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Scottsburg City Council approves salary ordinance amendment, keeps most board appointments intact



by Sharon Estep
Staff Writer
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The Scottsburg City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2026-1 during its recent meeting, clearing the way for corrections to the city's 2026 salary ordinance and ensuring employees are paid according to the adopted budget.

City Clerk-Treasurer Jan Hardy explained the amendment was necessary after the city's move to the Mid-America Science Park and City Hall resulted in several positions being shifted between budget funds. Positions previously paid through the Mid-America Science Park budget were moved into the mayor's budget, along with adjustments related to a skilled mechanic position formerly split with the Board of Works. Those changes were reflected in the approved budget but not updated in the original salary ordinance passed in September.

In addition, officials discovered a

one-cent discrepancy between fire captain and police captain pay. While minor, the difference required a formal amendment to comply with ordinance requirements.

After brief discussion and no questions from council members, the ordinance passed unanimously.

The council then voted to suspend the rules, allowing Ordinance 2026-1 to be approved on second and third readings at the same meeting.

Following the ordinance vote, the council addressed board appointments for 2026. Council members agreed to keep all current council-appointed board members in place, noting satisfaction with their service and no desire for changes. The motion to maintain the existing appointments passed unanimously.

Mayor's appointments were also reviewed, with most boards remaining unchanged. These included Parks and Recreation, the Economic Development Commission, the Wireless Advisory Board, the Redevelopment Authority, River Hills, the Redevelopment Commission, the Historic

Review Board, the Board of Public Works and Safety, Code Enforcement, and the Area Plan Commission.

Several changes were announced for the Scottsburg Tree Board due to retirements and resignations. New and continuing members were named to fill those vacancies and maintain board operations.

During announcements, council members shared updates on city projects and community matters. Scott County Sheriff Jerry Goodin extended an invitation to council members to tour the county jail, which recently received another state award for cleanliness. Several council members expressed interest, with plans to coordinate a date before the next meeting.

Additional updates included positive feedback for animal control services during the holidays, visible progress on exterior improvements at the firehouse, and the installation of a new scale at the recycling facility, with a scale house to follow. With no further business, the council voted to adjourn the meeting.

Scott County Commissioners begin 2026 infrastructure decisions, approving use of Courthouse lawn for Mayberry festival



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The Scott County Board of Commissioners opened the first meeting of 2026 with infrastructure updates, and several approvals impacting county operations and upcoming community events.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Hall presented bids for the county's Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) seal coating project. Three bids were received, with SC Construction & Materials LLC submitting the lowest bid at \$558,448.99. After reviewing qualifications and experience, the commissioners unanimously awarded the contract to SC

Construction.

Hall also provided an update on Bridge 28, noting that Phase One is complete and the project remains on schedule. Preliminary estimates place construction costs near \$3 million, with the majority expected to be federally funded. Right-of-way acquisitions and utility relocations are anticipated as the project advances.

The commissioners approved a request from Mayberry Comes to Scottsburg to use the courthouse square for the festival scheduled June 12-14, 2026, marking the return of the popular community event after a one-year pause.

Representatives from the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District invited commissioners to their annual dinner on February 5,

highlighting ongoing conservation efforts and upcoming board elections.

The board unanimously approved the renewal of the county's EMS insurance policies, which will continue without an increase in premium. An annual SNL Maintenance Agreement covering county facilities was also approved.

Most board and commission appointments were tabled until the next meeting to allow time for updated term verification. However, John Hardin was appointed to the Drainage Board to fill a current vacancy.

Commissioners addressed procedures for handling Transfer Station funds, authorizing a Transfer Station employee, to deposit funds directly into the station's bank account to streamline operations.

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The Scott County Herald Sports

by Aaron Stainbrook - Sports Reporter
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Lady Eagles Defeat Lady Hornets
The Austin Lady Eagles basketball team hosted the Henryville Lady Hornets on Tuesday, January 13. The Lady Eagles took a 14-8 lead after the first quarter and led 31-21 at halftime. The Lady Hornets battled in the third quarter, despite being outscored 14-10, and then 20-11 in the fourth quarter. The Lady Eagles won 65-42. Brynn Owens of Austin had a game-high 32 points, while Hadley Coover of Henryville had 22.

Lady Pirates Defeat Lady Cubs
The Madison Lady Cubs basketball team hosted the Charlestown Lady Pirates on Thursday, January 8. The game was very competitive. The Lady Cubs took a 12-10 lead after the first quarter and held a 23-22 lead at halftime. The Lady Cubs grew their lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Pirates 15-10 to take a 38-33 lead to start the fourth quarter. The story would change dramatically in the fourth quarter, as the Lady Pirates outscored the Lady Cubs 15-5 to win 47-43.

