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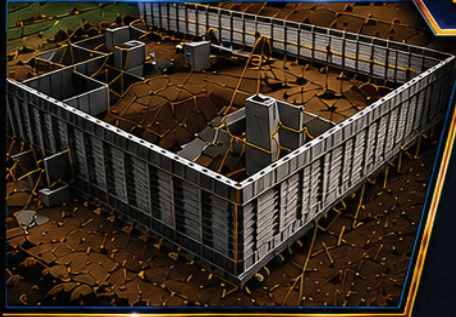
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UNCOMFORTABLE THOUGHTS

As we try to understand the conflict facing us in the United States, a term from behavioral science has become more common. It is an awkward term: **"cognitive dissonance."** It sounds academic and stuffy. But the meaning is important.

In music, **"dissonance"** is a grating, off-pitch sound that does not fit with the other sounds. The sound breaks the flow of the music you want to enjoy. In everyday life, **"cognitive dissonance"** is the **uncomfortable feeling** you get when a new fact does not match what you already believe. It is a new fact that makes old beliefs feel less comfortable.

We all confront uncomfortable thoughts. We often ignore them because we don't want to face information that might change our view of the world. Sometimes, we are afraid of the emotional pain that comes from accepting new facts.

For example, a person may ignore signs that their partner has been unfaithful. Even if they see or hear something that *may prove it*, they ignore the evidence because it hurts to give up what they believed. Another example is a man who meets a woman on the internet. He sends her all his money because he believes she truly loves him. The cognitive dissonance he feels when family and friends warn him may cause him to get angry and stop talking to them.

Cognitive dissonance also happens in politics and science. In my youth, I found George Orwell's book *Animal Farm* very disturbing. The story caused me to question some of my beliefs and changed my thinking. It showed me ideas and events that were hard to accept. I felt cognitive dissonance.

Today, we are faced with opposing facts and beliefs. Kellyanne Conway, senior counselor to President Trump in his first term, coined the term **"alternative facts"** for facts she stated but were not supported by evidence. For some of us, giving up old beliefs would mean more than changing our minds. We may lose friends, family or church community. We may become separated from our children or spouse.

New ideas and facts can force us to face uncomfortable thoughts. But doing so can lead to healthy changes that help us see things in new ways. You can prepare for new facts by acknowledging *that you may be wrong*. Question what you are told. Consider your leaders' motives. Follow where the money is going and who benefits from it. Even if you don't like what you hear, sometimes listen to people who don't agree with you.

Growth and change are good, but rarely comfortable.

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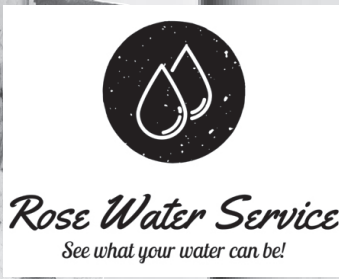


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That 2027 request is 79% higher than 2018 actual spending.
During that same period, the jail population has declined substantially.
Yet Jackson County continues to face staffing shortages, major emergency-communications needs, and increasing costs.
Taxpayers should expect more than a larger budget request. They should expect results.
WHAT I WILL DO DIFFERENTLY
PLAN AHEAD. Identify staffing, equipment, facility and infrastructure needs before they become expensive emergencies.
SET PRIORITIES. Put essential public-safety needs first, not simply request more spending year after year.
MEASURE RESULTS. Every major expenditure should have a clear purpose and measurable outcome.
MANAGE THE WHOLE OPERATION. Staffing, the jail, patrol, communications and capital planning cannot be managed as separate problems.
WORK COLLABORATIVELY. Strengthen partnerships with local agencies and community resources, including bringing Bruce's Legacy back as Jackson County's dive team for water search and recovery.
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I recently received a response from an anonymous reader quoting several scriptures about the Sabbath, without any further comment. I assume his point was that we should be “resting” and worshipping on the seventh day (Saturday) rather than the first day (Sunday) of the week. The word Sabbath itself means “rest or cease.” It is used for the seventh day of the week when God rested from his work of creation.

