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Baby Shower donation drive/holiday event held in Charlestown Dec. 10

Christ's Fellowship Church is hosting an It's a Boy! Baby Jesus Baby Shower on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 4-7 p.m. at the Arts & Enrichment Center. Guests are encouraged to bring an item you would like to take to a baby shower!

Items will be donated to local infant programs to assist parents with children's needs! This event features a chili cook-off, decorating your own Christmas cookies, and crafts for all ages. The evening ends with a Christmas hymn singing and lighting of the advent wreath.

Mean Girls production Dec. 11, 12 & 13 at CHS

The Charlestown High School Theater Department will be presenting Mean Girls December 11-13. Shows will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Student All Sports Passes are also accepted.

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Charlestown's Christmas City kicks off; more activities planned in coming weeks



If you missed out on the Light Up Charlestown event on November 29, you can still join in the fun! The lights at the city square will be on each evening throughout the month, from 6 to 10 p.m. There are also several activities going on throughout the next couple of weeks that you won't want to miss.

The Winter Holiday Market will also be open 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays through Sundays at the Family Activities Park with plenty of vendors offering their items.



Upcoming Events

Trivia Night

Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 to 9 p.m. at the Family Activities Park - Brush up on your knowledge of holiday movies, songs, traditions, and more as we spend the evening quizzing visitors of the park. Questions will be open to everyone in the park, with prizes to be won!

Cousin Eddie Costume Contest & Movie Night

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at The Depot/Family Activities Park - Costume contest begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie "Christmas Vacation" will follow at 7 p.m.

Charlestown Paints! - Mrs. Claus Christmas Painting event

Sunday, Dec. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Arts & Enrichment Center. Join in for a community painting party led by Red

Headed Princess Designs. Great for families, groups, and individuals. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the art to take home. Only a few spots were remaining at press time. Register online at <https://www.cityofcharlestown.com/209/Christmas-in-Charlestown>. *Note: if event sells out keep an eye on Charlestown Parks for upcoming events in 2026. Last year there were four Charlestown Paints events held throughout the year.*

Live Music At The Depot With John Hogan Music

Friday, Dec. 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at The Depot/Family Activities Park

Gift Wrapping

Friday, Dec. 19 & Saturday, Dec. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Family Activities Park. Students from Charlestown High School will be on hand to help wrap gifts (bring from home or purchase from Holiday Market). Donations welcome.

Live Reindeer Visit

Monday, Dec. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Greenway Park. This free event offers visitors to see live reindeer near the massive Christmas tree in Greenway Park. Plus, Santa and The Grinch make one last appearance in Charlestown before the big day. Concessions and food trucks (The German Corner and Donut NV) will be on hand. Mix 106.9 and Q103.1 will be on location providing music.

Character Visits at Family Activities Park

Santa - December 11, 14, 18 & 21

The Grinch - December 12, 13, 19 & 20

Santa & The Grinch will also be visiting Greenway Park on December 22 for the live reindeer event.

Pursuit ends with crash and arrest of Tennessee man



Phillips

A Tennessee man is facing multiple charges after leading Indiana State on a dangerous pursuit Monday afternoon that ended with a precision immobilization technique (PIT) maneuver on Interstate 65.

According to Indiana State Police-Sellersburg, dispatchers received several 911 calls around 1:30pm reporting an orange 2012 Jeep driving erratically on southbound I-65 in Scott County. Trooper Justin Mears and Probationary Trooper Devin Hopkins located the vehicle near Henryville and attempted a traffic stop.

The driver refused to pull over, instead weaving through the lanes, traveling on the right shoulder, and nearly striking the guardrail. The pursuit continued



southbound as the Jeep crossed lanes and drove on the shoulder. Deputies with the Clark County Sheriff's Department and officers with the Sellersburg Police Department deployed stop sticks near the Sellersburg exit, successfully deflating multiple tires. Despite the damage, the driver continued to flee.

Near the 7-mile marker, Trooper Dustin Whitaker joined the chase and executed a PIT maneuver. Although the Jeep briefly came to a stop, the driver accelerated again. A second PIT maneuver near the 6.5-mile marker brought the vehicle to a final halt on the right shoulder.

Troopers then conducted a felony stop and took the driver

into custody without further incident.

The driver was identified as Wesley Phillips, 22, of Spencer, Tennessee. Phillips was transported to Clark County Hospital for medical clearance before being booked into the Clark County Jail.

He faces the following preliminary charges: resisting law enforcement with a vehicle - level 6 felony; aggressive driving - Class A misdemeanor; reckless driving - Class C misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated (refusal) - Class C misdemeanor.

Note: All subjects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.



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Henryville Elementary PTO to host Pancakes with Santa on Dec. 13

The Henryville Elementary School PTO will welcome families for a festive morning of holiday fun during its annual "Pancakes with Santa" event on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The event will be held at Henryville Elementary School, located at 215 North Ferguson Street, Henryville.

Admission is \$5 per child and \$8 per adult, including a pancake breakfast and a variety of seasonal activities. Child and families will have the opportunity to take pictures with Santa, enjoy holiday crafts, visit the reindeer shop and browse vendor booths.