Lady Dragons Outlast Lady Cubs
The Silver Creek Lady Dragons hosted the Madison Lady Cubs on Tuesday, January 13, in what would be a thrilling match-up. The Lady Dragons are now winners of four straight, while the Lady Cubs have now lost two in a row to Charlestown and Silver Creek. The Lady Dragons have also won the last seven regular-season meetings between Silver Creek and Madison, as the teams have met in sectionals before. The Lady Dragons were once again tested by the Lady Cubs, but came out on top 49-43.

Pioneers Defeat Rebels
The Southwestern Rebels basketball team hosted the Providence Pioneers on Saturday, January 10, for a Class 2A-ranked match-up. The Pionners did what they do best, which is play aggressive defense, and the Rebels had a hard time handling it. The Pioneers won 56-44.

Pirates Defeat Cubs
The Madison Cubs basketball team hosted the Charlestown Pirates on Saturday, January 10. The Cubs have not had the season they had hoped for, and were looking for a big statement win against the Pirates. Well, the Cubs made the Pirates sweat, keeping them on ice for most of the game. The Cubs played an excellent game but could not pull off the upset, losing to the Pirates 53-51.

IHSAA Basketball Rankings
The following are the Scott and Clark County boys and girls basketball rankings. Please keep in mind this is just my opinion and records are as of Thursday, January 15.

- Boys:**
1. Silver Creek 15-1
 2. Scottsburg 8-4
 3. Providence 8-4
 4. Charlestown 7-5
 5. Henryville 7-5
 6. Borden 7-5
 7. Southwestern 6-5
 8. Austin 4-6
 9. Crothersville 6-6
 10. CAI 7-4
 11. Clarksville 3-9
 12. Madison 2-9
 13. RCA 1-11
 14. New Washington 1-11
- Girls:**
1. Charlestown 16-3
 2. Silver Creek 13-4
 3. Borden 13-3
 4. Madison 11-5
 5. Providence 10-6
 6. Austin 13-7
 7. Southwestern 12-5
 8. Henryville 11-7
 9. CAI 7-7
 10. Clarksville 6-11
 11. Scottsburg 0-18

12. RCA 3-13
13. New Washington 6-12
14. Crothersville 0-14

NCAA Basketball Scores
Indiana 77, Nebraska 83
Kansas 75, West Virginia 86
Northwestern 66, MSU 76
Purdue 81, Washington 73
SMU 70, Clemson 74
Kentucky 68, Missouri 73
Louisville 73, Duke 84
Indiana 84, Maryland 66
Michigan 88, Wisconsin 91
Duke 82, SMU 75
Stanford 55, Virginia 70
Kentucky 92, MS State 68

Tigers Upset Warriors
The Crothersville Tigers were heavy underdogs at CAI on Friday, January 9, but they did not let that stop them from coming home with a ranked win. The CAI Warriors were ranked #13 in 1A at the time of the game and were coming into the game as a heavy favorite against the Tigers. The Warriors trailed most of the game but took a two-point lead with eight seconds to play. However, the Tigers drove to the basket and missed, but got fouled on the put-back layup. The Tigers hit two free throws to force the game into overtime. The Tigers would be the team celebrating as they hit a game-winning shot to win the game 59-57.

Scottsburg Warriors Dominate Crothersville Tigers
The Scottsburg Warriors basketball team hosted the Crothersville Tigers on Tuesday, January 13. The game was completely dominated by the Warriors, who led 55-15 at the start of the second half. The Tigers struggled to get anything going, as they were totally outclassed in every aspect of the game. The Warriors defeated the Tigers 73-27.

Austin Eagles Defeat Cougars
The Austin Eagles boys basketball team traveled to North Harrison on Friday, January 9, for an MSC matchup. The Eagles took a 35-31 lead into halftime and extended it in the third quarter, leading 53-42. Both teams put on an offensive clinic in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles survived and won, 70-64. Here is the scoring for the Eagles: Mohler 16, Barger 22, Roush 19, Neace 3, Collins 5, and Konkler 5.

Southwestern Lady Rebels Defeat Lady Eagles
The Southwestern Lady Rebels basketball team traveled to Austin on Thursday, January 8, to take on the Lady Eagles. The game was very good, as both teams were ranked in the top 15 in Class 2A. The Lady Rebels had a 23-20 lead after the first half and led 32-31 after the third quarter. The Lady Rebels had a strong fourth quarter and came out on top 52-44. Rorie Scroggins had a team-leading 19 points, while Mikayla Nussbaum had 11.

