

# 347 pounds of medications properly disposed of in Medication Collection Event in Dubois County

Organizers counted 650 residents taking advantage of Saturday’s opportunity for proper disposal of medications on the beautiful fall day. Residents are doing a great job cleaning out those medicine cabinets. There were 347 pounds of medications properly disposed of on Saturday. Additionally cardboard and plastic bags were recycled from the event. The medication collection day event, in association with the Drug Enforcement Administration’s national event, allows residents the opportunity to get rid of old medications in a

safe manner. We were able to bring back one county site to the collection this fall, thanks to the Ferdinand Fire Department, the Ferdinand Police Department and the Indiana State Police Post. Each properly disposed of item reduces contamination in our water system and alleviates potential for accidental overdose or ingestion of outdated or incorrect medication. It is medication kept away from kids, teenagers or those susceptible to becoming prescription medication addicts. The organizers especially thank

Dubois County Solid Waste District, Dubois County CARES, Dubois County Advocacy for Recovery and Prevention Council (ARC), Ferdinand Police Department, Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department, Dubois County Sheriff Department and the many volunteers for stepping up to help ensure the event went smoothly this spring. We also thank the State Police Post for hosting the event. At least 18 people assisted to ensure the collection day went as planned, including 7 CARES volunteers. Residents can watch local media for information on our

spring 2027 collection, which will be towards the end of April and may also use the 24/7 drop box site at the Jasper City Police Department. Partners for the event include the Indiana State Police Post District 34, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Dubois County Advocacy for Recovery and Prevention Council (ARC), Dubois County CARES, Dubois County Solid Waste District, Ferdinand Police Department, Ferdinand Fire Department and Dubois County Sheriff Department.



## Family Nurse Practitioner Samantha Spellmeyer Joins Deaconess Clinic Neurology – Jasper

Jasper, Ind. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is pleased to announce the addition of Family Nurse Practitioner Samantha Spellmeyer to the staff at Deaconess Clinic Neurology – Jasper. Spellmeyer joins Neurologists Naghma Mufti, M.D.; Kristi Nord, M.D.; and Jignesh Shah, M.D., as well as Nurse Practitioner Tiffany Murrell. Spellmeyer received her Master of Science in Nursing from University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. She is certified by the American Association

of Nurse Practitioners and brings more than seven years of nursing experience and eight years of experience as a nurse practitioner at Deaconess Clinic Urgent Care – Huntingburg. Deaconess Clinic Neurology – Jasper specializes in the in diagnosing, treating and managing disorders of the brain and nervous system, including Alzheimer’s disease, ALS, concussion, epilepsy, migraines, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, and stroke. For more information on Deaconess Clinic Neurology – Jasper, go online to deaconess.com. To schedule an appointment, please call 812-996-5781.

# Seven Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand celebrate Diamond Jubilee

FERDINAND, IN -- On Sunday, October 25, seven of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana celebrated Jubilees of Monastic Profession. Sister Joella Kidwell, Sister Helen Jean Kormelink, Sister Doris Market, and Sister Leona Schlachter celebrated the seventieth anniversary of their Monastic Professions, and Sister Joyce Marie Newton, Sister Jennifer Miller, and Sister Marilyn Schroering celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their Monastic Professions at a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. In her reflection during the Mass celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, Sister Kathleen Cash said “Today we celebrate 60 and 70 years of a commitment to love and serve our God. Through their daily decision to say yes to the call to seek God through this way of life, we see the countless moments of self-giving that have called each of them to first experience the undivided love of God and then to share that love with whole heart, soul, and mind in all the big and small acts of love that they have offered, that they offer today, and that they will offer in the future.”

Sister Joella Kidwell holds degrees in education, biology and theology. She has taught at numerous schools, served as Director of the Kordes Enrichment Center, Prioress of our community and president of the Federation of St. Gertrude, and served in the monastery bakery. She currently serves in Prayer Ministry. Sister Helen Jean Kormelink knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher, and was encouraged by teachers at Mater Dei High School, especially Sister Mary Clare. Sister Helen Jean holds a Bachelor’s degree, two Master’s degrees, and a Ph.D. She had a long career in education, ranging from teaching to administration. Today she is active in our Prayer Ministry. From Degonia Springs, Indiana, Sister Doris Market holds a Bachelor’s degree in Education and two Master’s degrees, as well as a California Life Teaching Credential. She has taught elementary and junior high students, done parish work and served as director of religious education. Currently, she makes beautiful art for the Gift Shop and helps out in our bakery, as well as visiting sisters at Scenic Hills. Sister Leona Schlachter has both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in General Elementary Education. She has taught grades 1-3 in schools in Evansville, Ireland, Fort Branch, St. James, and for 14 years at Holy Family in Jasper. At the monastery, she has served as Supervisor of the Kitchen Staff at Kordes Retreat Center and Assistant to the Activity Director. She is currently involved in making Mission Advancement calls and

in Monastery Service. From Loretto, Kentucky, Sister Joyce Marie Newton holds a Bachelor’s degree, a Master’s degree and Life License, and an Administrative Standard License. A devoted educator, she spent 43 years teaching in towns around Indiana including Rockport, Evansville, Elberfeld, Haubstadt, St. James and Corydon — the latter for 20 years. She also served in our Dining Room and currently serves in upkeep of the church and in our mail room. @ferdinandosb | 812.367.1411 | www.thedome.org | 802 E 10th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532-9239 A native of Evansville, Indiana, Sister Jennifer Miller holds a Bachelor’s degree in English and Secondary Education, and a Master’s degree in Religion. She spent many years teaching at St. Theresa in Evansville, St. Peter and St. Paul in Haubstadt, and Rex Mundi and Mater Dei High Schools. She has been Campus Minister at the University of Evansville and Purdue University, Youth Director for the Diocese of Evansville, Pastoral Associate at parishes of St. Theresa, Resurrection, St. Joe, and City. She has also been Hospice Chaplain for the VNA and Deaconess and the Donor Engagement Officer in Mission Advancement for our monastery, and in our prison ministry. She currently works in Scenic Hills Pastoral Ministry, while continuing her work for Mission Advancement. Sister Marilyn Schroering holds a Bachelor’s degree and Master’s degree in Education, spent years working as a teacher and administrator. Once she left teaching, she