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Silver Creek Dominates Battle of the 403

For the ninth straight year, the Silver Creek Dragons have defeated the Charlestown Pirates in the boys basketball Battle of the 403. Charlestown's last win was on November 29, 2016. The Dragons have dominated the series for the last nine years.

The Dragons took a 17-13 lead after the first quarter and led the game 30-22 at halftime. The Dragons then dominated the third quarter, out scoring the Pirates 18-8, and went on to win the game 67-43.

Brandon Hunter of Silver Creek led all scorers with 15, while AJ Todd and Anthony Fresh had 12 for the Pirates.

Other stats for the game included:

Charlestown Pirates - Keeven Bowman had 11 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 assist. Parker Odle scored 6 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist. Braelyn Boyette and 2 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists. Cohen Cooley had 1 assist, and Dylan French had 1 rebound. AJ Todd had 2 rebounds and an assist, while Anthony Fresh had 8 rebounds and 1 assist on top of their 11 points each.

Silver Creek Dragons - Brandon Hunter had 13 rebounds in addition to his 15 points. He also had 5 assists. Lucas Linderman had 13 points, and 5 rebounds. Brody McLaughlin had 12 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 assist. Dane Caldwell contributed 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 assists. Dane Sprigler scored 8 points and had 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Donovan Whitehead added four points to the scoreboard, contributed 4 rebounds, and had 1 assist. Aiden Makun scored two points.

Lady Pioneers Defeat Lady Warriors

The CAI Lady Warriors hosted the Providence Lady Pioneers on Tuesday, December 2, for a varsity basketball game. The Lady Pioneers led the game 12-7 after the first quarter and 25-16 at halftime. The Lady Warriors only managed to score 11 points in the second half, while Providence scored 29. The Lady Pioneers won the game 54-27.

Jayda Kempf of Providence led all scorers with 19 points while Carly Stevens of CAI had 15.

Lady Generals Defeat Rock Creek

The Rock Creek Lady Lions hosted the Clarksville Lady Generals on Wednesday, December 3, for a girls' basketball contest. The Lady Lions were looking to pick up a win after losing two straight, while Clarksville was coming off a 40-point win against LCA. The Lady Generals carried that momentum to win 51-33 and handed the Lady Lions their third loss in a row.

Borden Braves Run Over Shoals

The Borden Braves have started off the season 2-0 after a dominating win against Shoals on Saturday, November 29. The win makes it a six-game winning streak for the Braves over the Jug Rox. The Braves won the game 56-39.

Their first win of the season was against Eastern, where they won by 10. They were scheduled to play Lanesville Friday evening.

Lady Braves off to a good season

The Lady Braves stood at 5-1 after their win against Brownstown on November 22. Their next game was to be against Jeffersonville last Tuesday, but the snow day put a damper on that.

Charlestown Lady Pirates Defeat Lady Eagles

The Charlestown Lady Pirates basketball team hosted the Lady Eagles of Austin on Wednesday, December 3, for a little MSC match-up. The Lady Pirates led the game 15-10 after the first quarter and 22-19 at halftime.

The Lady Pirates ran away with the game in the second half, scoring 36 points to win 58-31.

Christian Academy Warriors Fall to Owen Valley

The CAI Warriors basketball team played against Owen Valley on Saturday, November 29.

The Warriors trailed 11-24 after the first quarter but had a great second quarter, outscoring Owen Valley 12-0, to trail 23-24 at halftime. The Warriors took a 38-36 lead after the third quarter,

and the game would be tied at 51 at the end of regulation. The Warriors scored only 4 points in overtime and lost 55-56.

Henryville Hornets Making Noise

I was honored to sit in on a Henryville boys' basketball practice, and let me tell you, they look good. Coach Jared Hill is excited to see what his squad can do this season, as they look to make noise in March.

The Hornets have a solid junior class, and I expect them to be the team to beat in their respective class. I did not know what to expect to start the season, as I had them ranked to finish almost dead last in this year's rankings, but I am happily mistaken.

So, if you want to watch a basketball team play the game the right way, then go watch the Henryville Hornets.

So far they just have one game in the books as of the writing of this column and that was their match up against Rock Creek. They were scheduled to play against Paoli this past Friday and against Salem on Saturday. Due to our print deadline, I was unable to get results in this issue, but be sure to check back next week.

Lady Hornets fall in matchups with Eastern and Oldenburg Academy

On Wednesday, November 26, the Hornets lost 64-38 in a home game against Eastern. This pre-Thanksgiving game ended with freshman Hadley Cooper scoring 13 points, along with getting 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and one block. Emma McAfee, Gracie Best, and Indy Guernsey each scored 7 points. McAfee had 8 rebounds while Best added 6. Ella Logsdon and Eva Hill each scored two points.

In their next game, they lost 58-39, which was a little smaller print spread than with Eastern. Hadley Cooper and Ella Logsdon each had 12 points in the game. Indy Guernsey added 7. Avery Hutchins, Gracie Best, Addison White, and Eva Hill each are credited with having 2 points in the game. Guernsey had 10 rebounds in the game.

