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Santa Claus comes to Jasper

The Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association is pleased to announce the details for Santa Claus to make his arrival in Jasper.

This annual event will take place on Friday - November 27. Santa's arrival will brighten your child's day and they can visit with him in his special house, too.

You will capture the spirit of Christmas as you gather around the beautifully decorated downtown Square in anticipation of Santa, parading from the Fire Station to his special house, in a bright red fire engine – joined by a contest winner.

Santa will greet children at the Fire Station from 12 noon until 12:45.

At 1:00 p.m. Santa and his elves will be joined by members of the Messmer Family Band to parade to the large Community Christmas Tree on the west side of the Square and then to Santa's special house near Jasper City Hall.



Children are encouraged to dress up like Christmas packages and walk along (with their family) in the mini-parade.

As members of the band play Christmas music - - Mayor Ryan Craig will be on hand to welcome everyone with a special greeting.

Santa will then spend a few hours visiting with children in his special Christmas House until 3:00 p.m. Be sure to bring along your camera and take pictures so that memories can be created for your little ones.

Children and families are also encouraged to bring canned foods and these items will all be donated to the Community Food Bank.

For information call the Jasper Chamber of Commerce at 812-482-6866.

This event is sponsored by the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association.





Forest Park Athletic Council reads to students









The Forest Park Athletic Council took a trip to Ferdinand Elementary to read to Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade students on Friday, Nov. 13. Athletic Council members read the book, "Kota the Builder," which is about always doing your best even when you don't feel like it.

photos courtesy of Forest Park High School

Dubois County receives Federal Opportunity Zone Designation following strong-led effort

New designation creates opportunities for private investment and economic development beginning in 2027

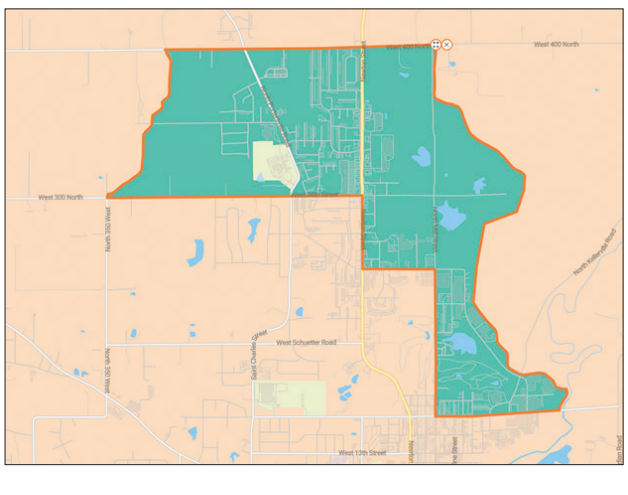
JASPER, IN – A portion of Dubois County has received a new federal Opportunity Zone designation following a locally led nomination effort by Dubois Strong Economic Development Corporation and certification by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

During Indiana's Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination process, Dubois Strong led the local effort to recommend Census Tract 9533.01, located in the northern Jasper area, for inclusion in the federal program. Governor Mike Braun subsequently selected the tract as part of Indiana's 126 nominations submitted to the U.S. Department of the Treasury on September 25, 2026.

On November 5, Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced the certification of all 126 Indiana nominations, including Dubois County's designated tract.

"This designation represents an opportunity to bring additional private investment into Dubois County," said Colten Pipenger, Executive Director of Dubois Strong. "We recognized the potential of this area and took the lead locally in recommending it for consideration. We appreciate Governor Braun and the State of Indiana for recognizing that opportunity and advancing the nomination to the U.S. Treasury."

Opportunity Zones are designated geographic areas where qualifying private investments may receive federal capital gains tax incentives. The updated Opportunity Zone 2.0 program is designed to encourage long-term investment in eligible communities, with the new designations taking effect January 1, 2027, and remaining in place through December 31, 2036.



For Dubois County, the designation provides another tool to attract investment for qualifying business development, commercial projects, housing, and other economic development opportunities within the designated area.