served as the Director of Kordes Retreat Center, and as our Monastery Coordinator. She’s currently our director of tourism, helps chauffeur our senior Sisters, and assists in the mail room. The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand make up the second largest Benedictine community of women in the United States — over 95 members strong and thriving. They seek God through the Benedictine tradition of community life, prayer, hospitality, and service to others. By their life and work, they commit themselves to be a presence of peace as they join their sisters and brothers in the common search for God. The Monastery Immaculate Conception was founded in 1867 by four young Benedictine sisters who came to Ferdinand to teach the children of area settlers. Since then, more than 1,000 women have entered this community. Their ministries extend both beyond education and beyond Ferdinand, with members of their community serving as teachers, social workers, parish ministers, counselors, nurses, youth ministers, chaplains, librarians, and more. Those wishing to celebrate any or all of these Sisters by making a gift to the Sisters of St. Benedict in their honor can do so at thedome.org/donate. As the form is completed, the option to note that it is a gift in honor of a sister will become available. Photo: Left to right: Sisters Joella Kidwell, Doris Market, Helen Jean Kormelink, Leona Schlachter, Joyce Marie Newton, Jennifer Miller, and Marilyn Schroering celebrated Jubilees of Monastic Profession at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana.

## Community Foundation invests in Boys & Girls Club of Dubois County

Dubois County, IN – The Dubois County Community Foundation is proud to announce a \$450,000 grant to support the startup and launch of the Boys & Girls Club of Dubois County. Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe, supportive place where young people can learn, grow and thrive outside of school hours. Through positive relationships with caring adults, academic support and leadership development, Clubs help youth build the skills, confidence and character needed to succeed in school and in life. The Boys & Girls Club of Dubois County was established in response to a growing community need identified by local schools and community stakeholders to better support vulnerable youth who may lack access to educational support outside the classroom. A core program of the Club will be after-school tutoring and academic enrichment through

Power Hour, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s nationally recognized homework help program. Power Hour gives students dedicated time to complete assignments, build academic skills and receive support from trained staff and volunteers. The program has been shown to build strong study habits, improve academic performance and increase students’ confidence and preparedness for school. Funding was made possible by support from Lilly Endowment Inc. through the Community Support Grant component of the ninth phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT IX) initiative and a local donor. This grant supports efforts to strengthen educational attainment and expand access to impactful youth programming to improve academic, social and lifelong outcomes.



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Living...in a troubled world

God shall fight for you

By Teresa A. LeNeave

Moses told the people, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart (that’s something you feel inside, a total awareness of God) and with all your soul (thoughts, desires, inner being), and with all your might (your energy; your full strength; the best you have to give). Deut. 6:5. He’s someone you want in your life every day.

Moses said doing so would ensure a blessed life and that each person had the responsibility for passing the love of God to the next generation.

You know, make it perpetual; make sure the flame never dies. God’s plan is: when one generation dies, the next generation keeps it burning. If God is to be a perpetual God, EACH generation has the responsibility to pass the knowledge

of God to the next generation. He told the Israelites to pay attention and watch themselves closely so they wouldn’t forget what God had done for them. They were to tell their children, and their grandchildren, about God and His protection. Deut. 4:7-9.

God is serious about us loving Him with all our heart, soul and might. He wants us to teach, and talk about the blessings and

benefits that come with obedience and love.

In Deuteronomy eleven, God said the people had a choice. Blessing or cursing. That was their two options. If they chose to love and obey God there would be many benefits.



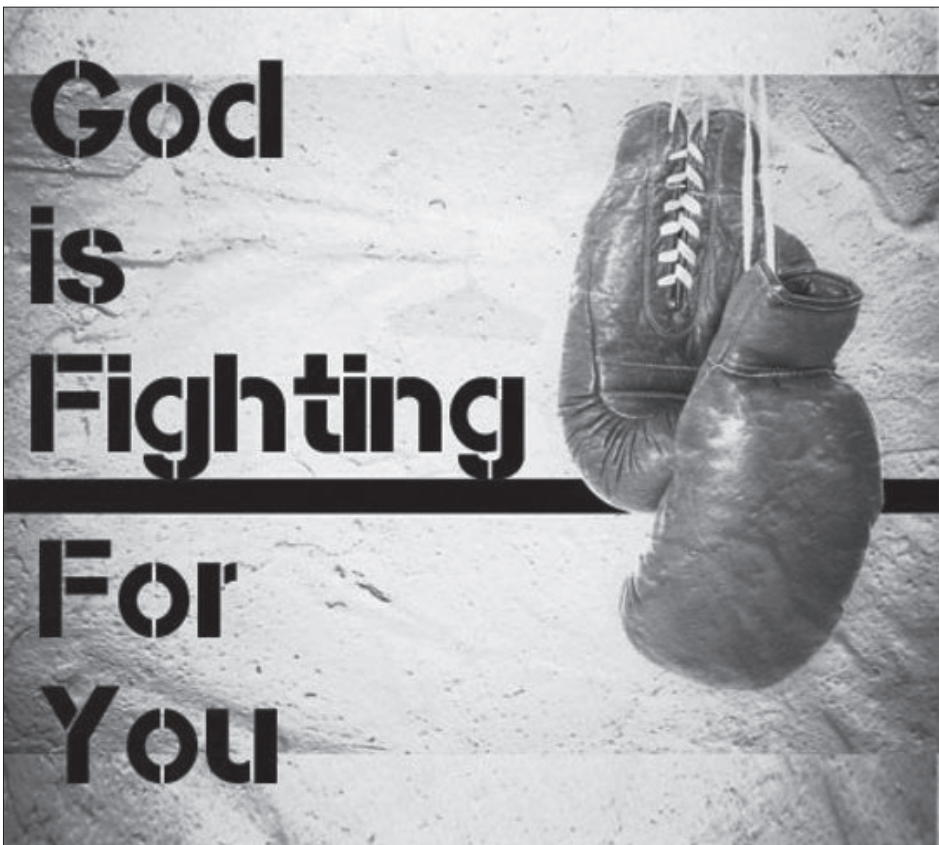
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Specifically, “He (God) Shall Fight For You” (Deuteronomy 1:30). I don’t know about you, but I’ve needed God to fight a few battles for me. Sometimes, no earthly person can fix it. You can give all you’ve got and you still can’t fix it. God can.

