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 27 - Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices - Adoption of 2027 Budget

November 17 at 5:30 p.m. - We’re back to our regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the Administrative Offices.

Questions? Give me a call at 765.348.7550.

Trine University Greek organizations, members receive national honors

ANGOLA, IND. - Several Greek organizations and members of Greek organizations at Trine University received national awards over the summer.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Beta-Epsilon Chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity at Trine University was announced as a recipient of the Top TKE Chapter award on Aug. 21.

“Top TKE Chapters exemplify excellence in how they operated in the 2025-26 campaign. This is a team effort with collegiate leaders, volunteers, campus support and professional staff driving these chapters to their potential,” said TKE Chief Executive Officer Donald E. Aldrich.

Alpha Sigma Tau

The Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau at Trine University was recognized at

the sorority’s 46th national convention, held in Minneapolis from June 11-14.

The Epsilon Kappa Chapter was recognized with the Health and Safety Excellence Award, the Financial Excellence Award, the Academic Improvement Award and the Campus Citizenship Excellence Award.

The Health and Safety Excellence Award is presented to chapters exhibiting an outstanding commitment to risk prevention, education and management. The Financial Excellence Award is presented to chapters exhibiting strong budgeting and billing practices, financial management and overall financial health.

The Academic Improvement Award is presented to chapters with the greatest improvement in their average chapter GPA from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025. The Campus Citizenship Excellence Award is presented to chapters

demonstrating active engagement in their campus and Panhellenic communities.

The Epsilon Kappa Chapter managed to increase their overall chapter GPA by 0.34, all while excelling in the areas of finance and health and safety.

Delta Chi

The Tri-State Chapter of Delta Chi received the fraternity’s Outstanding Growth Award, Raymond D. Galbreth Award and several core competency awards. Awards were announced in early August.

Trine 2026 graduate Michael Ledyard received the Chapter Luminary award, presented to an undergraduate who has excelled in on-campus involvement, dedication to leadership and meaningful community service efforts.

Jack Tarpein, a design engineering technology major from Jonesboro, Indiana, received

the “E” Key award, which signifies extraordinary efforts in the communication and reconnection of alumni, storytelling and accurate reporting.

Vito Maniaci, a computer science and information technology major from Oakley, Michigan, received the Marge Lee outstanding “C” award, which signifies completing duties at the highest level while being a steadfast community leader.

Kappa Sigma

The Theta-Xi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity received the 100% Ritually Proficient Award, given to chapters where all eligible members have completed required ritual proficiencies, and the Academic Excellence Award.

Awards were announced July 13.

Cory Hill, a finance major from Tippecanoe, Indiana, received the Outstanding Grand

Procurator Award, given annually to chapter officers who serve exceptionally in the role of Grand Procurator.

Chase Olson, a mechanical engineering major from Angola, Indiana, received the Outstanding Grand Scribe Award, given to undergraduate chapter members who serve as Grand Scribe and demonstrate exceptional leadership, professionalism and service.

Peyton Wagoner, a business administration major from Yorktown, Indiana, received the Outstanding Grand Treasurer Award.

Alpha Sigma Phi

Dane Chapman, a 2026 Trine alumnus, was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Phi undergraduate Hall of Fame during the fraternity’s Grand Chapter, held July 30-Aug. 2 in Dallas.

The fraternity selects 10 graduates out of 9,000 nationwide for the honor each year.

Max Engling was ahead of the curve. Now the Feds are taking action.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A new federal crackdown on trucking industry fraud is targeting the same problem Republican candidate for Indiana Secretary of State Max Engling has already made a priority of his campaign: stopping fraudulent trucking companies from exploiting government systems and putting dangerous drivers on Hoosier roads.

The U.S. Departments of Justice and

Transportation announced the Joint Task Force Crossroads of America, a multi-state effort involving U.S. Attorneys from Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. The initiative will target criminal networks, unqualified commercial drivers, fraudulent training operations and illicit trucking companies.