While the designation does not guarantee new development, it can improve the financial feasibility of qualifying projects and provide an additional incentive for investors evaluating opportunities in Dubois County.

Dubois Strong will work with property owners, developers, local businesses, and prospective investors to identify opportunities where the new designation may support private investment and future development.

As communities across the Indiana Uplands region prepare for the updated Opportunity Zone program, Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI) will host a virtual information session on Wednesday, December 9, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The session will feature Chad Halstead, Partner at Katz, Sapper & Miller, who leads the firm's Opportunity Zone practice and assists clients with structuring and managing Qualified Opportunity Funds.

The session will provide information on Qualified Opportunity Funds, investment requirements, and identifying potential projects within designated areas. Dubois Strong encourages local developers, investors, financial institutions, and tax professionals to participate as the organization works to connect Dubois County's new designation with future development opportunities.

Registration for the information session: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vgZYLlhESFSKLM8OAH1vJA

The designation applies specifically to Census Tract 9533.01, rather than the entirety of Jasper or Dubois County. Investment eligibility remains subject to federal program requirements.

Additional information, including Indiana's designated Opportunity Zones, is available at https://www.iedc.in.gov/program/indiana-opportunity-zones/oz-map.

Museum opens Festival of Trees November 19th

The Dubois County Museum officially opens the holiday season at the museum at 2704 N. Newton Street in Jasper, with a special nighttime opening on Thursday night, November 19, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with the unveiling of the 2026 Festival of Trees. Over fifty-two trees have been decorated by museum volunteers, non-profit and service organization volunteers and dedicated community people from our Hall of Murals volunteers to present a spectacular array of Christmas ideas. The communities of Dubois County have decorated trees again to showcase their wonderful communities. Being represented (in the order of placement around the room) are Birdseye, Huntingburg (Sweets), Dubois (wearing the blue and silver of Jeep Land), Jasper (saluting Strassenfest), Zoar (NOEL in winter white, purple and silver), Columbia Township (Jesus is the Light of the World), Haysville (Monopoly, Anyone?), Schnellville (All Wrapped Up) Celestine (spotlighting Celestine Community Club), Portersville (The Many Hats of Farming), Ireland (Shamrock Tomato Cannery Days), Holland (black and white cows and red tulips), St. Henry-Johnsburg (Shining in Gold), Ferdinand (Education Times), Duff (red plaid), and St. Anthony-St. Marks (Celebrating weddings at the St. Anthony Community Center thru 64 years). Other trees are displayed around the museum and have been decorated by museum volunteers. Food and refreshments of sweet treats, ice cream and hot wassail and hot chocolate drinks will be served this evening. Decorators are invited to be on hand to share their tree's theme. The Patoka River Strummers will be on hand to share their lively dulcimer music. Admission is Free. Donations welcome.

Nonprofits and service organizations participating this year are Sister Cities/ German Club of Jasper (German Friends), Deaconess/ Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus Jasper #1584, Rotary Club with ATHENA, Being for Others Health and Wellness Foundation, local Artisans, Twentieth Century Literary Club, American Legion Jasper Post 147, Solid Waste District, Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), Purdue Extension Dubois County, ALASI, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority/ Beta Gamma Chapter Teachers Sorority, Daughters of Isabella Jasper #140- In Memory to Rose Rasche, Dubois County Cares, Dubois County Chamber, Junior Achievement, Optimist International Club of Jasper, Tri Kappa Sorority and Jasper Lions Club.

The public is invited to come view the trees and the many other decorations set out by the museum staff, such as the Hummel figurines donated by Don and Mae Metzger, a Precious Memories collection, George Baunach Christmas Village and crib and the Santa figurines donated by Kay Smock. The public is invited to vote for their favorite decorated trees. A ballot is available at the Hollman-Sendelweck Welcome Area desk. Voting will continue till December 19. A reception will be held on December 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to continue to enjoy the season and announce the winners of the contest. Winners receive a box of chocolates. Gary Eck, will be at our Kimball grand piano to play some seasonal music. Gary is a musician for St. John's Church in Boone Township.

