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• James "Jim" Joseph Koors, 93

Notification

Due to the federal holiday of Veterans Day and no mail delivery Tuesday, there will not be a Tuesday (Nov. 11) edition of the Daily News.



EVENTS

We welcome news about upcoming Southeastern Indiana events from area not-for-profit organizations. Email them to news@greensburgdailynews.com. Questions may be directed to Kevin Green at 812-651-0885.

NOV. 8

Following the annual Veterans Parade, free lunch for veterans at Greensburg American Legion Post 129, 326 E. Main Street, provided by Decatur County Memorial Hospital. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: The public will have an opportunity to engage directly with candidates for the 9th Congressional District at a Healthcare for

Postal delivery information:

Hoosiers debate at the Liberty Park Main Pavilion, 716 S. Park Ave., Batesville. This free event is open to the

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Veterans Service Office receives service van

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DAILY NEWS

GREENSBURG – The Veterans Service Office, in cooperation with the Decatur County Community Foundation has purchased a van to take local veterans to and from the Richard Roudebush Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Veterans Service Officer Ken Mobley told the Decatur County Commissioners at their meeting Monday that the van had been delivered to the office, and final details about its use and detailing were still being sorted out.

According to the DCCF, the pur-

chase price was funded by the Ella Jo Briggs Veterans Field of Interest Fund held at the Decatur County Community Foundation.

Ella Jo lost her first husband, Staff Sergeant Louis Mobley, during World War II at a very young age. Although she later met and married Roger D. Briggs, Ella Jo always held a special place in her heart for veterans.

As a result of her admiration for those who serve our country, Ella Jo worked with her financial advisor to create the Ella Jo Briggs Veterans Field of Interest Fund. The Fund

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Bill Rethlake | Daily News

Veterans Service Officer Ken Mobley is pictured with the new veterans services van funded by the Ella Jo Briggs Veterans Field of Interest Fund held at the Decatur County Community Foundation.



Noelle Maxwell | Daily News

The **RISE for Justice Food Drive** was held Nov. 1 on the square in downtown Greensburg.

Communities rally as SNAP is cut

NOELLE MAXWELL
DAILY NEWS

The current U.S. Government shutdown is the longest in U.S. history. It started Oct. 1 when Congress failed to pass a budget. It surpasses the previous longest shutdown, due to President Trump demanding \$5.7 billion for a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico. That shutdown spanned 35 days between Dec. 22, 2018 and Jan. 25, 2019.

Initially, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits were being frozen by the USDA Nov. 1 for lack of funding. Two federal judges issued orders releasing partial benefits for November. Approximately 1-in-8 Americans receive SNAP.

2023 U.S. Census data shows in Ripley, Rush and Decatur counties combined, 22.8% of households – approximately 2,034 households – receive SNAP. There are roughly 28,500 households in the tri-county area. Local food pantries are already seeing increased demand.

"People are inquiring. Some people, they're on that line where they don't have benefits or make a little too much to qualify – they're calling," Melissa Foist, Greensburg Bread of Life executive director, said.



Supplies were collected at the Nov. 1 Pack the Patrol Car event.

She typically sees greater demand as winter approaches, but she's had more calls with the shutdown.

Darlyn Bedel, Rush County Community Assistance president, has also seen demand increase. "We're about 35% to 50% higher," Bedel said, than one to two months prior and with the shutdown, she's expecting further demand.

Programs like Meals on Wheels are seeing greater demand. Diana Robbins, Greens-

burg Meals on Wheels director, has received more calls requesting information.

"Not that we don't always get calls," she noted, but she received three to four in one day during the last week in October.

"They don't say 'it's SNAP' when they call, they just want information," but she suspects it's SNAP due to timing.

Greensburg Meals on Wheels plans to send shelf-stable food

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Freedom Sings USA deadline approaches

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GREENSBURG – The deadline for nominating a veteran for the Freedom Sings USA songwriting retreat at Jawacdah Farms in Batesville is Dec. 15. The public is invited to scan the QR code and nominate a veteran who exemplifies courage, faith and love of country for three days of healing, storytelling and music Feb. 11-13, 2026.

Freedom Sings USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that

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Photo provided

Pictured are Chloe Dick, Maddie Gould, Mya Comer, Rori Phelps and Brenley Jameson.

DCCF announces Lilly Endowment scholarship finalists

The Decatur County Community Foundation has announced the finalists for Decatur County's 2025-26 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Decatur County had 60 students begin the competitive process in August by completing an online application and a controlled essay. The application and essay are anonymous. Students are identified by numbers only.

The online application was

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