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Joyce Fleck and Jim McFaul, Dubois County Rotary Club

Dubois & Warrick County Rotary Clubs Rally Community supports families through 2nd Annual Holiday Diaper Drive

By Jim McFaul

The spirit of giving was on full display this December as the Rotary Club of Dubois County, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Warrick County, successfully completed the 2nd Annual Holiday Diaper Drive, providing critical baby essentials to families across the region.

Thanks to the generosity of Rotary club members and community donors, the 2025 Diaper Drive collected a grand total of

1,541 diapers and 4,778 diaper wipes, along with additional baby essentials such as clothing.

Of those donations, Warrick County received 419 diapers and 1,348 wipes, while Dubois County received 1,122 diapers and 3,430 wipes. All donated items have been provided to TRI-CAP for distribution to families in need throughout Dubois, Warrick, and Pike Counties.

Diapers, wipes, and infant supplies are among the most requested—and least donated—items

for families with young children. This successful drive helps ease financial strain and ensures local parents have access to necessities that support the health and well-being of their children.

The Rotary Clubs of Dubois and Warrick extend their sincere thanks to all Rotary members, donors, and community partners who contributed, shared, and supported this effort. This drive is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when communities come together to serve.



Fred Emory and Joyce Fleck, Warrick County Rotary Club

Tammy Guth files for County Recorder

Tammy Guth has filed to seek the Republican nomination for the office of Dubois County Recorder in the May 2026 primary.

She has served as the

Chief Deputy Recorder since January 1, 2019 and would love the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Dubois County by recording and preserving your land records.

Guth is a 1993 graduate of Southridge High School, and is a resident of Huntingburg, IN. She earned her degree in Paralegal studies at Vincennes University in 1995, and achieved her certificate with NACO's High Performance Leadership Academy. In addition, she earned her first certificate of Excellence with the Association of Indiana Counties. These early accreditations will

benefit her in serving as the next Recorder of Dubois County.

She is a member of the Dubois County Republican Party, has volunteered at the Tri-County YMCA, and as an assistant leader for the Huntingburg Girl Scouts. She has served as secretary at St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, and is a member of Redemption Christian Church in Jasper. She supports her community veterans as an Auxiliary member at the Huntingburg VFW Post 2366. She supports the Dubois County Right to Life and looks forward to becoming more involved in

the organization.

Tammy has two children, Landon and Brooklyn. She has enjoyed many summers on her grandparent's farm in Holland, IN where she has learned the value of hard work and is an advocate for small town values. Having served over seven years as Chief Deputy in the Recorder's Office, she possesses the depth of knowledge and hands-on experience needed to step up and serve effectively as your next County Recorder. She looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve our county and community.



Tammy Guth

Dubois Co. Community Foundation appoints new board members

Dubois County, IN – Dubois County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of two new board members, Luke Bawel and Adam Hedinger.

Luke Bawel is the Manager Jasper Production Systems at Jasper Engines & Transmissions and resides in Huntingburg. Luke is a member of Jasper Endows Today and Tomorrow (JETT), a Jasper Engine's giving circle administered by the Community Foundation.

Adam Hedinger, a Jasper resident, is the Vice President of Sales at The Dad's Root Beer Company. Adam previously served on the Community Foundation's Grants Committee.

In addition to the new board members, there



Luke Bawel

are several changes in leadership roles. Evan Daunhauer has been appointed as the new president, Ryan Kramer as vice-president and Rachel Steckler as secretary. Ashley Blessinger will continue the role of treasurer and Mary Beth "Becky" Beckman remains Governance Chair.

The Community Foundation is governed by a 15-member volunteer Board of Directors from across the county, providing strategic leadership, fiduciary oversight, and advocacy to advance the organization's mission.

For a full listing of the Board of Directors, visit: <https://www.dccommunityfoundation.org/staff-board>

Auditions for 'The Murder was Staged' to be held this weekend

JASPER, IN — Actors Community Theatre is excited to announce auditions for its upcoming dinner theatre production of "This Murder Was Staged" by Patrick Greene and Jason Pizzarelli. Performances will be held on March 26th-29th, 2026, at the Jasper Arts Center.

Auditions for "This Murder Was Staged" will be held at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center Black Box Theatre, located at 100 3rd Avenue, Suite A, Jasper, Indiana on Friday, January 16th, 2026, from 6:00PM EST to 8:00PM EST, and Saturday, January 17th, 2026, from 2:00PM to 4:00PM EST.

Those who plan to audition should arrive at the start

of auditions and stay for the entire duration. Those ages 18 and up are invited to audition.

Those auditioning will be asked to do a cold reading from the script and will be asked to read for multiple characters and multiple scenes.

Auditionees should also bring a list of schedule conflicts through March 29th, 2026. Absences during the last two weeks of rehearsals leading up to tech week are not permitted.

Additional questions may be directed to info@actorscommunitytheatre.com. Or visit <https://www.actorscommunitytheatre.com/thismurderwasstaged> for more information.

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VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

There is no substitute for perseverance

By Dr. Billy Holland

When it comes to finding our place in this world, let's consider two categories. The first one, let's call "floating down the river." Imagine someone napping in a small boat without a compass or a paddle and not caring about where they are going. Having a spectator mentality, they have yet to understand the importance of having an intentional direction and instead settle for just hoping for the best. They are comfortable with what they do not know and believe that everything will somehow be alright. Our second way of thinking involves listening and developing an awareness of our personal accountability to ourselves, those around us, and, of course, God, the one who made us. Until we embrace the reality that He has a specific meaning and purpose for our lives, we will not fulfill our potential.