Moses said, “When you are in tribulation, and all these things (the curses) are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if you turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD

thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them” (Deut. 4:30-31).

That’s the message every generation must pass to the next generation. He told



them to teach their children about God, to talk to them about God in their homes; when they are outside taking a walk; when they go to bed at night and again in the morning. Keep God in front of their eyes so their minds don’t forget who He is.

When Moses finished reciting all these words to the nation of Israel, he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words

of this law. They are not just idle words for you; they are your life” (Deut. 32:45-47).

May we all take Moses’ solemn warning to heart: they are not just idle words for you; they are your life. Deut. 32:45-47.

Outdoor Truths: The Load

I’ve always considered myself a prepared hunter – some would say over prepared. I very rarely go into the woods without my backpack. During the colder months this is especially true. Since I’m never absolutely sure as to what the weather will bring, I take just about everything. My backpack is over three-thousand cubic inches. I strategically place additional clothes in it or strapped to it. I carry additional socks, gloves, headgear, and even an extra base-layer shirt just in case I sweat too much while getting to the

stand. The nooks and crannies are stuffed full of other things like snacks, a drink, reading glasses, a book, paper, pen, and my phone. And there’s also my umbrella and rain gear. In addition to all of this I carry a fanny pack as well; full of calls, scents, rope, compass, trimmers, and anything else that suits my fancy. Now some of you are already laughing at my overkill. You’re not the first. I’ve never weighed my gear, but I figure it really doesn’t matter because the burden of the load is a small price to pay in order to be a more prepared,

and even satisfied, hunter. Sometimes the weight is cumbersome. Walking the hills most assuredly puts a toll on my legs, but as the season progresses it eventually becomes almost unnoticeable.

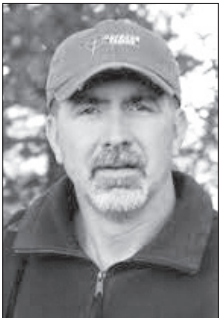
Some of you, right now, are carrying a load of a different kind. It’s a burden that weighs on your heart and mind. It may be one you have caused or one you had nothing to do with. These burdens come through all sorts of circumstances from sickness, the concern over a child, the loss of a job, divorce, or a host of other things. Your mind is questioning

the purpose of such a burden and the devil is quick to answer your question by casting the guilt squarely in your lap and telling you, “If you had only (fill in the blank) this would have never happened, and now God will abandon you to suffer the consequences alone.”

The Bible is clear about the devil and his ways. It says he is the father of lies and his purpose is to destroy your faith by causing you to doubt and

disbelieve the Word of God.

The truth of the scriptures assures us of several things. They tell us we are loved by God, He will never leave us, and that He has promised to bring good to our lives even in the midst of our burdens. He has also promised us peace. Having peace, many times, doesn’t come from the burden being taken away but by changing our mind concerning it. My backpack was



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not a burden because I knew in my mind it would make me better prepared. The weight was the same, but my mind counted it worthwhile. What you may need right now is not your burden removed but only to see it from the perspective of God. It is not bigger than He. In fact, it is simply a tool in His hands to prepare you for what He is making you to be. Ask God to give you peace in your trial. The Bible says He will give it in such a way that it will surprise even you.

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A treat that tricks

If you’re a jelly bean eater, prepare to spit them out for good. According to numerous sources, their glossy and crunchy coating is actually made from resin secreted by the female “lac bug” after it drinks the sap of trees. The chemical is released by the lac bug onto twigs and branches, where it is collected and later processed into flakes that are sprayed on candies like jelly beans, candy corn, and chocolate-

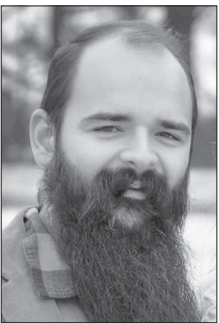
covered mint patties. Because these treats appear delectable and delicious, you’d never suspect you were eating insect excrement. Now, that’s a treat that tricks!

Sin is also a “treat” that tricks. Sin always appears shiny, satisfying, and sugar-coated. It’s tantalizing appearance captures the eyes of our flesh, and its abominable aroma whets our sinful appetite (cf. Gen. 3:6; James 1:14-15). But in reality, sin is not a treat at all. It

is the object of God’s hate, the source of man’s grief, and the root of all the world’s troubles (Psalm 5:4; Job 15:20-35).

Moreover, sin only tastes sweet for a fleeting moment (cf. Heb. 11:25). Sin’s cunning coating of enjoyment wears off quickly, and it always leaves a foul

taste in the mouth. As Job’s friend Zophar observed, “Though evil is sweet in his mouth, though he hides it under his tongue, though he is loath to let it go and holds it in his mouth, yet his food is turned in his stomach; it is the venom of cobras within him” (Job 20:12-14). Sin is bitter like wormwood and sour like unripe grapes to those who



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consume it (Deut. 29:18-19; Jer. 31:30). Those who relish every bite of sin will find sin biting them back (cf. Jer. 2:19).

