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EVPL Foundation to host annual Fall Mini Book Sale

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Foundation will hold their annual Fall Mini Book Sale on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9. The sale will take place in the Browning Rooms at EVPL Central, located at 200 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Evansville. Hours of the sale are Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Thousands of items, including books, movies, and CDs, will be available for purchase, mostly ranging between 50 cents and \$2; some specialty items will be more than \$2. A credit card payment option will be available with a minimum purchase of \$10. Proceeds from the sale support library programs and services, collections, staff engagement, and special library projects and initiatives such as SPEAK. Dates for the 2026 book sales have been set and are available at www.evpl.org/foundation.

14 hospital employees nominated for LCM award

Jasper, Ind. – Fourteen Deaconess Memorial Medical Center employees have been nominated for the 2025 Little Company of Mary Award, named for the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, the founders of Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. Nominated by their co-workers for their exemplary devotion to the hospital’s Mission and Core Values in their daily work, this year’s nominees include: Amber Dawson, Memorial ENT Associates; Kelly Haaff, Medical Services; Sharla Hurst, Oncology; Renee Keller, Patient Access; Lindsay Knies, Memorial Urology Associates; Raven Marchino, Food and Nutrition Services; Holly Mehringer, Radiation Oncology; Chris Opitz, Radiology; Margaret Porter, Health Information Management; Maria Sandoval, Memorial Health St. Charles; Amanda Schepers, Oncology; Travis Schilling, Engineering & Maintenance; Breanne Terwiske, The Mary Potter Medication Resource Center; and Dana Verkamp, Oncology. Sr. Renee Cunningham, LCM, Deaconess Memorial’s Mission Committee Chairperson, noted “these individuals are not only examples of our mission and core values being lived out in actions and deeds, but they, as individuals, are also a reflection of the quality of caregivers at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. We are blessed to have them here.” The nominees will be honored at a Tea on October 9. The award recipient will be announced in November at a prayer service in the hospital chapel.

CareChex® Ranks Deaconess Memorial Medical Center Top 100 in Nation for Patient Safety in Orthopedic Care



Jasper, Ind. — Deaconess Memorial Medical Center has been recognized by CareChex® Awards by Quantros as Top 100 in the Nation for Patient Safety in Orthopedic Care, based on a comprehensive scoring system that compares inpatient quality performance across general, acute and non-federal U.S. hospitals. Deaconess Memorial also received Top 10% in the State for Patient Safety in Gastrointestinal Care. “It is our mission each and every day to provide quality, compassionate care to those we serve,” stated Keith Miller, Chief Administrative Officer for Deaconess Memorial Medical Center and Indiana Region President. “Patient safety is not just a goal—it’s a responsibility we carry with pride and purpose. I’m incredibly proud of our staff and grateful for the trust our patients place in us.” About CareChex® Awards CareChex Awards by Quantros utilizes a peer-reviewed risk-adjustment methodology to more reliably measure rates of mortality, complications, and readmissions — appropriately weighting and accounting for all the risk factors relating to a patient’s principal and secondary diagnosis, as well as other patient characteristics that may increase the probability for adverse clinical outcomes. These rankings do not include any self-reported data. Quantros prides itself in providing the most comprehensive and objective calculation of hospital and system quality performance in the industry. Our vast data sets represent high statistical significance and do not include any self-reported or survey data — in turn, creating clearer performance differentiation across 39 clinical categories of care in Medical Excellence and Patient Safety.

Letters to Santa events set at Alexander Schoolhouse

(Jasper, Indiana) – Children can share their holiday wish list during the Letters to Santa events taking place on Saturdays, November 15 & 22 from 9:00am – 11:00am. Write letters to Santa, sip a cup of hot cocoa, and make crafts to take home. Be sure to grab some surprises off the Christmas tree before leaving with a pre-addressed envelope to Santa Claus, IN where letters receive a response from Santa’s Workshop. Join the fun at the Alexander Schoolhouse located in the back of Jasper Public Library parking lot at 401 E. 4th Street Jasper, IN. There is no cost for these events. For more information, call Jasper Park and Recreation at (812)482-5959.



VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

One moment changes everything

By Teresa LeNeave
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There are countless Bible stories that could have been written just yesterday. They are still as relevant as the 5:00 news. One such individual emerges from the pages in the Bible: the woman at the well. She lived a life of passion. Since she had already been married and divorced five times, she was not a young woman when she met Jesus, but she still had not changed her sinful lifestyle. Obviously, she was the type that needed a man. Had she been abused? Had she been an orphan without a father in her life? Or, had she been a rebellious child? The Bible doesn't tell us much about her past, but a few things were pretty obvious, one being that she was co-dependent. She needed a man to feel secure. Being alone

was not something she could face. After five husbands, she now was in a live-in relationship. I imagine her dealing with feelings of rejection. Normally, women went to the well early in the morning before the dessert sun was miserably hot, but not this woman. She went at noon, at meal time when very few, if anyone, would be there. Perhaps she was coming at noon to avoid the sneers and whispers of the other women who were so quick to judge her. Five husbands, in any generation or culture, is not something a woman is proud of. There were periods of history when men could have all the wives he wanted, but never a time when women had that luxury. From the beginning of time women were expect to be chaste, to love her husband and her

family. If you wonder how an unchaste woman was thought of, you have only to read Proverbs chapter two. Solomon said her ways lead to death and total destruction. In Proverbs 5:3,4 he says, "For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as worm wood" (which is poison). That's the kind of culture she had to face, daily. She was the "immoral woman". The one people whispered about. She knew what public rejection felt like. Life had not been good to her. Her life was empty, but she continued to search. And that is where Jesus finds her. To her, He is a "Jew" which was not good news and when she saw Him sitting on the well something in her stomach probably began to sink. "Oh, no" she must have

thought. Because Jews did not associate with Samaritans, she was surprised that He spoke much less ask her for a drink of water! Her immediate response came from a life of rejection when she spit out words of pain. "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" (John 4:9 KJV). Jesus said, "I'll give you water that you will never thirst again". Her entire life she had been searching for something to satisfy and now Jesus was offering to end the search. One intimate moment with Jesus Christ solved two very big problems for her: She was instantly transformed by the Spirit of God and secondly, her words turned an entire city to Christ. One moment



with Jesus changed her life forever. She went from seeing Him as the prejudice Jew; to the honorable "Sir"; to a revered "Prophet"; and finally she concluded by acknowledging Him as

the Most High King, "the Messiah". The Good News is: He will do the same for any of us. Just one sincere moment with Jesus has the power to turn around a life forever.

Knowing God through His word

By Dr. Billy Holland

Even with something as simple as praying and reading the Bible every day, it's a challenge even to those who are determined and sincerely seeking God's divine guidance. As a Christian writer and teacher, I encourage everyone to make time and find the secret place of God's presence where they can spend quality moments alone with Him. I've noticed a huge difference between reading non-religious books and reading the Bible. There is no resistance when reading novels and ordinary books, but when we read and study the Bible, alarms sound, and the atmosphere changes as it draws the attention of dark spiritual forces. I realize some believe this is silly and there is no such thing as invisible entities trying to hinder us, but when we make a vow to obey Christ, we not only face hostility from our carnal nature, but also aggressive attacks from demonic enemies who oppose God. I'm not condemning those who read secular

books, watch movies, or play video games, etc., but would you be surprised if I told you that I know church members who have confessed they never read the Bible? How can a Christian know God personally or understand what He requires if we refuse to read or study His word? What about passages such as Matthew 4:4? "But Jesus answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Are there individuals who can spend significant amounts of time entertaining themselves while also being devoted to daily prayer and Bible study? The concern comes when the hours people spend on their phones, internet, and television add up to be significantly more than the time they spend in prayer and absorbing God's instructions. There was a time when statements like this were respected as truth and brought conviction to the listener. However, as compromising is more popular today than



ever, lame excuses are now justified as legitimate reasons. As the religious continue to fall into the snare traps of rebellion, denial, and deception, we now commonly hear people declare how they do not want anyone meddling in their personal business. Lately, we've been talking about our responsibility to engage in intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare, and we cannot overemphasize how critical this is to those who have a passion to be an overcomer for Christ. Since God has explained the symbolism of our spiritual

armor mentioned in Ephesians chapter six, we are left to ponder why a person who says they are a servant of God would ignore it. Why is it that some church-goers assume the pastor and elders do the work of the ministry while the average pew sitter is exempt? Many believe that if they contribute money to the church, this is all they need to do. However, if a person is truly saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, they also have ears to hear what God's Spirit is telling them to do. Every Christian has been given the gifts, talents, anointing, authority, and the