Lady Mustangs Defeat Lady Generals
The Clarksville Lady Generals hosted the New Washington Lady Mustangs on Saturday, January 10. The Lady Generals were looking to bounce back after a 59-40 loss to Providence, and the Mustangs were looking to bounce back after a loss to CAI. The Lady Mustangs would struggle to score the ball, and Clarksville made it look easy, winning 61-24. Henryville

New Washington Lady Mustangs Fall to Lady Bluejackets
The New Washington Lady Mustangs basketball team hosted Mitchell on Tuesday, January 13, for a non-conference match up. The Lady Mustangs were looking to snap a two-game losing streak, but ended up falling to a three-game losing streak after the 40-29 loss.

Scott County Partnership Trivia Pursuit Night Jan. 24

The Scott County Partnership presents Trivia Pursuit Night on Saturday, January 24, at 6 p.m. at the Scottsburg Middle School. Cost is \$150 per team of eight members. For more information, to register or event sponsorship contact heather.law@scottcountypartnership.org or call 812-752-6365, ext. 101.

Gleaners Food Distribution Feb. 5
Gleaners will be having its next food giveaway on Thursday, February 5, at The Rock from 10 a.m. to noon. The Rock is located just south of the Scottsburg High School. For more information go to Gleaner's and/or the Clearinghouse facebook page.

Scott Lodge No. 120 F&AM Tenderloin or Fish Dinner Feb. 21
Scott Lodge No. 120 F&AM will host a tenderloin or fish dinner on Saturday, February 21, 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner includes: tenderloin or fish sandwich, slaw, french fries, dessert and drink. Cost is \$12. The public is invited to attend. The lodge is located on U.S. 31, North in Austin, next to the Dairy Queen.

Clifty Falls Events
Clifty Falls State Park in Madison has announced its activities for the month.
January 24 – Ham radio winter field day – 10 a.m.
January 24 – Waterfall hike – 10 a.m.

Scott County Sheriff's Dept. Arrest

Bethany Sparrow, Scottsburg, Maintaining a common nuisance; local warrant.
Jonathan Campbell, Scottsburg, Possession of methamphetamine; possession of paraphernalia; maintaining a common nuisance; warrant service.

Scott County Marriage Licenses
Heather Renee Bunch, 42, Madison and Dallas Robert Montgomery, 40, Underwood.
Natosha Potts, 43, Austin and Fredrick Noble, 37, Austin.



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Meals will be available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Meals will be served immediately after school

for those staying for Educational Activities, Athletes and those awaiting bus transportation at Scottsburg High School.
These meals are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shelley Rangel at 812-752-8921, ext. 1045.

Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council to Host “Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, Feb. 8, over 100 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Many people have never had to wonder where their next meal is coming from. But for more than 38 million Americans (including 12 million children) it is a very real concern.

In 1990, a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world began. The idea was to use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for those in need. Since the “Souper Bowl of Caring” began, youth across the nation have generated over \$220 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities across the country. Locally, the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council is

participating in this campaign for the 17th year.
Last year’s collection brought several hundred items for the Scott County Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is especially in need of hair conditioner, Ziploc bags of all sizes, dish soap, laundry soap, mashed potato boxes and gravy mixes, canned vegetables and fruit, spaghetti sauce and pasta, crackers, and rice side dishes.
You may give items or monetary donations to any member of the YGC, or drop off items at the Scott County Community Foundation office, 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg. Youth will be accepting donations through Thursday, Feb. 5 at noon.
In addition, all schools and other youth organizations are invited to participate with your own group to raise dollars and food for the Scott County Clearinghouse. Details can be found at www.tacklehunger.org.
If you have any questions, please call 752-2057 or email info@scottcountycountryfoundation.org.

Mowing Bids Being Accepted for Austin Cemetery, Deadline is Feb. 7

The Austin Cemetery Association and the Spurgeon Cemetery Association are seeking mowing bids for the 2026 mowing season. Mowing will be bi-weekly with a spring cleanup. You may send bids and or questions to jd@buchananfuneralhome.net. The deadline for bids will be February 7.

Scaffold Lick Cemetery Taking Bids

Scaffold Lick Cemetery trustees will be taking bids on mowing and weedeating the cemetery. It is located at 5519 E Polk Rd., Lexington. Anyone interested in submitting a bid will need to be fully insured and have reputable references.

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4:30 p.m. So You Want To Learn To Crochet - Beginners

Thursdays
9:30 a.m. Early Readers Storytime - Ages 5-7
10:30 a.m. Needle In A Haystack - Beginners Intro to Machine Sewing
1:30 p.m. Introduction to Knitting - Beginners
3:30 p.m. Afterschool Adventures-Ages 8-10
4:30 p.m. Needlepoint - Beginners



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Kevin Scott Deaton, 46, a beloved son, brother, uncle, and dedicated firefighter, passed away on January 5, 2026.

Born on March 19, 1979, in Scottsburg, Indiana, Kevin was a vibrant spirit whose laughter and humor touched everyone fortunate enough to know him.

