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Swayzee Public Library announces Saturday events to help fill stockings

By Cathy Shouse

Sometimes it's the smaller gifts that can make the biggest impression. With that idea in mind, Saturday, November 21, The Swayzee Public Library will kick off a series of events. Multiple offerings will be available at the library to help people shop for that perfect gift. Books will be on the menu, as well as baked goods, hand-crafted items, and more. Each Saturday will have a different flavor so looking ahead can be helpful

"We're calling them 'Stocking Stuffer Saturdays,'" said Stephanie Riddle, the librarian behind the concept. "We'll have authors and vendors in our library for four Saturdays leading up to Christmas."

Author Candice Sue Patterson will be on hand to spread some holiday joy this Saturday.

"Stephanie Riddle from the Swayzee Library asked me to come last year and I couldn't make it, so when she asked again this year, I worked it out," Patterson said. "Not sure how she heard about me. I live 2.5 hours south of Swayzee in Bloomfield (a small town near Bloomington). I write Modern-Vintage Romance--where the past and present collide with faith."



Memberrs of the Swayzee Public Library board of directors pose in front of the library. Libraria Stephanie Riddle is kicking off "Stocking Stuffer" events for four upcoming Saturdays.

Patterson mentioned one of her books about Christmas might interest readers, describing it as "a woman who must run her family's lobstering business when her father and brothers abandon her for the California Gold Rush." However, the author has many books to choose from.

"I write a mix of contemporary and historical romance with elements of faith, hope, clean romance, and overcoming life's hardships," Patterson said. "Some of my books are with Barbour Publishing and some I've released indie. Most are set in Maine. I've been in the publishing industry for fifteen years, and I'm getting ready to release my seventeenth book, this time a 45-day devotional written specifically for women in perimenopause. The Wonder Years: Midlife Edition helps women meet God in the middle of their symptoms. It's also full of humor and 80s and 90s nostalgia."

Patterson is looking forward to making the trek to Swayzee to meet local readers, hoping to share the spirit of the season.

"I'm excited to meet readers and sign books on Saturday," she said. "I'll be bringing three of my Christmas-themed romances, along with several historical titles."

Save the dates: Saturday, November 21st; Saturday, December 5; Saturday, December 12; and Saturday, December 19- all from 12-4 PM.

"There will be authors and vendors- great for stocking stuffers! We are hoping patrons and newbies

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Tickets On sale for the Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon

MARION, IN – The Community School of the Arts (CSA) is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for its upcoming CSA Civic Theatre production of The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon, a hilarious holiday comedy that brings all the familiar, heartwarming, and wonderfully predictable elements of your favorite Christmas movies to the stage.

Written by Don Zolidis, The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon is a fast-paced comedy that celebrates—and hilariously pokes fun at—the beloved formula of holiday television movies. Audiences can expect small-town charm, big-city executives, unexpected romance, festive misunderstandings, and plenty of Christmas magic. Whether you love these movies or simply love laughing at them, this production promises an evening of holiday entertainment for everyone.

Adding to the excitement, the production will feature a special guest performance by Marion Mayor Ronnie Morrell, who will join the cast in bringing this festive comedy to life. CSA is thrilled to welcome Mayor Morrell to the stage for this special community theatre experience.

Performances will take place at the James Dean Memorial Theater at CSA Civic Theatre, located at 305 S. Adams Street in downtown Marion, on the following dates:

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM

Friday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.csa-marion.com/tickets or by contacting the CSA Box Office at 765-662-6263.

The CSA Civic Theatre continues its tradition of bringing quality community theatre to downtown Marion, featuring local performers, volunteers, and creative talent from throughout the region.

Make plans to join CSA Civic Theatre this December for a holiday comedy filled with laughter, romance, and all the Christmas movie magic you could hope for. After all, it wouldn't be a Christmas movie without a little chaos along the way!

Marion students selected for prestigious all-state ensembles

Four Marion Community Schools singers have been selected to perform in prestigious all-state honor ensembles at the Indiana Music Education Association's upcoming annual conference.

At McCulloch Junior High, the following eighth-graders were selected to participate in the IMEA All State Middle School Honor Choir:

Christopher Villarreal

Keyly Lechuga Salvatierra

At Justice Intermediate School, the following students were selected to participate in the IMEA All State Elementary School Honor Choir:

Naomi Bell, sixth grade (selected for the second year in a row)

Chyna Luster, fifth grade

These honor ensembles are a great opportunity and give students a chance to learn and grow as musicians. To be selected for this honor, students are nominated by their choir director and then submit audition materials; all nominations are then evaluated based on several criteria to select members of these talented groups from across the state. Selected musicians have been notified and were tasked with practicing the musical selections in preparation for the upcoming performances.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, honor ensemble members from around the state will gather to rehearse together for the first time, with a guest clinician. Then, on Jan. 15, they will perform together in Fort Wayne during IMEA's annual conference.

The MJH and JIS students join Marion High School senior Clara Davies and junior Hannah Huff, whose selection to the Indiana Choral Directors Association's All-State Honor Choir was announced earlier. That choir will also perform at IMEA's annual conference.

Marion's outstanding representation during this music-filled weekend is a testament to the hard work and dedication our students display every day in the classroom, and to the excellence, skill, and professionalism that our music educators bring to their work all year round.

We are proud of all of these Marion Giants!



CHRISTOPHER VILLARREAL
8th grade



KEYLY LECHUGA SALVATIERRA
8th grade



NAOMI BELL
6th grade



CHYNA LUSTER
5th grade

Marion Community Schools named District of Distinction by Apple co-founder Wozniak's Woz ED

Marion Community Schools continues to ramp up our STEM offerings to provide students with unique and valuable opportunities. Recently, the school district was recognized by Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak's Woz ED organization for the success of our K-12 STEM education program.