fruits of the Holy Spirit, which means we are commanded to walk, work, and obey His voice. We read in I Corinthians 12:4-6, Matthew 28:15-20, Acts 1:8, and II Corinthians 3:5-6, that as the Lord's disciples, we are responsible for doing the work of ministry, and be constantly aware of His presence. Every thought and deed should be a reflection of God's love and grace, and if it is not, we are guilty of the sins of omission. I Peter 4:10 is not a suggestion. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's

grace in its various forms." Choosing to live in denial and only think happy thoughts does not mean the spiritual war between light and darkness is not raging all around us. Thomas Gray, an eighteenth-century poet, declared, "What you don't know can't hurt you," but we know this reveals the immaturity and deception of those who take comfort in false security. It's probable the devil would not need to waste his time hindering lukewarm religious individuals, as they are no real threat to his agenda. In fact, they are helping promote Satan's twisted and distorted philosophies. It's the devoted and obedient follower of Jesus who reads their Bibles and intercedes, and are engaged on the front-lines of spiritual combat. The dark side fears the children of God as demons know that greater is He that lives in us than he that is in the world. Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

The bitter cup of legalism

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

Coffee was once considered the devil's drink of choice. Because coffee was popular among Muslims who drank it to stay awake during their evening worship services, Roman Catholic Church leaders during the 16th century claimed that it was a demonic concoction "of Islamic infidels." That is, until Pope Clement VIII gave it a taste—and it didn't take long for him to bless the bean. "This Satan's drink is so

delicious," he remarked, "it would be a pity to let the infidels have exclusive use of it. We shall fool Satan by baptizing it." And immediately, coffee conquered the continent and flowed all the way to the mugs we fill every morning. Coffee-hating legalists nearly missed out on one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, and legalism continues to rob believers of God's gifts of joy, grace, peace, and Christian liberty. Legalism, if you didn't know, is when we add man-made rules and religious traditions to

God's word, grading our holiness and that of others based on restrictions God never gave us in the Scripture. Legalism turns us into spiritual hall monitors who police piety based on personal preferences. And legalism rears its ugly head when we measure spirituality by clothing choices, denominational traditions, worship music styles, and strict abstinence from activities not explicitly prohibited in the Bible—things like watching secular movies, wearing blue jeans to church, or enjoying classic rock

music. The Pharisees of Jesus' time were steeped in legalism, demonstrated by their indignant insinuation that His disciples were heathen-like sinners because they didn't ceremonially wash their hands before eating (Mark 7:1-5). The apostle Paul warned believers about the danger of legalism in Colossians 2:20-23, "You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, "Don't handle! Don't

taste! Don't touch!'"? Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires" (NLT). Simply put, legalism may appear holy, but it does not make you holy. It may keep your hands clean, but it cannot keep your heart pure. However, the remedy for legalism is not swerving to the opposite extreme and indulging in unrestrained

and careless conduct. The solution is also not more rules—the answer is more Jesus (Col. 2:6). And we must obey the Lord out of gratitude for His saving grace (cf. 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-12), and carefully assess our obedience according to what God has clearly written in His word. Additionally, we ought to enjoy and embrace the good gifts of God's creation without guilt, and exercise wisdom while doing so. Otherwise, we will dilute the sweet cup of God's grace and drink the bitter cup of legalism.

Jasmyn E. Lorey

Jasmyn E. Lorey, age 16, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 9:01 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. A funeral service for Jasmyn E. Lorey was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper. A second visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, at the church prior to the funeral service.

LaVerne M. McCord

LaVerne M. McCord, age 91, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 3:55 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at home with her daughter at her side. A funeral service for LaVerne M. McCord will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Alfordsville Cemetery in Alfordsville, Indiana. Fr. Donald Ackerman will officiate. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. service time at the funeral home on Thursday.

Mildred Marie Reckelhoff

Mildred Marie Frick Reckelhoff, age 97, died in Sellersburg, Indiana, on October 20, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mildred M. Reckelhoff was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Saturday.

Sarah Lillian Ruckriegle

Sarah “Lillian” Ruckriegle, age 95, of Otwell, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 1:17 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana. A funeral service for Sarah “Lillian” Ruckriegle was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial followed in the Otwell Cemetery in Otwell, Indiana. A visitation was held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Mary Beth Flick

Mary Beth Flick, age 78 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 1:50 a.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025 at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana. A visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at the Becher-Kluesner Northside Chapel in Jasper, with burial followed in Enlow City Cemetery in Jasper.