For 13 wonderful years, Kevin served with unwavering commitment as a firefighter with the Vernon Township Fire Department in Crothersville. His dedication to protecting and serving the community was only matched by his exuberant personality. Described as the life of the party, Kevin had a unique ability to make people laugh, often lightening serious moments with his infectious sense of humor.

Kevin's passions extended beyond his career in firefighting. He held a profound love for baseball, playing the sport throughout his high school years with skill and enthusiasm. Additionally, he enjoyed golfing, and a special place in his heart was reserved for watching wrestling, activities that often brought friends and family together for joyful moments. As a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, Kevin drew strength and guidance from his faith, which provided comfort during both joyful times and challenges.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Ann McIntosh Roberts (James) of Austin, Indiana; brothers, Charles Deaton (Jenni Shawver) of Seymour, Indiana, Paul Deaton (Becky) of Columbus, Indiana, and Jay Roberts (Amber) of Paris Crossing, Indiana. He was a proud uncle to three nieces, Hannah (Zack) Pranger, Taylor Deaton, and Haley Roberts, and two nephews, Dalton Deaton and Chase Roberts.

Kevin joins in eternal rest his father, James Deaton, and his brother, James E Deaton, who will forever be remembered alongside him in the hearts of those who loved him.

A visitation to honor Kevin will took place on January 12, 2026, at Christensen - Hoagland Family Funeral Home in Scottsburg, Indiana, followed by a funeral service at the same location.

Kevin Scott Deaton's life, characterized by his bravery and warmth, will be celebrated by all who had the privilege to know him. Though he has left this physical world, his memory will forever resonate in the smiles he inspired and the lives he touched.

Friends are invited to leave condolence messages for the family at www.christensenfamilyfuneral.com

Daniel and Betsy Christensen have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ronald Hobbs, 74, a beloved member of the Scottsburg community, passed away on December 31, 2025, at Norton County Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana, at the age of 74. Born on August 22, 1951, in Scottsburg, Ronald was a spirited individual whose life was marked by humor, generosity, and a genuine love for those around him. A proud 1969 graduate of Seymour High School, he was well-known for his talkative nature and caring disposition.

Ronald's interests in life were as vibrant as his personality. He had an adventurous spirit, enjoying the thrill of racing monster trucks and the freedom of the open road. His love for larger-than-life experiences was evident when he proudly served as an escort, leading oversized loads, navigating the highways as if they belonged to him. His passion for cars extended beyond just driving; he found joy in working on them, relishing each mechanical challenge. He also had a soft spot for the playful antics of Garfield the cat, adding a touch of whimsy to his character.

At home, Ronald was surrounded by love—especially from his dogs, Marley, Socks, and Ebbie, who were cherished companions and reflected his warm heart. A man of faith, he lived as a committed Christian, instilling values of kindness and compassion in those fortunate enough to know him.

Ronald is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Mary Kollmeyer Hobbs, and his daughters, Jennifer Shaver of Seymour, Indiana, and Marion Potter (Darryl) of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren and delighted in the company of several great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his

sister, Charlene Banks of North Vernon, Indiana. Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Terrance and Anna Hobbs, his son, Ronald Leland Hobbs, and his daughter, Sharon.

His family received friends at Christensen - Hoagland Family Funeral Home located at 80 N 1st Street, Scottsburg, Indiana on January 7, 2026, and January 8, 2026, from with the funeral service

As we gather to celebrate Ronald's life, we will honor the legacy of laughter, love, and adventure he left behind.

Friends are invited to leave condolence messages for the family at www.christensenfamilyfuneral.com

Daniel and Betsy Christensen have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Paul Dean Jones, 69, of Austin, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at his home.

He was born on September 10, 1956, in Scottsburg, Indiana, to Noah and Hannah Sue (Rice) Jones, both of whom preceded him in death. Paul was united in marriage to Bonnie (Hollan) Jones on July 11, 2011, at Broadway Church of God. Bonnie preceded him in death on November 12, 2024.

Paul was a hardworking man who took great pride in his career. He worked for 17 years at Arvin's as a forklift driver, 15 years at Rose Acre Farms as a supervisor, and later spent four years at National Distributor as a service technician.

He was a member of Broadway Church of God in Austin, Indiana. In his free time, Paul enjoyed coon hunting, fishing for bluegill, and camping. He took exceptional pride in his home and yard and could often be found cutting grass, painting his concrete lawn ornaments, or meticulously detailing his cars. After finishing his work around the house, Paul enjoyed relaxing on his porch. Known for his sense of humor, Paul loved to joke and cut up, was always willing to help anyone in need, and took pride in his appearance—never leaving the house without his hair neatly combed.