AUCTION

The Thomas & Dorothy Hoffman Family Trust has commissioned Brahm & Brahm Auction/Realty to sell the following on

Thurs., Dec. 10th @ 6:00 PM ET

Auction located at the Huntingburg Conservation Club. Address is 8728 S 100 W Ferdinand IN 47532. From US 231 South in Huntingburg take Sunset Dr for 2.2 miles then right on Co. Rd. 100 W for 2 miles. Watch for auction signs.

168.8 Acres * 5 Tracts

Acreage Location: From the North edge of Ferdinand go North 2.7 miles on St. Rd. 162 to Co. Rd. 700 S then west for 2.2 miles to acreage. Watch for signs.

Tract 1: Contains approx. 10.05 acres with all being tillable, currently utilized for row crop production. 1,951' county road frontage, several nice building sites. Topography is rolling.
Tract 2: Contains approx. 76.59 acres all Classified Forest. Co. Rd. frontage on both sides of Co. Rd. 660 S. Access is from Co. Rd. 660S through an easement on the East property line from Co. Rd. 660 S.
Tract 3: Contains approx. 29.96 acres w/all being tillable currently utilized for row crop production.
Access is through an easement on the East property line from Co. Rd. 660 S.
Tract 4: Contains approx. 30.54 acres w/approx. 28.94 acres tillable currently utilized for row crop production, 1.6 acres wooded designated Wetland. Access is through an easement on the East property line from Co. Rd. 660 S.
Tract 5: Contains approx. 19.66 acres with approx. 4 acres tillable & 15 acres wooded, approx. 1 acre cabin site. A beautiful log cabin w/full partially finished basement, built in 2005, beautiful interior with ?? finished square feet, 2 full baths, fireplace, large open concept on all three levels, white pine finish. Main level wrap around deck w/outside fireplace and gazebo, lower level front deck. Huntingburg water, Dubois REC, LP gas, septic system. Access is through an easement on the East property line from Co. Rd. 660 S. Quiet & Peaceful. Beautiful view from cabin. **You are going to love this cabin.**
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Huntingburg Public Library upcoming December Events

Huntingburg Public Library
Tuesday, December 1 - Kids Craft Night - Christmas & winter theme crafts, 5:00 p.m., ages 3-11 Wednesday ,December 2 -Fork Art Christmas Tree & greeting card, 6:00 p.m. program room

Thursday, December 3 - Wiggle Worms Stay and Play - stories, songs, and play ,10:00 - 10:30 a.m., ages 0 -2 and their adult Thursday, December 3 - Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ages 3-6, stories ,crafts, and play. Monday, December 7 - Registration deadline for Breakfast with SANTA

Tuesday, December 8 - Fuertes Together- bilingual storytime and craft, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday , December 10 - Wiggle Worms Stay & Play - stories, songs, and play, 10 -10:30 a.m. ages 0-2 and their adult Thursday, **December 10 -** Preschool Storytime stories, craft, and play ,11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., ages 3-6 Friday, December 11 - The Library will close at 4:00 p.m. for staff Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12 - Breakfast with Santa , light breakfast, craft, story with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Must register to attend., 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 14 - Huntingburg Book Club , 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15- Edible Christmas trees, ice and decorate your own edible tree , 5:00 p.m. ages 3-11 Wednesday, December 16 - Reader's Club , 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17 - Wiggle Worms Stay and Play - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. , ages 0-2 and their adult Thursday, December 17 - Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. , ages 3-6, stories , crafts, and playtime

SENIOR CARE

Practices that can benefit seniors' mental health



Making an effort to maintain and safeguard mental health is a key component of a healthy lifestyle, and that's as true for seniors as it is for children, young adults and men and women in middle age. Seniors can embrace a number of practices and habits to safeguard their mental health well into their golden years.

• ***Spend more time with family.*** Spending time with family members can be especially beneficial for adults 70 and older. According to a 2023 study published in the Journals of Gerontology: Series B, adults without family ties had worse mental health and were less likely to engage socially than older adults who were close to their family. The researchers behind the study noted those benefits are not affected by distance, as even the older adults who lived far away from their family members but maintained strong social ties to their families enjoyed higher levels of mental health and social participation than seniors with no such connections.