Estella M. Kreilein

Estella M. Kreilein, age 89, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 2:55 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at home surrounded by family. A Mass of Christian Burial for Estella M. Kreilein was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial followed 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

Shannon Eckert

Shannon Rae Eckert, 61 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at 1:33 a.m. on October 17, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital. A Catholic Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be



held for Shannon at St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A memorial visitation with the family will take place at the church from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

Gary Duane Cooper

Gary Duane Cooper, age 68, of Birdseye, passed away October 25, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. Visitation for Gary Cooper was held at Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. EDT. Services were held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with burial followed in Birdseye Cemetery. Pastor Albert Madden will officiate the service.

Allan H. Witte

Allan H. Witte, age 79, of Velpen, Indiana, passed away at 10:43 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jasper with burial followed at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Huntingburg. Pastor Timothy Kraemer will officiate at the service. Visitation was held at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21st; and also at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jasper from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Wednesday.

Larry James Pruitt

Larry James Pruitt, 81, passed away on October 22, 2025, at Heartford House. In Owensboro. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM CDT on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Greenwood Cemetery. Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel is handling arrangements.

Bobbie Goffinet

Mary Barbara “Bobbie” Goffinet, 98, passed away on October 21, 2025, at Brickyard Healthcare-Lincoln Hills. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM CDT on Friday, October 24, 2025, at St. Mark Catholic Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Rev. Tony Hollowell will officiate. Visitation was held on Thursday from 2:00-6:00 PM CDT and Friday from 9:00-10:00 AM CDT at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel.

Vicki Hall

Vicki L. Hall, 71, passed away on October 19, 2025. She was born on September 29, 1954, the daughter of William A., Sr. and Clara Mae (King) Hall. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 12:00 PM CDT on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Evansville with visitation was held from 11:00 AM until service time. Rev. Christopher Forler will officiate. Burial took place at 3:30 PM CDT at Old Chapel Cemetery in Mount Pleasant.

Kevin Barker

Kevin L. Barker, 64, passed away on October 19, 2025, at Oakwood Health Campus. There will be no services.

David Allen Schmett

David Allen Schmett, age 69, of Huntingburg, passed away at 7:08 a.m., Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. Funeral services for David Allen Schmett will be private. Burial will take place at Fairmount Cemetery in Huntingburg. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Karen Sue Rue

Karen Sue Rue, age 75, of Dale, passed away at 11:56 a.m., on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. Funeral services for Karen S. Rue will be held at 11:00 a.m., C.D.T., Friday, October 31, 2025, at Heilman Mt. Olive General Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Garrison Chapel Cemetery. Pastor Ken Slater will officiate the service. Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Friday, prior to the service at the church. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Courtney Lynn Drew

Courtney Lynn (Hagedorn) Drew, age 37, of Huntingburg, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 3:20 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, after a long and hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. A funeral mass for Courtney Drew was held at 10:00 a.m., E.D.T., on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Huntingburg. Burial followed at Fairmount Cemetery in Huntingburg with military honors conducted by the United States Coast Guard and Huntingburg V.F.W. Post #2366 Memorial Detail.

Michael Lee Spurlock

Michael Lee Spurlock, age 63, of Santa Claus, Indiana, went home to be with Jesus at 10:19 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in Evansville, Indiana, surrounded by his wife and daughters. A Celebration of Life for Mike Spurlock will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST), with a ceremony at 4:30 p.m., at the Corner House Event Barn, 3984 North County Road 200 West, Rockport, Indiana 47635. entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Melvin Eugene Held

Melvin Eugene Held, age 79, of Santa Claus, Indiana, passed away on October 20, 2025, surrounded by his family at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. Funeral services for Melvin Held were held on Friday October 24, 2025, at St. Peter’s UCC in Lamar, IN., with burial followed in the church cemetery. A visitation was held from 9:00 a.m., C.D.T. until service time at church on Friday. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Jerry LeRoy Bell

Jerry LeRoy Bell, age 75, of Dale, passed away on October 18, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. Funeral services for Jerry LeRoy Bell were held at 11:00 a.m., C.D.T., Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial followed at Dale Cemetery. Pastors Mike Turner and Joel Rivera will officiate the service.