He is absolutely right — if we only deal with his “first” creation. Since we are created in his image and God chose to rest on the seventh day, we even more than God need to rest, not only in honor and identity with him, but for our own good. We are certainly not greater than our own creator. Resting on the Sabbath, then, is an act of worship acknowledging the fact that we are made in his image and that he is superior to us— he is our God.

But there is another creation. It is spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:17. The first creation was a physical one, the second was spiritual. The first one was corrupted by Adam’s disobedience resulting in death (Genesis 2:17), the second overcame this death through the obedience of Jesus Christ, resulting in life. Jesus became the “second life-giving Adam” (1 Corinthians 15:45). In the first creation they could not rest from their work of overcoming sin but had to continue to make sacrifices year after year, reminding them that their own sacrifices could not save them from their sins. They could not enter into God’s rest (Hebrews 4:3). They could only rest from their daily physical work.

But now we can rest from all our labor, not only from our physical work but the spiritual work of trying to atone for our sins because Jesus finished that work once for all (Hebrews 10:10). So now, from the early church until now we worship him on the first day of the week, not only to rest from our physical labor, but to celebrate the victory of the finished work of Christ (Acts 20:7).

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Saturday, October 17th, 2026

TIME: 9:30 AM • Amish Lunch & Bake Sale

FARM RELATED ITEMS – TOOLS – LAWN & GARDEN

JD 60 NF tractor - fresh paint – runs - carburetor gone through – tuned up and ready to go, JD rear wheel weights, 18.4-30 tractor tires, JD side delivery rake on steel, Single Top Buggy, Single open buggy, Easy Entry Pony Cart, 100lb. Budden anvil, JD 1 1/2hp hit & miss motor, log splitter w/6hp Honda engine, buzz saw rig w/12.5 Kohler engine – 32" carbine blade, Stihl 038 chainsaw, Stihl MC/80 chainsaw – 365 special Husqvarna chainsaw, Delta 10" table saw, DeWalt battery chargers, Tanaka gas drill, **NEW** T-post puller, red brand barb wire, platform feed scale, JD garden cart/trailer, Implement tires, 5hp Brillion engine w/reduction gear, fanning mill, grinding stone on stand, aluminum ramps, pulleys, ice tongs, garden cultivator, rolling tool cabinet, air tools, bench vises, car jacks, nut & bolt bins, hand tools – pulley pullers – open wrenches – socket sets, tool belts, fiber-glass extension ladders, 2-bio single driving harnesses, 1-leather driving harness, buggy fills, harness hooks & misc. tack, 500ga. barrel on stand, steel gates, pony 30" lawn mower, Craftsman push mowers, handyman jack, trash pump, log chains, lg. Roll of cable, Loyal barn spreaders, porch swing & lawn chairs.

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URIAS & SUSIE BORNTREGER

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ANTIQUES – COLLECTIBLES – MISC. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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LAWN & GARDEN – OUTDOOR ITEMS

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Requirements:
Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and be eligible to work in the United States. Minimal two years of experience working in construction, equipment operation or truck driving. An equivalent combination of education and experience will be taken into consideration. Applicant must be able to work overtime on short notice and be available for call-in work outside of normal work hours including nights, weekends and holidays. Applicant must have the ability to complete routine forms and apply concepts of basic mathematics. Applicant must be willing to perform manual labor tasks. Applicant must be able to interact positively with fellow employees and the public.

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Wed., Oct. 21: Baked Ziti, Cauliflower, Broccoli, 3 Bean Salad, Rosy Pears, Milk

Thurs., Oct. 22: Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Apple Crisp, Milk

Fri., Oct. 23: Vegetable Quiche, Hashbrown Coins, Multi-grain Muffin, Fruit & Yogurt Parfait. Milk

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Penny Danielson, Village Clerk

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2026 BULK CLEAN UP

The City of Neillsville will be hosting a bulk item drop off.