What is truly sweet is experiencing the grace and goodness of the Lord God. For this reason, the psalmist urges, “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8). At His right hand are “pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11). Furthermore, doing His will is

always sweetly satisfying, and it never leads to bitter guilt or sour regret (John 4:34). The satisfaction He gives is not a trick—it is as real as it gets: “For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things” (Psalm 107:9).

Note: My latest book, Bible Gleanings Volume III, contains 100 daily devotionals just like the ones you read here each weekend. It is available in paperback on Amazon.com

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee... I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee.”  
— ISAIAH 41:10:



# Waiting does not mean God is saying no

Life has its ups and downs, and no one is exempt from struggling every now and then. We’ve heard that how we react to situations is based on how much spiritual peace we can maintain, and I certainly believe this is true. In order to hear God’s still small voice, we need to be very close to Him. How many have experienced the agony of trying to be patient while waiting on God to move? Some of you might be going through this today. No doubt, it’s difficult to be calm when we are hurting. It seems we cannot think of anything else other than how we feel. Nonetheless, it’s possible to not only use these dark times of the soul as a ladder to help us climb out of our pit of discouragement, but to actually rise to a higher level of personal peace and contentment. It’s

possible to learn how to transform our worries into confidence.

In the Song of Solomon chapter two, the Shulamite woman and the king are in love, and their dialogue is a beautiful expression of romance. In verse 15, she mentions how the little foxes damage the grapevines by chewing on them and eventually hinder the ability to make wine. To make a long story short, the foxes represent attacks of frustration and anxiety, while the vines are symbolic of our relationships, especially with God. She is trying to warn her future husband about the importance of keeping their emotions in check by being aware of negative forces that will attempt to ruin their marriage. This story reminds us to remain focused on God’s promises and not allow impatience

and negative distractions that tempt us to let go of our faith. “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” Romans 12:12.

We have become spoiled in an age of instant gratification, and this can unfortunately bleed over into our spiritual thinking. We have a tendency to make a decree, say a short prayer, and then expect immediate results, and when we do not have an answer by the end of the day, we move on to something else. Let us consider: this is not always how the Lord works. Have you ever experienced a stressful trial, and as you were searching for answers, it seemed that God was silent? Maybe He was quiet for a reason, and then it could be that we were just not

listening to His future plans. Remember that Abraham and Sarah were told by God they would have a special child, but it was decades later until Issac was born. Hannah also prayed for



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a child, but it was years later that she gave birth to Samuel. Job had to endure suffering and wait before God responded to deliver him. Moses prayed for the Israelites, but the Lord did not respond until after a long period of wandering. Daniel interceded intensely, but his answer did not come until 21 days later. These are just a few of many instances that emphasize patience. Just because we do not see immediate miracles

from our prayers does not mean that God is saying no. Heaven is not a vending machine where we just push a button and instantly receive our request.

Our heavenly Father is completely aware of our situation, and within His blueprint is for us to submit to His perfect will. Knowing Him is all about trusting Him even when it seems that no one understands or cares. In the book of Ephesians, we are given an explanation about our spiritual armor, and if we notice, the helmet and breastplate is given to protect our mind and heart from the dangerous arrows of outside influences. The enemy of our soul loves to use words against us because he knows how much damage they can inflict. When we are confronted with negative circumstances, we are tempted to absorb and agree, which in

turn triggers our response mechanism to unleash a flood of harmful reactions. Unfortunately, anger, sadness, and self-pity have ruined many people’s lives because they let go of hope. Remember, hold on a little longer as Hebrews 11:6 declares that without faith it is impossible to please God. Whatever you are waiting for today, realize that God wants the best for you. Guard and protect your conscience from the attacks of depression and despair and embrace the absolute reality of His truth. If you know what He has promised, stand strong in your faith and know it’s going to happen.

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# Teens and Special Media: Finding balance beyond the school day

By Molly Johnson, Youth First, Inc.

Social media is a common part of daily life for many students. TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram are often used to stay connected with friends, share laughs, and pass the time. While Indiana law now limits student cell phone use during school, many students continue using their phones before and after school, in the evenings, and on weekends.

Some students have shared that they stay on their phones late into the night, sometimes as late as 2:00 am. This lack of sleep can significantly impact their mood, focus and ability to function the following day. As a result, social media continues to play a significant role in students’ well-being, friendships, and daily lives, even beyond the school day.

One challenge many students face is comparison. Social media often highlights the best and most carefully curated moments of someone’s life, making it easy for students to believe others are happier, more popular, more confident, or simply doing better than they are. Seeing these images and videos can leave students feeling left out and inadequate. Adults also experience comparison, but



students are still developing their sense of identity and learning who they are. This can make the pressure to compare, and the emotions that come with it, feel especially intense and difficult to navigate.

Another challenge is the pressure to be constantly connected. Group chats, notifications, and online trends continue long after the school day ends, leaving some students feeling they need to respond immediately or risk missing out. This can interfere with sleep, increase stress, and make it harder to focus or manage emotions. Social media can also intensify friendship conflicts, as small disagreements can quickly escalate

through messages, screenshots, or rumors. For students still learning to navigate friendships, online conflict can feel especially overwhelming.

Despite its challenges, social media can also have positive uses. Students can be creative, share humor, learn new things, and connect with others. Families can join in too - doing TikTok dances or trends together can create connection and support, turning screen time into a shared experience rather than something done alone.

It is also important for students to have time away from screens. Playing outside, joining sports or clubs, drawing,

listening to music, reading, cooking with family, or having game nights can help students relax and feel connected. These activities can support emotional balance and give students a break from the pressure that comes with being online.