Dubois County Art Guild holds October meeting

The Dubois County Art Guild met at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center on October 2, 2025 and was called to order at 6 pm by president LaVonne Tisdal. 24 Members were present. Diane Wininger, who coordinates the exchange of art twice yearly at the Jasper Mill, announced that the next date for exchanges is November 7 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at the Mill. Members who had art displayed in the previous exchange will be taking home those pieces, and all members have the opportunity to bring in at least one piece they want to have displayed for sale for the next six months. She also announced that the first 8 members to email her would be allowed to display 2 pieces this time. Pieces need to have a wire connecting them for hanging, and there will

be an email sent out to all members with the form that must be submitted listing the particulars for each piece (title, medium, and price). Any member who has not submitted art for sale at the Mill before also needs to submit a form D-9. There is a 30% commission taken for all pieces sold. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those who may be interested in being the featured artist. This artist gets a designated area to display several pieces, and will get a writeup in the Herald with a picture. Next was balloting for the new slate of officers. The results are: President LaVonne Tisdal Vice President Kaylynn Rasche Treasurer Mary Reisz Secretary Karen Curtis Committee Chairs: Exhibit Committee Diane

Wininger Program Committee George Smith Gallery Committee Valerie Acker Congratulations to all of our 2025-2026 officers! Next LaVonne had several announcements: She wanted to make members aware of some local concert opportunities, including a series of concerts being held at St Meinrad and a series being held at and sponsored by the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. The latter will feature Richard Jeric in a piano and organ concert on October 18 at 7 pm. All concerts are free and open to the public. Next member Alana Goepfrich announced that she will be teaching several classes this fall at Traditional Arts Today in Ferdinand. She encouraged us to check out the schedule

online. Classes can be reserved and paid for online as well. LaVonne also brought our attention to the Anabel Wood Memorial Plein Air Paint Out in Rockport on Oct. 25. The entry fee is \$30. Contact them for more information at: tsstagecoach@gmail.com. Checks for the entry fee, which is due prior to the event, may be sent to: Tri Kappa of Rockport, P.O. Box 126, Rockport, IN 47635. More information can be obtained by calling 812-649-4676. Prize winners will receive awards ranging from \$750 to \$100. The next art workshop sponsored by the Guild in the Combatting Loneliness Series will be a Pastel Workshop on October 14 held at the Ferdinand Community Center Mobile Room. Doors will open at 8 am and the class will

begin at 9 am. The roster for the public and for the guild spots is full at this time. Ashley Addison Black from Corydon will be the instructor for the class. All materials will be provided for the public participants. Guild members should bring a board and masking tape, and a zipper seal bag with a damp cloth, in addition to soft pastels of your choice. All are encouraged to bring a sack lunch, and a smock to cover your clothes. LaVonne mentioned the great coverage the Guild has been receiving in the local newspapers. Tere Robinson gave the treasurer’s report in Mary Reisz’s absence. Mary also reported that the federal filing for fiscal year ending 8-31-2025 was done electronically on 9-15-2025. No accountant needs to be hired, and the total cost of

filing and obtaining 501(c) (3) status for the Guild was \$589.21. Thank you Mary for all your hard work to make this a reality! Swampy (Joseph Schoenbachler) will again teach leathercrafting as the program at the December meeting. The evening’s program had participants of Ron Mack’s recent Oil Painting Workshop provide their pieces for constructive critique. The workshop was well attended, with participants learning many new lessons, including various pallet types and using a toned canvas. The program for the November 6 meeting will be Beaded Jewelry techniques, taught by member Maryla Scarpa. She will be sharing her extensive bead collection as she shares basic techniques for making your own jewelry.



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Forest Park cross country wraps up season at regional championship

By Chris Atkins

Recently, the Forest Park Cross Country team closed out their season at the Regional Championship!

In the boys race, Senior Owen Troesch finished 179th with a time of 18:21 —

23 seconds faster than his run on the same course earlier this season and a 1 minute, 19 second improvement from last year’s regional meet!

Freshman Xavier Berg finished 224th with a time of 19:21,

just 7 seconds shy of his personal best on the course.

In the girls race, Senior Riley Hinson led the way, finishing 62nd with a time of 20:32 — a 25-second improvement from her earlier season performance on the

same course.