Woz ED named Marion Community Schools a Data Validated District of Distinction. This builds on the previously awarded Pathway Status recognition from Woz ED. These awards acknowledge the work that MCS is doing to provide relevant, future-focused education for our students. The latest award recognizes MCS for statistically significant positive outcomes sustained for two consecutive years. "Woz Pathway Status is an elite group of districts, schools, and organizations that exemplify teaching and learning designed for students to explore their future in the tech economy," Woz ED states.



Marion Community Schools' District of Distinction award from Woz ED sits on a table during the celebration when it was awarded during the Woz ED Pathway Conference in November 2026.
(Photo provided by Marion Community Schools)

Marion Community Schools is one of the first schools in the state partnering with Woz ED. This partnership has been integral to MCS's expanded STEM opportunities for students. From STEM-focused learning at our elementaries, to technology-supported career exploration at our intermediate and junior high levels, to our career pathways and STEM classes at Marion High School and Grant Regional Career Center, MCS has seen the impact that a focus on STEM education can make!

"We are excited about our District of Distinction award from Woz ED," said MCS Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Lockwood. "STEM education plays a fundamental role in building a strong foundation for lifelong learning. It can facilitate development of language and critical thinking skills. It can encourage self-discovery as well as independent and collaborative work. It enables the next generation of innovators. At Marion Community Schools, we are proud of our success, and we will continue to build exciting new opportunities for our students!"

In connection with the honor, several Marion educators attended the Woz ED annual conference to learn more about best practices and the innovations made possible through the Woz ED curriculum. They heard from tech and education experts, and they carried excitement and knowledge back with them to Marion to put to use in their own school buildings.

About Woz ED

From wozed.com: In 1978, Steve Wozniak single-handedly built the Apple II computer, a computer that would change the way people interacted with technology. And now, Wozniak has turned his creativity and ingenuity toward education.



Marion Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Lockwood and Grant Regional Career Center Director Nathan McNeely pose for a photo with tech icon Steve Wozniak, founder of Woz ED, during the Woz ED Pathway Conference in November 2026.
(Photo provided by Marion Community Schools)

Woz ED has developed personalized learning programs so that learners can enroll, learn, master, get out into the workplace faster, and start a career in high tech.

Steve Wozniak changed the world with his innovations. Woz ED is dedicated to helping produce more like Steve.

Woz ED lessons are purposefully designed to build an engineering mindset while developing the soft skills employers value. Collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking are inherent in every project.

Schools, local businesses partner to promote healthy living through DART Quiz Bowl

Students from around Grant County competed last week in the annual Grant County Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Awareness (DATA) Quiz Bowl, hosted by Marion Community Schools in partnership with the Grant County Drug and Alcohol Resource Team (DART).

This annual competition helps bring awareness to the risks of substance use and abuse, and helps equip students to make healthy choices. It also gives participants the chance to win fun prizes!

This year's theme was "Make a Difference. Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free." Students in grades four through seven participated in school level competitions in recent months, and up to two winners from each grade at each participating school advanced to the county finals, held Oct. 28 at Justice Intermediate School in Marion. Out of the 23 competitors, the top finishers in the county finals were:

Division 1 (grades 4 & 5)

First place: Ben Niebauer, Northview Elementary (Mississinewa)

Second place: Evie Strong, Northview Elementary (Mississinewa)

Division 2 (grades 6 & 7)

First place: AJ Orr, Eastbrook Junior High

Second place: Paisley Dalrymple, Swayzee Elementary (Oak Hill)

Participants and their families enjoyed cookies after the competition. Every participant received a gift bag full of prizes such as coloring books, colored pencils, sensory items, swag bags from Marion Utilities and journaling supplies in a superhero themed drawstring bag. Winners received JBL Tune wireless headphones, a Kanoodle game, cups, and other items from our sponsors.

The DATA Quiz Bowl is open to all schools in Grant County. The schools that participated this year were Marion Community Schools' Allen Elementary School, Justice Intermediate School, and McCulloch Junior High School; Madison-Grant Junior High; Mississinewa Community Schools' Northview Elementary; Oak Hill School Corporation's Swayzee Elementary; and Eastbrook Junior High.

In addition to the top four, competitors also included:



The 2026 winners and runners-up of the Grant County Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Awareness (DATA) Quiz Bowl pose for a photo with the competition's "celebrity" judges. Students pictured are AJ Orr, Division 2 winner, Ben Niebauer, Division 1 winner, Evie Strong, Division 1 runner-up, and Paisley Dalrymple, Division 2 runner-up. Judges pictured are: Grant County Sheriff Del Garcia, Marion Police Department Capt. Warren Dailey, and Grant County Probation Officer Mike Henson. Darla the K-9, who works with the Drug Court, also made a special appearance!
(Photo provided by Marion Community Schools)

Allen Elementary School: Yarik Belov, Charlotte Hills

Justice Intermediate School: Emma Everhart, Isabela Pauley, Lincoln Perez, Jude Runyan

McCulloch Junior High: Jace Meade, Jackson Sparks

Madison-Grant Junior High: Kallie Fierstos, Breeah Holmes, Isabella Tuite, Asher Williams, Merrick Williams

Swayzee Elementary: Weda Beights, Eli McQuiston, Desi Stokes

Eastbrook Junior High: Wessley Bragg, Justin Miller, Cade Kelly

If your school would like information about competing in the DATA Quiz Bowl, contact Tiffany Tracy at Justice Intermediate School, ttracy@marion.k12.in.us.

Marion Community Schools is thankful to all the people, businesses, and organizations that partnered with us to help encourage healthy living in Grant County! We are also grateful for the community volunteers who helped with the county competition. Our emcee was our own Justice Intermediate Principal Heather Rumple, who is also a board member for DART. Our "celebrity" judges were Grant County Sheriff Del Garcia, Marion Police Department Capt. Warren Dailey, and DART Board Member and Grant County Probation Officer Mike Henson. Darla the K-9, who works with the Drug Court, also made a special appearance!