Silver Creek Lady Dragons Dominate Lady Cougars

The Silver Creek Lady Dragons basketball team is now 2-0 in the MSC after defeating North Harrison on the road on Wednesday, November 26. The Lady Dragons were looking to bounce back after falling to Clarksville Christian 48-57, and they did just that. The Lady Dragons showed why they are one of the best teams in the state, winning 83-45.

New Washington Crothersville defeats Mustangs

The New Washington Mustangs boys basketball team traveled to Crothersville for a SAC matchup on Tuesday, December 2. The Mustangs were unable to slow down the Tigers, who ran away with the game in the second quarter, falling 73-58.

Lady Mustangs fall to Milan

The Lady Mustangs lost by six points against Milan on Saturday,

November 29. The ending score was 40-46.

Rock Creek Academy Lions Defeat Whitefield Academy

The RCA Lions basketball team hosted Whitefield Academy (Ky.) on Monday, December 1. The Lions hit a few threes early and led the game by nine points in the first half, but their lead was cut to four at halftime. The Lions would find themselves up by just two points with under a minute left, but would close out the game to win 55-50.

Clarksville Generals Fall to Lions

The Clarksville Generals boys basketball team played at Lighthouse Christian on Saturday, November 29.

It would not be the debut head coach Calvin McEwan had hoped for as his Generals fell to the 1A Christian school. The Generals found themselves in a good game, with the outcome decided by just one point. The Generals lost the game 38-39. The loss also marks seven seasons in a row in which the Generals have lost their opening game.

Lady Generals Defeat Lady Lions

The Clarksville Lady Generals girls basketball team played against the LCA Lady Lions on Saturday, November 29. The Lady Generals dominated on all cylinders, winning by 40 points, 65-25.

Providence Lady Pioneers Defeat Lady Panthers

The Providence Lady Pioneers girls basketball team hosted the Lady Panthers of Corydon Central on Wednesday, November 26. The Lady Pioneers were looking for their first win before the game, after losing their first two. The Lady Pioneers won the game 62-51 to pick up their first win of the season.

IHSAA Boys/Girls Basketball

The following list consists of the IHSAA boys basketball coaches and records for the Clark and Scott County teams (as of Monday, December 1).

Austin – Brent Jameson, 12-15 in his second year at the school and is 53-72 overall.

Borden – Kevin Jones, 2-0 in his first year and is 60-61 overall.

Charlestown – Matt Lynch,, 50-44 in fifth year at school and is 119-95 overall.

CAI – Steve Kerberg, 138-80 in 10th year at the school. (did not coach from 2020-2025)

Clarksville – Calvin McEwan, 0-1 in first year at school.

Crothersville – Bryant Layman, 27-70 in fifth year at school.

Henryville – Jared Hill, 131-130 in 12th year at school.

Madison – Danny Gibson, 9-16 in second year at school.

New Washington – Logan Miles, 4-21 in second year at school.

Providence – Ryan Miller, 105-36 in seventh year at school.

RCA – Chris Brown, 401-326 in 30th year at school.

Scottsburg – Eric Richardson, – 76-54 in sixth year in school.

Southwestern – Zac Nussbaum, – 103-30 in seventh year at

school.

The Following list is the IHSAA girls basketball coaches and records for the Clark and Scott County teams (as of Monday, December 1).

Austin – Jared Hill, 301-199 in twenty-first year at school.

Borden – Matt Vick, 112-85 in ninth year at school.

Charlestown – Scott Matthews, 113-82 in tenth year at school.

CAI – Carson Casey , 51-92 in seventh year at school.

Clarksville – Amanda Carmichael, 30-94 in sixth year at school.

Crothersville – Curtis White, 8-41 in third year at school.

Henryville – Tuesday, Guernsey, 61-80 in seventh year at school.

Madison – Adam Dennis, 44-31 in fourth year at school.

New Washington – Kristi Holloway, 97-139 in eleventh year at school.

Providence – Stacy Pendleton, 11-17 in second year at school.

RCA – Keven White – 17-59 in fourth year at school.

Scottsburg – Carrie Daniels, 70-59 in sixth year at school.

Southwestern – Brian Crank, 48-58 in fifth year at school.

Boys Rankings:

The following rankings are the Scott and Clark County boys basketball teams (keep in mind this is just my opinion.) (Records are according to John Harrell and are based on games played up until December 4.)

1. Silver Creek 2-0
2. Scottsburg 1-0
3. Charlestown 1-1
4. Henryville 1-0
5. Southwestern 1-0
6. Borden 2-0
7. Austin 1-1
8. Providence 0-0
9. CAI 1-1
10. Madison 0-1
11. Crothersville 1-2
12. RCA 1-1
13. New Washington 1-1

Girls Rankings:

The following rankings are the Scott and Clark County girls basketball teams. (keep in mind this is just my opinion.) (Records are according to John Harrell and are based on games played up until December 4.)