As a substitute teacher, I have the honor to help children

learn, and while in this position, I observe different types of personalities and attitudes. I notice that those who are eager to absorb knowledge and excel are enthusiastic about all subjects. I believe when kids are encouraged at home, and education is a priority, this transfers over to the student as it opens their eyes to encouraging possibilities and opportunities. On the other hand, when children are looking out the window and doodling on their papers instead of answering the questions, it seems they are not only bored with the subject matter, but have made a mental decision to refuse to learn. Do some have a resistance to change because they are afraid of failing?

Being a minister, I also volunteer at our local detention center a couple of times a month, where I speak to the inmates about God and the Christian life. For those who ask God to intervene, and agree to let go of their ways, our team will baptize and serve them communion, and try to help them all we

can. I've heard some heartbreaking stories from these individuals, and often, they testify about having a hard life at home when they were kids. They lost interest in school, started running with a bad crowd, and it's been a downhill slide ever since. Some admit they are on the bottom, with terrible personal problems, and have burned every bridge, but of course, it's never too late to ask for God's help.

God's love encourages and motivates us, but another aspect of success is to realize there are certain conditions and responsibilities on our part for His plan to be fully activated. It will require surrendering our will to him. You see, with God being the Potter and us being the clay, it's critical to accept the fact that we do not conveniently add God to the plans we already have, but rather we must allow Him to transform us into His brand new creation. One of the basic attitudes I see all the time is "I don't care." So what makes people rise from the ashes of



apathy, rebellion, and discouragement? Well, personal change is not easy, and anyone who advertises how wonderful it is to sacrifice, suffer, and step into a lifestyle completely opposite to their comfort zone is not being honest. There's nothing wrong with reading books about how others have conquered their demons, but even if someone understands what it will take, this does not automatically mean they will do it.

Sadly, many are only trying to survive today, without a desire to plan for tomorrow. If you've ever tried to help someone find their direction, you

understand when I say we cannot force anyone to do anything, especially those who are not willing to help themselves. In every area of life, the ones who desire a healthy state of being must comprehend the truth about their own responsibilities and be willing to do something about it. Beyond the motivational seminars, the Bible studies, and achievement formulas, it will take a personal revelation, an enlightenment of the mind and soul, to have faith in ourselves the way God has hope in us. Whether we are young or old, being an overcomer requires seeking, praying,

and working, and living in denial and blaming everyone for our problems only makes it worse. I have compassion for those whose parents failed them and know those who still struggle from neglect. Life has always seemed like a huge mountain that was impossible to climb. There is no substitute for perseverance, as it's true, "We cannot lower the mountain, therefore we must elevate ourselves."

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

Watching for wolves

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana
Baptist Church

Something curiously chilling was creeping across the urban parks of New York City. "Tracks were etched in the crusted snow, doglike but more oblong, the claws less prominent and, over all, more compact," the New York Times reported in 2015. Out of concern for the public's safety, park officials deployed sensor cameras around the parks to identify the beast responsible for the unusual tracks. They were shocked to discover an animal scarcely seen scurrying about the Big Apple—one that had infiltrated the city in substantial numbers: coyotes. New Yorkers never

expected the grizzled-gray critters to journey from plains and forests to the big city, but as Lisa Foderaro, a reporter for the New York Times, observed, "A predator, though rarely seen, is in New York City to stay."

The Bible warns of an animal far deadlier than coyotes, one that scurries and sneaks in to wreak havoc—and it just so happens to be the coyote's kinfolk: wolves. No—not literal wolves, but spiritual wolves who exploit the feeble and devour the naive. Jesus admonished, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Their teaching is cushy and cuddly like the wool of a sheep. They seem harmless as sheep

because they always preach what you want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3). But the Scripture is clear: they are "deceitful workmen,"

disguising themselves like the devil who commissioned them (2 Corinthians 11:13).

Their deadly tracks are found in



the scores of false religions that assert that there are many paths to heaven and many gods to worship. Unfortunately, their footprints can be just as easily identified in many churches today, too. Many such wolves ravage souls and shred biblical doctrine by teaching anti-gospel heresies: salvation is by good works, giving money to God ensures miracles, and you can have anything in life if you "name it and claim it."

True believers must utilize the "sensor camera" of discernment to identify and expose such teaching and teachers: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the

world" (1 John 4:1; cf. Ephesians 5:11).

There were no defenses in place to prevent coyotes from migrating to New York City, and the creatures deemed the city to be a sanctuary. And when no precautions are taken against spiritual wolves, they will migrate to our churches and find a home in our sanctuaries. Christian, watch out for wolves:

"I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive" (Romans 16:17-18).

This Week's Truths: Unwanted exposure

By Gary Miller

I've really enjoyed the unseasonably warm January weather. I wouldn't mind if the whole winter felt like this. It has allowed me to do a bunch of stuff outside in comfort. One of things I'm getting ready to do is head back into the deer woods. I want to spend a few hours perusing the land to learn what I can about last the previous season. I

want to see where the bucks spent most of their time, where the most scrapes were, and of course how I can apply that to the next deer season. As I have mentioned many times before, one can learn so much when the leaves are off the trees and the season is over. There is no pressure. There's no time limit. There's no one thing that takes priority. There are just opportunities to learn and grow. And there's

no better time to do a full investigation than when the woods are stripped down to their bare frame. Everything is exposed. Everything is open. And while everything seems dead, the ground is just preparing for another season of life. This sounds too much like you and me – and life.