“The federal government is taking this problem seriously, and I’m proud our campaign has been ahead of the

curve in identifying a concrete way Indiana can help fight it,” said Engling. “While federal officials go after bad actors on our highways and in the licensing system, the Secretary of State can attack the problem at the front door by making it harder for fraudulent trucking companies to abuse our business-filing system.”

Engling has proposed strengthening safeguards against business-filing fraud, including identifying so-called “chameleon carriers,” companies

that face violations or enforcement actions, dissolve their LLC and then attempt to reappear under a new business entity.

“The Secretary of State’s office is the first stop for businesses in Indiana,” Engling said. “If a dangerous company gets caught, shuts down and walks right back through that door under a new LLC, we should be connecting those dots. Legitimate businesses deserve less red tape. Fraudulent companies putting Hoosiers’ lives at risk deserve scrutiny.”

The federal effort underscores the scale of the problem. Over the last 18 months, the Department of Transportation reports taking more than 28,000 drivers off the road for English-language proficiency violations, requiring states to cancel more than 30,000 improperly issued commercial driver’s licenses and removing more than 8,000 unqualified training providers from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration registry.

“President Trump and his

administration alongside the Indiana Congressional delegation are taking action at the federal level, and I look forward to helping Indiana continue to lead on this important issue,” Engling said.

“We’ve been ahead of the curve because the solution can’t just be catching dangerous operators after they’re already on the road. We need to make it harder for fraudulent companies to get back into business in the first place.”

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF GRANT

IN THE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 27C01-2608-MI-99

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

[Bran Danilo De La Paz](#)
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Bran Danilo De La Paz, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on October 5, 2026 at 8:30 AM

So ORDERED August 21, 2026


Judicial Officer

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Mississinewa Community School Corporation has preliminarily determined to enter into a lease agreement and issue bonds in one or more series of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$16,300,000 to fund the construction of additions, renovations and improvements to Northview Elementary School, Westview Elementary School and Mississinewa High School; deferred maintenance improvements at school facilities including roofing improvements and site improvements; and the purchase of equipment, vehicles, and technology.

Dated: September 9, 2026

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Mississinewa Community School Corporation

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Jack Ronald Plein Air event set for Sept. 12th

Brief description of performance/event: The Jack Ronald Plein Air Event is a one-day event that provides artists with Plein Air Painting in East Central Indiana and West Central Ohio. There are four awards: People’s

Choice Award \$150.00, Mayor’s Choice Award \$100.00, Alcove Artists Award \$100.00, and a Purchase Prize. This event is an occasion to celebrate plein air painting in the Jay County area, support the artists who enjoy it and keep the memory alive of a long-time supporter. Exhibition at Arts Place- September 14-October 31, 2026 Limited to 40 spots. Ages 16-99 Event Date/Time: Saturday, September 12th 9:00am-1:00pm (light lunch included) Event Location: 131 E Walnut St. Portland, IN 47371, Performing Arts Building

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SCHOOL SPORTS



Oak Hill senior Morgan Cates recorded her 1,000th career kill in late-August. Cates has excelled for Oak Hill throughout her high school volleyball career.

photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School

High School Football

Argylls roll past Golden Eagles

Staff Report

FAIRMOUNT — Madison-Grant defeated Central Indiana Athletic Conference counterpart Oak Hill 47-19 on Friday, Sept. 4.

Following the win, Madison-Grant moved to 3-0 overall. The Argylls opened 1-0 in

the Central Indiana Athletic Conference.

The Argylls and Golden Eagles have had opposite starts in the 2026 high school football season.

As a result of the loss, Oak Hill dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the Central Indiana Athletic Conference.

The Argylls owned numerous leads in the

conference matchup.

Madison-Grant took control early, outscoring Oak Hill 12-0 in the opening quarter,

The Argylls led 26-7 at halftime and remained in control throughout the second half.