Teaching students about online safety is just as important as discussing screen time. Remind them to protect personal information, think carefully about what they post, and recognize that not everyone online has good intentions. Knowing how to block or report unsafe content – and when to turn to a trusted adult – can help students navigate the online world more safely.

Encouraging students to speak up when they are concerned about a friend can help ensure they get support when they need it. Adults also play an important role by listening, setting healthy limits, and modeling balanced phone use. Parents and caregivers can start conversations by asking how social media makes their child feel, not just how much time they spend on it. Talk about comparison, online safety, and taking breaks from screens, especially before bedtime. Most importantly, remind children that they can come to you without fear of getting in trouble.

Social media will

continue to be part of growing up. With balance, guidance, and strong connections both online and offline, students can learn to use it in healthy and positive ways.

If your student needs additional support or guidance in this area, check to see if your school has a Youth First Mental Health Professional at <http://www.youthfirstinc.org/mentalhealthprofessional>.

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The Jasper volleyball team captured a region championship on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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## Blue & White Night to be held at Northeast Dubois Nov. 12

### Staff Report

DUBOIS — Blue & White Night is set to be held at Northeast Dubois on Thursday, Nov. 12. Northeast DuBois Basketball will be

featured throughout Blue & White Night. The doors for Blue & White Night will open at 6 p.m. Admission to Blue & White Night is a canned food item for the local food pantry.



The Forest Park boys' cross country team is pictured.

photo courtesy of Forest Park High School



The Forest Park girls' cross country team is pictured.

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### HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# Lady Rangers finish 20th at regional meet

## Forest Park runners set personal, season bests

### Staff Report

MARENGO — The Forest Park cross country program traveled to Crawford County to compete in the Regional Championship on Saturday, Oct. 24. The Forest Park girls' team and several individual athletes exceeded

their projected finishes. The girls entered the meet projected to finish at the bottom of the team standings but put together a strong race to place 20th out of 25 teams. Junior Kendal Gehlhausen led the Lady Rangers, finishing 70th overall with a time of 21:06

and lowering her season best by 6 seconds. Freshman Dylan Steczyk finished 111th overall. Junior Kendall Fischer finished third on the team and 177th overall while lowering her personal-best 5K time by an impressive 1 minute, 22 seconds.

Junior Delainey Auffart finished 189th overall with a time of 23:15. Freshman Braylee Wahl finished 199th overall with a time of 23:40. Sophomore Addi Evitts finished 200th overall with a time of 23:45, lowering her season best by 5 seconds.

Freshman Aria Huff finished 208th overall with a time of 24:00. In the boys' race, four Rangers competed as individual regional qualifiers. Freshman Mason Cheek led the Rangers, finishing 169th overall with a time of 18:42

and lowering his personal-best 5K time by 16 seconds. Junior Jace Wright finished 209th overall with a time of 19:15. Freshman Casey Steczyk finished 225th overall with a time of 19:56. Junior Marcus Berg finished 239th overall with a time of 21:12.



The Forest Park boys' tennis program held its annual banquet on Sunday, Oct. 25.

photo courtesy of Forest Park High School Boys' Tennis

# Forest Park boys' tennis team holds banquet

### Staff Report

FERDINAND — The Forest Park boys' tennis program held its annual banquet on Sunday, Oct. 25. The Rangers finished 10-8 and won their first sectional

game in over six years during the latest boys' high school tennis season. The Forest Park boys' tennis team consisted of two seniors (Eli Brockman, Clayton Roesner), one junior (Colton Osborn), six

sophomores (Jace Brockman, Miles Rea, Drew Fischer, Jace Betz, Preston Englert, Brayton Fromme) and four freshmen (Parker Schnarr, Trey Benton, Harrison Gutsell, Zaden Fromme).

A breakdown of the awards from the banquet follows. First Time Letter Winner: Trey Benton (Freshman). PAC All-Conference for Singles: Jace Brockman. PAC All-Conference

Honorable Mention for Singles: Miles Rea. PAC All-Conference for Doubles: Eli Brockman and Clayton Roesner. Academic All-State: Team. Mental Attitude

Award: Miles Rea. Most Improved: Jace Brockman. Coach's Awards: Eli Brockman and Clayton Roesner. MVP: Eli Brockman.





The Jasper girls' cross country team finished as a State Finalist on Saturday, Oct. 24. photo courtesy of Jasper High School

High School Football

Rangers roll past Crawford County

Staff Report

MARENGO — Forest Park rolled past Crawford County 64-0 during the opening round of the high school football playoffs on Friday, Oct. 23. With the win, Forest Park evened its record to 5-5. Quarterback Kale

King paced Forest Park through the air, amassing 240 passing yards. Huddy Lueken, Cam Lueken, Hudson King, Anden Uebelhor, Jaxon Deel and Braydon Welp each scored touchdowns on offense for the Rangers. Defensively for

Forest Park, Riley Begle, Hudson King and Cam Lueken each recorded one interception. Begley returned his interception for a touchdown. Kicker Parker Wolf paced Forest Park on special teams, booting a single game school record eight PATs.

The Rangers benefitted from a balanced offensive attack. Forest Park is scheduled to host North Knox at Best Home Furnishings Stadium in the second round of the high school football playoffs on Friday, Oct. 30.