1. Silver Creek 5-1
2. Charlestown 4-1
3. Borden 6-1
4. Madison 6-0
5. Austin 5-2
6. Southwestern 4-3
7. Henryville 3-4
8. Providence 2-2
9. Scottsburg 0-7
10. CAI 2-4
11. Clarksville 3-5
12. New Washington 3-2
13. RCA 1-5

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Clark County REMC encourages students to apply for 2026 Page Day at the Indiana Statehouse

Clark County REMC is inviting all high school students, including homeschooleders, to take part in Page Day on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, offering a behind-the-scenes look at how government operates inside the Indiana Statehouse.

According to the announcement, the program gives students the chance to tour the Statehouse, meet state legislators, participate in a mock bill activity, and enjoy a free lunch. Transportation to and from the Statehouse is required.

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Clark County Obituaries

Roger D. Geary, 84, of Sellersburg, entered Eternal Life on November 25, 2025.

Roger was born on October 8, 1941, in Echols, Kentucky, to the late Hartford and Hettie Geary and was a member of Speed Memorial Church.

Roger joined the Navy in 1958 and spent four years aboard the Destroyer ship, USS Harlan R. Dickson. He then worked as a Maintenance Supervisor at the Indiana Ammunition Plant in Charlestown, Indiana, until his retirement in 2001.

Roger was a member of the Sellersburg American Legion Post 204, Sellersburg Moose Lodge and the New Albany VFW.

In addition to his Parents, Roger was preceded in death in 2011 by his loving wife of 38 years, Shirley Hatfield Geary.

Roger leaves behind his sons, Donald A. Geary of Bradenton, Florida, Greg (Tami) Gibson of Charlestown, Indiana, and a Granddaughter, Hannah Christine (Charles) Allen of Jeffersontown, Kentucky. Roger is also survived by his brother, Mike, of Louisville, Kentucky, as well as three other Brothers, a Sister, and many Beloved Friends.

Roger's visitation was held on December 1 at Garr Funeral Home in Sellersburg. Military honors and burial followed at Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Lillian Rae Curtis, 95, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at Maple Manor Christian Home in Sellersburg, Indiana.

Born on December 25, 1929, in Youngstown, Ohio, Lillian was a cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who touched the lives of many with her warmth and dedication.

Lillian was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Raymon and Lillian J. Stepp; her husband, Melvin Curtis; and her sisters, Shirley Barnhart and Barbara Dawson. She is survived by her loving children: Carolyn Curtis (Don Parker), Ginny Davidson (Terry), David Curtis (Joie), and Laura Roberts, along with her nine devoted grandchildren: Matt, Amy, Curt, Beth, Becky, Christy, Ray, Jason, and Brian. Lillian also leaves behind 17 great-grandchildren

A dedicated professional, Lillian spent 22 years as a manager at Colgate Credit Union, from where she retired. During the early years in her career in banking, she led the opening of the Census Federal Credit Union located in Jeffersonville, Indiana, marking the start of a lifelong commitment to the industry.

Beyond her professional achievements, she was a member of the Sellersburg United Methodist Church where she served as the church historian. Lillian served as a member of the Sellersburg Cemetery Association. In her retirement years she loved to travel.

A funeral service celebrating her life was held on Wednesday, December 3 at Garr Funeral Home in Sellersburg. Interment followed at Sellersburg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Sellersburg United Methodist Church (226 North New Albany Street, Sellersburg, Indiana 47172).

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the nursing staff of Maple Manor Christian Home and Amedisys Hospice for the wonderful care they received.

Diane Lynn Mullins, born on June 4, 1945, in Jeffersonville, Indiana, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2025, in her hometown.

Diane's was a reflection her vibrant spirit, filled with dedication to her career, family, and community.

A proud graduate of Jeffersonville High School, Diane embarked on a fulfilling professional journey

as an Executive Secretary at Ivy Tech College, where she devoted 17 years of her life to supporting education and facilitating the success of those around her. Her colleagues fondly remembered her as outspoken, personable, and a genuinely good person who touched the lives of many.

Diane's commitment extended beyond her career; she was an active volunteer, contributing her time and effort to the gift shop at Clark Memorial Hospital and VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Scottsburg. She also found fellowship and purpose as a member of the Bethany Christian Church, where she connected with her community in meaningful ways.

In her leisure time, Diane enjoyed watching golf, particularly taking pleasure in seeing her brothers Michael and Don play. She found joy in solving Seek and Find puzzles, gathering with friends for bunko, and spending time bowling—activities that showcased her energetic and engaging personality.

Diane is survived by her son, Michael Mullins, and her brother, Don Miley. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ona "Bozo" Miley and Agnes Vest Miley, as well as her siblings: David Miley, Earl Miley, Michael Miley, Gerald Miley, and Patricia Stotts. Diane also mourned the loss of her granddaughter, Brianna Mullins.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, December 6 at Grayson Funeral Home in Charlestown with burial following in Crown Hill Cemetery in New Washington.

Mildred Maxzine (Helbig) Ballard, 83, of Sellersburg, Indiana, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2025.