• ***Exercise regularly.*** Routine exercise also can have a profound impact on seniors' mental health. The Anxiety & Depression Association of America reports that evidence supports the notion that exercise can shift attitude, mindset and mood in a positive way. Another study found that adults who participated in a regular physical activity program experienced reduced rates of long-term and acute depression.

• ***Incorporate travel into your golden years.*** Working professionals have long expressed an intention to travel more during retirement, and doing so may have an even bigger impact than seniors realize. According to a joint report from the Global Coalition on Aging and the Transamerica Institute® released in 2025, regular travel has been shown to lower Alzheimer's risk by up to 47 percent, a benefit researchers link to culturally enriching activities like visiting museums and exploring historical landmarks. The same report also notes that travel helps to address loneliness and social isolation, which are mental health issues that the senior population is especially vulnerable to, particularly during retirement.

• ***Volunteer.*** The Mayo Clinic Health System notes that volunteering can boost mental health in a number of ways. Volunteering has been found to reduce stress and increase positive, relaxed feelings. The Mayo Clinic also notes that volunteering leads to lower rates of anxiety and depression, particularly among adults 65 and older.

Mental health is part of a healthy lifestyle. Seniors can look to various practices to protect their mental health and reduce their risk for conditions such as social isolation, loneliness and depression that affect a great number of older adults.

NOVEMBER SPECIALS

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Friday, Nov. 20 9am-7pm
Saturday, Nov. 21 9am-7pm
Sunday, Nov. 22 9am-6pm
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Friday, Nov. 20 9am-7pm
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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

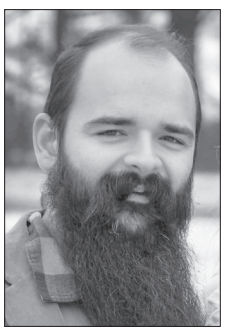
Johnna Jean Smith, 72, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 4:35 a.m. at her son's home in Hartford City. A Celebration of Life was held at 5 p.m. on November 18, 2026 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High Street. Memorial visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on November 18, 226 at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



Brandon Bramlett

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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"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.

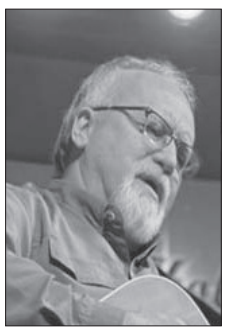


We are not here simply to sit and wait for the return of Christ. We are called to live by faith, pray boldly, serve others, and testify to the power of God. Our faith should not rest in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God. My heart is overwhelmed by the goodness of God.

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.

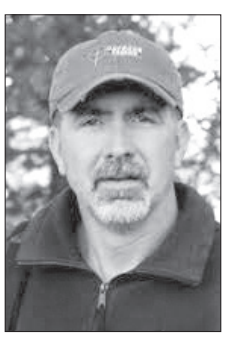
Yes, we will face harsh resistance from the enemy of our soul, but we can stand boldly in confidence when we accept God as the author and finisher of our faith. "But thou, O Lord are a shield for me; my glory and the lifter of my head." Psalm 3:3. The Lord declares throughout His Word that He considers 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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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.

Tips to make turkey terrific

Sweet potatoes may be stars; cornbread dressing a contender. Dinner rolls are divine and green bean casserole a go-to. But Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without turkey.

Even in households that don't eat meat, plant-based turkey alternatives find their way onto the dinner table in a nod to Thanksgiving tradition. Given the emphasis placed on the main course each Thanksgiving, cooking a turkey can be intimidating. These turkey-cooking tips can calm anyone's nerves and result in a mouth-watering main course.

• Allow ample time for thawing. Some people may not be able to buy a fresh turkey, and millions of individuals purchase frozen turkeys each year. The Food Network says it can take 24 hours per every five pounds to thaw a turkey. Therefore, if you have a 15-pounder, allow for three days for thawing. Always thaw a turkey in a refrigerator.

