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For the past two years, the City of Marion has run the Marion Home Repair Assistance Program, serving around 20 homeowners annually with minor home repairs – addressing leaking roofs, broken windows, and broken gutters. To continue assisting homeowners with minor repairs as well as expanding assistance to homeowners to cover major repairs (roof and HVAC replacement,

electrical upgrades, and interior accessibility modifications), the City of Marion is seeking \$350,000 in funding from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. If successful, this funding will expand the existing program and allow the city to triple its impact on Marion homeowners.

The City of Marion wants to hear your story. In October, the City will host a Community Feedback Session to discuss the Marion Home Repair Assistance Program: its history, its present, the need for home repair assistance, and the testimonials of Marion homeowners and community members.

Community Feedback Session
 Wednesday, October 21st, 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Marion City Hall, 301 S Branson St, First Floor Council Chambers

This Community Feedback Session will include an open Q&A and the opportunity to share testimonials. We want to hear from homeowners, those who care for homeowners, and those with concern for the health and safety of neighborhoods and the community

housing stock. If you are willing to attend the event and even share your testimonial, sign up for program alerts by filling out this form here: <https://forms.gle/P2r8BJV1Z9kA1BU37>. If you are looking for more opportunities to engage with the program and its funding application, Sign up for program update alerts: <https://forms.gle/zS2HLjshAfba61167> Fill out the Critical Home Repair Survey: <https://tally.so/r/yPOp9p>

Join a pre-Community Feedback Session Q&A: <https://fb.me/e/4SH3fy5az>

Attend the Marion Community Feedback Session: <https://fb.me/e/a2gH0nmCj>

Learn more at: [www.ahcgrantcounty.com/owner-occupied-rehab\[1\]](http://www.ahcgrantcounty.com/owner-occupied-rehab[1])

Please note: This is an application for funding. By filling out the program alert form, completing the survey, or attending the Community Feedback Session, you will be added to the program waitlist, not a guarantee of funds.

Contact: Mikayla Marazzi | Affordable Housing Corporation | mikayla.marazzi.llc@gmail.com

50th James Dean Festival brings crowds; perfect weather for The James Dean museum hosted event

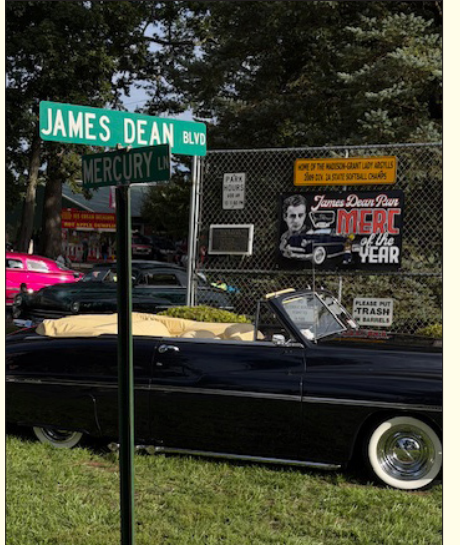
Over the weekend the James Dean Festival brought perfect fall temperatures and crowds . Hosted by The James Dean Museum for its 50th year, the parade, the kiddie tractor pull, and bands on two stages all made a comeback. Multiple events were held every day in downtown Fairmont as well as Play Acres Park. What follows are photos from the event.



The adult James Dean Look-A-Like Contest brought more than a dozen contenders. The winner came from Boston, Massachusetts.



The 50s Dance Contest, at the downtown Helping Hands Stage parking lot, featured music of the era for the crowd to enjoy. An Indianapolis dance duo came away with the win.



The James Dean Blvd sign invites guests and locals to the park in Fairmont every year.



MPD officer earns award

Congratulations to MPD Officer Dillon Waggoner as a recipient of the 2026 Traffic Safety All-Star Award from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

The award is in recognition of Off. Waggoner's commitment to reducing dangerous and drunk driving and making Marion's roadways safer.



Downtown Fairmont was the ideal backdrop for a hometown car show, hosted by the Fairmont Lions Club.



The Thursday evening before the festival, The Fairmont Lions Club hosted its annual event. The turnout of cars and visitors was robust this year, under perfect skies.



Car owners got creative with their presentation this year.

Area Deaths

Southern and East Central Indiana

Jeanette M. Meyer

Jeanette M. Meyer, age 81, of Jasper, Indiana, lost her battle with cancer on September 27, 2026, at home surrounded by her loved ones. A gravesite service at Hills Church Cemetery in Dubois, Indiana, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tony R. Smock

Tony R. Smock, age 59, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana, from an unexpected brain aneurysm. A funeral service for Tony R. Smock was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Cuzco Cemetery in Cuzco, Indiana.

April Best

April N. Best age 45, of Huntingburg, passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at her home. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Condolences may be shared online at: www.nasandson.com.

Randall R. Langebrake

Randall Ray Langebrake, age 65, of Holland, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2026, on his farm. Funeral services for Randy Langebrake were held at 10:00 a.m., E.D.T., Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper. Burial followed at Zoar Cemetery. Pastor Darrel Land will officiate the service.

Marjorie Huff-Baughn

Marjorie Huff-Baughn, age 90, of Dale, passed away at 1:10 a.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026, at Oakwood Health Campus in Tell City. A memorial service for Marjorie Huff-Baughn was held at 1:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Friday, September 25, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery.

