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Several Marion High School Giants joined families, local businesses and community organizations for the annual Miracle on 3rd & 4th Street celebration and Christmas City USA Parade on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Upcoming increased traffic enforcement to keep roads safe in Grant County during holiday season



Marion - As Hoosiers prepare for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, The Grant County Sheriff's Office, Gas City Police Department, Fairmount Police Department, and the Van Buren Police Department is partnering with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to increase traffic enforcement as part of the annual Safe Family Travel enforcement campaign, supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Through the Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP), an ICJI initiative that provides federal funding for local traffic safety enforcement, officers will work overtime patrols beginning November 25 and through December 31, 2026, targeting impaired driving and seat belt violations.

"The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and celebration, and our goal is to make sure every Hoosier gets home safely," said Sheriff Del Garcia. "Whether you're traveling across the state or across town, buckle up, drive sober, and plan ahead for a safe ride home. Those simple choices save lives and help make this holiday season safer for everyone."

Seat belts remain the most effective defense against injury or death in a crash. Despite national seat belt use exceeding 91% in 2025, nearly half of occupants killed in crashes were unrestrained, according to NHTSA. Drivers should make sure every passenger is properly restrained before beginning any trip, regardless of distance.

The Grant County Sheriff's Office is also urging drivers to never get behind the wheel while impaired by alcohol, illegal drugs, or medications that affect the ability to drive safely. Impairment can slow reaction times, reduce judgment, and put everyone on the road at risk. In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher, and motorists can be arrested at any level if an officer determines they are impaired.

"Too many lives are lost each year because of preventable choices," said Douglas Huntsinger, executive director of ICJI. "Through education and high-visibility enforcement, we're working with our law enforcement partners to encourage safer decisions and protect Hoosier families."

Before traveling or celebrating, officials encourage motorists to:

Buckle up on every trip.

Plan a sober ride before consuming alcohol or other impairing substances.

Use a designated driver, rideshare, taxi, or other sober transportation options.

Never allow a friend or family member to drive while impaired - no matter the circumstances.

Report suspected impaired drivers to your local law enforcement or call 911.

The Safe Family Travel enforcement effort is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. For more information about traffic safety programs and resources, visit NHTSA.gov or IN.gov/CJI/Traffic-Safety.

Sergeant Jonathan Bucher
Patrol Sergeant
Grant County Sheriff's Office

Marion High School earns accreditation as a Cambridge International School

Marion Community Schools is pleased to announce that Marion High School is now a Cambridge International school.

Backed by the University of Cambridge, one of the oldest and most well-respected universities in the world, Cambridge International Education has approved Marion High School to offer the Cambridge International AS/A Level and IGCSE curricula. This opportunity is unique in Grant County and rare in the state of Indiana. Marion High School is proud to offer this new option to its students!

Cambridge curricula will allow MHS to consider dozens of new courses. Cambridge courses allow students to study a broad range of subjects, but also allow for specialization and in-depth learning. Marion educators will get training and support from Cambridge as this new program is implemented.

"We are excited to be joining the Cambridge International network," Marion Community Schools Superintendent Stephanie Lockwood said. "We are proud to be the first school in our region to offer students the opportunity to earn these internationally recognized certifications. It is yet another distinction that our schools, our families, and our community can be proud of."

Students will be able to leverage their Cambridge International AS (Advanced Subsidiary) Level or A (Advanced) Level certifications to open doors beyond high school. Thousands of learners gain placements at leading universities with the AS & A Levels every year. Cambridge calls them a "passport to success", and now MHS students will have this prestigious opportunity available to them!

And the IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) can help prepare younger students to succeed in the AS/A curriculum, and it can also stand alone as a high-quality certification. The Cambridge IGCSE is truly international, and it gives students more options than any other international qualification. Universities and employers around the world see the IGCSE as evidence of academic ability.

Marion Community Schools is excited to start planning for the launch of our Cambridge International options, and to share more about the exciting new opportunities this will provide to our students in the coming weeks.

"What an outstanding way to show the world how great our schools and our students are," Marion High School Principal Javon said. "This new opportunity for Marion students gives a whole new meaning to Giant Pride!"

Marion High School already offers dozens of advanced college credits, including the Indiana College Core, a block of 30 general education credits transferable to any state college and many private colleges in Indiana, and the school is also a member of the Rural Early College Network. Our latest certification as a Cambridge International school will help us reach even more students with these opportunities and more.

The University of Cambridge formed its "Local Examinations Syndicate" more than 160 years ago, aiming to raise standards in education. The Local Examinations program was created to administer Cambridge exams to students beyond the university's own degree programs. Today, Cambridge International Education is the largest provider of international education programs and qualifications for students 5 to 19 years old. Schools who wish to join this global network must pass an inspection and authorization process to gain permission to utilize Cambridge curricula and certifications.

Cambridge University Press & Assessments provides world-leading academic research, learning, and assessment globally, backed by the first-class teaching and research departments of the University of Cambridge.

Area Deaths

Southern and East Central Indiana

Richard "Rick" H. Uebelhor

Richard H. "Rick" Uebelhor, age 79, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 2:05 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Serenity Springs at Northwood in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Richard H. "Rick" Uebelhor was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow at a later date in St. Martin Cemetery in Whitfield, Indiana. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military rites..