A cherished member of her community, she was a longtime member of Calvary Apostolic Church in Jeffersonville, where she found spiritual nourishment and the ability to strengthen her faith.

Born on March 22, 1942, in Clark County, Indiana, Mildred was the daughter of Henry and Emmer (Simmons) Helbig. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph Ballard; her siblings: George Helbig, Roberta Kindel, Elnora Taylor, Thomas Pennington, Donald Helbig, Henry James Helbig and Helen Smith.

She is survived by her brother, Clifford Helbig (Eva), her sister, Virginia Sanders, and her sister-in-law, Henrietta Heim. Additionally, she leaves behind a legacy of love through numerous nieces, nephews and good friends.

Her funeral service was held on Thursday, December 4 at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions located at 3309 Ballard Lane, New Albany with burial following at Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Jeffersonville.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Linda Irene Martin, 75, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, passed peacefully on November 28, 2025, at Maple Manor Christian Home, Sellersburg, Indiana. She was surrounded by loving family and friends for her passing after a long battle with MS and cancer.

Linda was born in Glasgow, Kentucky on September 10th, 1950, to Harry Estil Downing and Fannie Lee Downing (Holley). Throughout her life, she always put everyone else first. From caring for her siblings growing up to pouring love into a blended family, to becoming one of the most caring mothers and nurses this world will ever know. She left this world better than she found it.

She graduated from Dupont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky in 1969, Jefferson County Vocational School with her LPN degree in 1972, Indiana University with an RN degree in nursing in 1988, and her master's degree from Webster University in 1993. She received "Nurse of

the Year" from Indiana University in 1991, which she considered her greatest professional accomplishment.

Linda worked for over 40 years in nursing, retiring as a registered nurse, positively affecting many lives. In her career, she worked at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Jeffersonville, Indiana, Kutz & Kleinert Hand Group, Kroger Distribution, CNA Insurance, and Corvel Rehab, in Louisville, Kentucky.

She is survived by her children: Michael Delano Martin and Gregory Wayne Martin. Stepchildren: Jeffrey Clark Martin and Kathy Darlene Martin. Grandchildren: Lauren Elizabeth Martin, Kaden Wayne Martin, Kaiser Wayne Martin, Keanu Wayne Martin, Ashley Dawn Putz (Martin), Michael Gregory Martin, and Casey Ernest Garcia. Siblings: Carolyn Sue Zelesky (Downing) and Harry Michael Downing. Survived also by beloved nieces, nephews, great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews, extended family, close friends, and wonderful neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delano Martin, her parents, Harry Estil Downing and Fannie Lee Downing (Holley) and her sister, Jill Ann Forsythe (Downing).

No service will be held at this time, but a celebration of life may be scheduled at a later date. Scott Funeral Home, of Jeffersonville, assisted the family. Linda will rejoin her husband at his side at the Martin Family Cemetery in Mousie, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers or similar, please consider a donation to Maple Manor Christian Home and/or Hosparus of Southern Indiana. These two organizations were instrumental in Linda's comfort and care for the past two and a half years. Their love and exceptional care are undeniable for patients in need. Special thanks to Sheila and Paula with Hosparus, Monica, and Jamie and everyone on 200 hall at Maple Manor that loved and cared for her.

Dean Alan Marble, 82 of Jeffersonville, passed away on Monday, December 1, 2025, leaving behind a legacy built on service, strength, and more than a little mischief.

Born to the late Jack Enos and Maude Lucille (Perrine) Marble, Dean spent seven distinguished years serving in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant. The Army Life suited him perfectly—discipline, camaraderie, rules, order, and a no-nonsense approach that became the compass for the rest of his days.

When Dean returned home to Indiana, that same steadfast spirit carried him into a remarkable 37-year career in law enforcement, where he retired as Clark County Sheriff. He was proud to support and stand alongside his brothers and sisters in uniform, serving through the Jeffersonville FOP #100, Jeffersonville Masonic Lodge 340 and Clark Lodge #40, the Scottish Rite, and the Shriners. His service and character were recognized with two of the highest distinctions one can receive—Honorable Kentucky Colonel and Sagamore of the Wabash.

With his tall stature and stern look, Dean could put the fear of God into anyone who even thought about causing trouble. But beneath that authoritative presence was a sweet, fun-loving teddy bear who adored kidding around with his buddies and absolutely melted anytime his grandkids came running his way.

Dean had many passions, and he embraced each with enthusiasm. He loved old hot rods, car shows, and drag races, and never turned down the chance to hunt for antiques, model cars, or anything he believed was "a steal." He loved to travel and treasured the memories made with family—especially on an Alaskan cruise. But his most meaningful journey was to the Holy Land, where

being baptized in the Jordan River deeply transformed his Christian walk and his devotion to studying Scripture. He was a member of Calvary Christian Church, where he quietly and generously blessed others with his gifts of time, money, care, and love. He also loved a good surprise—giving them and receiving them. In fact, you didn't dare walk through the door without a sweet treat or something fun to light up his eyes.