Survivors include his two sons, Paul (Diana) Jones Jr. of Austin, Indiana, and Clinton Jones of Austin, Indiana; a stepdaughter, Michelle (Greg) Cornett of Scottsburg, Indiana; grandchildren, Andrea (Cody) Westmoreland of Austin, Indiana, Luke Jones of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Sarah Jones of Westport, Indiana, Jacob Jones of Austin, Indiana, Cailey Jones of Louisville, Kentucky, and Ciara Jones of Louisville, Kentucky; two step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Grayson Vansickle, Phoenix Jones, and Nova Jones; and step-great-grandchildren, Avereigh and Kade Hunter.

was conducted by Jr. Fields and Paul Jones Jr. on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Adams Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Crothersville, with burial at New Providence Cemetery. Family and friends may visit from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be given to Broadway Church of God.

Richard Lee Campbell Stultz ("Rick"), 74, a selfless, free-spirited, and loving presence to all who knew him, passed away on January 6, 2026.

Born in Indiana on November 20, 1951, Rick was most known for his quick humor and kind soul—a gentle steadiness that brightened rooms and steadied hearts. His warmth and sincerity were constants in a life defined by generosity of spirit.

Rick found joy in life's simple, shared pleasures. He loved a friendly round of golf, where the conversation mattered as much as the scorecard. In the kitchen, he expressed his care through cooking—bringing people together with meals that were as memorable for the laughter as for the flavors. A devoted basketball fan, he relished the game's rhythms and camaraderie, finding in it the same blend of energy and connection that animated his days. Above all, Rick gave of himself freely—offering time, attention, and good humor whenever it was needed. Those who spent time with him will remember the easy smile, the well-timed quip, and the steady kindness that made everyone feel welcome.

Family was central to Rick's life. He is survived by his brother, Paul Stultz, and by

his beloved nieces: Shannon Klapperich, Mindi Bodell, Heather Owens, and Bethany King. He was preceded in death by his parents, Phyllis & Virgil (Dick) Kreeger, Paul & Carolyn Janiece Stulz (Conner) and his dear sister, Cassandra Bodell. Rick's devotion to family extended far beyond titles; he was the reliable hand on a shoulder, the encouraging voice on a hard day, and the teller of stories that could turn a moment into a cherished memory.

Rick's legacy lives in the love he shared, the laughter he sparked, and the gentle way he moved through the world. May those who mourn him find comfort in remembering the countless small kindnesses that defined his life and the joy he cultivated in everyday moments. Rest easy, Rick—you were well loved by all who knew you.

A memorial service will be held for Rick on Saturday, January 31st @ 2pm at the Scottsburg United Methodist Church.

Lisa Jean Clements, 66, of Scottsburg, Indiana passed away on January 9, 2026, in Scottsburg, Indiana.

She was born on September 8, 1959, in New Albany, Indiana, to John Howell and Julia Jean (Hamilton) Lyons. On December 31, 2010, Lisa married Rex Clements and he survives. Lisa dedicated over 20 years of her life to managing at Morgan Foods, tirelessly contributing to the community she adored. Lisa's spirit will forever shine through the love she held for her children and grandchildren, her greatest treasures who inspired her every day.

Lisa is preceded in death by her father, John Howell; stepfather, Gene Lyons; and brother, Johnny Ray "Happy" Howell. In addition to her mother, Julia, and husband, Rex, Lisa is survived by five children, Kristen (Larry) Hunt-Coakley, Christopher Michael (Katasa) Hunt, Kyleigh Jean Clements, Lylah Hope Clements, and Shawn (Melissa) Clements; two brothers, Michael Wesley (Cinnamon) Howell and Gregory Robert Allen (Kelley) Howell; one sister, Bethany Bishop; twelve grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Her legacy of compassion and community spirit will continue to resonate with all who were blessed to know her.

The funeral service for Lisa was held on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, Indiana.

Burial will follow at Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park in New Albany, Indiana. Online condolences: www.collinsfuneralhome.net

Sandra "Sandy" Hays, 71, of Lexington, Indiana passed away on January 11, 2026 at The Waters of Scottsburg Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on October 9, 1954 in Scottsburg, Indiana daughter of John and Margaret Hays. Sandy was a dedicated worker and worked for Hampton Inn in Scottsburg for many years and previously at Aisin in Seymour. In for ten plus years. Sandy loved being with her son and entertaining her friends. She loved to play Bingo, go fishing, and traveling. She was a master of Euchre and came to be known as Euchre Queen. Sandy had a personality that was loved by all those who met and knew her.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren, especially true and close to her heart, her son Jeremy and granddaughter, Ennsley Hays. Sandy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Taylor (Lillie Gay) Hays of Scottsburg; parents, John Hays Jr and Margaret Sinclair. She is survived by her son, Jeremy Hays (Nicole); step sons, Erin Hays (Jane), Jimmy Hays (Beth); step daughter, Kelly Mills (Ray); along with grandchildren, Ennsley Hays, Zaylee Nease, Daylon, step grandchildren, Myka, Emerald, Millie, Madeline, Christopher, Elaina, Travis, Amber and three great step grandchildren; brothers, John Hays of El Paso, TX; sisters, Alice Dever of Scottsburg, Joann Soucey and Bonnie Lange of Silver Springs, FL, Nancy Renner (Donald) of Hamilton, IN; along with many nieces and nephews.