THIS IS FOR CITY OF NEILLSVILLE RESIDENTS ONLY

When: October 19th – 23rd

Where: 607 Oak Street

Time: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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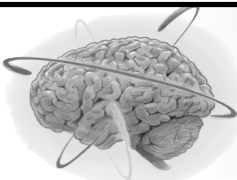


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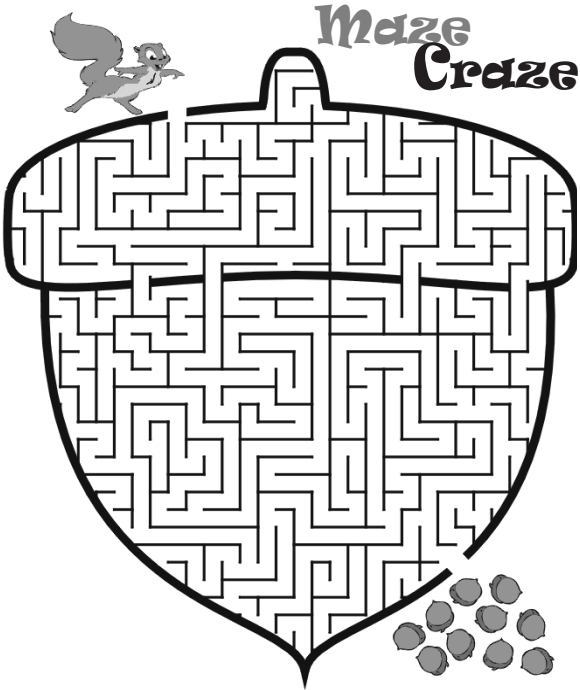
Tune into the Buyline
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Brain Games

Stimulate your brain!
Fun for all ages!

Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns



SUDOKU

2	9		6	3	4	1	5	
		1						
							3	
				5	3	9		
3			2		7	5	1	
		4	1	6		2		
5			4	9		8	6	
9	6					7		1
	1	2		8				

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

Word search...

Find these words in the puzzle below: Baseball

baseball				catch		grand slam			out			score		
bases				fans		home run			pitcher			sports		
bat				glove		mound			run			steal		
K	G	J	Z	S	K	Q	R	F	U	O	C	D	Q	S
N	V	R	C	J	W	X	M	G	D	S	J	N	X	T
K	L	O	A	A	N	T	Z	V	Y	F	P	U	E	E
S	R	S	N	N	W	E	K	E	J	J	A	O	A	A
E	A	U	Y	V	D	Y	E	A	M	U	Q	M	C	L
B	R	S	D	C	U	S	S	Y	H	P	J	T	Q	K
S	W	L	D	K	K	C	L	J	H	P	G	G	B	A
T	S	A	P	C	S	R	Z	A	I	Z	E	B	K	N
M	U	T	M	S	S	G	C	T	M	T	P	A	J	L
W	P	O	E	P	J	T	C	A	I	R	K	S	F	H
M	W	S	O	N	H	H	R	D	T	O	B	E	T	E
G	A	P	I	Q	E	T	Z	O	R	C	O	B	A	M
B	S	N	U	R	E	M	O	H	P	W	H	A	B	B
G	L	O	V	E	W	B	K	V	R	S	H	L	X	Z
P	Z	X	Y	W	S	N	A	F	V	S	B	L	M	N

"Bizarre Holidays"

September 26 is National Good Neighbor Day and
National Pancake Day
September 27 is Crush A Can Day
September 28 is Ask A Stupid Question Day
September 29 is Poisoned Blackberries Day
September 30 is National Mud Pack Day

Sudoku answer:

9	6	8	9	8	2	2	1	7
1	7	2	9	2	8	8	9	6
2	9	8	1	6	7	8	2	9
8	8	2	6	9	1	7	9	2
9	1	9	2	7	2	6	8	8
7	2	6	8	9	8	9	2	1
2	8	9	2	1	6	9	7	8
6	2	7	8	2	9	1	8	9
8	9	1	7	8	9	2	6	2

Jokes & Riddles

A man goes on a one-day horseback trip. He goes on Tuesday and returns on Tuesday. How is it possible?
A. His horse's name was Tuesday.