• Get the right size bird. The general rule of thumb is 1 pound (uncooked) to 1½ pounds of turkey per person if you're buying a whole turkey. Rather than purchasing the largest turkey you can find for a large crowd, consider two smaller turkeys or one turkey and one breast to make cooking more even. Smaller birds are more tender as well.

• Adjust the temperature. The food and cooking resource TheKitchn advises preheating an oven to 450 F, then dropping the temperature to 350 F after putting the turkey into the oven. Cook, on average, 13 minutes per each pound of turkey. The turkey is done when it registers a minimum temperature of 165 F in the thickest part of the thigh.

• To brine or not to brine? Many food fanatics swear by brining turkey to achieve more moist and flavorful meat. However, a wet brine may not lead to the crispiest skin possible. Good Housekeeping suggests trying a dry brine instead. This involves rubbing salt all over the raw turkey, placing the bird into a large plastic bag, and refrigerating overnight or up to two days before cooking; otherwise, purchase a kosher turkey, which already has been salted from the inside out.

• Avoid stuffing the bird. Rather than stuffing the turkey and cooking everything en masse, prepare the stuffing mixture separate from the turkey. This reduces the risk of contamination from the turkey's raw juices and helps to achieve a crispy coating on the stuffing guests will enjoy.

• Make an aromatic roasting rack. Turkeys typically are placed on a metal rack for cooking so the juices do not cause the turkey to stick to the pan. However, you also can cut onions and lay them with a bed of whole celery stalks and carrots to elevate the roast. This creates extra flavor in the bird and the vegetables also can be served or mixed into the stuffing.

Some turkey-roasting techniques can ensure a moist and flavorful main course this Thanksgiving.

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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.



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



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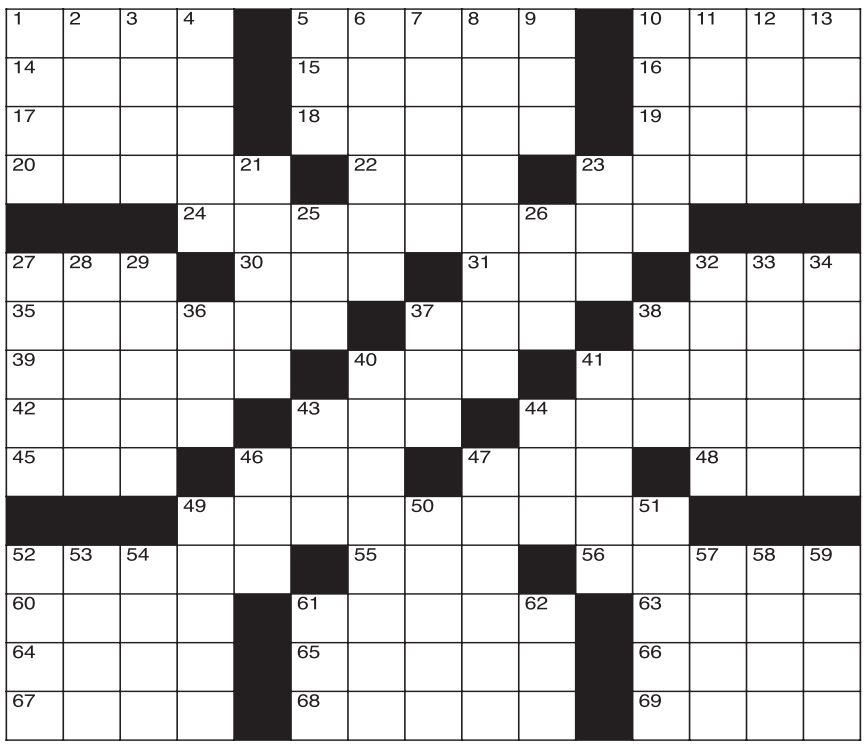
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5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
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