Deborah Kay “Debbie” Bowman

Deborah Kay “Debbie” Bowman, 65, Gas City, passed away in her home at 4:50 am on Monday, September 21, 2026, in Gas City. The family will receive visitors from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Debbie’s life will begin at 7:00 pm with Pastor Noah Farmer officiating. Burial will take place at a later time at Riverside Cemetery.

Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.
Prayers of comfort and peace.

Roger R. Reece

Roger R. Reece, 86, Upland, passed away in his home at 2:45 pm on Sunday, September 27, 2026. The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Center Chapel Church, 8743 E. 200 S., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Roger’s life will begin at 1:00 pm with Pastor Mark Sanders officiating. Burial will take place at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland.

Layla Nicole Adaway

Layla Adaway, 14, Jonesboro, passed away at 3:54am on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Gas City Park in Gas City. Funeral Service to honor Layla’s life was held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 4:00 pm at Exit Church, 1015 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana 46933.

William R. Bruton

William “Billy” Ray Bruton, age 68, of Marion, Indiana, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones. The family received visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Greater Second Baptist Church, 705 W. 26th St., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate William’s life was held at 1:00 p.m. with Elder Damion Jackson officiating. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

Janis E Rennaker

Janis E Rennaker, 79, of Marion, passed away at 12:50 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne. The family received visitors from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, September 25, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Janis’ life was held at 12:00 noon with Pastor Dan Van Cise officiating. Burial took place at Gardens of Memory - Marion.

Promise Mae Riddle

Promise Mae Riddle was born on September 24, 2026, and passed away the same day. Though her time here was brief, she was deeply loved from the very beginning and will forever remain in the hearts of those who awaited her and cherished her. Heaven gained an angel in Promise, and her memory will be held close with tenderness and love. Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy J. Lynch Schwingle

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dorothy J. Lynch Schwingle, a spirited woman who left us peacefully on Wednesday, September 3, 2026, in Gas City, IN. A public graveside service to honor Dorothy’s vibrant life was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Jefferson Cemetery, with Mick Simpkins officiating.

Dianne C Harwood

Dianne C. Harwood, age 66, of Marion, Indiana, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, September 25, 2026. Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the College Park Chapel. Funeral Service followed at 4:00 PM at the College Park Chapel. Cremation followed the services.

Rosemary Louise Petersen

Rosemary Louise Shull-Woodcock-Pine-Petersen 85 of Frankton, IN a beloved mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson, Indiana, on Thursday September 23, 2026. A celebration of Rosemary’s life took place on Wednesday September 30, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Fairmount Chapel Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services; 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, IN with Pastor Roger Brooks officiating. Burial followed at the Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN.

Robert D. Black

Robert D. Black, 79, passed away on September 23, 2026, in Ft. Wayne. Visitation will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026, from 10am-11:45am at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana. The funeral will follow at noon. Burial with military honors will take place at 1pm at Marion National Cemetery, 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, Indiana.

Amy L. Wright

Amy L. Wright, 59, of Gas City passed away on September 23, 2026, in her home. Arrangements will be announced at a later date. Owen-Weilert Duncan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Bowland

Mark Allen Bowland, 58, of Converse, passed away at 7:34 P.M., Saturday, September 19, 2026 at his residence. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date. Eddy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Dee Shaw

Jerry Dee Shaw, 94, passed away on Monday, September 21, 2026 at Marion Health-MGH Campus in Marion, IN. Funeral service will be at 4 pm on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street, Hartford City with Pastor Jeanne Winter officiating. Jerry will be cremated and his ashes will be placed into a columbarium wall at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN at a later date.

Carolyn J. Shaw

Carolyn J. Shaw, 88, passed away on September 19, 2026 unexpectedly at Marion Health-MGH Campus. Funeral service will be at 4 pm on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street, Hartford City with Pastor Jeanne Winter officiating. Carolyn will be cremated and her ashes will be placed into a columbarium wall at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN at a later date.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

People may reject you — but God never will

By Teresa LeNeave
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Do you ever feel left out and lonely? I think most people do from time to time. Others live in a state of feeling “less than”. I recently read a book by Lysa TerKeurst entitled, Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely. I thought of what it means to me, individually, to live with a feeling of being loved. The first thing that came to mind was: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you” (Isaiah 43:2). To me, that means to feel loved I need to feel protected and secure. I want to know I

have hope for a good future. I want to know I have family and friends who will stand beside me and I will do the same for them. If that’s what I need, how do I get it? First of all, I think it originates with God and his love for us. In Isaiah, God said, when the waters begin to roll over you and you’re about to go under, he’ll not let you be destroyed. That’s comforting. That’s the kind of God I want to serve and the kind of relationships I want in my life. I want the kind of friends who are the same yesterday, today and forever. I’m not looking for friends who speak to me one day and ignore me the next. Neither are you. Basically, we all want the same thing. We all want to love,



to be loved, to be respected and to be accepted. Love is much like a fine-cut diamond with many different facets. There is love between a husband and wife and the euphoria it brings. There’s love between a parent and child, brothers, sisters, and friends and the comfort and peace that brings. There is even a love between a person and a pet and the satisfaction that brings. All these types of love come in varying degrees. Some you love more than others. Some you want to spend a lot of time with and some you’re happy just seeing once in a while. What are the benefits of “living loved”? Feeling loved leaves you in better health. If there were no other benefit to feeling loved than better