Dean cheered passionately for IU and Notre Dame, and even louder when his grandbabies went there for college! Because if there was one thing he loved more than sports, it was cheering for his people. He enjoyed jammin' to the Golden Oldies, laughing with his friends, and watching his favorite movie, The Christmas Story, complete with his beloved, ridiculous, and absolutely iconic leg lamp. And yes—be careful with it... it's Fra-Gee-Lay!

Dean was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Doris June (Bottorff) Marble, his brother, Vernon "Bud" Marble, and daughter-in-law, Shelley Jo Marble. He leaves behind his children, David Alan Marble (Leaha) and Dawn McCaskill; his treasured grandchildren, Meredith McCaskill Thornton (Patrick), Sydney Tomlin (Nicholas), Alexa and Elle Marble; and his sweet great-grandbabies, Esme and Gideon, who were the newest lights of his life.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Scott Funeral Home in Jeffersonville. Private entombment will take place at a later date at the VA Cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Jeffery "Jeff" L. Roberts, born on July 24, 1956, in Jeffersonville, Indiana, passed away on December 1, 2025, in Charlestown, Indiana.

Jeff enjoyed a fulfilling career as a heavy equipment operator, retiring to enjoy the simple pleasures in life that he cherished deeply.

Devoted to his family, Jeff was a loving husband to Yolanda Sprague Roberts, with whom he shared 45 beautiful years of marriage. He was a proud father to his son, Jake Roberts, and a caring son to his beloved mother, Dottie Roberts. Jeff is also remembered by his siblings, including brother Robin Roberts (Joanie) and sister Karen Newcomb. His family tree was further expanded by cherished nieces Jesse Ledbetter (BD) and Aimee Doherty (Adam), nephew Matt Roberts (Kayla), and nephews Taylor and Tyler Newcomb, along with several great nieces and a great nephew.

In his lifetime, Jeff was known for his lighthearted and jovial personality, often seen as a prankster and instigator of fun. He was well-loved for his ability to bring laughter to those around him and his unwavering loyalty as a friend. A firm believer in hard work, Jeff was proud of having never had to ask anyone for money, often putting in extra hours at work to ensure the well-being of his family.

Jeff's memories are fondly held by those who recall his love for

camping and fishing, where he frequently took his son and friends on adventures into nature. He particularly relished his family trip out west, visiting various parks and states, often reminiscing about the joy such experiences brought him. His playful spirit truly shone during weekends at Delany Park, where laughter filled the air more than any other time.

An animal lover at heart, Jeff also enjoyed college sports, ardently supporting his favorite teams, especially the Louisville Cardinals in both football and basketball. His ability to create joy and connection in both the simple and grand moments of life left an indelible mark on his loved ones.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth "Munk" Roberts, and his sister, Carmen Rose. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

A celebration of life was held on Monday, December 8 at Grayson Funeral Home in Charlestown with burial following in Charlestown Cemetery.

Jerry M. Scott, 68, affectionately known as Mikey or Mike, passed away peacefully at his residence on December 4, 2025.

Born on June 24, 1957, Jerry's life was a testament to work, dedication, and a profound commitment to his family and faith.

Growing up on the Scott Dairy Farm in Hibernia, Jerry learned the value of hard work early on. His youthful days were filled with the responsibilities that came with farm life, shaping him into a man of resilience. Following the sale of the family farm, he pursued his passion by attending truck driving school. Jerry later became a skilled heavy equipment operator, a career he took great pride in and thoroughly loved. Despite his early retirement due to health issues, his work ethic and dedication remained an inspiration to those around him.

As a very private and thoughtful man, Jerry's interactions were marked by his dry sense of humor, often leaving those around him with smiles and laughter that resonated with the phrase, "that was Mikey." His strong faith guided him throughout his life, and he consistently put the feelings and needs of others before his own. Jerry's kindness and gentle spirit left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He was a beloved uncle to three beautiful boys, the middle of whom was honored by having his middle name passed down from his uncle Mikey. Family meant everything to Jerry, and the love he shared was a reflection of his generous and caring nature.

Jerry is survived by his devoted wife, Teresa Holmes-Scott; his loving mother, Angeline Scott; his brothers, John (Lynnette) Scott, Wayne (Zana) Scott, and Tony Scott; sister, April Dawn Scott; as well as his cherished aunt, Mary Weber. He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Scott; and his sister, Leah Christina Grimsley.

At press time, no service information had been announced. Grayson Funeral Home was entrusted with assisting the family.

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Three new names have been added to the city’s Home of Champions Wall at Big Four Station Park, recognizing excellence in athletics, leadership, and community service.

Mayor Mike Moore joined Jeffersonville Parks officials in honoring the 2025 Jeffersonville High School Boys’ Basketball Team, Head Coach Sherron Wilkerson, and the late Dr. Gordon Gutmann during a ceremony celebrating their extraordinary accomplishments and lasting impact on the city.

On March 29, 2025, the Jeffersonville High School Red Devils made history by winning the Class 4A Boys’ Basketball State Championship—their first in more than three decades and only the second in school history.