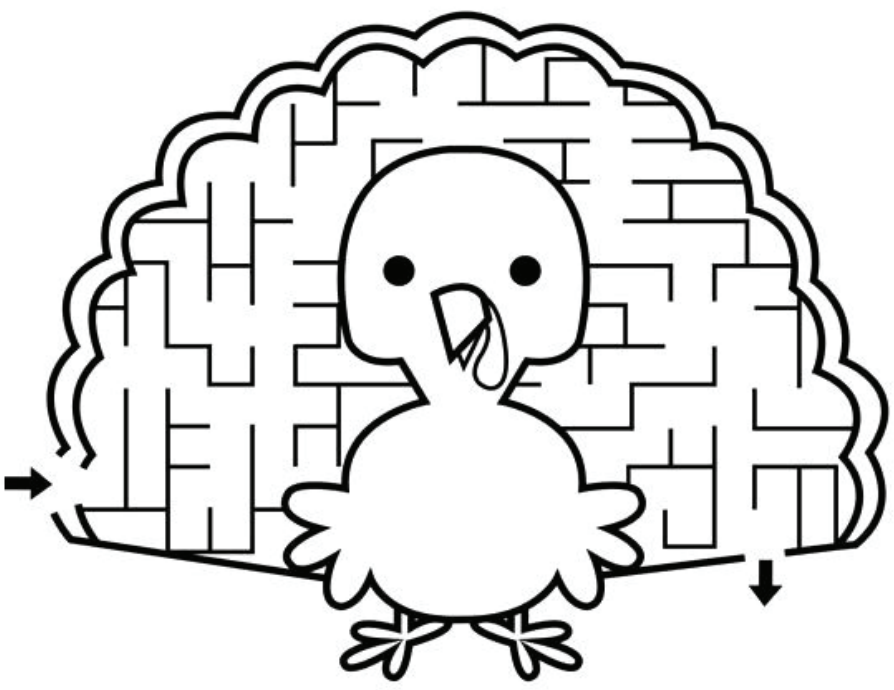
CLUES DOWN

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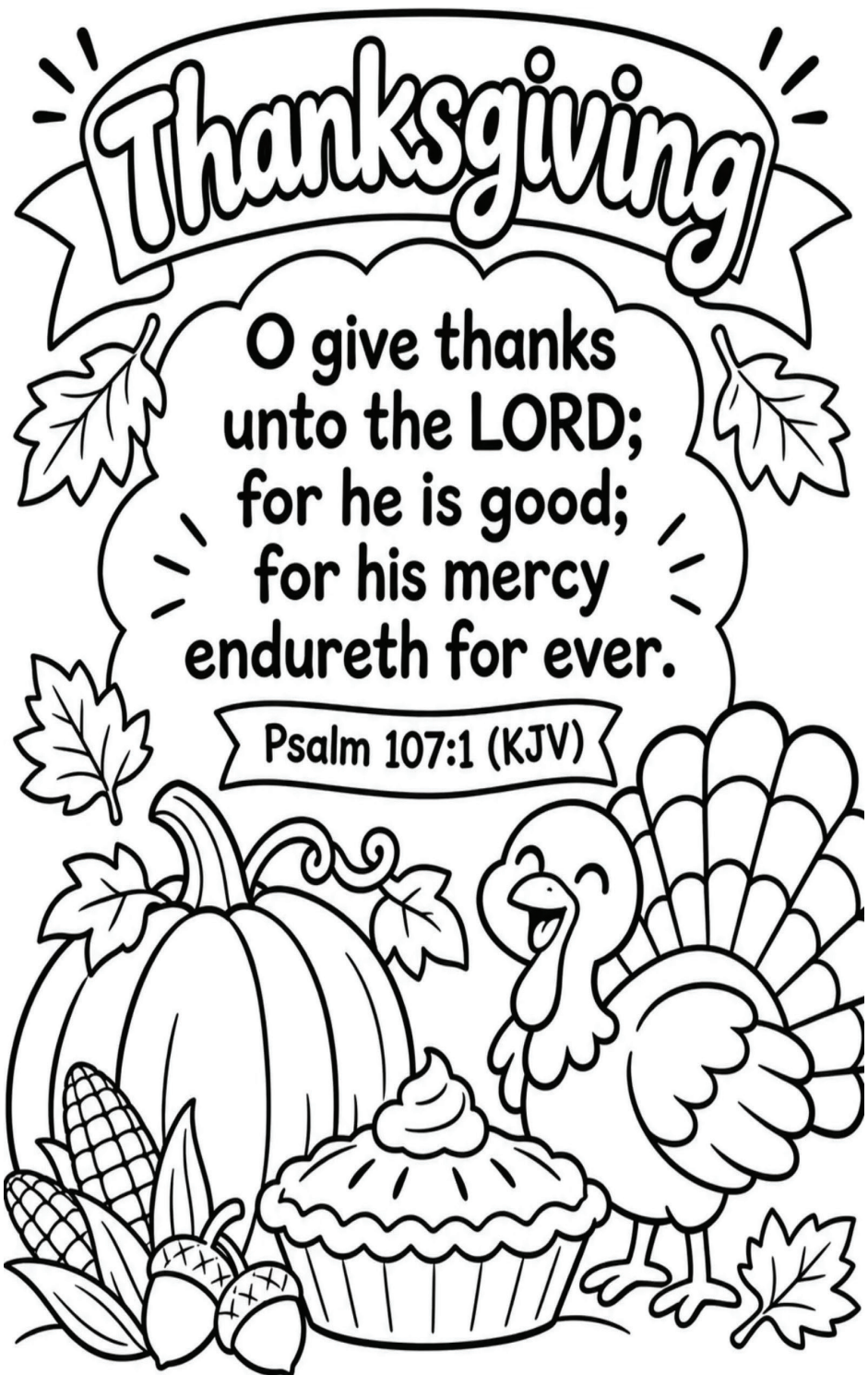
B. 20 10 24 23 13 20 10
Clue: Made in the pancreas