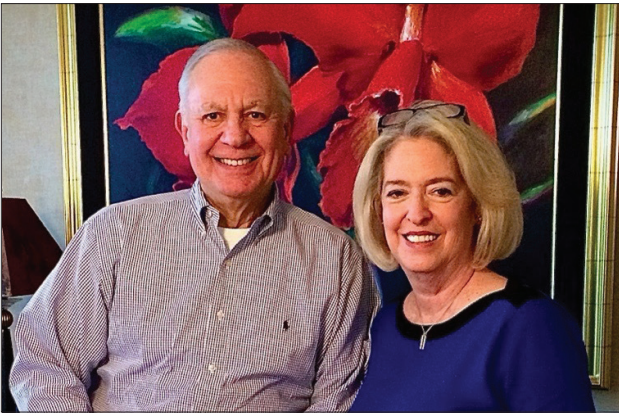
Sophomore Kendal Gehlhausen finished 78th with a time of 20:54, cutting 46 seconds off her earlier time on this course and improving by 1 minute, 8 seconds from last year’s Regional Championship!

\$50,000 Moskowitz family gift establishes first-ever Student Awards for UE Physician Assistant Program

EVANSVILLE, IND. — The University of Evansville (UE) is proud to announce a transformational \$50,000 gift from Dr. Jay Moskowitz and Mrs. Joanne Moskowitz that will establish the first-ever student awards in the Department of Physician Assistant Science (UEPA).

The Moskowitz Family Physician Assistant Award for Innovation in Healthcare and the Moskowitz Family Physician Assistant Leadership Award will empower students who are driven to improve healthcare through bold ideas, creativity, compassionate leadership, and a deep commitment to service. Each year, recipients will be recognized at the UEPA hooding ceremony and receive funding to support participation in a related Health Sciences conference. The awards are supported by a permanent endowment, ensuring they will impact students for generations to come.

Physician assistants play a vital role in expanding access to care, often serving as the first point of contact and the driving force behind coordinated, compassionate healthcare. At UE, the Physician Assistant Science Program prepares



students to meet this need, especially in underserved and rural areas.

“Good health made possible, that’s our credo,” said Dr. Moskowitz. “These awards are about more than recognition. They’re about fueling the energy and excellence of students who will shape the future of care.”

Dr. Moskowitz’s career spans more than five decades in science, policy, and healthcare leadership. At the National Institutes of Health, he helped launch the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders and championed translational science, bridging laboratory breakthroughs with clinical solutions. At Wake Forest University School of Medicine, he spearheaded a dramatic expansion of the medical school’s research enterprise.

During his time at Pennsylvania State University, he integrated research programs across campuses and established the “Jayhound” inter-campus shuttle, strengthening health science collaborations. “Innovation doesn’t happen in isolation,” he said. “Everywhere we’ve gone, I’ve tried to connect universities, industry, and communities.”

Joanne Moskowitz’s impact has been equally profound. A lifelong educator, she taught elementary school for more than 30 years, instilling curiosity and confidence in young learners. “Sparking curiosity in children is what carries them forward into science, medicine, and service,” she said. Her belief in the power of early education continues to shape the couple’s philanthropic vision.

Now residents of Evansville, the

Moskowitz family is deeply connected to UE’s mission. “Every student deserves someone in their corner,” said Mrs. Moskowitz. “For us, that means creating opportunities for growth, for learning, and for giving back in whatever ways we can.”

“When a student sees their name on this plaque 20 years from now,” Dr. Moskowitz added. “I hope they remember that someone believed in them, and that it inspires them to believe in others.”

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Tim Hollander names 2025 Champion of Youth First

By Jana Pritchett
Communications Manager
Youth First, Inc.

EVANSVILLE, IN – Youth First honored long-time advocate Tim Hollander at its 2025 Breakfast of Champions, presented by Toyota Indiana, on Tuesday, October 21, at Friedman Park Event Center in Newburgh. Hollander received the Dr. William Wooten Champion of Youth First Award. Hollander’s tireless passion for helping young people recognize their full potential has made him a distinguished community leader who values education, a strong workforce, and thriving families.

Hollander, an Evansville native, currently serves as President of Toyota Canada. Before assuming this position, he was President of Toyota Indiana and General Manager of Toyota West Virginia. He is a former Youth First Board Member and currently serves on the Youth First Advisory Council.

“Tim’s passion for Youth First is both evident and infectious. Youth First cares for people; they empathize with others and their perspectives to act with kindness and compassion and improve their well-being. At Toyota, we call that the Toyota way. Respect for people and continuous improvement are the foundation of Toyota and are at the core of all we do...These principles that are so intrinsic for Toyota can be seen in the values of Youth First,” said Jason Puckett, President, Toyota Indiana.

In 2023, Tim was instrumental in championing Youth First as a partner in the Driving Possibilities initiative with Toyota USA Foundation, deepening Youth First services in Gibson and Vanderburgh County schools.