Excelling on its home field, Madison-Grant led 40-12 at

the end of the third period.

Madison-Grant is scheduled to visit Elwood for its next game on Friday, Sept. 11.

In another game scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11, Oak Hill is slated to host Frankton.

Girls' High School Soccer

Oak Hill shuts out Mississinewa

Staff Report

GAS CITY — Oak Hill shut out rival Mississinewa 10-0 in a Central Indiana Athletic Conference girls' soccer match on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The Lady Eagles set the tone early in the conference match and

forced Mississinewa to play from behind.

Several players contributed offensively for Oak Hill throughout the conference match.

Landri Hardman and Mileigh Miller led Oak Hill offensively, scoring three goals apiece for the Lady Eagles.

Oak Hill benefited from a balanced offensive effort. In addition to the two hat tricks, Berklie Hardman, Kora Pond, Callie Nuber and Annie Hale each netted one goal for the Lady Eagles.

Goalkeeper Jolee Hawkins paced Oak

Hill defensively.

Hawkins recorded a shutout for the Lady Eagles. The Oak Hill goalkeeper logged one save.

Oak Hill and Mississinewa aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

Boys' High School Soccer

Indians fall to Bearcats in shutout

Staff Report

MUNCIE — Mississinewa was held scoreless as Muncie Central pulled away to win 6-0 in a boys' soccer match on Monday, Aug. 31.

The Indians dropped to 1-3 after suffering the loss.

Mississinewa faced a deficit in each half of the boys' soccer match.

Muncie Central moved ahead during the first half, taking control of the contest.

Colton Weaver and Eli Skeens split time at goalkeeper for Mississinewa during the match. Weaver spent 65 minutes at the defensive position and recorded five saves. In another defensive performance for the Indians, Skeens tallied two saves in 15 minutes.

Mississinewa and Muncie Central aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 boys' high school soccer season.



Marion runner Albert Tucker placed first in the Marion XC Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5. Tucker delivered a time of 16:56.30 to place first in the event.

photo courtesy of Marion High School

BLACKFORD
BRUINS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	Wes-Dei	7:00 PM	H
9/4	Elwood	7:00 PM	H
9/11	@Eastbrook	7:00 PM	A
9/18	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A
9/25	Oak Hill	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Frankton	7:00 PM	A
10/9	@ Alexandria-Monroe	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Madison Grant	7:00 PM	H

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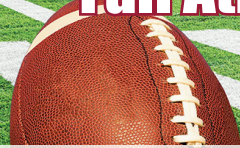
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	Mississinewa	7:00 PM	H
9/4	Columbus North	7:00 PM	H
9/11	@ Lebanon	7:00 PM	A
9/18	@ Muncie Central	7:00 PM	A
9/25	Kokomo	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Richmond	7:00 PM	A
10/9	Lafayette Jefferson	7:00 PM	H
10/16	@ Anderson	7:00 PM	A

EASTBROOK
PANTHERS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	FWCL	7:00 PM	H
9/4	@ Alexandria Monroe	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Blackford	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Elwood	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
10/2	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A
10/9	@ Oak Hill	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Frankton	7:00 PM	H

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The Eastbrook boys' cross country team competed in the Marion Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5. Josh Stotts paced the Panthers, finishing fourth individually
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The Eastbrook girls' cross country team placed second in the Marion Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5. Eastbrook senior Alayna Bruckner was the individual champion in the meet.
photo courtesy of Eastbrook High School



The Oak Hill boys' cross country team won the Rick Weinheimer Columbus North Classic on Saturday, Sept. 5. More than 2,000 runners competed in the event.
photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School

Battle Ground Golf Club to host Girls' Golf State Finals in October

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana High School Athletic Association has announced that Battle Ground Golf Club will serve as the site of the IHSAA Girls' Golf State Finals on Friday, Oct. 2-Saturday, Oct. 3.