In a dramatic overtime victory at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Jeffersonville edged top-ranked Fishers 67–66 after a game that featured six lead changes and seven ties.

The team, led by third-year Head Coach Sherron Wilkerson, capped the season with 18 straight wins and a 24–5 overall record. Wilkerson, who guided the Red Devils to the championship, had himself led Jeffersonville to its first title as a star player in 1993. With this year’s victory, he became just the sixth person in Indiana history to win a state basketball championship as both a player and a coach at his alma mater.

Jeffersonville’s tournament run included a 62–47 sectional victory over rival New Albany, a 65–40 regional title win over Evansville Harrison, and a 56–49 semistate triumph over Lawrence North to punch their ticket to the state finals.

2025 Red Devils Roster: Tre Singleton, Shawn Boyd, PJ Douglas, Elijah Checks, Michael

Area Beef Producers invited to Jan 3 regional meeting

Beef cattle producers from nine southern Indiana counties are invited to take part in the upcoming Area 2 Beef Meeting, hosted by the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and Purdue Extension.

The event will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at noon at Southern Hills Church, located at 1645 IN-135 in Salem. Producers from Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Scott, and Washington Counties are encouraged to attend.

Organizers say the gathering will offer a meal and a lineup of valuable information covering a range of beef industry topics.

The meeting is free to attend, but participants must RSVP ahead of time through the Indiana Beef Cattle Association’s website at Indianabeef.org.

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A Journey of a Lifetime: The Good News Series

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Welcome to this week’s The Good News - A Journey of a Lifetime Volume 2, No. 42. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are coming up quickly!

As we prepare for the holidays, we are going to learn exactly what we should be doing this time of year. There are so many traditions and things we get caught up in doing, and it is important to remember the main thing we should do is prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, in remembrance of the birth of Jesus. But we should also remember to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ as well. We will look in the book of Matthew in the New Testament for today’s lesson.

Ready for the Christ of Christmas

John the Baptist Prepares the Way
Scripture Matthew 3:1-12:

3:1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea

2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

4 John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with [b] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with [c] the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Today we’re going to talk about what it means to be ready.

What does it look like when we’re ready? Being ready means that we are patient, we wait, and we watch.

Are you ready for Christmas?

You will hear that question many times over the next several weeks.

Is your Christmas tree is up and

your house is decorated?

Have you finished your Christmas shopping?

There’s another question that we should be asking ourselves today. It’s more important than “Are you ready for Christmas?” The more important question is “Are you ready for the Christ of Christmas?”

Many years ago, a man named John the Baptist preached about what it means to be ready for Jesus.

John the Baptist was a different kind of man. He wore clothes made of camel’s hair with a belt around his waist. His diet was rather unusual as well. He ate a diet of locusts and wild honey. Do you know what a locust is? Many of us today might call it a grasshopper. I’m not sure I would want to eat grasshoppers and honey. How about you?

John the Baptist traveled throughout the wilderness of Judea. His message to the people was to get ready for Jesus. John would shout loudly, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Are you ready for Jesus? Many people were ready for Jesus. So they came to John the Baptist. They confessed their sins to God and were baptized by John in the Jordan River.

After John baptized the people, he told them, “I baptize you with water for repentance. But there is one coming who is more powerful than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Are you ready for Jesus this Christmas? (Give a few kids who are ready a piece of candy and affirm the

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way they’re ready.)

During this special season of the year as we get ready for Christmas, you and I need to make sure we’re ready for the coming of the Christ of Christmas. We need to look into our hearts and ask God to make us clean so we can walk with Jesus each day of our life. Let’s ask him to do that now.

Prayer: Dear God, we want to be ready for the Christ of Christmas. Prepare our hearts for his coming. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

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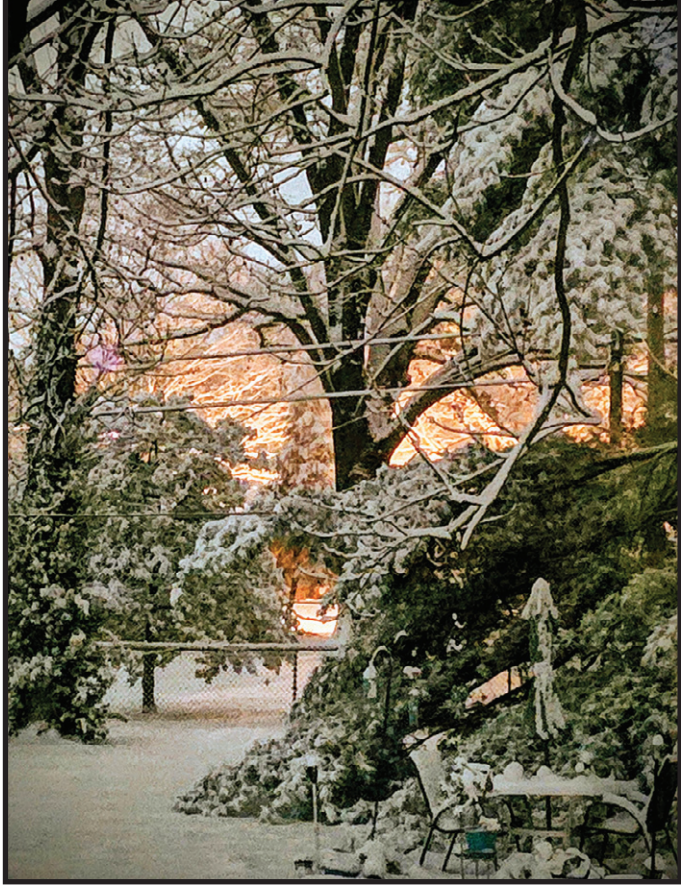