As I write this, I

think about many of you who would describe your present season as one of a bare frame. No leaves

of life. No fruit of flourishing. Because of some circumstance or situation, you feel exposed to the world. You feel open for all to see the crooked limbs that stress shaped and trauma twisted. So, what do we do when this unwanted season of exposure comes our way? We find the signs of God. They will be there just as they have always been. But now we will be able to see them more clearly. And when we

do that, we can return to our spring sooner.

God does not always remove the leaves to correct us, but to help us see where He wants us to be more quickly, so that we can get back to the thriving life He has for all of us.

Join me on Zoom each Tuesday morning at 6:30 central time as we dive deeper into this week's Outdoor Truth. Get the link

HERE

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James F. "Jim" Aul

James F. "Jim" Aul, age 85, of Birdseye, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 10:35 a.m. surrounded by his family, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for James F. "Jim" Aul will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rights. In lieu of visitation, a Celebration of Life will be held at Jim's cabin following the gravesite service at 9697 W. Patoka Village Road, Birdseye, Indiana, 47513.

Mary Catherine Persohn

Mary Catherine Persohn, age 96, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 11:11 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Catherine Persohn will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Thursday.

Sue Kempf

Sue Kempf, age 88, of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 8:41 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Sue Kempf was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Rosie R. Stetter

Rosie R. Stetter, 88, of Huntingburg, passed away on January 10, 2026, surrounded by her family at Deaconess Memorial Hospital. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntingburg with burial to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. The funeral Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Homero Rodriguez. Friends may call for visitation at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg from 9:00-11:30 a.m., Tuesday morning. A parish rosary will be prayed at 11:15 a.m. at the funeral home prior to processing to church. Condolences may be shared online at: www.nassandson.com.

Florene "Flo" Lamb

Florene "Flo" Lamb, 93, passed away on January 7, 2026. Funeral services will be held private, with burial in New Cliff Cemetery. Huber Funeral Home, Cannelton Chapel, is assisting her family with arrangements.

Sister Mary Carmel Spayd

Sister Mary Carmel Spayd of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, died at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand, just months after celebrating her 100th birthday.

Public visitation will be held in Marian Parlor at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, on Tuesday, January 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. EST, and on Wednesday, January 14 from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. EST in the monastery church. A Vigil Service will be held in the monastery church on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. EST. Funeral Liturgy will be held on Wednesday, January 14 at 4:30 p.m. EST with burial of the cremains at a later date. The public may view the Vigil Service and Funeral Mass at funeral. thedome.org. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale is in charge of the arrangements.

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



By Angie Sanchez-Hostetter
Executive Director
Dubois County Chamber of Commerce

As business owners, it's easy to fall into the trap of waiting for the "perfect" moment, perfect timing, perfect plan, perfect conditions. The truth is, perfection often delays progress, and in today's fast-paced business environment, forward movement matters more than flawlessness.

Progress doesn't have to mean a major overhaul. Sometimes it's updating your hours to

better serve customers, trying a new marketing approach, reorganizing your workspace, or testing a small idea you've been sitting on for months. These incremental changes build momentum, confidence, and growth over time.

Perfection can be intimidating. It creates pressure and can lead to procrastination or burnout. Progress, on the other hand, allows room to learn, adapt, and improve along the way. Businesses that grow successfully aren't always the ones with

the best plan; they're the ones willing to take action and adjust as needed.

At the Chamber, we encourage our members to focus on consistent improvement rather than unrealistic standards. Use available resources, lean on your network, ask questions, and don't be afraid to try something new. Every step forward no matter how small, adds value to your business and strengthens our local economy.

Remember, success isn't built overnight. It's built through steady



progress, learning from experience, and showing up every day committed to moving forward.

Progress over perfection, because done is better than delayed.

Daviess Community Hospital to offer PALS Recertification Class

Daviess Community Hospital (DCH) is offering a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) training course for healthcare professionals needing recertification on Friday, January 23 from 9am-5:30pm at Daviess Community Hospital, 1314 E. Walnut St., Washington, IN 47501.

Developed by the American Heart Association, our Pediatric Advanced

Life Support (PALS) certification course provides essential training in recognizing and responding to pediatric emergencies, including respiratory failure, shock, and cardiopulmonary arrest.

Class Cost: \$200. No cost for DCH employees.

These courses are open to healthcare professionals, including:

Physicians
Nurses
Paramedics
Respiratory therapists

Other medical staff requiring PALS recertification

PALS training provides healthcare professionals with the critical skills needed to respond to pediatric medical emergencies. The course emphasizes team-based resuscitation protocols

and ensures providers are prepared to deliver lifesaving care to infants and children in high-risk situations.

To register, visit cpr.heart.org. All students must pick up a book and complete the pretest before attending class, and bring their certificate to class.

For more information, contact Jennifer Shaw, RN, at (812) 254-2760, ext. 1147.

Hoosier girls say connecting with others is essential - Dubois Co. CARES

Hoosier girls yearn for positive social connections, and they want adults to help them achieve them.

Those are two takeaways from the 2025 Indiana Girl Report, which came out in the fall.

The third annual report comes from the Girl Scouts Coalition of Indiana and the Indiana Youth Institute. In 2025, report organizers spoke with 91 girls in nine listening sessions across Indiana and got input from 130 caregivers and youth professionals.