In addition to

recognizing Hollander, the organization celebrated its donors, school partners, and volunteers, with over 300 guests in attendance. Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry proclaimed October 21, 2025, as “Tim Hollander, Champion of Youth First Day.”

Along with his service to Youth First, Tim has served on numerous boards while at Toyota Indiana. Most recently, he served on the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership, Evansville Regional Business Council, Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees, and Signature School Foundation.

Youth First partners with school districts across Indiana, embedding licensed master’s level mental health professionals in school buildings and providing family programs in communities. Youth First’s presence contributes to healthier, safer, and more vibrant schools and communities.

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Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa holds monthly meeting

Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority for Women Educators, met on Thursday, October 9, at Holy Family Fellowship Hall in Jasper. President Beth Meece welcomed all and thanked the October Fellowship committee, Sandy Miller, Kathy Bachman, Johnnie Heeke, and Clara Fromme, who provided all with sandwiches, salad, chips, and dessert. Brenda Hurm presented a program on “Personal Health.” She used books such as Ageless Aging and Mayo Clinic’s book, Guide to Better Vision. She shared several ideas on preparing for emergencies, sleep habits, and general healthcare. Barb Kendall gave a devotion called, “God’s Gift.” September’s minutes, sent out several days ahead, were approved after Christine Betz made the motion, and Sandy Miller seconded the motion. Secretary Sue Ann Burns called roll call with nineteen members present. She also read thank-you notes from Janet Kluemper and from the Dubois County Museum expressing thanks for a donation in memory of Janet’s husband, David Kluemper. Treasurer Brooke Elrod collected incoming dues and reported last month’s money for Dubois County Cares. Her report will be filed for audit. Under Standing Committee reports, Altruistic Paula Peter reminded members to keep a record of time and money spent for the year. With October being ADK month, Connie Messmer Brenner passed out lotion/Kleenex to all members. She also provided a program celebrating ADK month about our founders - Connie Messmer Brenner,

Kathy Bachman, Shelley Weinzapfel, Jessica Meringer, and Christine Betz(all holding candles) shared in the presentation about our founders. Kathy Bachman read a Proclamation given to our club by Mayor Dean Vonderheide. For Courtesy Janet Kluemper said Stella Bennett sent a note to Kristy Dilger who had surgery. For Fraternity Education Shelley Weinzapfel gave each member post- it notes to share a “favorite memory’ or “what members like best about the chapter.” Membership’s Brenda Hurm said Delores Lueken’s form for “limited status” is ready to be sent. Sandy Miller, Ways and Means, announced purple shirts are in, and she is ready to pick the logo for them. She also ordered totes too. Under New Business the Christmas party will be December 11 at the Huntingburg Country Club. The Dubois County Museum will start decorating trees on November 10. The Halloween Bash will be Sunday, October 26, from 12-2 at the Jasper Public Library. Brook Elrod and Jessica Meringer will be working the booth. Founders Day is Saturday, October 25, at Central Christian Church in Huntingburg. Reservations are due by October 11. October’s birthdays are 15- Denise Heeke; 21-Kathy Bachman; 23-Barb Kendall; 23 - Brooke Elrod; 24- Paula Alles, and 28- Janet Townsend. The next meeting will be November 13 at Holy Family Fellowship Hall with the Spanish/Dual Language Program being given by Madelinne Gil-Dubon. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the “Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.”



From left, Timothy Khuishing, Samuel Hansen, Archbishop Charles Thompson, and Khaing Thu pose for a portrait on the Archabbey Church steps after the deacon ordination at Saint Meinrad on Saturday, October 25.



The newly ordained deacons, from left, Timothy Khuishing, Samuel Hansen, and Khaing Thu are applauded as they exit the Archabbey Church with Archbishop Charles Thompson after the deacon ordination on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Three seminarians ordained deacons at Saint Meinrad

Three seminarians received the order of deacon from the Most Rev. Charles Thompson, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church in St. Meinrad, IN, on October 25, 2025. The newly ordained deacons are Samuel Hansen, Timothy Tam Khuishing, and Khaing Myae Thu for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. All are students at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Others in their class will be or have been ordained deacons in their respective dioceses. In the Catholic faith, a deacon can preach, baptize, witness marriages, offer Communion to the sick and aged, and perform other ministerial duties. The newly ordained deacons are transitional deacons, meaning they are preparing for ordination to the priesthood. Many Catholic dioceses also have permanent deacons, who carry out the same role, but are not studying for the priesthood. Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology offers initial and ongoing formation for priests, permanent deacons, and lay ministers. The school is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.