The venue was approved by the IHSAA Executive Committee at its first meeting of the 2026-27 schoolyear in August.

A championship course just outside Lafayette, Ind., Battle Ground Golf Club recently hosted the 2026 Indiana PGA Women's Open in June and neighbors the site of the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe and historic Prophetstown State Park.

The change in venue comes as a result of the extreme weather events that impacted central Indiana in recent weeks. Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel, the host course for the last 12 years and borders the White River, was greatly affected and notified the IHSAA that it would be unable to host this year's event.

The dates, times, and practice rules remain the same as in previous years and players will again navigate 36 holes over the two days in the first weekend in October.

"Battle Ground Golf Club and O'Neal Golf Management are honored to provide a wonderful championship venue for the 54th Annual IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals," said Colin O'Neal, President of O'Neal Golf Management. Our team is excited to provide a world-class tournament experience to all that step foot on property in early October. Our passion towards junior golf activity speaks for itself with O'Neal Golf Management playing host to 12 high school golf programs across the State of Indiana

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The Oak Hill girls' cross country team placed third in the Rick Weinheimer Columbus North Classic on Saturday, Sept. 5
photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER: Oak Hill upends Tipton

Staff Report

TIPTON — Oak Hill pushed past Tipton 3-1 in a girls' soccer match on Thursday, Sept. 3.

The win allowed Oak Hill to remain undefeated. Oak Hill moved to 8-0 after notching the win. Kora Pond led Oak Hill to the win, scoring two goals for the Lady Eagles.

Accompanying Pond in Oak Hill's scoring column, Mileigh Miller netted one goal.

Aiding Oak Hill offensively, Annie Hale dished out one assist.

Defensively for Oak Hill during the match, Jolee Hawkins and Lorelei Mauldon split time at goalkeeper. Hawkins logged five saves while Mauldon posted one save.

Oak Hill and Tipton aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

OAK HILL			
GOLDEN EAGLES			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	@ Norwell	7:00 PM	A
9/4	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Frankton	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Alexandria Monroe	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Blackford	7:00 PM	A
10/2	@ Elwood	7:00 PM	A
10/9	Eastbrook	7:00 PM	H
10/16	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A

MISSISSINEWA			
INDIANS			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	@ Marion	7:00 PM	A
9/4	@ Frankton	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Alexandria-Monroe	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Blackford	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Elwood	7:00 PM	A
10/2	Eastbrook	7:00 PM	H
10/9	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
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at our managed locations, including hosting multiple sectional and regional competition sites for both boys and girls high school golf in Indiana. This will be O’Neal Golf Management’s 24th IHSAA Golf State Championship event, and our passion for creating a life-long memory for all involved continues to be our objective.”

“I would like to thank Doc and Colin O’Neal for stepping up and providing a strong and reliable solution in a difficult situation,” added IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman, who administers the golf state tournament. We’re also grateful to the other courses who reached out to

us to provide an alternative, but with the O’Neal’s track record, passion, and association with our tournament, combined with the Indiana Golf Association, I’m confident we’ve chosen a venue that promises another great experience for the participating players, coaches and spectators.”

Battle Ground Golf Club was previously a girls’ golf regional site hosted by Lafayette Jefferson High School. That regional will continue to be hosted by Lafayette Jefferson but will now be played at Harrison Hills Golf Club in Attica, Indiana.



The Blackford volleyball team placed third in the Kay Saunders Classic on Saturday, Sept. 5.
photo courtesy of Blackford High School

NFHS, Ballogy expand partnership to power the future of athlete skill development

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFHS has announced an expansion of its partnership with Ballogy Inc., the Official and Exclusive Athletic Skills Development App Partner of the NFHS, to bring NFHS-certified content, coaching resources, and officials sport guidance directly into Ballogy’s newest app release.

The collaboration places the NFHS community and resources at the center of one of the most advanced athlete skill development platforms available, giving the nation’s middle school and high school coaches, athletes and parents a single, trusted destination for both skill development

and NFHS rules compliance.