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Officers bid farewell to K9 Finn



Officers of the Charlestown Police Department, along with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, recently honored K9 Finn who passed away on November 30 of natural causes. K9 Finn served for seven years with the Clark County Sheriff's Office along side his handler, Deputy Joe Gerth. Finn was certified in narcotics detection and in utility/patrol work.



Photo credit: Krista Estep

Indiana Connections Academy Ranks Among The State's Top Charter Schools

Recognition highlights commitment to academic excellence and student success in online learning

Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time online public virtual school serving students statewide in grades K-12, was recently recognized among the top charter schools in Indiana in recent statewide rankings published by U.S. News & World Report. The public virtual school ranked 18 among US News' best Indiana charter schools for 2026.

"Being included among the top-ranked charter schools in Indiana is an honor for our community," said Kelly Simone, executive director of Indiana Connections Academy. "This recognition reflects the dedication of our teachers, the passion of our support staff and the determination of our students and families. Online learning is a powerful option and we are proud that our program is delivering results."

Indiana Connections Academy provides a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged with a strong circle of support and a deep sense of belonging. The school's team of supportive and experienced educators, specially trained in online instruction, establish meaningful connections with students helping them achieve their full potential and reach their goals. Parents and caregivers are involved in the learning journey as their child's learning coach, serving as their mentor and guide throughout the school day.

According to the 2025 Parent Satisfaction Survey, an annual third-party survey that allows families to review their experience with the school, found:

- 98% of parents say their child is satisfied learning at Indiana Connection Academy
- 97% of parents agree the Indiana Connections Academy program gives them greater opportunity to be more involved with their child's education
- 96% of parents feel their children are making progress on their academic goals with Indiana Connections Academy
- 95% of parents agree that the Indiana Connections Academy teachers improve the learning experience

For middle and high school students, Indiana Connections Academy's expanded College and Early Career Readiness program integrates traditional academic subjects with industry-leading, career-focused options like IT, business, health sciences and marketing. This program will equip students with durable skills like leadership, critical thinking and teamwork. Students can participate in career exploration and industry networking opportunities to build confidence, make connections and find direction to prepare for their future.

The school also offers a variety of activities throughout the year for all students to help build community and foster relationships, including numerous in-person and virtual field trips, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, student government and in-person prom and graduation ceremonies.

In addition to core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies, students can choose from various electives, honors courses and dual credit opportunities. The schools also offer a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Families interested in Indiana Connections Academy are encouraged to attend an online information session to learn more, ask questions and discover if virtual school is the right fit for their student. For more information or to begin the enrollment process, visit www.IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com or call 1-833-591-0251.

About Indiana Connections Academy

Indiana Connections Academy is a unique, tuition-free, online public school for K-12 students. The program, first founded in 2010 and authorized by Ball State University, focuses on creating a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged in a safe, virtual learning environment.

For more information, call 1-833-591-0251 or visit www.IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

Survey Methodology

Connections Academy conducts the annual Parent Satisfaction Survey to find out how parents, guardians and Learning Coaches grade the program in several key areas. The 2024-2025 School Year survey was conducted from January 15 to February 26, 2025 by Shapiro + Raj, an independent market research company that created the questionnaire, collected the data and tabulated the results. Parents and caretakers of all students enrolled at the time of the survey were invited to complete the survey online.

What's for Dessert?



Persimmon Cookies

By Sharon Estep

Ingredients

- 1 cup persimmon pulp (from 2-3 very ripe persimmons)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Optional Add-Ins
(Choose one or mix and match!)

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Directions

- Preheat oven to 325°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a small bowl, stir together persimmon pulp and baking soda. Set aside to thicken.
- In another bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla.
- Mix in the persimmon mixture until well combined.
- Stir in dry ingredients just until blended. Fold in any optional add-ins.
- Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheet.
- Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until edges are lightly golden.
- Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool.

Makes about 24 cookies.

White Christmas production at Clarksville Little Theatre

Productions of the holiday favorite "White Christmas" are going on at the Clarksville Little Theatre. Show dates are December 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and also at 2 p.m. on December 14.

Recommended spectator age for the show is 6 and older. Content advisories include: Lighthearted romantic themes, no strong language, touches on themes of war remembrances and nostalgia.

Tickets can be purchased at www.clarksvilittletheatre.org. Online ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$15 for teens and those 60 and over, or \$10 for children. A small processing fee applies for online tickets. Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults, \$17 for teens and those over 60, and \$12 for children.

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