In addition, Marion Community Schools appreciates the educators and families who helped students prepare for the competition, and we are so proud of all of the students who participated in the 2026 DATA Quiz Bowl!

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Speed selected to fill vacant School Board seat

The Marion Community Schools Board of School Trustees has selected Mario Speed to fill the vacant District IV seat.

Speed, who also ran for a School Board seat this fall, will serve out the remainder of the seat's current term, which ends Dec. 31, 2028. He is expected to be sworn in at the next Board meeting, set for Dec. 8..

In keeping with the district reorganization plan approved by the School Board in October 2026, this District IV seat will become a District II (at-large) seat in the 2028 election. The current District IV seat and the new District II both represent the entire school district.

The School Board and Marion Community Schools thank all of those who submitted their interest in the appointment. We value our relationship with our families and our community, and we will continue to work together to provide excellent opportunities for our students.

More information about the Marion School Board is available on the school website, www.marion.k12.in.us/SchoolBoard

Area Deaths

Southern and East Central Indiana

Don Coogle

Donald R. Coogle, 81, passed away on November 12, 2026. Military graveside rites will take place in Cloverport (KY) Cemetery at a later date. Huber Funeral Home is assisting his family with arrangements.

Thelma Mae Davidson

Thelma Mae Davidson - March 24, 1943 - November 4, 2026. Thelma Mae Davidson obituary is pending. Nass & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David L. Brashear

David L. Brashear, 88, of Swayzee, passed away at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne. The family received visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Sims Wesleyan Church, 309 North Main Street, Sims, Indiana 46986.Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate David's life was held at 1:00 p.m. with Brian Williams officiating. Burial took place at Thrailkill Cemetery.

Peggy Jean Phillippe

Peggy Jean Phillippe, 73, Marion, passed away at 11:46 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at Marion Health in Marion. The family received visitors from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Following the time of visitation, a graveside service to celebrate Peggy's life was held at 1:30 PM with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating at Grant Memorial Park.

Barry Welch, Sr.

Barry E. Welch, Sr., 75, of Marion, passed away at 6:50 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion. At Barry's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Indiana.

Mildred L. Mcbride-Mauller

Mildred "Millie" McBride-Mauller 88, passed away on November 11, 2026 in Marion following a short illness. In accordance with Millie's wishes, private services will be held. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

Nelda Fern Murray

Nelda Fern Murray, 77, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2026, at her residence in Upland, Indiana. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 17th at Keplinger Funeral Home in Hartford City, Indiana, with Rev. John Burton officiating. Burial will follow at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland, Indiana.

Johnna Jean Smith

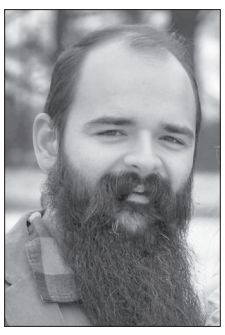
Johnna Jean Smith, 72, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 4:35 a.m. at her son's home in Hartford City. A Celebration of Life was held at 5 p.m. on November 18, 2026 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High Street. Memorial visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on November 18, 226 at Keplinger Funeral Home. Johnna was cremated and her cremains were buried privately at Hartford City Cemetery.

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

Time with the Son

The scolding sun seared my skin as I sat by the sea in the Sunshine State.

My giant forehead glowed red, and the rest of my body roasted like a rotisserie chicken. When I returned home, no one assumed that I had painted myself brown or miraculously changed my ethnicity. I had clearly been basking in the blistering sun because the proof was all over me. That's simply what time in the sun will do for you.



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That's what time with the Son will do for you, too. When you spend enough time with Jesus, the proof will be written all over you. Talking often with Him will make a difference in the way you talk to others. Praying unceasingly before His face will change even the look on your face (cf. Acts 6:15). You cannot bathe in the rays of the sun without being noticeably affected, and you cannot bask in the presence of the Son without being profoundly transformed.

People will notice the difference in your character and conduct, and their attention will be drawn to the One who made it (cf. Matt. 5:16). Even your adversaries will see the change in you, just as the satanically controlled Sanhedrin couldn't deny that Peter and John had been with Jesus. As Luke said, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). These men were with Jesus for so long that He rubbed off on them! They were walking and talking like the Lord because they had been walking and talking with the Lord.

The transformation Jesus makes can also be very unsettling to those around you. Some may be worried that the Lord will rub off on them as well. Those who are not prepared to change their life may be intimidated by the change Christ has made in yours. They may resist getting close to you, fearful that they might get too close to the Lord by doing so. That is what happened to Moses after his extended meeting with the Lord atop Mt. Sinai:

"When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him" (Exodus 34:29-30).

Will you take time to be with Jesus?

Note:

For more devotional readings like this, check out my newest book, Bible Gleanings Volume III, and for the Christmas season, Let Earth Receive Her King. These two books and more are available on Amazon.





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Miracles: Experiencing the power of God

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"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." — 1 Corinthians 2:5


Teresa LeNeave

Miracles are on my mind because I think our family recently experienced one. A little over a year ago, my sister was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. It was in her brain and her lungs. They called it, inoperable. Doctors didn't give much hope, but faith in God did. She took the usual treatments; some of which they said were very intense due to the severity. Hundreds of people were praying for her.

We're all doing the happy dance: last week doctors told her the cancer both in her lungs and in her brain is gone. She is in remission.

Miracles remind us that God is still at work in ways beyond human understanding. Acts 5:38–39 reminds us that what is truly from God cannot be stopped by human effort.