Ballogy’s all-new app, built around the MTR framework — Move, Train, Recover — delivers a complete system for athlete skill development across all sports. The platform’s AI-powered tracking tools, sport-specific drill libraries, and wearable integrations have made it one of the fastest-growing skill development apps in high school, youth and amateur sports. By embedding NFHS content directly into this ecosystem, the partnership ensures that coaches and athletes are not only training smarter but staying informed, compliant and connected to the information and standards that govern high school athletics nationwide.

“The NFHS has always believed that innovation in service of student-athletes is not optional — it is essential,” NFHS Executive Director Davis Whitfield said. “Ballogy represents exactly the kind of forward-thinking platform we want to be associated with. We are meeting our community of coaches, parents and athletes where they already are and giving them the guidance they need to compete and succeed at the high school level. This is what modern, education-based athletics looks like.”

The NFHS-certified content that will be delivered within the app includes real-time rule updates and sport-specific guidance across all 18 NFHS-sanctioned sports,

risk management and eligibility compliance resources, official coach education materials, and curated training content developed in alignment with NFHS standards. Coaches can access these resources alongside Ballogy’s AI-powered skill development tools, giving them everything they need to run a program that is both high-performing and fully informed.

“The NFHS endorsement has always been a cornerstone of what Ballogy stands for,” said Todd Young, Founder and CEO of Ballogy. “Having their certified content and resources built into the app means that every coach has the full weight of the NFHS behind their program. For our users, that is

an enormous vote of confidence, and for us, it reinforces that we are building something the sport truly needs.”

The NFHS reaches more than 19,500 high schools and more than 12 million student-athletes through its 50 member state associations. With Ballogy now multi-sport and available across all levels of youth and amateur athletics, the partnership creates a pathway for NFHS resources to reach a broader audience than ever before.

The Ballogy app is free to download and available now in the Google Play and App Store. NFHS-specific content and resources are accessible directly within the app.

USA TODAY Network Indiana High School Football Rankings

- Class 6A**
- 1. Brownsburg (17) 3-0 170 1
 - 2. Westfield 3-0 153 2
 - 3. Warren Central 3-0 132 3
 - 4. Center Grove 2-1 105 5
 - 5. Crown Point 3-0 84 7
 - 6. Penn 3-0 78 6
 - 7. Carmel 1-2 64 4
 - 8. Lawrence North 2-1 60 8
 - 9. FW Carroll 2-1 44 9
 - 10. Avon 3-0 27 NR
- Others receiving votes: Ben Davis 7. Merrillville 4. Decatur Cent. 1.
- Class 5A**
- 1. Bloomington South (10) 3-0 163 1
 - 2. New Palestine (6) 2-1 154 2
 - 3. Pendleton Hts (1) 3-0 112 3 (tie)
 - 4. Warsaw 3-0 107 3 (tie)
 - 5. Cathedral 1-2 106 5
 - 6. Floyd Central 3-0 92 6
 - 7. Concord 2-1 67 7
 - 8. Castle 2-1 53 9
 - 9. Plainfield 2-1 44 10
 - 10. Laf. Jeff 1-2 16 NR
- Others receiving votes: Franklin 11. FW Snider 5. Chesterton 2. Bloomington North 1. Huntington North 1. SB Adams 1.