There was a visitation held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 11-1:30 p.m. with service to follow at Collins Funeral Home. Burial was at Zoah Christian Church Cemetery.

Malcolm Eversole, Jr., 80, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026, at his home in Austin, Indiana.

Born on April 6, 1945, in the same town he would call home for his entire life, Malcolm was the beloved son of the late Malcolm Eversole Sr. and Golden (Roberts) Eversole. Malcolm's life was enriched when he married the love of his life, Ann (Nichols) Eversole, who survives him. Together, they built a family founded on strong values and unconditional love. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Melvin (Pam) Eversole, Sean Michael Eversole, Kyle (Linda) Bowman, Sharon (Rick) Lucas, Karen Bowman, Sherry (Kevin) Street, and Carrie Sandlin, sister, Joan Eversole. Malcolm's legacy continues through his 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, John Eversole, his brother, Danny Eversole, and his sister, Nettie Eversole.

Before retiring, Malcolm dedicated 46 years to Morgan Foods in Austin, Indiana, where he worked in the maintenance department. He also had a passion for hunting and fishing.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate Malcolm's life was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin, Indiana, with Rev. Glen Waldon officiating. Malcolm was laid to rest at New Frankfort Cemetery in Scottsburg, Indiana.

Ricky Everitt Spicer, 66, a cherished member of the Austin, Indiana community, passed away peacefully at his residence on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Born on June 23, 1959, in Louisville, Kentucky, Ricky was the beloved son of the late Hershel and Vicie (Asher) Spicer. He was affectionately known as "Dancing Rick," and brought joy and enthusiasm to all who knew him. His youthful spirit was most vividly expressed during his high school years when he proudly served as the Austin Eagle Mascot. Ricky's passion for sports was undeniable, with a particular fondness for the University of Louisville basketball team. His hobby of dealing with baseball cards was more than a pastime; it was a way for him to connect with fellow enthusiasts and share stories of sportsmanship and triumph.

A member of the Redemption Pentecostal Church of God in Austin, Indiana, Ricky's faith was a cornerstone of his life.

Ricky's legacy is carried on by his loving family, who will miss him dearly. He is survived by his brother, Nicky (Betty) Spicer of Deputy, Indiana, and a host of nieces and nephews: Nicole, Little Nick, Michael, Jr., and great-nieces and nephews Amber, Owen, Nova Dawn, Eliza Michelle, Ozi, and Maxon, as well as great-great-nieces Myles and Cassidy.

Preceding him in death, along with his parents, were his brother, Michael Spicer, and a niece, Emily Dawn Spicer.

A funeral service to honor the life of Ricky was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin, Indiana, with Rev. Jeff Mullins officiating. Ricky was laid to rest at Scottsburg Cemetery in Scottsburg, Indiana.

David "Dave" Wayne Miles, 52, of Deputy, Indiana, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026, at the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville Kentucky following a courageous, short battle with cancer.

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Dave was born on February 23, 1973, in Plainfield, Indiana, to Kenneth and Shelby Adams Miles. Throughout his life, Dave spent several years as a truck driver before moving into restaurant management. Most recently, Dave began working as a 911 dispatcher for Scott County, Indiana—a role he took great pride in.

Above all else, Dave cherished his family. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 19 years, Melissa "Missy" Harris Miles, and his beloved son, Tyler D. Miles, both of Deputy, Indiana. Time spent with his son was his greatest joy. Dave also enjoyed target shooting, lovingly caring for his cats, and engaging in spirited political discussions with his best friend of 35 years, Shannon Moss.

Dave is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law: Anthony and Christine Miles of Greenfield Indiana; Terry and Debbie Miles of Danville, Indiana; and Kerry and Donna Miles of Mooresville, Indiana. He is lovingly remembered by his mother-in-law, Vickie Harris of Deputy; his brother-in-law, Ricky Harris, and wife Hailee of Madison, Indiana; his nieces and nephews, Hazel (Steven) Higgins of Danville Indiana, Jasper and Melina Miles, Ryker, Kane, and Lylah Harris; along with many cousins and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Shelby Jean Adams Miles; his father-in-law, Lloyd E. Harris Jr.; and his nephew, Bartholomew Allen Miles.

Honoring Dave's final wishes, cremation was chosen, and no services will be held. Those who knew and loved Dave will forever carry him with them and always remember his humor, quick wit and his loyalty to protect and care for those he loved.