The knowledge of doctors and medicine is valuable, but a faith rooted in the power of God is even more important.

I'm so thankful God still heals. Approximately one-fifth of the Gospel accounts focus on Jesus' healing ministry. Matthew 4:23 tells us that Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Jesus also gave His disciples authority to heal the sick (Luke 9:1–2). After His resurrection and ascension, the apostles continued performing miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:12–16). That's why we know our prayers can still be answered. He is the God that changes not.

Scripture records remarkable examples:

Peter healed a man who had been unable to walk since birth (Acts 3:6–8).

Peter healed Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years (Acts 9:32–35).

Peter raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36–39).

Paul witnessed a crippled man receive healing and walk (Acts 14:8–10).

These miracles brought amazement, joy, and glory to God. They were outward demonstrations of His supernatural power, given for the benefit of the body of Christ.

Not everyone receives healing, and not every situation ends in a miraculous recovery. We must recognize that God's ways and timing are not always what we expect. Nevertheless, I believe God still heals and performs miracles today, according to His will.

James 5:13–16 encourages believers to pray for the sick and call upon the elders of the church to pray and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer matters because God is the source of healing. Ultimately, salvation itself is a miracle. God's greatest work is not simply healing our bodies but transforming our lives through Jesus Christ.

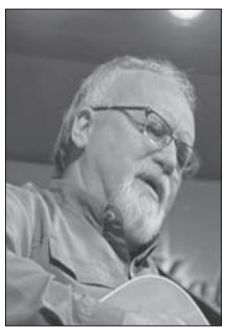


We are not here simply to sit and wait for the return of Christ. We are called to live by faith, pray boldly, serve others, and testify to the power of God. Our faith should not rest in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God. My heart is overwhelmed by the goodness of God.

Making sure we are seeing with spiritual eyes

Often the dark side tries to bring us down and discourage us, and if we continue down this dreary path, we will accept that our life is not worth much and no one really cares. However, there is some incredibly good news; Nothing could be further from the truth! The Bible, as the highest standard of absolute truth, clearly establishes that God sees you as the most valuable treasure ever created. Since our Creator is perfect and everything He makes is without mistakes, it's our responsibility as a victorious overcomer to believe it and live it! How we view ourselves has everything to do with our free will. You see, we can choose to live with low self-esteem and believe a lie, or we can decide that God adores us and is waiting for us to realize who we are in Him. "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that, my soul knows well" Psalm 139:14.

We not only have two sets of eyes, but we also live in two different worlds at the same time. Our physical eyes process everything within this natural realm, and our perception has a direct influence on our emotions. When we are convinced that we have been sentenced to a life of failure and rejection, we feel sad and discouraged. However, when Christ brings His light and life into our lives, He renews our mind and unveils our spiritual discernment in order for us to comprehend spiritual truth. This gives us the ability to see ourselves the way He sees us. Remember: our focus determines our reality. Until we go beyond the default way of thinking, we will not be able to understand this divine reality.


Dr. Billy Holland

We are vulnerable to becoming entangled with depression and feelings of low self-esteem, but we can find relief from our pain by simply asking God (who lives in us) to give us a brand new way of recognizing and thinking. Ralph Waldo Emerson is quoted as saying, "What is behind us and before us are tiny matters compared to what is within us."

If only you could know how important you are to God. The precious blood of Jesus is the highest payment that could be offered for our redemption, and it was given to set you free from sin and restore your covenant with the Almighty. When Jesus willingly went to the cross, you were on His mind, and He would have gladly paid that price if you had been the only person in the world.

If you have given your heart to Christ, you now belong to Him, and as His child, could anything in heaven or earth be worth more to Him than you? You should be beaming with joy, hope, and love, knowing that you will spend an eternity with Him. 1 Corinthians 6 explains that His people are bought with a price and are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Accusations and negative thoughts of fear and hopelessness are demonic attacks from Satan to keep us in bondage. Resist him, and he will flee; he is a liar who uses deception to steal, kill, and destroy.

Yes, we will face harsh resistance from the enemy of our soul, but we can stand boldly in confidence when we accept God as the author and finisher of our faith. "But thou, O Lord are a shield for me; my glory and the lifter of my head." Psalm 3:3. The Lord declares throughout His Word that He considers our value simply because of who we are – nothing else. You see, value and worth depend on how much someone is willing to pay, and as John 3:16 declares, "For God so loved you, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This means that God sacrificed His own Son for you - which proves that you are His most priceless treasure! No one has ever paid a greater price than God paid for you, and no one has more value in heaven or in earth than you. You were created on purpose, for a purpose! Let God's truth be absorbed into your soul, and as you allow His promises to solidify your faith and renew your mind, slowly, day by day, you will discover that your personal relationship with Him is the meaning of life.

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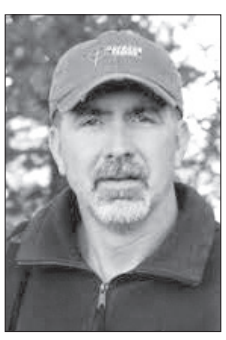
Celebrate

Nearly twenty years ago I was in Alabama hunting. I went there for many years because the license was cheap, and the deer were numerous. On occasion I would hunt public property. My goal then was to simply hunt. I was so new and excited that it didn't matter what size buck came through. If it had antlers, I wanted it. I can remember meeting another hunter one year while hunting on public property I had never hunted before. He hunted with bow only. This was rare in Alabama. But he was committed to this type of hunting regardless of what anyone else was doing or regardless of the opportunities he may miss. He pointed me to a particular area and, sure enough, the success is on my wall. What I always remember about him was that even though his method and belief was different, he helped and even celebrated mine. At the same time, I think about one friend who makes his own recurve bows and only hunts with them. Or another who refuses to shoot a crossbow as long as he can pull back his traditional bow. Each of these may disagree with me or each other about how to go about hunting, but at the same time they will celebrate my and each other's success.