- Class 4A**
- 1. Chatard (14) 3-0 166 2
 - 2. FW Dwenger (3) 3-0 148 3
 - 3. East Central 2-1 141 1
 - 4. East Noble 3-0 107 5
 - 5. SB St. Joseph 3-0 92 6
 - 6. Roncalli 1-2 79 4
 - 7. Hobart 3-0 70 8
 - 8. Yorktown 2-1 45 7
 - 9. Evansville Reitz 3-0 44 10
 - 10. Mishawaka 2-1 26 9
- Others receiving votes: Northridge 14. Heritage Hills 8. Muncie Central 6. Danville 2. Northview 2. DeKalb 2.
- Class 3A**
- 1. Evansville Memorial (14) 3-0 164 1
 - 2. Andrean (1) 2-1 142 2
 - 3. Gibson Southern 2-1 125 3
 - 4. Evansville Mater Dei 3-0 106 4
 - 5. Adams Central 2-1 84 5
 - 6. Indian Creek (2) 3-0 81 6
 - 7. Twin Lakes 3-0 67 7 (tie)
 - 8. Lawrenceburg 2-1 63 7 (tie)
 - 9. Tri-West 2-1 48 9
 - 10. Maconaquah 3-0 24 10
- Others receiving votes: Bluffton 15. Griffith 7. Mississinewa 7.

- Class 2A**
- 1. Lapel (7) 3-0 156 1
 - 2. Brownstown Central (7) 3-0 155 2
 - 3. Lutheran (2) 3-0 130 3
 - 4. Eastside 3-0 114 4
 - 5. South Putnam (1) 3-0 105 5
 - 6. Eastern (Greentown) 3-0 75 6
 - 7. North Posey 3-0 62 7 (tie)
 - 8. Cascade 2-1 59 7 (tie)
 - 9. Eastern Hancock 3-0 49 9
 - 10. Bremen 3-0 20 10
- Others receiving votes: Tipton 3.
- Class 1A**
- 1. Riverton Parke (9) 3-0 169 1
 - 2. Pioneer (5) 3-0 152 3
 - 3. North Judson (3) 3-0 148 2
 - 4. North Daviess 3-0 104 6
 - 5. Milan 2-1 100 7
 - 6. Springs Valley 2-1 62 8
 - 7. Clinton Prairie 3-0 59 9
 - 8. Laf. Central Catholic 2-1 57 4
 - 9. South Adams 1-2 28 5
 - 10. Madison-Grant 3-0 25 NR
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The Indiana DNR Division of Forestry is excited to announce that the 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest is returning for the 2026-27 school year.

Once again this year, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive an Indiana529 account deposit award courtesy of Indiana529. The 1st place winner will also receive a tree planting at their

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All 5th grade students and teachers across the state are invited to submit original artwork for this year's contest. The theme for the 2026-2027 school year is Who Speaks for the Trees?

Students participating in this year's contest can learn about what it is like to work in 'tree-mendous'

jobs, including foresters, arborists, park rangers, hydrologists, and more.

Participating teachers are encouraged to engage with the contest theme in their classrooms to help inspire their students' artwork. Teaching resources and standard alignments are provided on the contest webpage,

along with full submission instructions and contest rules.

Poster submissions must be original artwork. Collages, cartoon characters, and television figures are not allowed due to copyright laws.

Submissions are due April 2, 2027.

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Facts About September 11, 2001

September 11, 2001, commonly known as 9/11, was one of the most significant and tragic days in modern American history. On that Tuesday morning, 19 terrorists associated with the extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes.

Two of the planes were flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York City. Both towers eventually collapsed. Another plane struck the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew members attempted to regain control of the aircraft. Investigators believe the plane was headed toward a target in Washington, D.C.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks, including passengers, office workers, firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and other civilians. People from many different countries were among those who lost their lives.

The attacks changed the United States in many ways. Airport security procedures became much stricter, the federal government created new security measures, and the nation began a lengthy military response against terrorism.

Today, September 11 is remembered as a day of loss, courage and service. Each year, Americans honor the victims and recognize the bravery of the first responders and ordinary citizens who helped others during the tragedy.

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The terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, were tragic. But the resolve shown in the aftermath of the attacks, and the efforts of countless individuals who did whatever they could to help the victims of the attacks, showcased the best of humanity during some of the darkest days in world history.