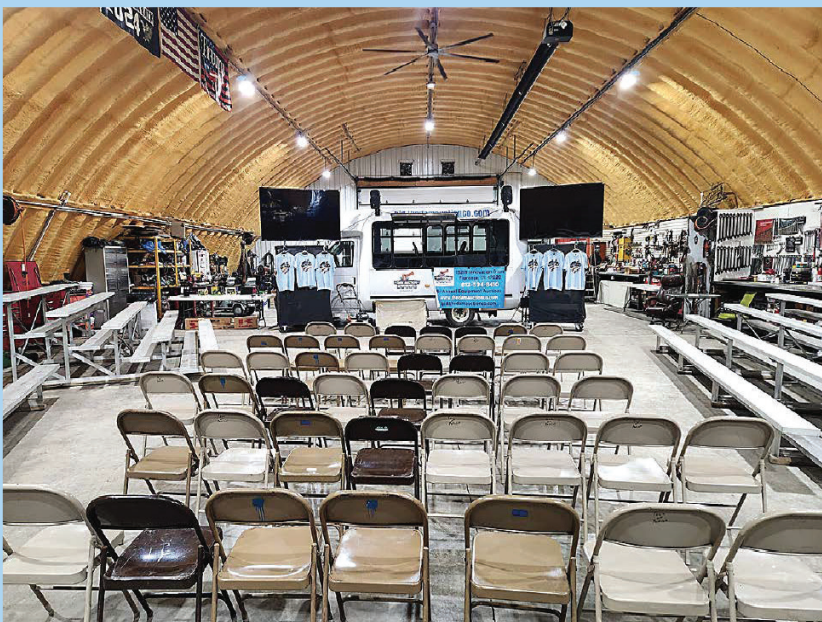
health, then the health benefit would be worth the risk of developing good relationships. According to WebMD, people who feel loved live longer. They have fewer doctor visits and shorter hospital stays. They experience less depression and less substance abuse. Love gives us the assurance that we are not alone in the world. I like that. I remember Jesus saying, “I WILL NEVER LEAVE OR FORSAKE YOU” (Heb. 13:5). That’s the kind of friend to hold onto. Love gives us a sense of responsibility because when we love we have a sincere concern for the welfare of those we love. Loving is always an action word. People can make you feel loved without saying a word. You also feel unloved without anyone saying a word. One thing you can be sure of, there is no material object that can make you feel loved. Only the love of God or of a human or a pet can make you feel loved. Of those three, the only one that satisfies the deepest longing inside a man/woman is the love of God. All other love is icing on the cake. It’s just an added blessing. The truth is this: People may reject you. People may leave you feeling lonely and left out, but God never will. God’s love is the ultimate of “living loved”. His love gives you hope for a brighter day.



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Southern Indiana Resource Solutions (SIRS) has added automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at its day program facilities in Jasper and Tell City. Another AED is available at SIRS' new Dale location, where day programming is scheduled to begin early next year. Purchased with a grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation, the devices will support staff and be available to first responders during emergencies. Combined with expanded CPR and first aid training, the AEDs strengthen emergency preparedness for the individuals with disabilities SIRS serves and the surrounding communities, especially when help may take longer to arrive in rural areas.

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State Emerging Leader

Gillian Blessinger, marketing and communications director for Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, has been named the 2026 Emerging Leader Award recipient by the Indiana School Public Relations Association.

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Farmers renew call to end increased beef imports

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall today called on President Trump to roll back plans to import an additional 300,000 metric tons of beef into the United States. An American Farm Bureau Federation analysis shows increasing imports has had little impact on ground beef prices at the grocery store. Meanwhile, cattle prices have weakened, with ranchers experiencing losses up to \$300 to \$400 per head.

“America’s farmers and ranchers are renewing their call to the president to reverse course on his plan to import foreign-raised beef. While we appreciate Mr. Trump’s goal of reducing grocery costs for America’s families, increasing beef imports has not



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brought prices down.

“Farm Bureau economists tracked 41 locations since Labor Day and found that, on average, prices have fallen only 16 cents per pound. Most prices were unchanged. Families are still facing historically high prices and the threat of a 60% increase in imports over 90 days caused a sharp drop in the prices paid to ranchers for their cattle.

“To put it simply, the plan undercut a fragile recovery in the cattle

industry while failing to benefit consumers. We urge the president to stop importing additional beef and focus on long-term solutions that support rebuilding the U.S. herd, which benefits both farmers and consumers who want home-grown beef.”

Read the Farm Bureau Intel on beef prices at <https://www.fb.org/intel/markets/increased-beef-imports-have-not-lowered-prices-for-consumers>

Scammers are impersonating farm equipment businesses

Originally published on the Federal Trade Commission website, this article alerts farmers to potential farm equipment sales fraud and includes important tips on avoiding these scams, as well as a secure link to report imposters.

The Federal Trade Commission is hearing about a scam targeting some of the hardest working people out there: farmers. Scammers posing as farm equipment businesses are selling (fake) equipment to farmers, who end up empty-handed. Here’s how the scam works and how to avoid it.