Years ago, I decided to take a similar approach to those who I may disagree with. I decided when they do something good (because everyone does at one time or another) to celebrate their success. When I look at our world, I notice how taking sides has kept us from doing that. I've also noticed that while there may be corrupt politicians and leaders, most common people really want to help others even at a cost to themselves. So, why not celebrate this? I once believed I shouldn't celebrate, as a Christian, the good the Muslim, Jew, or even the atheist did in the lives of other people. Or at least I should temper my applause because we disagreed in some very fundamental things. I see this in the political arena as well. One's party is seemingly not allowed to celebrate something good the other party does in the lives of people. Or if we do, we must give some caveat about the overall bad they do. What I have discovered, however, is this. As a follower of Christ, what I am to love is pretty straightforward. I am to love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself. And one Biblical writer even clarifies this statement by reminding me that I can't really even love God rightly if I do not love my neighbor rightly. It seems then, the standard for celebration ought not be when every idea is agreed on, but when one person brings a blessing into the life of someone else. It's then when were all most like God.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Pecan pie makes a perfect dessert this Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving dinner table can be a sight to behold. For foodies and others who love the array of comfort foods on display come the second Monday in October (in Canada) or the fourth Thursday in November (in the United States), Thanksgiving is a day to circle on the calendar each year.

While a mouthwatering turkey and sides like mashed potatoes and stuffing garner the bulk of the attention on Thanksgiving, the dessert table also can be a tempting place to direct one's eyes. Though no dessert is off limits on Thanksgiving, pie is a particularly popular option on Turkey Day. With that in mind, those tasked with crafting something for dessert this Thanksgiving can consider the following recipe for "Pecan Pie" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Pecan Pie
Makes 8 servings

1 9-inch unbaked frozen deep dish pie shell, thawed
1½ cups pecans, coarsely chopped



3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup light corn syrup
½ cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon molasses
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.

2. Spread pecans along the bottom of the prepared pie shell.

3. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. The pecans will rise to the surface of the pie.

4. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes until the filling has set. Pie is done when the center reaches 200 F. Pie center when lightly tapped should spring back. Remove pie from oven and let cool on a wire rack for at least 2 hours.

5. Serve.

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Cooling time: 2 hours
Total time: 3 hours, 20 minutes

Essential gear for first-time Thanksgiving hosts

Hosting Thanksgiving is a large undertaking that can put some hosts under pressure. Unlike some other holidays that are less food-focused, Thanksgiving is largely about the meal. Turkey is the centerpiece of the celebration, and any guests who come over are going to expect turkey and a number of side dishes. Leaving hungry is never an option on Thanksgiving.

Individuals who are new to Thanksgiving hosting may be at a loss as to where to start with their preparation. There are certain must-haves hosts should familiarize themselves with. Many of these essentials revolve around tools for cooking in the kitchen and serving guests.

• **Large roasting pan:** You'll need somewhere to oven-roast the turkey. While it's perfectly acceptable to purchase a disposable aluminum pan for this purpose, if you plan to host Thanksgiving year after year, investing in a quality roasting pan will help deliver even cooking temperatures to the food and also can be used for roasting other meats.

• **Wire rack:** The turkey is placed upon a rack inside of the roasting pan so that it will not swim in the juices and cause a soggy bottom during cooking. Many roasting pans and racks are sold as sets, but others can be purchased separately. The rack can be used for other purposes as well, including cooling baked cookies or even drying out fresh herbs.

• **Food thermometer:** Ensuring the turkey and other foods are cooked to the correct internal temperature is essential. You do not want to send guests home with foodborne illnesses. Food thermometers run the gamut from very basic to those that can be programmed to alert cooks through an app on a smartphone. Turkey is done when the temperature reads 170 F in the breast and 180 F in the thigh. If stuffed, the stuffing should register 165 F, according to Butterball.

• **Coordinated casserole dishes:** Casserole dishes can hold all of the sides served with the turkey, including stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more. A set of matching dishes will help the tablescape look more coordinated.

• **Service for eight or more:** Thanksgiving draws a crowd, so take inventory of silverware, dishes, wine glasses, and any other table needs to ensure that you can accommodate all of the guests. Purchase new items if you cannot set the table completely with what you have, as mixed and matched may be okay for informal events but may not set the tone hosts are aiming for on Thanksgiving.

• **Table and chairs:** Determine if you have enough table space to seat all of your guests. Some dining tables come with an extension leaf, but you still may need to supplement with a folding table. You may need more seating. Chairs can be rented or you can utilize some folding chairs.



• **Turkey serving platter:** When the turkey is ready, it can be placed on an attractive serving platter for your photos, after which you slice and then return the sliced poultry to the serving platter for dining.

Thanksgiving requires a number of essentials that hosts will need to have on hand to make the holiday complete.

13 gratifying facts about Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In anticipation of these holidays, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.

3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).

4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.

5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine, and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on October 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves as "pilgrims." They used the word "separatists" as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the U.S. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.



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Thanksgiving: A celebration of history, gratitude of and new traditions



Thanksgiving is one of America's most cherished holidays, bringing families and friends together for a day of food, fellowship and gratitude. Celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on blessings, appreciate loved ones and create memories that can last a lifetime. Although many traditions have remained part of the holiday for generations, new customs continue to shape the way Americans celebrate.

The History Behind Thanksgiving

The story most commonly associated with Thanksgiving dates back to 1621, when English colonists known as Pilgrims celebrated a harvest gathering with members of the Wampanoag people in present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts. The gathering lasted approximately three days and followed a difficult first year for the colonists, many of whom had struggled with illness, food shortages and harsh weather.