23 new conservation officers graduate training

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Law Enforcement held graduation ceremonies at the Indiana Government Center on Friday, Oct. 23. Twenty-three new Indiana Conservation Officers officially joined the division during the event. Conservation Officer Tyler Brock, the 2025 James D. Pitzer Officer of the Year, administered the oath of office to the recruits, who will fill positions in various locations around the state. The officers and their assignment locations (by county) are Jayden Blizzard (Elkhart), Kyler Bowers (LaGrange), Donald Carty (Henry), Asa Christie (Warren), Paul Davis (Washington), Justin Eib (Steuben), Brody Fessel (Clark), Parker Gehl (Perry), Evan Halstenberg (Dearborn/Ohio), Joshua Hodge (LaPorte), Drake Huber (Scott), James Lowe (Fountain), Jacob Lundergan (Fayette), Daniel Lunn (Porter), Luke

McDonald (Parke), James Miller (Johnson), Kyle Proper (Tipton), Devon Pruett (Washington), Clyde-Christian Rash (Adams), Levi Rogers (Posey), Gabriel Smail (Porter), Payton Lumpkin (Rush) and Noah Owsley (Steuben) The new officers completed six weeks of recruit training and will next attend the 15-week basic law enforcement academy. Upon completion of the academy, officers will complete additional specialized training before doing 90 shifts of field training. The DNR employs 214 conservation officers who, in addition to enforcing state laws, are often called upon to help during emergencies and natural disasters. They also engage in non-law enforcement activities such as outdoor instructional programs, including boater, hunter, snowmobile, and trapper education. The division's specialty response, river rescue, cave rescue, underwater search and recovery units, and its K-9 teams are available statewide as needed.

Halloween Safety: Keeping Little Ghosts and Goblins Safe

Halloween is a favorite time of year for children and families, filled with costumes, candy, decorations and neighborhood trick-or-treating. While the holiday offers plenty of fun, taking a few simple safety precautions can help ensure everyone enjoys a safe and memorable Halloween.

**Choose Safe Costumes** Parents should select costumes that fit properly to prevent tripping and falling. Costumes, wigs and accessories should be made from flame-resistant materials. Masks should provide clear visibility, and face paint or makeup can be a safer alternative when used according to product directions. Adding reflective tape to costumes and carrying glow sticks or flashlights can help children remain visible to drivers after dark.

**Practice Street Safety** Motorists should slow down and remain especially alert in residential neighborhoods on Halloween evening. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, cross streets at designated crosswalks and look both ways before crossing. Drivers

should watch carefully for children who may dart between parked vehicles. Younger children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult, while older children should travel in groups and follow an agreed-upon route and return time.

**Inspect Treats Before Eating** Candy is one of Halloween's biggest attractions, but parents should inspect all treats before children eat them. Discard candy with damaged or opened wrappers, unusual appearances or other

signs of tampering. Young children should not receive hard candy or small toys that could pose choking hazards. Homemade treats should only be accepted from trusted sources.

**Make Homes and Decorations Safe** Homeowners can help prevent accidents by keeping walkways, porches and steps clear of decorations, cords and other obstacles. Outdoor lights should be working properly, and candles should be kept away from costumes, dry leaves and other flammable materials. Battery-operated

candles offer a safer alternative for jack-o'-lanterns.

**Stay Alert and Have a Plan** Families should establish clear rules about staying with their group, never entering a stranger's home and accepting rides only from trusted adults. Children should know how to contact their parents or guardians if they become separated. Halloween safety is a shared responsibility among parents, children, homeowners and motorists. By planning ahead and staying alert, families

can reduce risks and focus on what makes the holiday special: spending time together, enjoying festive traditions and creating happy memories. A little preparation goes a long way toward making Halloween a treat for everyone!



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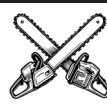
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Area Deaths

Southern and East Central Indiana

Michael M. “Mike” Witte

Michael M. “Mike” Witte, age 88, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away with family by his side at 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery. A Memorial Mass for Michael M. Witte was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The American Legion Post #147 performed military rites at the church. An interment will be held at a later date.

Janet L. Judd

Janet L. Judd, age 63, of Jasper, Indiana, went to be with the Lord surrounded by family at 12:49 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana. A funeral service for Janet L. Judd will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Shiloh Cemetery in Jasper.

Eugene “Gene” L. Kempf

Eugene “Gene” Leo Kempf was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1938, to William and Veronica (Stemle) Kempf. He passed away on October 15, 2026, after five brave and determined months living with lymphoma. A Mass of Christian Burial for Eugene “Gene” Leo Kempf will be held at 11:00 a.m. EST on Friday, October 23, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. EST until the 11:00 a.m. EST Mass time at the church on Friday. Not only did Gene grow up in this parish, but his father helped build the church in the early 1900’s.

Lee J. Welp

Lee J. Welp, age 95, of Schnellville, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:09 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Lee J. Welp was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Jeremy K. Lee

Jeremy K. Lee, age 56, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 10:34 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana, after a courageous battle with cancer. A Mass of

Christian Burial for Jeremy K. Lee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 26, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana.

Beatrice “Bea” E. Knies

Beatrice E. “Bea” Knies, age 94, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Beatrice E. Knies was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

George B. Hasenour

George B. Hasenour, age 79, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away at 2:29 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for George B. Hasenour was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military graveside rites.

Edna May Young

Edna May Young, 94, passed peacefully on October 12, 2026, with her daughter, Lisa and son-in-law, Joe by her side. Services were held at 11:00 AM CDT on Monday October 19, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel with Paul Alvey officiating. Burial followed in New Cliff Cemetery.

Cheryl L. Ranger

Cheryl L. Ranger, age 77, of Dale, passed away at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, October 16, 2026, at her home surrounded by family. Funeral services for Cheryl L. Ranger will be held at 10:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Gentryville Methodist Church in Gentryville. Burial will follow at Dale Cemetery. Pastor Charlotte Jenkins will officiate the service. Visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Friday, October 23, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale; and at the church one hour prior to the service. Condolences may be shared online at: [www.raineyfuneralhome.com](http://www.raineyfuneralhome.com).