The deacon candidates prostrate before the altar as the intercession of the saints is invoked during the deacon ordination in the Archabbey Church at Saint Meinrad on Saturday, October 25.

Daughters of Isabella’s Pricilla Kramer attends Induction of Officers ceremony

Daughters of Isabella Past Indiana State Regent Pricilla Kramer was present to hold Induction of Officers at the Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140 on Monday, October 13. Vice Regent Marge Beckman welcomed all to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Past Regent Kramer. Prayers for a speedy recovery were wished to Jasper Circle #140 Regent Kathy Schneider upon her recent foot surgery and prayers of sympathy were offered to Assistant Financial Secretary Chris Schuetter on the recent death of her husband, Allen. The opening prayer was said and members were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Draping of the Charter was then held for recently passed members Josie Siebert and Bernita Berger. Beckman called on Vice regent- elect Sharon Gramelspacher to read from the Spiritual Reflection Guide. The Guide this month centered on a dialogue on the meaning of the Our Father prayer. Beckman and Gramelspacher took the two parts. Beckman then asked members for any special intentions and prayers were offered for the requests. Secretary Pam Schneider called the Roll of Officers and read correspondence. A Thank You note was received from the Dennis Seifert family thanking the circle for our gifts in memory of deceased member Marie. Treasurer Rose Rasche presented the report of the Treasurer and Reading of the Bills. Her report was filed for audit. Scribe Kathy Bachman read resolutions on the passing of members Josie Siebert and Bernita Berger. A copy of the Resolutions will be sent to the families of the deceased. Beckman reminded Board members that there will be a Board meeting on November 10 at 5:00pm. Beckman had an updated list of members in the nursing homes. Nine members are on the list. Visiting members for October will be Sue Seal, Marilyn Jahn, Ruth Rowekamp, Linda Erny, Marilyn Schnaus, and Donna Welp. Mary Sue Boeglin and Sarah Kasprzak visited in September. Beckman asked that family members contact the D of I whenever a member moves into the nursing home. Members offered prayers for a fruitful increase and retention in the membership of the Daughters of Isabella. This was followed by a prayer for youth and young adults. Under Old Business. The Tuesday night Bingos at the Moose Center were discussed. The D of I will help at the Bingo again on November 11. It will be our last turn for this year. The D of I Dressing Fundraiser sign-up is continuing through October 24. Members will be gathering Wednesday thru Friday November 5-7 to prepare the dressing. Pick up for preordered dressing will be Friday, November 7 from noon to 4:00pm. The D of I will be assisting the Knights of Columbus by decorating the tables on October 28 for the Religious Appreciation Dinner. D of I members should meet at 11:00 am at the Huntingburg Event Center. Dates were announced for 2026 for D of I scheduled Masses. Mass for Shut-ins will be April 1, April 23 will be the Memorial Mass and Mass on May 7 will be for D of I living/ deceased members. All Masses will be said at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper. Vice regent- Elect Sharon Gramelspacher informed members that the D of I will be decorating a Christmas tree at the museum on November 11. Gramelspacher thanked all who donated red and gold colored ornaments for the tree. She plans to add information cards to the tree to inform others of the works of the D of I. The Indiana State Fall meeting will be held on October 26 at Greensburg. The state recently announced that Past State Regent Marie Siebert passed away on September 20. For Good of the Order Gramelspacher read information on D of I membership requirements. The age limit for a new member is 16 years old. Financial Secretary Betty Mehringer read the bills for the meeting. Installation of Officers followed. Officers for 2005-2027 are: Marge Beckman-Regent, Sharon Gramelspacher-Vice regent, Kathy Schneider-Past Regent, Rose Rasche-Treasurer, Betty Mehringer-Financial secretary, Chris Schuetter-Assistant Financial secretary, Pam Howard, Lynne Bohnert, Tracey Merkel-Auditors, Pam Schneider-Secretary, Kathy Bachman Scribe, Bev Himsel-Chancellor, Martha Matthews-First Guide, and Dianne Klein-Second Guide. Installation is held every odd numbered year. Members hosted a reception after the installation. The meeting was adjourned. Kathy Bachman won the Birthday drawing and Betty Mehringer won the meeting drawing. The next meeting will be November 10, at 6:30pm, in Room 301 of the St. Joseph Parish Center.