The Wampanoag people, who had lived in the region long before the English arrived, played an important role in helping the colonists survive. The 1621 gathering included a shared harvest celebration, although historians point out that it was not necessarily the formal religious Thanksgiving observance that later generations came to recognize.

Thanksgiving celebrations were held at different times throughout the colonies and early United States. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation recommending a national day of thanksgiving and prayer. However, the holiday was not yet an annual national celebration.

Much of the credit for establishing Thanksgiving as an annual national holiday belongs to Sarah Josepha Hale, a writer and magazine editor who spent years encouraging national recognition of the observance. Her efforts helped persuade President Abraham Lincoln to proclaim a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863, during the Civil War. He designated the final Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving.

In 1941, Congress officially established Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November, where it remains today.

How Thanksgiving Traditions Have Changed

Over the centuries, Thanksgiving has developed into a holiday filled with familiar customs. The traditional Thanksgiving meal remains at the center of many celebrations, with roasted turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie appearing on dinner tables across the country.

Interestingly, the original 1621 harvest gathering probably looked very different from today's Thanksgiving dinner. Historical accounts suggest the meal included venison, wild birds, seafood, corn and other locally available foods. There is no definitive evidence that pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes or cranberry sauce were served at that gathering.

Several traditions Americans recognize today developed much later. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 in New York City, originally featuring live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. Giant character balloons were introduced in 1927. Professional football also became closely associated with Thanksgiving, with the NFL playing games on the holiday as early as 1922.

Another interesting tradition is the presidential turkey pardon. Although presidents occasionally spared Thanksgiving turkeys in earlier years, the modern tradition of formally pardoning a turkey became established during President George H.W. Bush's administration in 1989.

New Traditions for a Changing Generation

While many families continue to follow traditions passed down through generations, others are finding new ways to celebrate Thanksgiving. Today's holiday is increasingly about creating meaningful experiences, welcoming new people and finding ways to give back.

One popular newer tradition is Friendsgiving. Often celebrated before or after Thanksgiving Day, Friendsgiving brings friends, coworkers, classmates or neighbors together for a shared meal. Participants frequently contribute a favorite dish, making it a relaxed alternative to a traditional family gathering.

Other families are creating gratitude traditions. Some place a gratitude jar on the kitchen counter throughout November, allowing family members to write down something they appreciate each day. The notes are read aloud during Thanksgiving dinner, providing an opportunity to reflect on life's blessings.

Volunteering has also become an important part of many Thanksgiving celebrations. Families participate in food drives, donate groceries, help community organizations and serve meals to individuals who might otherwise spend the holiday alone. These activities help remind younger generations that Thanksgiving is about more than what is served at the dinner table.

Technology has created additional opportunities for families separated by distance. Video calls allow relatives to join holiday conversations, share family recipes and participate in celebrations even when traveling is not possible.

Some households are also introducing new menu traditions. Plant-based dishes, regional specialties, family recipes from different cultures and alternative desserts are finding places alongside traditional Thanksgiving favorites. Others celebrate with outdoor activities, neighborhood gatherings, family walks or board games after dinner.

Interesting Thanksgiving Facts

Here are a few facts that may surprise readers:

- Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, not necessarily the final Thursday.

- The 1621 harvest gathering lasted approximately three days.

- Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned for a national Thanksgiving holiday, also wrote the children's poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in 1924.

- The holiday was celebrated on two different dates in some states during 1939 and 1940 because of President Roosevelt's calendar change.

- The first nationally televised Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was broadcast in 1947.

These historical details are documented by the National Archives, Library of Congress and National Park Service.

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Keeping the Spirit of Thanksgiving Alive

Thanksgiving continues to evolve, but its central message remains much the same: take time to appreciate what matters most. Whether families gather around a traditional dinner table, celebrate Friendsgiving, volunteer in their communities or connect through technology, the holiday offers an opportunity to slow down and recognize life's blessings.

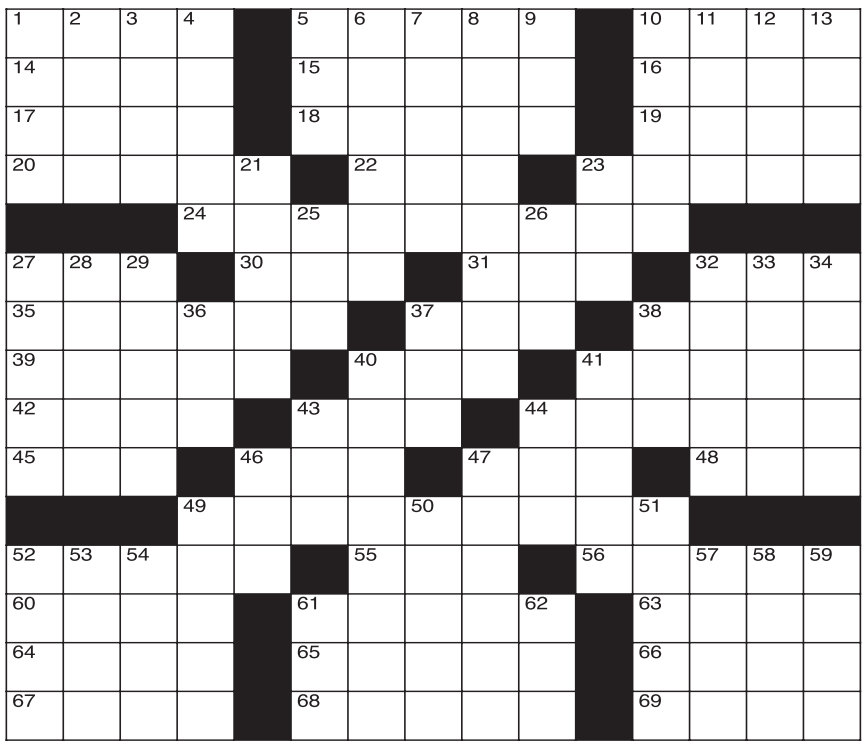
For some, Thanksgiving traditions mean preparing recipes that have been handed down for generations. For others, it means starting something new, welcoming someone who needs a place to celebrate or simply spending uninterrupted time with loved ones.