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By Sharon Estep
Staff Writer
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The following information was obtained from the current Scott Circuit Court docket and its records.

FELONY CHARGES

Michelle N. Harris, Operating a vehicle while intoxicated: Endangering a Person-Prior within 7 years x2; operating a vehicle with an ACE OF .08 or more but where defendant has a prior conviction; operating a vehicle with an ACE or .15 or more but where defendant has a prior conviction.

April J. Green, Unlawful possession or use of legend drug; possession of marijuana.

Linda K. Combs, Theft – defendant has a prior conviction for either theft or conversion.

Joel E. Pierce, Jr., Possession of methamphetamine; driving while suspended: knowing violation and prior conviction within 10 years.

Nathaniel L. Bartman, Operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility.

MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

Gina Kennedy, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; operating vehicle with alcohol concentration equivalent to .15 or more; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with a BAC of .08 or more.

Amanda R. Marling, Theft.
Marshall E. Canada, Criminal Mischief

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

Nathaniel L. Bartman, Operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility.

Volodymyr Batyuk, Failure of occupant to use a safety belt x2.

Ricki A. Hall, operating with expired plates.

Gregory A. Bequeret, speeding.

Jake B. Bramble, speeding.

Luke M. Brown, speeding.

Myca E. Buckel, speeding.

Ayden Crain, failure of occupant to use a safety belt.

Emily L. Curry, speeding.

Braxton J. Fenton, Driving while suspended – suspension not result of conviction; operating with expired plates.

Deon L. Grier, speeding; failure of occupant to use a safety belt.

Fady A. Habib, failure of occupant to use a safety belt.

Abby K. Harper, operating with expired plates.

Jessie James Higdon, speeding; light restriction violation – light other than white or amber or as authorized.

Mikhail A. Horton, speeding.

James M. Hurt, speeding.

Jose A. Irias Portillo, speeding.

Morris L. Kitner Jr., speeding.

Ian M. McCarty, speeding.

Gary Michael Madden, speeding; operating a motorcycle without a proper permit or endorsement.

Tisha N. Brickley, driving while suspended – suspension not result of conviction.

Sara E. Jackson, speeding.

Dianna Knisley, operating with expired plates.

Elizabeth A. Miotke, speeding.

Jesus O. Neace, driving while suspended – suspension not result of conviction; disregarding an official traffic control device.

Andrew R. Panozzo, driving too fast for conditions.

Willie H. Riggs IV, speeding.

James E. Skelton, speeding.

Kimberly L. Smith, failure to reduce speed for authorized emergency vehicle.

Leighda K. Stine, speeding.

Mitchell D. Trafton, driving too fast for conditions.

Carsyn J. Wittig, driving while suspended – suspension not result of conviction.

Dora Wright, child restraint system violation – child less than 8 years of age x2.

In the matter of the paternity of Braxton C. Campbell.

Reinstatement fees of Lonnie Smith.

Scott County Primary Election Candidate List as of January 14, 2026

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R-Erin Houchin – District 9

D-Brad A. Meyer – District 9

D-Keil L. Roark – District 9

State Senator

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D-Byron E. Holland – District 43

State Representative

R-Zach Payne – District 66

R-Jim Lucas – District 69

D-Ryan Price – District 66

D-Chris Bowen – District 69

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R-Scott Zellers

D-Joe Guarneri

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R-Greg A Prince – District 3

County Council Member

R-James JR Ward – District 4

D-James D Coomer – District 4

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R-Rachael N Hardin – Finley

Township

R-Danny Basham – Lexington

Township

R-Randy Richey – Vienna Township

D-Steve Sadler – Jennings Township

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R-Tammy Lowe Caudell – Lexington

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D-Iva Gasaway – Jennings Township

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D-Pamela S Barger-Jennings 4

Prosecuting Attorney

R-Chris Owens - 6th Judicial

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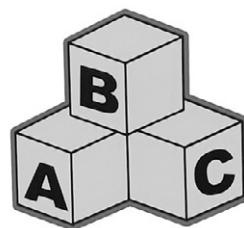
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Scott County Sheriff's Dept. Arrests

Joel Pierce, Brownstown, Possession of Methamphetamine; Maintaining a Common Nuisance; Driving While Suspended.
Amanda Boarman, Seymour, Local Warrant.
Angela King, Scottsburg, Warrant Service.
James Cole, Austin, Out of County Warrant – Jackson County.
Joshua Napier, Scott County, Local Warrant.
Phillip Stepp, Scottsburg, Criminal Trespass.
Taylor Manion, Scottsburg, Battery; Strangulation.
Deborah West, Scottsburg, Local Warrant.
Mollie Price, Scottsburg, Failure to Comply.
Hannah Elmore, New Albany, Local Warrant.
Eric Sizemore, Austin, Local Warrant.
Benjamin White, Austin, Local Warrant.
Mark Puckett, Austin, Invasion of Privacy; Local Warrant.
Brianna Roberts, Salem, Local Warrant.
Elizabeth Smith, Austin, Maintaining a common nuisance; possession of methamphetamine; possession of paraphernalia.
Catherine Cornett, Austin, Maintaining a common nuisance.

LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO: 72C01-2512-EU-000051
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION

In the Scott County Circuit Court, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Susan R. Collins was on December 31, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Peggy S. Craig, deceased, who died on September 16, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Scott, Indiana: January 9, 2026
/s/Michelle Shelton
Clerk of the Scott County Circuit Court
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Welcome to this week's column of the The Good News – A Journey of a Lifetime Volume 2 No. 48, as we read about how Jesus Calls His First Disciples and how Jesus Heals the Sick. This comes from first book in the New Testament, in Matthew Chapter 4, verses 18-22 and 23-25.

Fishing for People (Matthew 4:18-22)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Do you enjoy fishing? Have you ever caught a fish?

Fishing is a great sport, and if you have ever been fishing and have caught a fish, you know that there's a great feeling of excitement when you catch a fish. One of the things that makes fishing such a great sport is that it doesn't matter if you're young or old... you can still be good at fishing.

What does it take to be good at catching fish? First of all, you need to be properly equipped. You can't just get a piece of string, put a hook on it, and tie it on the end of a stick and expect to catch many fish, can you? No! If you're serious about fishing, you'll make sure you have all the right equipment. You'll want a nice rod and reel like this one I

have this morning.

The next thing you need to know is that you have to go where the fish are to catch fish!

Finally, if you want to be good at fishing, you must be patient. Sometimes the fish just aren't biting. You have to wait patiently.

Our Bible lesson today has something to do with fishing. One day, Jesus was walking along the seashore when he saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. Jesus knew they made their living by fishing, so He called out to them, “Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” Do you know what they did? They laid down their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus wants you and me to fish for people, too. That means that Jesus wants us to tell others about what He has done for us and what He wants to do for them. Fishing for people is a lot like fishing for fish.

First, we need to be properly equipped. We need to know what the Bible teaches and learn how to share it with others.

Next, we go out where the people are and tell them about Jesus.

Finally, we must be patient.

If we will do these things, we can really become fishers of people like Jesus wants us to be. If you think there is a great feeling of excitement in catching a fish, just imagine how exciting it must be to bring someone to Jesus!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us become fishers of people. Help us tell others what You have done for us and what you want to do for them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Compassionate Friends to Meet Jan. 22

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends will be Thursday, January 22 at 7:00. We meet at Vienna Baptist Church, 11 W. Leota Road, Scottsburg.

If you are a bereaved parent or grandparent you are welcome to attend. We are a self-help group for those who have lost a child. For more info call or text Danise at 812.820.8331.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Num. 6:24-26 ESV

•MISC.•

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Another holiday season has come and gone. It's comforting to know that one thing will always remain ... the memories of those we love and cherish. The Christensen Family wishes to extend our thoughts and prayers to the families that we were honored to serve in 2025.



Jim Robert Barley



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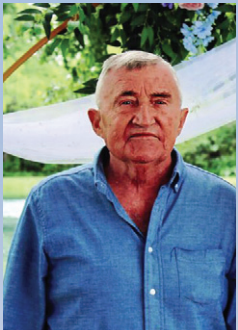
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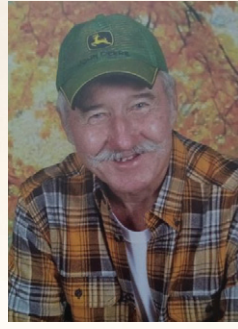
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One of the highest honors of my life was assuming ownership of one of the oldest family owned funeral homes in Scott County.

From 1885 until the present, Christensen - Hoagland Family Funeral Home has been a local family owned tradition. For five generations the Stewart family served faithfully, offering excellent service. For twenty years William "Bill" and Barbara Hoagland have done the same to have continued this legacy. In January of 2022, my family and I assumed the role of family ownership, excellent service and unsurpassed love and care for families. As generation number seven of family ownership, it is our sincerest desire to not have a funeral home that conducts business as usual, but to create and maintain a funeral service tradition that will walk side by side with our families during the hardest times in their lives. Our commitment to Scottsburg and the surrounding areas is to always be our family serving your family. When you choose Christensen - Hoagland Family Funeral Home, you are served by a Christensen. We have enjoyed so very much getting involved in Scottsburg and supporting the local community and getting to know the wonderful people that call it home.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and getting to know you and for accepting us into your hearts as we strive to love and serve people and make a difference, one family at a time.



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