Joy Ann Kendall

Joy Ann Kendall, age 94, of Dale, passed away peacefully at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville with her children by her side. Funeral services for Joy Ann Kendall will be held at 10:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Friday, October 23, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial will follow at the Dale Cemetery. Pastor MikeTurner will officiate the service.

Patricia N. Schurz

Patricia “Patty” N. Schurz, age 80, of Holland, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at her home. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., E.D.T., at Christ Community Church in Huntingburg. Pastor Jan Miller will officiate. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling arrangements.

Clifford D. Blunt, Sr.

Clifford Doyle Blunt, Sr., 82, Russiaville, passed away at 6:17 am on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Ascension St. Vincent Kokomo in Kokomo. A graveside service to celebrate Clifford’s life was held on Monday, Oct. 19th at 12:00 noon with Bruce Hawkins officiating at Marion IOOF Cemetery 2225 S. Lincoln Blvd., Marion, IN. Arrangements have been entrusted to Needham-Storrey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Anna Biddle

Anna L. Biddle, 79, of Marion, passed away at 11:04 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in Marion. The family received visitors from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Marion Church of the Brethren, 2302 S. Geneva Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Anna’s life was held at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Kay Theel officiating. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

Rosalie B. Fisher

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Rosalie B. Fisher, who departed this life on October 13, 2026, just days shy of her 96th birthday. The funeral services for Rosalie B. Fisher was held on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 North Main Street, Upland, Indiana 46989, with Rev. Ginny Soultz officiating. Burial took place at Jefferson Cemetery, located in Upland, Indiana.

Nancy N. Cole

Nancy N. Cole, 82, died October 13, 2026, in Marion, Indiana. The service for Nancy was held at 11am, Tuesday, October 20, 2026 in Marion National Cemetery, 1700 East 38th Street, Marion, Indiana.

Pamela Sue Artrip

Pamela S. Bilbrey-Artrip, 64, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, October 13, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family, following a courageous, extended battle with cancer. In accordance with Pam’s wishes, no memorial services will be held. Her family asks that you celebrate her memory by cheering on her Colts or sharing a favorite story of times spent together.

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

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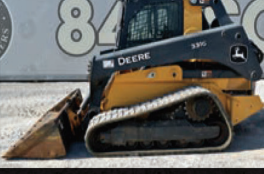






















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RED RIBBON WEEK

1. LOCHOLA \_\_\_\_\_
2. IUJAAANMR \_\_\_\_\_
3. NTNIOIC \_\_\_\_\_
4. DO NTO KOMSE \_\_\_\_\_
5. EOELRISPBSN \_\_\_\_\_
6. GSOUADERNA \_\_\_\_\_
7. AEHTD \_\_\_\_\_
8. AETHYLUNH \_\_\_\_\_
9. EB A ALDEER \_\_\_\_\_
10. EREP ESRSPERU \_\_\_\_\_
11. EPSRU ROEH \_\_\_\_\_
12. STGCIREAET \_\_\_\_\_
13. TOIDCANID \_\_\_\_\_
14. OQNECEUSNCSE \_\_\_\_\_
15. NUDRK VNDIRIG \_\_\_\_\_
16. DRE ORBBIN WKEE \_\_\_\_\_
17. SGDRU \_\_\_\_\_
18. CBCOAOT \_\_\_\_\_
19. HCSEICO \_\_\_\_\_
20. CRAENC \_\_\_\_\_

Red Ribbon Week Word Search

U G E R R C E E T S D Y T N P V C U V U K P X A  
Q S R E S P E C T L E R Y D Q O Q J X I P V I C  
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M C C B U O X U N E K M B V T T M G H A D R K L  
A R E D R I B B O N Z N W Y B A B C C O T K D P

- responsible

Cigarettes

nicotine

Alcohol

cancer

sober

Crime
- trustworthy

character

Inhalant

Illegal

Police

goals

chew
- Amphetamine

education

friends

caring

truth

death

Jail
- medication

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abuse

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- Red Ribbon

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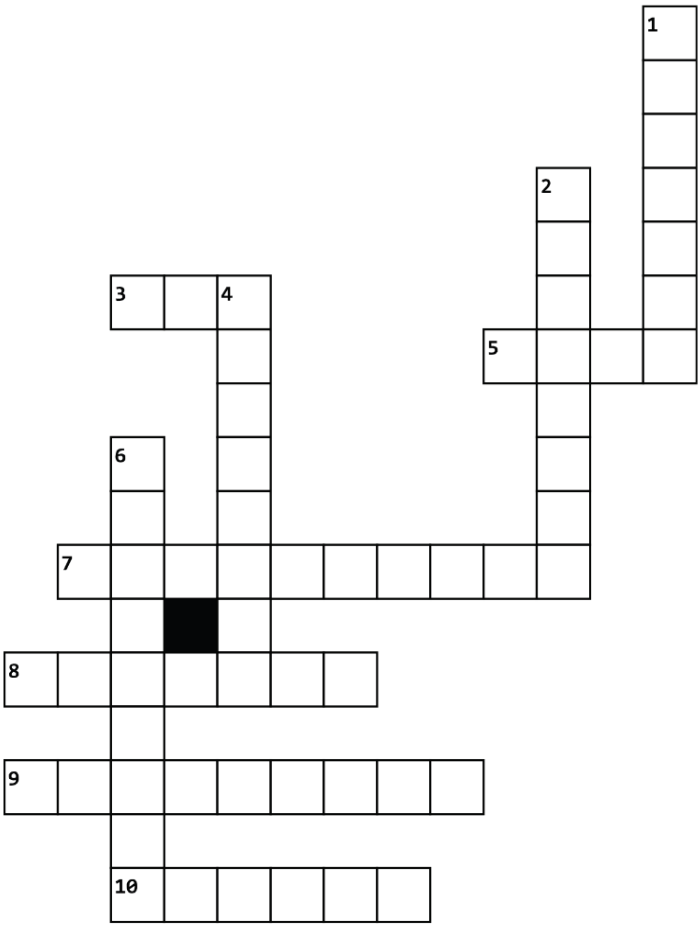
Belief

pride

Drugs

CROSSWORD FUN

Red Ribbon Week



Across

3. What you wear to show support.
5. A healthy activity you do to stay fit.
7. The opposite of unhealthy.
8. An important value to show towards others.
9. The ability to make decisions
10. To not fall for temptations.