The history of Thanksgiving reminds us that traditions are created, changed and passed along. As each generation adds its own memories and customs, the holiday continues to represent gratitude, generosity, fellowship and the importance of community.

Ultimately, the best Thanksgiving traditions are not necessarily the biggest or most elaborate. They are the ones that bring people together and remind us to be thankful—not just on one Thursday in November, but throughout the entire year.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Skin care manufacturer
4. A long-legged frog
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Semi-liquid food
62. Consumed food

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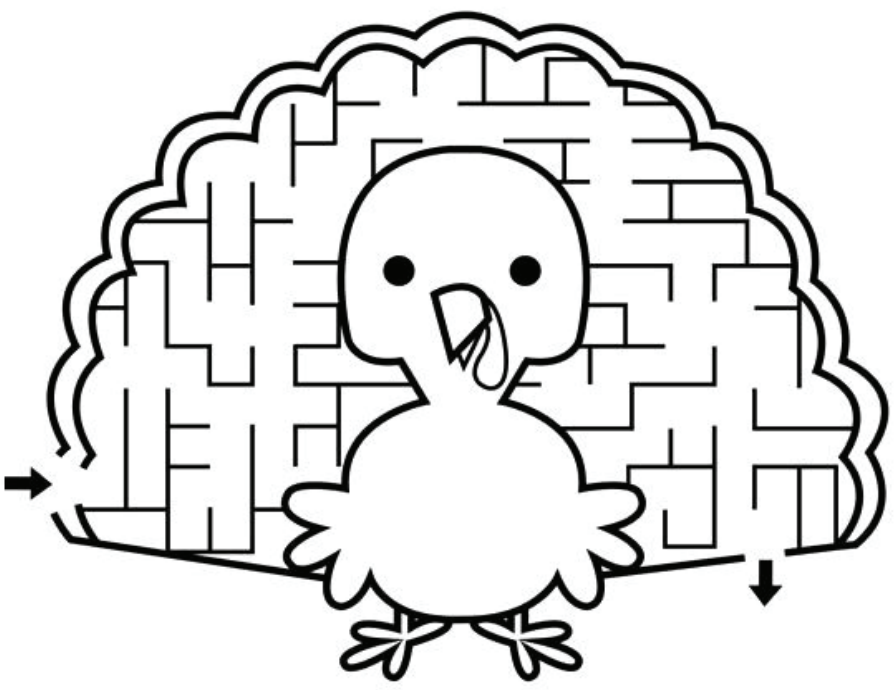

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to diabetes.

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Answer: Nerves

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GUESS WHO?

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Answer: Meg Ryan

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Crypto Fun

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

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes.
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(Hint: 20 = I)

A. 24 23 6 17 8
Clue: Sweetener

B. 20 10 24 23 13 20 10
Clue: Made in the pancreas

C. 1 25 20 6 11 12
Clue: Body mass

D. 2 15 10 20 12 15 8
Clue: Watch

Answers: A. sugar B. insulin C. weight D. monitor

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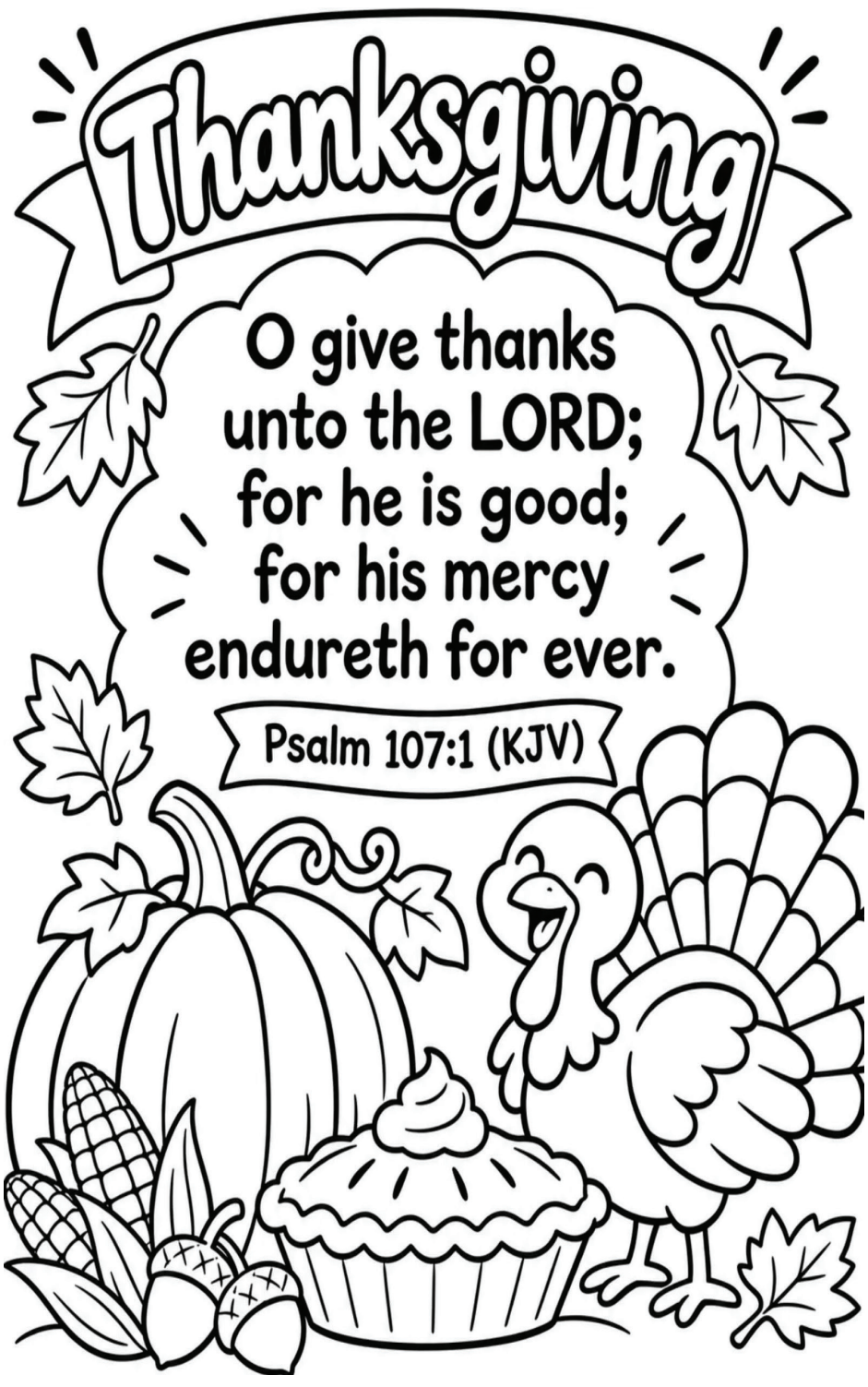