"There is an increasing urgency to address the mental health of girls by increasing their social time and leveraging positive social connections as protective factors," the report says. One mental health professional from southern Indiana was quoted as saying, "I don't worry about the girls that are connected to youth-serving organizations. I worry about the girls that aren't."

Those who gathered statistics for the document found that girls experience bullying at double the rate and cyberbullying at triple the rate of boys. Sexual violence affects girls four and a half times the rate of boys. Furthermore, in 2024, the likelihood of seventh- to 12th-grade girls experiencing serious mental health challenges was twice that of boys.

Girls average 5.3 hours on social media a day, nearly an hour more than boys.

Out of curiosity, CARES asked some of its youth leaders – all high-school students – how much time they spend on social media a day, and how that compares to in-person connecting. Daily hours online ranged from one to six, with most reporting three or four. A couple of the girls said they spend equal time connecting online as they do in person, but most reported doing 80 to 90 percent of their connecting in person.

The report notes that social media perpetuates body dissatisfaction, social comparison and low self-esteem among adolescent girls.

Local girls acknowledged that they have been encouraged by peers on social media to skip homework for hangouts, to make fun of someone, to join in on bullying, to consume alcohol and drugs, to gossip about someone and to look a certain way or believe in certain things.

On the other hand, according to the report, through healthy peer relationships, teens build empathy, cooperation and problem-solving skills. They are more likely to engage in community service, school and athletic participation. Teens also can make safer decisions and reduce risky behaviors.

Social media isn't all bad, of course. Among other things, digital platforms serve as social lifelines for girls who feel isolated. The benefits are measurable: 80 percent of adolescents report that social media keeps them connected to friends' lives, 71 percent say it offers a place to showcase their creativity, 67 percent find people who support them through tough times and 58 percent feel more accepted. For some young people, these platforms promote self-care behaviors and serve as gateways to mental health care.

According to the report, girls "want help resisting the pull to be constantly online ... not the elimination of tools that provide genuine connection."

"Supporting students isn't just about setting rules around social media," commented CARES Director Candy Neal. "It's about helping them learn how to use it in healthy ways. When we guide our youth in managing their online interactions, building face-to-face relationships, practicing empathy and working through problems together, we give them skills they'll use both online and offline."

When asked how adults can help them manage their use of social media, Dubois County girls had these suggestions:

Offer more peer-based learning or more one-on-

one time with us.

Talk with us more so we feel seen.

Encourage us to do other things to help us limit our time on devices.

Encourage us to establish face-to-face communication.

Create other things for us to do, such as family game nights, going to the park and going to get ice cream.

The report's recommendations for how adults can get more involved in supporting adolescent girls can be found on the CARES website, at DuboisCountyCARES.org.

The Dubois County Coalition for Adolescent Resilience and Empowerment Strategies has student clubs at all of the local high schools and works through them, community activities and a variety of resources for the betterment of adolescents. For more information about the coalition or to join its efforts, visit the website or call 812-827-8464.

Dubois County Coalition for Adolescent Resilience and Empowerment Strategies

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SENIOR SAFETY**Common financial scams that target seniors**

Financial scams are as old as the concept of currency. But consumers' vulnerability to scams has seemingly increased in the twenty-first century, when the Internet and devices like smartphones have enabled scammers to gain access to potential victims' financial information and even gain virtual entry into their homes.

Seniors are targeted by financial scammers with such frequency that the term "elder fraud" has entered the English lexicon and is now widely recognized as a notable threat to individuals age 60 and older. In recognition of that threat, the Elder Justice Initiative aims to support and coordinate U.S. Department of Justice efforts to combat financial fraud that targets older adults. Those efforts are ongoing and include a number of initiatives to educate older adults about elder fraud, including warning seniors about some notable scams that criminals use to target older adults.

Social Security Administration Impostor Scam: When perpetrating this scam, criminals typically contact prospective victims via telephone and falsely claim that suspicious activity has prompted the



suspension of their Social Security number. Scammers may also indicate money must be withdrawn from a potential victim's bank and stored on gift cards for security's sake. It's important to note caller ID spoofing is often utilized when perpetrating this scam so an incoming call appears to be coming from the Social Security Administration.

Tech Support Scam: This scam involves criminals claiming to be representatives from widely recognized companies who are calling to inform seniors that viruses or malware have been detected on their devices. Some also may claim a target's computer has been hacked. The Federal Trade Commission notes perpetrators of this scam pretend to be tech support and request victims enable them to remotely access their

devices or computer. Granting such access provides an avenue to view sensitive information, but scammers also may diagnose nonexistent problems and charge a fee. But the scam does not always stop there. Some call back later and offer a refund to account for services that can no longer be rendered or to correct an overcharge. The scammers then request victims' specific banking details under the guise of "correcting" these alleged oversights.

Lottery Scam: The lottery scam involves scammers calling potential victims and informing them they have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes. Perpetrators of this scam typically identify themselves as lawyers, customs officials or lottery representatives. The telemarketers behind this scam may be based in Jamaica,

but the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica warns that those behind the scam will ask winners to pay various fees, including shipping and customs duties, until victims' funds are exhausted.

Romance Scam: The FTC warns that wildly popular dating sites, social networking platforms and chat rooms provide opportunities for scammers to identify and exploit potential victims. The aim of these scams, which many victims are too ashamed to report even after they realize they've been victimized, is to convince targets to send money in the name of love. But the EJI warns that online love interests who ask for money are almost certainly scam artists.