Q. Why was the tomato blushing?
A. Because it saw the salad-dressing!

Q. It has a neck but no head?
A. Bottle cap

Q. We use it to play the piano and lock the house. What is it? A. Keys

Q. What chews meat before you can eat it? A. A meat grinder

Q. What's the best way to cheer up your dog?
A. Give her a pup talk!

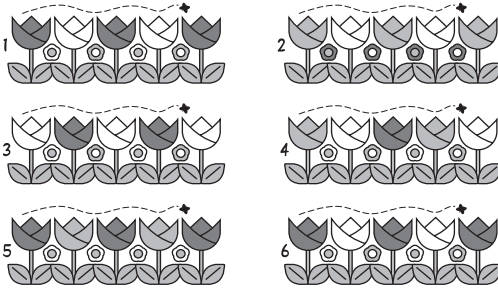
Q. What do fireflies tell their babies at night?
A. Glow to sleep!

Q. What did the egg say when it heard a funny joke?
A. That cracks me up!

Q. What's the difference between an honest person and a large zoo cat?
A: One's always truthful and one's always a lion!

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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**THE SHERIFF'S REPEATED ISSUES HAVE REAL CONSEQUENCES.
IT'S TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP**

JAIL FACILITY & JUSTICE CENTER

PROBLEM:
The Sheriff asked Jackson County to consider a roughly \$75 million justice center after the County Board was told the jail had "outlived its linear function" and that the Sheriff's Office could no longer get approval from the Jail Inspector to improve it. When a supervisor later asked for the documentation behind that claim, the Sheriff acknowledged it was "hallway talk" or "gentlemen talk", not a written directive from the Jail Inspector. The documentation behind the original Jail

Inspector claim still has not been produced, while annual jail bookings fell from 1,384 in 2016 consistently declining to 601 in 2024, about a 57% decline.
MY PLAN:
Properly maintain the facility we already have, address needed repairs before they become major problems, and revise policies and daily operations to make better use of the existing jail. Major construction should only be considered after documented needs, practical alternatives, and long-term costs have been fully evaluated.

EMPLOYEE RENTENTION & SUPPORT

PROBLEM:
The Sheriff's Office has faced repeated staffing shortages dating back to at least 2020, at times reaching critical staffing levels. County records document extended low staffing and vacancies across all divisions, leaving fewer experienced employees available to handle emergencies, investigations, jail operations, and 911 communications. In December 2020, Communications alone was down to just five full-time dispatchers, with county minutes stating it was

becoming very difficult to operate a full-time dispatch center.
MY PLAN:
Stop treating the symptom and fix the problem. Improve the culture that drives people away. Strengthen morale, communication, consistency, accountability, training, and support for employees. Fixing retention reduces the constant need to recruit and train replacements. Retaining experienced staff must be treated as a leadership priority — not an ongoing staffing crisis.

RADIO SYSTEM & CRITICAL EQUIPMENT

PROBLEM:
Jackson County's public-safety radio system has had documented problems since 2020 and has now reached end of life condition. While critical communications equipment continued to fail, the Sheriff spent years pursuing a roughly \$75 million justice center. That lack of maintenance, life-cycle planning, and timely replacement leaves emergency responders and the public vulnerable when reliable communication matters most.

MY PLAN:
Treat critical infrastructure like critical infrastructure. Understand the life cycle of essential equipment, maintain it properly, track recurring failures, and plan and budget for replacement before systems reach end of life. I will bring documented problems and clear recommendations to the County Board early before neglect becomes a crisis.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

PROBLEM:
The Sheriff is responsible for developing and presenting the Sheriff's Office budget request and explaining how taxpayer dollars will be used. That budget has continued to grow substantially, with the most recent requested increase approaching \$1 million in a single year. Yet staffing shortages, equipment failures, and other operational problems continue. As taxpayers are asked to pay more, they should be able to see what new services, better services, or measurable

improvements they are receiving in return. The County Board ultimately approves the final budget.
MY PLAN:
Fiscal responsibility means more than staying within an ever-growing budget. Plan ahead, clearly separate recurring operating costs from major one time purchases, eliminate waste and duplication, pursue grants and partnerships, and require measurable results for taxpayer dollars, so we know what is working, what is not, and where continued investment is justified.



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