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will visit our library to see for gift-giving ideas--or ideas for themselves," Riddle said.

The library is located at 301 S. Washington St., Swayzee.

Samplings of the offerings are as follows:

November 21

Authors: Lew Freedman, a prize-winning journalist and author of over 100 books about the Far North, sports, and more.

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SCHOOL SPORTS

High School Volleyball

Marion-Elwood girls' wrestling match rescheduled

Staff Report

MARION — The Marion-Elwood girls' wrestling match scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16 was postponed.

Marion was slated to host Elwood at the start of the week.

However, the Marion-Elwood girls' wrestling match has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. The Marion-Elwood girls' wrestling match will be held at Bill Green Arena.

Girls' High School Basketball

Oak Hill upends Huntington North

Staff Report

HUNTINGTON — Oak Hill defeated host Huntington North 49-31 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Following the win, Oak Hill moved to 2-0 in the 2026-27 girls' high school basketball season.

Bri Dailey led Oak Hill to the win, finishing with 15 points, nine rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Dailey led a trio of Oak Hill scorers in double figures.

In another strong performance for Oak Hill, Landri Hardman contributed 13 points, six assists and four rebounds.

Accompanying Dailey and Hardman in double figures for Oak Hill, Kora Pond netted 12 pints.

Aiding Oak Hil in its win, Morgan Cates contributed seven points, nine rebounds and three assists.



The Eastbrook girls' wrestling team thrived in the Sarah Hildebrandt Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 14.

photo courtesy of Eastbrook Wrestling

Eastbrook girls' wrestling team excels in Sarah Hildebrandt Invitational

Staff Report

MISHAWAKA — The Eastbrook girls' wrestling team excelled in the Sarah Hildebrandt Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Lady Panthers finished 17th out of 56 teams. Four Eastbrook girls competed in the varsity division. Each of the four Eastbrook wrestlers earned Top 8 finishes.

A breakdown of Eastbrook's individual finishes follows.

Candee Smith - Top 8.

Livie Reyes - 3rd Place.

Averie Stephenson - 3rd Place.

Alicia Contreras - 155-Pound JV Champion.

A'liyah Rodrigues - Top 8.

Most Pins of the Tournament

Livie Reyes - 5 Pins in 4:01.



The Marion boys' basketball team scored 117 combined points during its intrasquad scrimmage at the Grant County YMCA on Monday, Nov. 16. The Giants will travel to Indianapolis Pike for a scrimmage against the Red Devils on Thursday, Nov. 19. The scrimmage at Pike will be Marion's final tuneup before its season opener at Mississinewa on Wednesday, Nov 25.

photos courtesy of Marion High School





The Marion girls' wrestling team competed in the Bronco Fall Classic at Daleville High School on Saturday, Nov. 14.

photo courtesy of Marion High School Girls' Wrestling

High School Wrestling

Marion competes in Bronco Fall Classic

Staff Report

DALEVILLE — The Marion girls' wrestling team turned in a strong performance during the Bronco Fall Classic at Daleville High School on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Bray'Leigh Sutton led Marion, finishing 4-1 and placing third.

Following her teammate for Marion, Nely Guevara finished 3-3 and placed sixth.

Marion's additional individual results from the Bronco Fall Classic were as follows: Danielle Purdy, 3-1; and Jazzy Alleman, 1-2.

The Lady Giants are scheduled to host Elwood for their next match on Thursday, Nov 19.

High School Volleyball

Marion rolls to win over Wabash

Staff Report

MARION — Marion rolled past visiting Wabash 63-22 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Productive Marion notched its first win in the 2026-27 girls' high school basketball season. With the win, Marion improved to 1-3.

Marion set the tone early, outscoring Wabash 28-8 in the first quarter,

The Lady Giants entered halftime ahead 42-15 and continued to control the game throughout the second half.

Marion led 56-20 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Jaylee Townsend paced Marion, scoring 14 points for the Lady Giants.

Accompanying Townsend in double figures for Marion, Naomi Cox netted 10 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for Marion, Ramya Jordan scored nine points while Dalaysia James, Alyviah Reed and Amiah Young-Drake each tallied eight points.

Rounding out Marion's scoring, Angelice Flowers chipped in five points.

Marion is scheduled to visit Muncie Central for its next game on Wednesday, Nov. 18.