These are just a handful of the many ways that modern scammers target seniors. More information about these and other scams is available at justice.gov/elderjustice.

SENIOR CARE**The unpaid Caregiver**

Caregivers provide care to their patients so they can overcome illness or injury, or to support individuals plagued by chronic conditions.

Caregivers may be paid professionals who are employed in the medical field, but many are friends and family members who step up when needed.

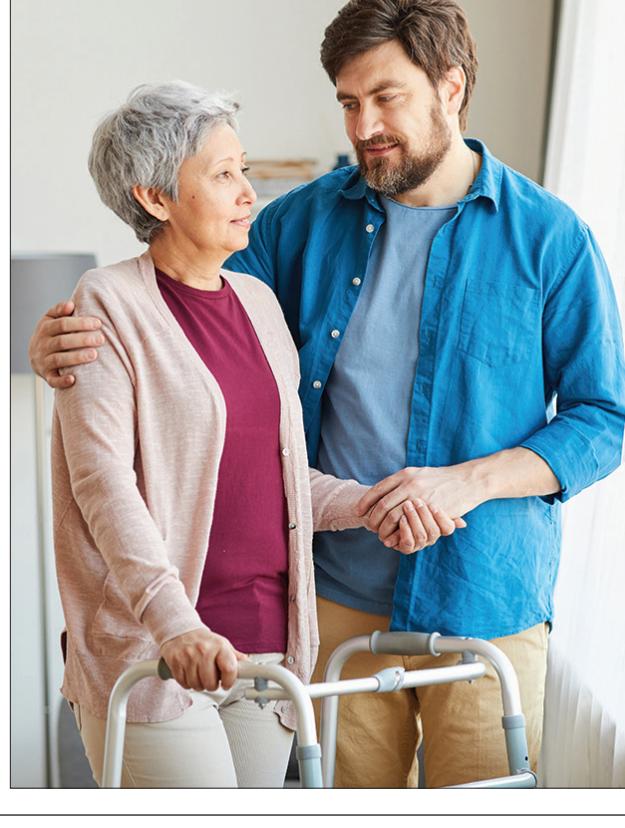
The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health reports there are 53 million unpaid caregivers providing care for loved ones in the home across the United States.

It is estimated these people provide more than \$870 billion a year in service to society in terms of caring for others.

Recently, Statistics Canada estimated that 13.4 million Canadians age 15 or older (42 percent of the population) provided unpaid care to either children or dependent adults.

Unpaid caregivers have been called upon more readily due to certain factors, namely that people are living longer and there are limited resources available to provide care.

The cost of long-term professional care is out of reach for many families when services are not covered by private insurance or government-subsidized health programs.

SENIOR LIVING**Making friends in your golden years**

Aging and change go hand in hand. Physical changes associated with aging, such as graying hair or reduced muscle mass, may garner the most attention. But personal relationships also can change as people age.

As a person ages, interests could change and home base may not be what it once was. People move after retirement, and friends you might once have seen with frequency may no longer be as close by. Children are older, and the friends you made from these early parenthood relationships may change as well.

It is important to have a solid group of friends.

Psychology Today reports that a strong social network reduces the risk of early death by around 45 percent. Recent data even indicates that loneliness is as great a health risk as smoking half a pack of cigarettes per day. Starting fresh and making friends at 50 or older might seem challenging. Although making new friends after 50 may take more effort than it did when you were younger, it is certainly not impossible. Here are some tips for making friends after 50.

Join a networking group. Networking isn't just for advancing your career. Networking groups that focus on

friendships can help individuals meet one another. Perhaps there is a neighborhood group in which people from a particular housing development or several streets in town get together? Shared interests can include the place where you live.

Organize a get-together. Sometimes making friends involves effort on your part. You might need to step out of your comfort zone and initiate first contact with others. Maybe there is a person at a store you run into frequently, or someone whose path you cross regularly that can be asked out to a get-together?

Get involved with activities. A church group or a volunteer activity can be a great place to meet new people. In fact, volunteers often get involved for the express purpose of getting to know others and to be integral members of the community.

Consider other generations. Friends need not be the same age and from the same generation. Keep an open mind that friends can come in all ages and from all walks of life.

Making friends after 50 requires some effort, but a sizable social network can benefit individual well-being into one's golden years.

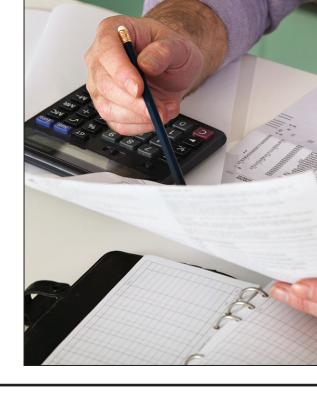
SENIOR FINANCES**Outliving retirement savings**

A recent report from the senior care experts at Seniorly indicated that millions of retirees are in jeopardy of outliving their retirement savings. The Seniorly report tabulated projected retirement income and expenses starting at age 65, and found that the average American retiree can expect roughly \$762,000 in income generated from government-sponsored

plans like Social Security, savings and investments. But the expected living expenses of such individuals was determined to be \$877,000, meaning the average retiree may have a shortfall of \$115,000. Retirement savings shortfalls also are a cause for concern in Canada, where 59 percent of Canadians indicated they fear they will outlive their

savings in a 2025 CPP Investments Retirement Survey. Projections like those from Seniorly and the fears expressed by Canadians concerned by a potential shortfall of retirement savings underscore the need to prioritize saving for life after working, which can have short-term benefits as well. In fact, 49 percent of Canadians who expected to utilize the Canada Pension Plan

reported lower levels of stress as a result of their commitment to retirement planning.