It starts like this: you might scroll through

social media and see an ad for a tractor. It’s a good price and looks like it’s from a legit business. Or you search online and see a tractor from a business you know, and maybe even bought equipment from before. In either case, when you contact them, they send a purchase agreement and invoice. They typically ask you to send thousands of dollars — usually by wire transfer — as a deposit or full payment, and schedule a delivery date.

What happens next? The delivery never comes. It turns out this was never a legit business and was all a scam. The scammer either stops answering

or makes up another excuse (e.g., there’s an issue with the delivery truck). You’re out both the money and a tractor.

How can you (or your local farmer) avoid these and other impersonation scams?

Before you buy based on any ad, check it out. Social media companies don’t always vet ads. Do some research by searching online for the company name plus “scam” or “complaint.”

Know that the first search results you see might be paid ads. Sometimes scammers place them: they pretend to be a real business but use their own contact info instead. Scroll past those ads to the unpaid search results to help confirm you have the right website or contact information.

Never send money to anyone who says you can only pay by wire transfer, gift card, cryptocurrency, or payment app. Scammers prefer these methods because once they’ve collected the money, it’s almost impossible to get it back.

Spot an impersonation scam? Tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

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Enjoy the outdoors, but take steps to avoid mosquito bites

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

The Dubois County Health Department is reminding residents to take simple precautions against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses. The reminder is no reason to skip games, festivals, yard work or other outdoor activities. Just take the same steps you would normally take to avoid mosquito bites.

Before heading outside, apply insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin and clothing, following

the product directions. Wearing light-colored clothing can also help. Mosquitoes are often most active from dusk to dawn, so repellent is especially useful for evening activities.

Residents can make their yards less inviting to mosquitoes by emptying containers that collect rainwater, clearing clogged gutters and keeping swimming pools clean and chlorinated. The health department also recommends repairing failing septic systems and keeping grass and shrubs

trimmed. Mosquitoes can breed in water that stands for more than four days.

Yard treatments are another option for reducing mosquitoes. Anyone using a spray should choose a product labeled for the pests they want to control and follow its directions. Spraying works alongside, rather than in place of, removing standing water.

The message is simple: keep enjoying the outdoors, use repellent and take care of places around home where mosquitoes can breed.





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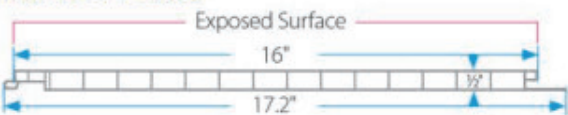
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Oak Hill shut out Blackford 8-0 in a Central Indiana Conference boys' soccer match on Thursday, Sept. 24.
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Boys' High School Soccer

Golden Eagles blank Bruins

Staff Report

HARTFORD CITY — Oak Hill blanked Blackford 8-0 in a Central Indiana Conference boys' soccer match on Thursday, Sept. 24. The Golden Eagles started strong,

outscored Blackford 4-0 in the first half. The first goal was scored by Tayt Bowlin unassisted. Next, Josue Mora scored a goal assisted by Maddux Kenyon. Senior Cayden Jones scored the third goal of the game assisted by Mora.

Then, Kenyon scored unassisted to take the Golden Eagles into halftime. Oak Hill continued scoring goals in the second half of the match. Mora scored the fifth goal off an assist from Kenyon. Following Mora's

second goal, senior Luke Elzinga scored unassisted. Cayden Jones scored the next goal assisted by Elzinga. Finishing the scoring, Mora found the net again and recorded his first varsity hat trick.



Oak Hill won the Eastbrook Junior Varsity Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26.
photo courtesy of Oak Hill Cross Country

Boys' High School Soccer

Oak Hill wins Eastbrook Junior Varsity Invitational

Staff Report

MARION — Oak Hill won the Eastbrook Junior Varsity Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26. The Golden Eagles excelled throughout the boys' soccer tournament. Oak Hill outlasted Logansport 2-1 in its first match. The

win over Logansport allowed Oak Hill to advance to the championship match. Maddux Kenyon scored the Golden Eagles' first goal unassisted. Brogan Davis then scored the second goal unassisted before halftime. The Golden Eagles managed to maintain a lead throughout the

second half. Defensively for Oak Hill, goalkeeper Kaymen Johnson limited Logansport to one goal and recorded nine saves. Oak Hill played host Eastbrook in the championship game of the invitational tournament. The Golden Eagles blanked the Panthers 2-0.

Tayt Bowlin scored the first goal of the match unassisted. The second goal was an own goal started by Davis beginning the play with a cross into the box. Defensively for Oak Hill in the championship match, Johnson logged seven saves.

Oak Hill 3rd and 4th grade Volleyball Camp registration open

Staff Report

CONVERSE — Registration is open for the Oak Hill

3rd and 4th Grade Volleyball Camp. The camp will be held at Swayzee Gym Monday, Oct.

13-Thursday, Oct. 16. For more information and/or to register online, visit [https://](https://public.eventlink.com/registrations?id=51dddf94-8fcb-4e9f-3ea1-08df1b075438)

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Boys' High School Soccer

Giants notch win over Northwestern

Staff Report

MARION — Marion overcame a slow start to defeat Northwestern 3-1 in a boys' soccer match on Thursday, Sept. 24. Determined Marion notched its seventh straight win. Northwestern scored first and led 1-0 at halftime. But Marion finished strong, reeling off three goals in the second half. Javian Davis recorded a hat trick for Marion, scoring all three of the Giants' goals. Keeghan Cook supplied two assists for the Giants. Aiding Marion offensively, Carlos Alvear dished out one assist. Marion improved to 8-4 after registering the win.