Down

1. A word for making good choices.
2. Feeling good in both body and mind.
4. A word for staying away from harmful substances.
6. A person who helps others make good choices.



Word Search

PRESCRIPTIONS WORD SEARCH

E U M S E L Y T O P I C A L I I C O C O  
M C T A A F H H P G O U B F B A N U M T  
C L A U G N I L B U S Y N C S L N E N C  
G I O N C O S S N R P L C D G N O F T R  
F F R E N O L M H H T S R R Y R I S S C  
E S N E P S I D Y B S D N A R B T O R T  
Y Y D D N T T C E F F E E D I S A G L A  
M M H S A E T G O P O E G G R T C D P M  
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L T A I T T O H G C F N L E U S T E D Y S  
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L T C U N P A C C O M P O U N D I N G E C  
A Y T A P O T A U T H O R I Z A T T I O N  
F H T M C G D B D Z O O M M B R T R F  
U S F R A C N O I T P I R C S E R P R Z  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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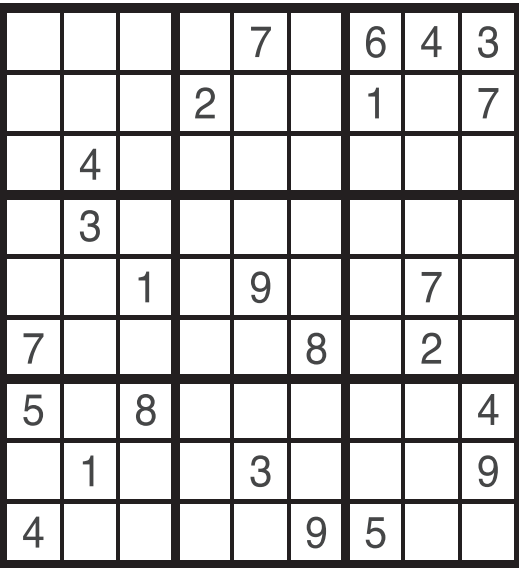
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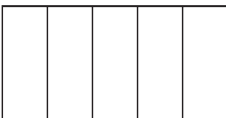
ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to prescriptions.

SLPLI



Answer: Pills

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in California on October 25, 1984. I grew up listening to gospel music, but eventually pursued a career in pop music. I have been nominated for 13 Grammy Awards, and have five Billboard Music Awards. I have many hits and I performed during the Super Bowl halftime show in 2015.

Answer: Katy Perry

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Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to small business. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = S)

- A.

26 17 20 23 26 15 23 26 17 26 8 23

Clue: One who establishes a business
- B.

7 8 22 2 17 26 22 22

Clue: Company
- C.

1 10 10 6 8 17 20 22

Clue: Clients
- D.

22 8 10 10 26 22 22

Clue: Achievement of something

Answers: A. entrepreneur B. business C. accounts D. success

Coloring Fun





# Red Ribbon Week 2026 Encourages Youth to Make Healthy, Drug-Free Choices

Red Ribbon Week 2026 will bring schools, families and communities together to promote healthy lifestyles, drug prevention and positive choices among young people. Observed annually from October 23 through October 31, the national campaign encourages students to understand the importance of making decisions that support their health, safety and future success.

The 2026 observance continues a longstanding tradition of raising awareness about substance use prevention and encouraging young people to remain drug-free. Schools and community organizations use the week to share prevention messages, promote healthy habits and remind students that the

choices they make today can influence their opportunities tomorrow.

This year's national theme, "Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free," emphasizes that every young person can make a positive difference through healthy decisions. The theme encourages students to recognize that being a hero does not require extraordinary actions; it can begin with standing firm against peer pressure, supporting friends in making safe choices and setting a positive example for others. The message also highlights the importance of preventing substance misuse, including the dangers associated with fentanyl and counterfeit pills.

Red Ribbon Week grew out of the

RED RIBBON WEEK



memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration special agent who was killed in 1985 while working to combat drug trafficking. In his memory, friends and supporters began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to preventing drug use. The movement expanded nationwide, eventually becoming the annual Red Ribbon Week campaign.

Today, the red ribbon serves as a reminder that prevention begins with education, positive relationships and community involvement. Schools often recognize the week through classroom activities, special dress-up days, posters, assemblies and student pledges. These activities provide opportunities for children and teenagers to discuss peer pressure, practice making responsible decisions and learn how to seek help from trusted adults.

Parents and caregivers also play an important role in prevention. Open conversations about health, safety and the risks associated with substance use can help young people feel comfortable asking questions and discussing difficult situations. Adults can reinforce these lessons by setting positive examples, encouraging participation in school and community activities, and maintaining supportive relationships with their children.

Communities can support the campaign by sharing educational information, displaying red ribbons and encouraging local organizations to participate. Teachers, counselors, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers and youth leaders can work together to deliver consistent prevention messages.

Red Ribbon Week is more than a single week of activities. Its message is intended to continue throughout the year, reminding young people that they have the ability to make choices that protect their well-being and help them reach their goals.

As schools and communities recognize Red Ribbon Week 2026, the campaign offers an opportunity to renew a shared commitment to education, prevention and the next generation. By working together, adults and young people can help build safer, healthier communities where children are encouraged to make positive choices and pursue bright futures.

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