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Hemp roots offer new opportunities for farmers and cancer research

By: Maribel Alonso
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In a groundbreaking study, scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) redefined the value of roots in industrial hemp, providing new opportunities for industrial hemp growers and opening new avenues for pediatric cancer research.

While the above ground part of *Cannabis sativa L.* plants, or industrial hemp, is widely recognized for its broad range of uses, including fiber production and grain (as a source of protein and oil), its roots have often been unutilized. This is because, until now, they were not considered to hold significant value.

Dr. Korey Brownstein, a research chemist with the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, IL, noticed a strange substance showing up in his analysis as he was studying the chemical composition of hemp roots. Intrigued by these findings,

Brownstein led a team of researchers to further investigate and analyze this chemical substance to determine its precise structure.

The analysis showed the substance was multiple compounds (four in total) that researchers predicted through structural modeling to be neolignans – natural products with similar structures formed during the plant's biological processes. Although molecules with similar properties have also been found in other plants, such as paper mulberries and a tree native to Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula, this is the first time such molecules have been isolated from hemp roots.

The research team spent three years isolating and purifying these compounds—a process they described as 'complex and increasingly difficult.' Due to potential activities of the molecules, the researchers were determined to understand their nature and uncover the complete narrative behind them.

The team also collaborated with scientists at the Pediatric Oncology Laboratory at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria, where a team of researchers found that these molecules showed moderate activity in killing pediatric cancer cells (cytotoxic effect) in the laboratory setting. Refining and understanding the effect of this molecule on pediatric cancers will open new alternatives for children's cancers that are unresponsive to current therapies.

"We believe this new discovery offers industrial hemp growers a potential new revenue stream from a part of the plant that was previously overlooked," said Brownstein. "Unlike crops such as corn or soybeans, which have multiple uses, hemp has been limited in scope. But if we treat hemp as a multi-use crop, we can expand its applications and market—paper, grain, fiber, and now, potentially, pharmaceutical compounds from the



Hemp root.

Image Provided by USDA PGRU Hemp Germplasm Lab - Tyler Gordon Dan Meyers and Zach Stansell

roots. The discovery of these compounds adds value to this commodity."

The findings, published in a peer-reviewed journal, marks the first time these specific neolignans have been isolated from hemp and linked to possessing cytotoxic effects on pediatric cancer cell lines.

The team's next steps include scaling up compound

extraction for larger, more controlled functional studies.

They aim to explore a broad array of cancer cell lines to assess the therapeutic potential of these neolignans in greater depth.

"This is about opening new doors," Brownstein emphasized. "We're expanding the possibilities for using the whole industrial hemp plant. By adding value to the roots,

we're giving farmers more stability and more reasons to invest in this emerging crop."

The Agricultural Research Service is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency. Daily, ARS focuses on solutions to agricultural problems affecting America. Each dollar invested in agricultural research results in \$20 of economic impact.

A new spring wheat germplasm promises to reduce economic losses caused by fusarium

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Researchers at USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are helping American wheat farmers fight a devastating crop disease.

Researchers released a new spring wheat germplasm line with resistance to Fusarium head blight. This challenging fungal disease leads to significant annual economic losses in cereal crop production, estimated at \$2.7B over the period from 1998 to 2000, and poses health risks to consumers.

Fusarium head blight (FHB), or scab, is the number one fungal disease impacting small-grain cereal production in the U.S., particularly wheat and barley. The primary cause of the disease is the fungus *Fusarium graminearum* L., although it can also be triggered by multiple strains or species of *Fusarium*.

FHB pathogens produce a toxin that contaminates the grain and flour, leading to production losses as it poses health risks for humans and animals. Over the years, it has become clear to farmers, researchers, and breeders that the most effective way to control this

disastrous disease is by enhancing cereal crops with genes that show resistance to FHB. However, the source of effective resistance to FHB is currently limited in wheat and barley. Therefore, there is an urgent need to find new resistance genes that could be used to fight the disease, especially in durum wheat and barley.

In a scientific breakthrough led by ARS Research Geneticist Xiwen Cai with the Wheat, Sorghum, and Forage Research Unit in Lincoln, NE, scientists at ARS and the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station leveraged insights from previously published studies to develop a new spring wheat germplasm line named 'WGC002.' This germplasm carries a novel gene [Fhb7The2] found in wild grass that provides significant resistance to *Fusarium* under diverse environments.

The scientists used plant breeding techniques to select genes with the desired traits from wild grass in their breeding lines, which have now been successfully integrated into different market classes of U.S. wheat. This is a significant discovery because there are very few resistance genes currently available.

This marks the first effective FHB resistance gene identified in wild species that has been bred into spring, winter, and durum wheat," said Cai. "Moreover, this gene exhibits what we refer to as an additive effect, meaning it enhances and strengthens the resistance level of another gene."

WGC002 Spring Wheat Germplasm has already been utilized by many wheat breeding programs locally and around the world. ARS scientists in Lincoln, NE, have now been deploying this novel FHB resistance gene in elite varieties of winter, spring, and durum wheat.