Girls' High School Soccer

Marion doubles up Peru on Senior night

Staff Report

MARION — Marion doubled up Peru on Senior Night, winning 4-2 Monday, Sept. 28. The Lady Giants turned in a strong performance. Marion scored first and never trailed. However, Peru managed to pull even at 1-1 with Marion in the first half. Marion entered halftime ahead 2-1. Jayme Hardwick led Marion to the win, scoring three goals. Following Hardwick's hat trick in Marion's offensive effort, Audrie Mendoza netted one goal. Defensively for Marion, goalkeeper Mary Collins-Haris held Peru to one goal. Marion improved to 5-6-2 after posting the win. The Lady Giants are scheduled to visit Huntington North for a regular season finale on Wednesday, Sept. 30.



Oak Hill defeated Western in a girls' high school soccer match on Monday, Sept. 28.
photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School

Girls' High School Soccer

Oak Hill defeats Western

Staff Report

RUSSIAVILLE — Oak Hill defeated Western 3-1 in a girls' high school soccer match on Monday, Sept. 28. Mileigh Miller led Oak Hill to the win, scoring two goals for the Lady Eagles. Miller scored the first two goals for visiting Oak Hill. Accompanying Miller in Oak Hill's scoring column, Lorelei Mauldon netted one goal. Goalkeeper Jolee Hawkins paced Oak Hill defensively, limiting Western to one goal. Hawkins recorded seven saves. Oak Hill improved to 14-1 after posting the win.

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The Eastbrook Middle School boys' cross country team placed third in the New Haven Classic on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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The Eastbrook Middle School girls' cross country team placed 10th in the New Haven Classic on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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The Oak Hill Junior High boys' cross country team placed fifth in the New Haven Classic on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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The Oak Hill Junior High girls' cross country team placed third in the New Haven Classic on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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The Oak Hill High School girls' cross country team placed ninth in the 44th Annual Culver Academy Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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The Oak Hill High School boys' cross country team placed fifth in the 44th Annual Culver Academy Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26.
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Indiana Football Coaches Association Poll (Week 6)

Class 6A 1. Brownsburg (10) 6-0 100 2. Warren Central 6-0 81 3. Westfield 5-1 72 4. Lawrence North 5-1 68 5. Center Grove 5-1 67 6. Crown Point 6-0 45 7. Penn 6-0 41 8. Carmel 3-3 31 9. Carroll (Allen) 5-1 27 10. Avon 5-1 13 Others receiving votes: Zionsville 5-1 (5)	8.Plainfield 4-2 27 9. Castle 4-2 16 10. Snider 3-3 13 Others receiving votes: Chesterton 4-2 (3), Huntington North 4-2 (3), Concord 3-3 (2), Franklin Community 4-2 (2), McCutcheon 4-2 (1)	Class 3A 1. Evan. Memorial (10) 6-0 100 2. Lawrenceburg. 5-1 85 3. Andean 5-1 77 4. Gibson Southern 5-1 63 5. Indian Creek 6-0 59 6. Evan. Mater Dei 5-1 55 7. Bluffton 6-0 30 8. Tr-West Hendricks 4-2 26 9. Adams Central 4-2 17 10. Griffith 6-0 16 Others receiving votes: Maconaquah 6-0 (9), Twin Lakes 5-1 (7), Batesville 4-2 (3), Mississenawa 4-1 (3)	7. Eastern (Greentown) 6-0 39 8. North Posey 6-0 31 9. Eastern Hancock 6-0 26 10. Rensselaer Central 5-1 7 Others receiving votes: Wheeler 6-0 (4), Bremen 5-1 (2)
Class 5A 1. New Palestine (9) 5-1 99 2. Bloomington South (1) 6-0 89 3. Ind. Cathedral 3-3 75 4. Warsaw 6-0 66 5. Floyd Central 6-0 61 6. Lafayette Jeff 4-2 52 7. Pendleton Heights 5-1 41	Class 4A 1. East Central (8) 5-1 98 2. Ind. Chatard (1) 5-1 90 3. FW Dwenger 5-1 77 4. East Noble (1) 6-0 74 5. SB St. Joseph 6-0 56 6. Ind. Roncalli 4-2 49 7. Evan. Reitz 6-0 40 8. Danville 6-0 24 9. Northridge 6-0 21 10. Logansport 6-0 10 Others receiving votes: Northview 6-0 (5), Columbia City 5-1 (3), Yorktown 4-2 (3)	Class 2A 1. Brownstown Central (6) 6-0 91 2. South Putnam (2) 6-0 90 3. Ind. Lutheran (2) 6-0 79 4. Lapel 6-0 73 5. Eastside 6-0 60 6. Cascade 5-1 48	Class 1A 1. Riverton Parke (8) 6-0 98 2. Pioneer (1) 6-0 90 3. North Judson (1) 6-0 83 4. Milan 5-1 67 5. North Daviess 6-0 57 6. Madison-Grant 6-0 52 7. South Adams 4-2 37 8. Springs Valley 5-1 29 9. Carroll (Flora) 4-2 18 10. Wes-Del 5-0 9 Others receiving votes: Laf. Central Catholic 2-4 (6), Caston 5-1 (3)

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All 5th grade students and teachers across the state are invited to submit

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Students participating in this year's contest can learn about what it is like to work in 'tree-mendous' jobs,

including foresters, arborists, park rangers, hydrologists, and more.