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Clue: Body mass

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

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SCHOOL SPORTS



The Forest Park girls' soccer team held its end-of-season awards banquet earlier in the month.

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Forest Park girls' soccer team holds banquet

Staff Report

FERDINAND — The Forest Park girls' soccer team held its end-of-season awards banquet earlier in the month.

The honorees from the Forest Park girls' soccer team's end-of-season awards banquet follow.

Mental Attitude: Ava Mohr.

Most Improved: Margrethe Langelund-Arnstrup.

Defense: Brynn Vaught.

MVP & Golden Boot: Paige Memmer.

First Team All-PAC: Paige Memmer, Brynn Vaught.

Second Team All-PAC: Avari Boeglin, Ellie Meunier.

First Team All-District: Paige Memmer.

Second Team All District: Ellie Meunier.

NCAA data shows lower graduation rates for multiple transfers

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — More than a third of undergraduate student-athletes transfer at least once throughout their college careers. New NCAA research examining the relationship between transfer and graduation success found that student-athletes who transfer multiple times graduate at lower rates than those who remain at their original school and those who transfer once.

Among student-athletes who entered school in 2018-19, 88 percent of those who did not transfer graduated within six years, compared with 71 percent of those who transferred more than once.

Regardless of race, gender or sport, multiple transfers typically had a graduation rate 10 percentage points lower than peers who transferred once and 15-20 percentage points lower than peers who never transferred.

Among Black student-athletes, 82 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, while the rate dropped to 62 percent for those who transferred more than once. For FBS student-athletes, 85 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, compared with 58 percent of those who transferred more than once. For FCS student-athletes, 83 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, which dropped to 62 percent for multiple transfers.

Combining data reported to the NCAA and the National Student Clearing House, the NCAA research department compiled six years of term-by-term academic enrollment and graduation records for nearly 36,000 Division I student-athletes who began college in 2018-19.

From this data, 24,500 student-athletes with no record of transfer were identified, along with nearly 7,700 who had transferred one time (either from/to a two-year or four-year institution) and about 3,800 who attended three or more institutions. Bachelor's degree attainment within the six-year time frame was examined by transfer status.