Both the United States and Canada honor the efforts of those who sought to assist victims on 9/11 with national days of service. The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is officially recognized in the United States. Residents of each country are encouraged to honor first responders during these days of service,



and also encouraged to engage in charitable work and good deeds. As the world prepares for the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, those who want to honor the legacy of the countless individuals who served in the aftermath of the attacks can do so in numerous ways.

• **Become a volunteer first responder.** First responders embodied the resolve and heroism

that marked the response to the terror attacks of September 11. Volunteering as a local first responder in your community is a great way to honor the legacy of those who perished on 9/11 and the efforts of others who continued to serve in the aftermath of the attacks. Many local communities rely on volunteers to serve as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and firefighters, and joining

such organizations is a great way to make an impact this September 11 and beyond.

• **Donate to local first responder organizations.** If you can't volunteer with a local first responder organization, then offering financial support to such groups might be the next best way to express your appreciation for their efforts. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, emergency medical services are rarely classified as "essential services." Though that varies by community, EMS groups that rely on volunteers are likely underfunded, and the same may be true of local fire services. By supporting such groups with financial donations, donors can

ensure the selfless men and women who volunteer in their communities have the equipment they need to stay safe and save lives.

• **Work with 9/11 Meal Packs.** On September 11, 2026, companies across the United States are uniting for the largest single-day meal pack in history. Efforts in more than 50 cities across the U.S. are aspiring to pack 20 million meals for families in need. Roughly 50,000 volunteers are needed to meet that goal, and individuals can learn more at 911day.org/meal-packs/. Similar packing activities in Canada are sponsored by GlobalMedic and Food Banks Canada, and Canadians are urged to contact those organizations about events on September 11.

• **Volunteer to help educate young people.** As many as 100 million Americans and roughly 7.5 million Canadians were not alive on September 11, 2001. As communities commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, adults who were alive on that day can help to educate young people about the events of September 11, the aftermath of the attacks, and other notable details that people who were not alive on 9/11 may not know.

September 11 is recognized as a day of service in the United States and Canada. Giving back is a great way to honor the legacy of those who lost their lives and the millions more who served in the aftermath of the attacks.

9/11: A Quarter Century of Remembrance

On September 11, 2001, the United States was the target of coordinated terrorist attacks that claimed

the lives of nearly 3,000 people. The attacks took place at the World Trade Center in New York City, the

Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. In the years since, Americans

have continued to remember those who were lost while honoring the courage of first responders, service members, survivors and ordinary citizens who helped others during a time of great crisis.

For many Americans, the memories of that Tuesday morning remain vivid. Schools, workplaces and homes across the nation came to a standstill as people watched events unfold. In the days that followed, communities came together in a remarkable display of unity, compassion and patriotism.

Twenty-five years later, a new generation has grown up with no personal memory of September 11, 2001. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum notes that approximately 100 million Americans are now too young to remember the attacks firsthand. As a

result, education and remembrance have become increasingly important in helping younger generations understand both the tragedy and its lasting impact on the nation.

The 25th anniversary will be marked with ceremonies and observances across the country. At the National September 11 Memorial in New York City, family members of victims will gather for a commemoration ceremony featuring the reading of names and moments of silence.

At the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania, the National Park Service will hold its 25th annual September 11 observance, including a reading of the names of the passengers and crew members and the ringing of the Bells of Remembrance.

While the anniversary is a time of sorrow and reflection, it is also a reminder

of the courage and compassion demonstrated in the aftermath of the attacks. Firefighters, police officers, emergency workers, medical professionals and countless ordinary citizens responded by helping strangers and supporting communities in need.

As America marks a quarter century since 9/11, the promise to "never forget" takes on new meaning. For those who lived through that day, remembrance preserves personal memories. For younger generations, it means learning history and understanding the importance of courage, service, unity and compassion.

Twenty-five years later, the nation continues to pause on September 11 to remember the lives lost, honor the heroes and reflect on a day that forever changed America.

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