Participating teachers are encouraged to engage with the contest theme in their classrooms to help inspire their students' artwork. Teaching

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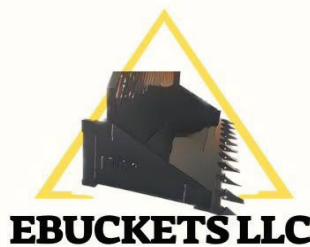
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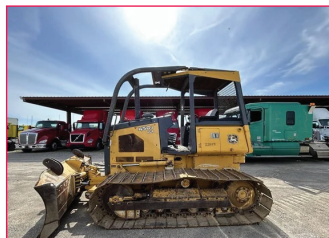
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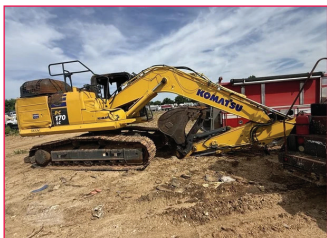
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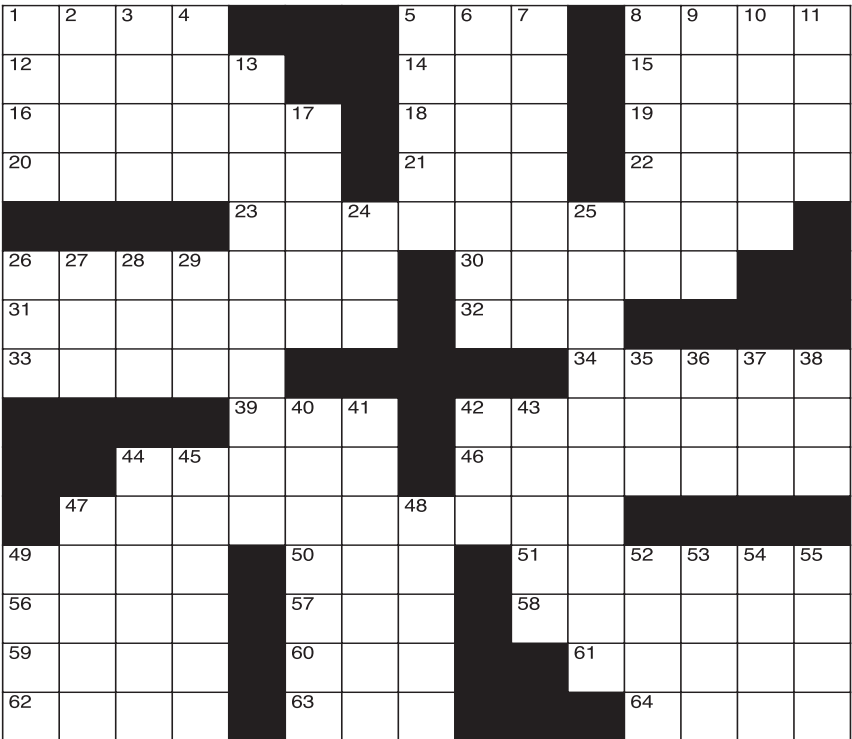




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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. “Wicker Man” actor Nic