Scientists anticipate a substantial reduction in U.S. economic losses from wheat crops affected by FHB within just a few years if farmers begin growing new varieties with this resistance gene.

WGC002 was developed with financial support from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the US Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative, and USDA-ARS CRIS Project.

This research was part of a series of collaborative studies conducted by ARS scientists and

partners to identify FHB resistant genes in wheat and wild relatives. Multiple genes have been found to be resistant to FHB, but only two of them [Fhb1 and Fhb7] have been used and characterized as effective sources of resistance in breeding for wheat

variety development. Selecting multiple genes simultaneously to provide robust and durable resistance is a common and effective practice in this effort. The Agricultural Research Service is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency.

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Dubois County Organizations Celebrating America 250 to meet January 22nd

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The focus of those organizations attending is to coordinate activities to most effectively use resources. The group has already had 5 successful meetings where ideas were shared. There has been discussion about planned and potential activities, including

quilting, the planting of Liberty Trees, fireworks and drones events, coordination of community church bell ringing, 18th Century reenactments, reenactment of Tousant Dubois' life, public reading of the Declaration of Independence, and Community Meals, to mention a few.

The mission of America 250 is to commemorate the United States of America's 250th

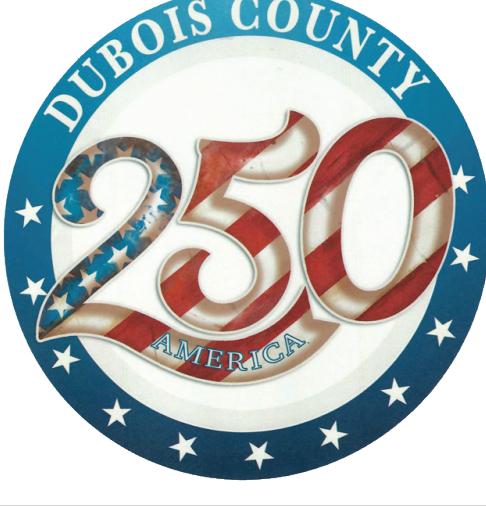
Anniversary this year by planning events, projects, and celebrations.

Local organizations possibly benefiting from attendance include veterans' groups, DAR, SAR, scouting, 4-H, service clubs, Chamber of Commerce members, public libraries, historical groups, local government, and interested local citizens.

The Indiana State Semiquincentennial Commission appointed

the Dubois County Historical Society to be the County Connect Leader, assisting with communications between local groups and the State Commission. Local events can be listed on the statewide website, <https://www.in.gov/usa250>

For more information, contact Dubois County Historical Society president Gary Eck at geck@eck-mundy.com or 812-634-8001 (work).



Schroeder seeking re-election for Dubois County prosecutor

Dubois County, Indiana — Republican Beth E. Schroeder has announced her candidacy for re-election as Dubois County Prosecutor. She officially filed to seek re-election for the office on January 8, 2026.

Schroeder, 39, has dedicated her entire legal career to serving Dubois County as a prosecutor. She started with the office as a deputy prosecutor in

2011, was promoted to chief deputy prosecutor in 2015, and began her first term as elected prosecutor in 2023.

Beth says her goal has always been to protect the safety of the citizens of Dubois County, as well as to protect the rights of victims of crimes.

"If I am re-elected to serve another term as prosecutor of Dubois County, I will continue to do everything in my power to make our community safer. I will continue to work to provide opportunities for individuals who seek rehabilitation, but will be firm in my efforts to keep the public safe from those who cannot or choose not to be rehabilitated."

Beth grew up in Dubois County and graduated from Jasper High School in 2004. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from

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Deaconess Memorial Places temporary visitor restrictions as flu cases rise

In response to a steady increase in flu activity and RSV, Deaconess Memorial Medical Center, along with all Deaconess facilities, is joining several other hospitals across the Tri-State to begin temporary restrictions for visitors. Influenza-like illness reported by patients at hospital emergency departments in the area is on the rise.

These temporary visitor restrictions are being implemented to help limit exposure and spread of these illnesses and to help protect hospital patients and staff. These restrictions are

in effect immediately. The restrictions include:

No visitors with symptoms of illness such as sudden onset of fever, cough, headache, muscle and joint pain, sore throat and runny nose.

No visitors under the age of 16. Visitors should check the hospital's website or call the facility in advance to learn more about its specific restrictions and any exceptions.

The policy is designed to help protect the most vulnerable patients from respiratory viruses. As with any time of the year, a

visitor who is not feeling well should stay home. Visitors should observe the standard practices of washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes when around others. Masks will be provided for guests by the facility.

Vaccines are currently available for flu, RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) and COVID-19. Individuals should talk with their medical provider about vaccines and which ones are recommended for them based on age and other factors.

According to the CDC, the 2025-2026 flu season is the most severe in 25 years, but

Deaconess Memorial is also seeing an uptick in hospitalizations from RSV and Covid-19. Vaccines may not prevent an infection but can help with symptom management.

Key Health Reminders:

- Thoroughly wash your hands
- If you are feeling ill, mask up/limit social gatherings
- Cover coughs and sneezes when around others
- Get tested when you exhibit symptoms

Special arrangements can be made with each facility to allow additional visitors or younger

visitors based on circumstances, such as births or end of life.