Overall, the findings underscore the importance of considering the potential academic implications of multiple transfers. The NCAA will continue to monitor academic progress and degree completion rates, while encouraging schools to provide student-athletes with the support needed to stay on track toward earning their degrees.



The Jasper girls' wrestling team won the Castle Invitational Tournament Championship on Saturday, Nov. 14.

photo courtesy of Hasper High School Athletics

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Forest Park doubles up Springs Valley

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park doubled up Springs Valley 54-27 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game at Buechler Arena on Thursday, Nov. 12.

The Lady Rangers set the tone early, outscoring Springs Valley 17-2 in the opening quarter.

Forest Park led 30-8 at halftime and remained in control throughout the second half.

The Lady Rangers led 46-19 at the end of the third period.

Brynn Vaught paced the Lady Rangers offensively, scoring 13 points.

Following Vaught in Forest Park's scoring column, Chelsea Thompson netted 10 points.

Avery Hill contributed eight points for Forest Park, followed by Ellie Meunier and Kendall Gehlhausen with six points apiece. As part of a balanced offensive attack for Forest Park, Bree Howard finished with five points, while Lilly Mueller and Bailey Begle each chipped in three points.

Howard led Forest Park in another key category, distributing three assists.

Hill controlled the backboards for Forest Park, clearing out seven rebounds.

Aiding Forest Park inside, Begle secured six rebounds while Gehlhausen and Claire Warren collected five rebounds apiece.

Hill also made her presence felt defensively, leading the team with three blocked shots.

Meunier paced the Lady Rangers in steals with four, while Hill added two.

Indiana DNR reminds bobcat hunters and trappers to monitor available quota

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds licensed bobcat hunters and trappers to closely monitor the available harvest quota and their email during the season that began Nov. 8. The season remains open through Jan. 31, 2027, or until the quota of 400 bobcats is reached.

Hunters and trappers are responsible for knowing when the quota has been met, which is when the season automatically closes. They must cease hunting activities targeting bobcats and remove any traps set specifically for them at that time.

The current reported bobcat harvest can be checked at GoOutdoorsin.com/available-quota or by calling 317-232-4200. More than 100 bobcats were harvested as of Thursday, Nov. 12. Successful harvesters must register their bobcat within 24 hours so DNR can accurately monitor the total harvest throughout the season.

DNR will email license holders when 350 and 375 bobcats have been harvested to help make them aware of the potential for early season closure. When the quota has been met, all license holders will be emailed again, and the announcement will be shared across DNR communication channels.

There is no grace period for bobcat harvesting after season closure. Any trapped on the day of closure may be kept, but any bobcats caught afterwards must either be released or, if dead, turned in to DNR. Hunting activities must cease when the season closes.

Successful harvesters have until 15 days after the end of the month of harvest to take the bobcat pelt, separated from the carcass, to be sealed with a CITES tag. All bobcats must be tagged, regardless of whether they are being kept, tanned, or sold.

A list of furbearer tagging locations can be found at: https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/trapping/registration-stations.



Northeast Dubois High School senior Stella Mahar signed with the Jackson College women's soccer program during a ceremony held at NDHS on Friday, Nov. 13. Jackson College is located in Jackson, Michigan.

photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois High School

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Heritage Hills upends Pike Central

Staff Report

PETERSBURG — Heritage Hills defeated Pike Central 58-17 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Lady Patriots set the tone early and forced Pike Central to play from behind throughout the early-season prep hoops matchup.

Mia Becher led Heritage Hils to the win, scoring a game-high 16 points for the Lady Patriots.

Accompanying Becher in double figures for Heritage Hills, Iyla Kress scored 13 points while Claire Sisley netted 11 points.

Eight players entered Heritage Hills' scoring column. The additional scorers for Heritage Hills were Kate Prior (eight points), Laney Berg (three points), Layni Litherland (three points), Paige Riehle (two points) and Ainsley Quinn (two points).

Productive inside, Kress and Cisley each cleared out six rebounds for the Lady Patriots.