5. Protection

8. Cloth worn over a shoulder

12. Ceramic jars

14. Midway between northeast and east

15. South American hummingbird

16. Platforms

18. Taxi

19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

20. A citizen of Yemen

21. Military mailbox

22. Nuclear near reach weapon

23. Clears

26. Broken

30. Actress Lathan

31. Avid fan

32. One and only

33. Proceeding
34. River in Portugal and Spain

39. Doctor of Education

42. Defeat handily

44. Less complicated

46. Handyman tools

47. Written works

49. Castle dweller’s safety net

50. Honorable title (Turkish)

51. Greatest

56. Can do

57. A place to sleep on the road

58. Member of U.S. Navy

59. 24-hour units of time

60. Actor Horsley

61. In a way, sounds off

62. Formerly (archaic)

63. Eye infection

64. Plundered

CLUES DOWN

1. William __, Buffalo Bill

2. Wings

3. Candle or lantern

4. Freedom from difficulty

5. A type of pie

6. Metrical foot

7. __ Kerr, actress

8. Nap

9. Popular singer Bocelli

10. Immune responses

11. “Mad Men” leading man

13. A citizen of Senegal

17. Philly basketball player

24. Not even

25. Measures wind speed

26. Insecticide

27. Jordan glided through it

28. Bird-like dinosaur genus

29. Expression of satisfaction
35. Big Blue

36. One point east (clockwise) of due north

37. Of she

38. Oral rehydration solution

40. Knocks off course

41. Popular cop show of yesteryear

42. Zhou dynasty state

43. Genus of gulls

44. Onion flatbreads

45. Declare as true

47. Of a lobe

48. Missouri county

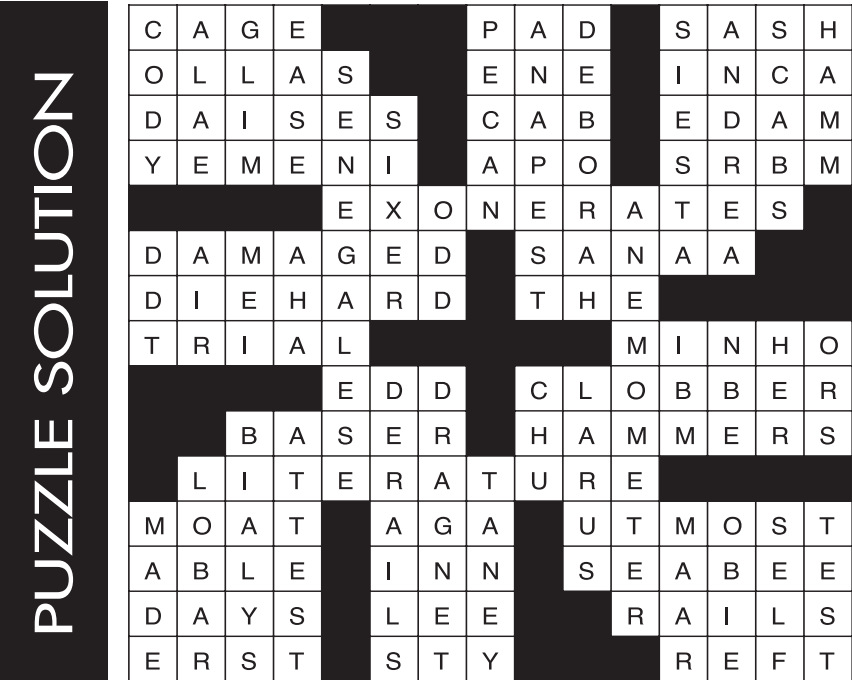
49. Produced

52. Volcanic crater

53. Off-Broadway theater award

54. KU hoops coach Bill

55. Check for



Word Search

OFF TO COLLEGE WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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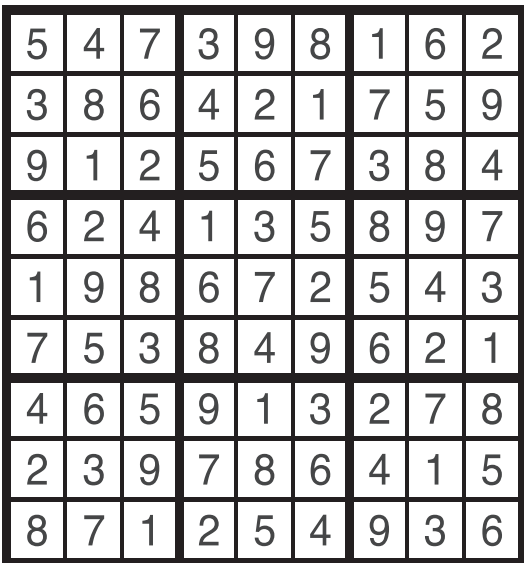
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ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to college.

SCAMUP



Answer: Campus

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

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Answer: Avril Lavigne

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to college. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = s)

- A.

17 23 25 14 26 6 16 25 3 21

Clue: Higher learning
- B.

16 21 10 10 7 11 17 16

Clue: Plan for class
- C.

12 2 17 6 16 26

Clue: Class
- D.

12 6 26 9 25 3

Clue: Academic measurement

Answers: A. university B. syllabus C. course D. credit

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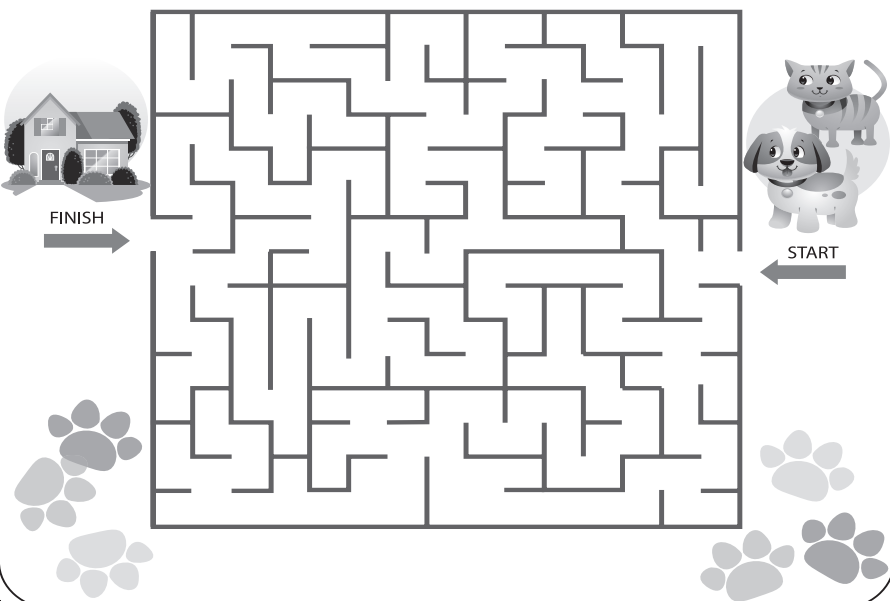
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Beta Gamma Chapter holds September meeting

Beta Gamma Chapter of Indiana Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators, met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Holy Family Fellowship Hall. Twenty-six members were present.