ABOUT DEACONESS HEALTH SYSTEM:

Deaconess Health System is a premiere provider of health care services to a

population of more than 1.5 million in southwestern Indiana, western Kentucky and southeastern Illinois. The system – based in Evansville, Indiana – includes 22 hospitals – among them Deaconess Midtown Hospital, Deaconess Gateway Hospital, The Women's Hospital, Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Deaconess Memorial

Medical Center and numerous other hospital affiliates. Deaconess Clinic, a fully integrated multispecialty group featuring primary care physicians as well as top specialty doctors, provides patients with consistent and convenient care. Additional components include the Linda E. White Hospice House, a freestanding cancer center, urgent care facilities, near-site clinics, telemedicine, virtual visits, a network of preferred hospitals and doctors and multiple partnerships with other regional health care providers.

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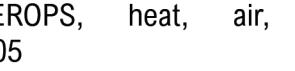


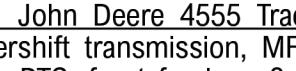
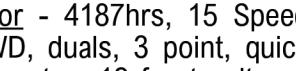


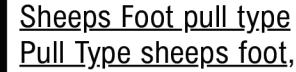
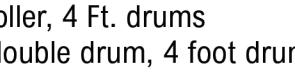


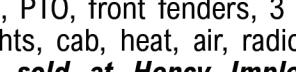
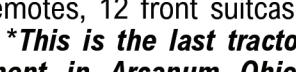


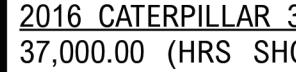


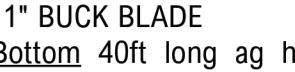




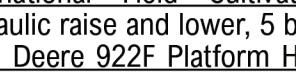
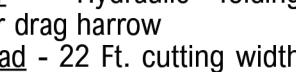






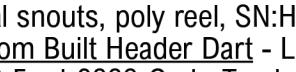




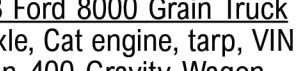
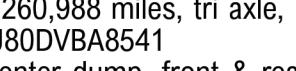


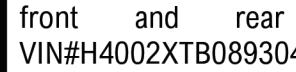




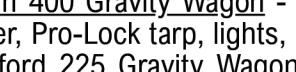
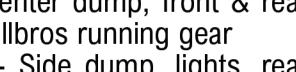




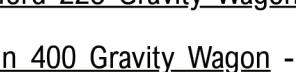
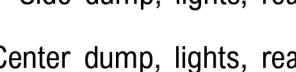


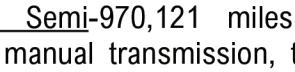


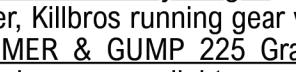
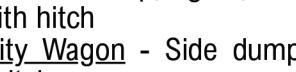



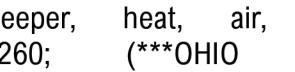


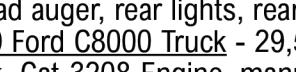
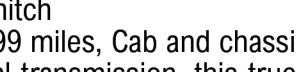


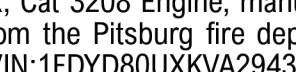
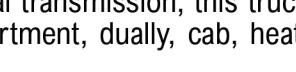




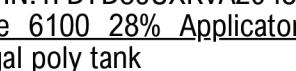
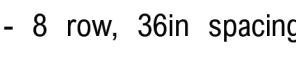


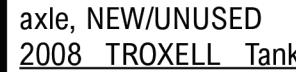


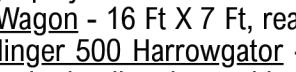
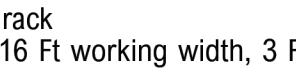




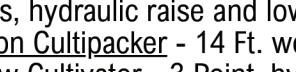
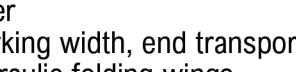


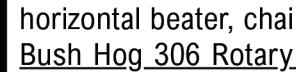
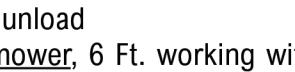


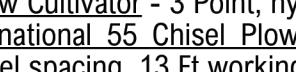
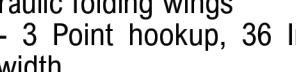







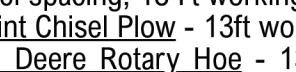



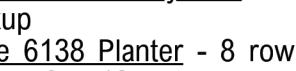
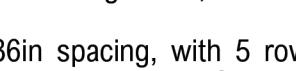


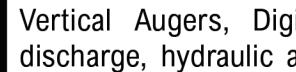
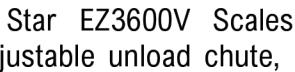


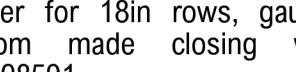
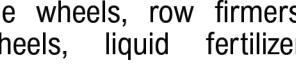


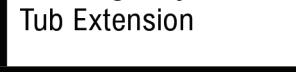




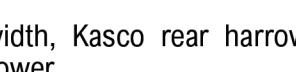




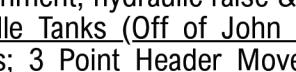
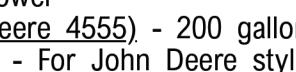








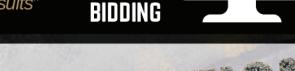



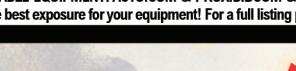
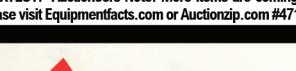














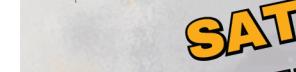






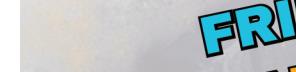












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