President Ava Widolff welcomed the members. Widolff asked the members to brainstorm on fundraising ideas to raise money for Alzheimer’s Research. The October guest speaker will be Tyler Oser on Fire Prevention and Safety. The November guest speaker will be Chris Memmer. He will be talking on staying safe on the Internet.

President Widolff called the meeting to order. Chaplain Beth Meece read a September Prayer and Blessing. Secretary Kathy Bachman called Roll Call of members. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written. Standing reports followed.

Under Altruistic Paula Peter reminded members to record their Altruistic monetary giving and volunteer hours.

Under ADK Month Connie Messmer Brenner reported that October is Alpha Delta Kappa Month.

Under Budget Brooke Elrod reminded members that dues are payable. The boxes on the tables are for our “Pass the Hat” meeting collection to benefit Anderson Woods

Under Courtesy Please let Marie Patton or President Widolff know of anything for Courtesy. (Ava: (812) 639-9718 Marie (812) 630-1135). Marie reported that sympathy cards were sent to Clara Fromme, Ava Widolff and Sarah Sergesketter on the deaths of their family members.

Under Fraternity Education Clara Fromme presented an informative quiz on Alpha Delta Kappa history.

Under Membership Brenda Hurm reminded members to be thinking of asking new members. She introduced Kelcie Hernadez as a new member.

Under Summer Outing Ruth Gehlhausen will be accepting recommendations on places to go next June for an outing.

Under Old Business President Widolff awarded Paula Alles and Kathy Bachman certificates in recognition of their 35 years (Sapphire Sister) of Membership in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Under New Business The new 2026-2028 program books were distributed. Corrections and additions were made by members. The Christmas party will be held at the Huntingburg Country Club on December 8. The Chapter recognized the retirement of Karen Terwiske from teacher.

The Indiana State Convention will be April 17, 2027 at Conner Prairie. The state convention committee is proposing a Fun Day at the site. Registration will cover the admission. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The September birthdays were recognized. Celebrating in September are Stella Bennett on the 11th, Jessica Mehringer on the 15th and Jane Hunefeld on the 26th.

The September hostesses of Jessica Mehringer, Janet Townsend, and Stella Bennett were thanked for their delicious luncheon food.

The meeting closed with the singing of “Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa”.

The next meeting will be October 8, 2026 10 at Holy Family Fellowship Hall. Sister Time begins at 3:45 p.m. Guest speaker will be Tyler Oser on Fire Prevention and Safety. Hostesses are Sue Ann Burns, Christine Betz and Brooke Elrod.

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Alzheimer’s disease has touched the lives of millions. Tens of millions of people have Alzheimer’s disease worldwide, accounting for 60 percent to 70 percent of the total number of people living with dementia globally, according to the World Health Organization. However, when including early, pre-symptomatic stages like prodromal and preclinical phases, estimates indicate 400 million people across the globe are affected by brain changes linked to Alzheimer’s, says the National Institutes of Health.

Expanding medications and clinical trials
For decades, medical interventions for Alzheimer’s were limited to managing symptoms. Today, the treatment landscape is undergoing a profound transformation. Therapeutic strategies now directly target the biological drivers of the disease, supported by expanded drug offerings, advises Alzheimer’s Research UK.

The Alzheimer’s Association says that analysis of global clinical trials points to positive results of a growing body of medications. There are now 158 novel agents currently being evaluated across 192 clinical trials. While amyloid-targeting drugs once comprised 33 percent of the clinical studies, that share has dropped to 20 percent, as therapies targeting neuroinflammation and tau protein tangles have increased.

The Alzheimer’s Association also says approximately 35 percent of drugs currently in development are repurposed therapies previously approved for other conditions. This helps speed up the pathway of important medications for clinical availability.

Earlier diagnoses
Disease-modifying medications show the highest efficacy when administered during early stages. That means that early detection of Alzheimer’s disease is critical. The Alzheimer’s Impact Movement says high-accuracy blood tests prescribed in primary care settings can enable clinicians to screen for amyloid pathology using a simple blood draw.

Targeting genes
Researchers supported by the NIH are exploring gene therapy approaches to reduce amyloid accumulation early on and quiet brain inflammation. These include delivering protective APOE-e2 gene variants.

GLP-1s, shingles vaccines and promising findings
Observational and real-world studies show that taking GLP-1 medications for type 2 diabetes or obesity is associated with a lower risk of developing Alzheimer’s and cognitive decline, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Similarly, major published studies show that adults over age 65 who receive the two-dose shingles vaccine have significantly reduced risk of Alzheimer’s and vascular dementia compared to unvaccinated individuals. Both of these treatments can reduce brain inflammation associated with dementia development.

Lifestyle changes
Medications and other therapies are just the tip of the iceberg. Non-pharmacological interventions also are successful at reducing Alzheimer’s disease prevalence. Findings published in the Journal of the American Medical Association demonstrate that targeted exercise, dietary changes and cognitive training significantly preserves brain function. This can yield memory performance equivalent to being one or two years younger.

Alzheimer’s disease research continues, and various developments in prevention and treatment are going beyond symptom management.

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