Judy A. Gress

Judy A. Gress, age 82, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 12:23 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Judy A. Gress was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

Amy L. DeKemper

Amy L. DeKemper, age 37, of Dubois Indiana, passed away surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with cancer at 11:25 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. A funeral service for Amy L. DeKemper was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana. There will be no burial at this time.

Margaret A. "Peggy" Erny

Margaret A. "Peggy" Erny, age 91, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Brookside Village Assisted Living in Jasper. A Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret A. "Peggy" Erny was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper.

Eileen A. Freson

Eileen A. Freson, age 84, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 12:23 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026, at The Timbers of Jasper. A Mass of Christian Burial for Eileen A. Freson will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 27, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

John Carl Burgdorf

John Carl Burgdorf, age 95 of Huntingburg, passed away on November 16th, 2026 at Amber Manor Care Center in Petersburg. Visitation for John Burgdorf was held at Nass and Son Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 18th from 4:00 to will followed at Fairmount Cemetery.

Randall Crossley, Sr.

Randall Crossley Sr., 69, passed away on November 18, 2026. Randall leaves behind a lifetime of memories, stories, laughter, and genuine love. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. There are no services at this time. Huber Funeral Home is assisting with the family's wishes.

Patsy Ann Bates

Patsy Ann Bates, age 83, formerly of Santa Claus, passed away at 8:50 a.m., on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Rose Senior Living Center in Carmel. Funeral services for Patsy Ann Bates were held at 12:00 p.m., C.S.T., on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at Santa Claus Christian Church. Burial followed at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Gentryville. Pastor Joseph Seger officiated the service.

Jana Lynn Koch Fulkerson

Jana Lynn Koch Fulkerson, age 68, of Huntingburg, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2026, at her home. A private graveside service for Jana Lynn Koch Fulkerson will take place at Parklawn Cemetery in Evansville. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

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

VICTORIOUS Living ...in a troubled world

How to discover life's greatest blessings

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How to discover life's greatest blessings

By Teresa LeNeave

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded that expressing appreciation and gratitude should be more than a holiday tradition. It should be a daily habit that strengthens relationships, encourages kindness and brings greater happiness to our lives.

Have you ever received so much appreciation that you grew tired of hearing it? Probably not. Most people welcome recognition and enjoy knowing they are valued. Yet, while many of us wish to feel more appreciated, we sometimes fail to express appreciation to the people around us.

Gratitude, much like love, cannot be a one-sided relationship. Each person has a responsibility to make others feel valued and loved. Rather than waiting for someone else to make the first move, we should take the initiative. A simple phone call, text message or sincere expression of thanks can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.

Developing a habit of thankfulness can also improve our own outlook on life. Consider reflecting on the past year. Were there more days filled with frustration or gratitude? Which days brought the greatest happiness? A life focused primarily on disappointments can become discouraging, while a thankful heart can help lift our spirits, even during difficult circumstances.

One practical way to develop gratitude is to set aside 30 minutes each month to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. Send a card, make a phone call or simply tell someone how much you appreciate them. There is always something or someone to be thankful for if we take the time to look.


Teresa LeNeave

Even painful experiences can provide opportunities for personal growth and moments of thankfulness. Those who have disappointed or hurt us may have unknowingly helped us develop patience, strength and character. Choosing gratitude rather than resentment can change the way we view those experiences.

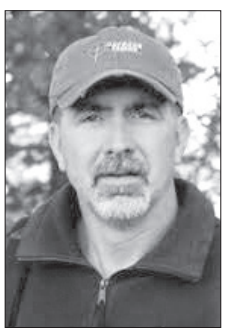
The Bible offers a powerful reminder in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In everything give thanks." This does not mean life's challenges are easy, or that we're required to be thankful for a miserable life, but it reminds us that even difficult seasons can strengthen our faith and reveal our need for God's grace.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us remember that gratitude is not simply something we celebrate once a year. It is a choice we can make every day. Start with one person. Tell them you appreciate them. Don't wait for the big things or special occasions. Make thankfulness a habit, and you may discover that one of life's greatest blessings is the happiness that comes from having a grateful heart.

Happy Thanksgiving.

A different view

Bowhunting is usually a close-quarters affair. The shot is mostly 30 yards or less. At least for me. For years, my rifle hunting has been from the barn, and the deer that show up there usually come from only a couple of locations. Recently, though, I have started taking my rifle to open country. Just this morning, I sat at the top of a hill that overlooked the rolling hills of Tennessee. That landscape included a hayfield, cattle pasture, and wooded parcels scattered throughout. My view and shot options were almost 360 degrees and the distances I was scanning were well beyond any shot I was willing to take. This morning I saw more hunting possibilities than I can remember seeing in a long time. It was not that I had not hunted larger tracts of land, it was that this morning I was unusually in tune with the vastness of my world. But not just my hunting world. I had had this epiphany a few days earlier. Let me explain.


Gary Miller

Most of the time, my life is of the bowhunting variety. My attention is on the small areas of my life. Daily circumstances, situations, and troubles keep me from looking beyond the reach of my own needs and my own abilities. I hardly ever look past my field to notice the vastness of the land around it. And I rarely look past preparing my own plot to realize that Someone maintains the land around me, and even the skies above. Here's what I'm saying. I have needs. We all do. And what we tend to do is look no farther than the circumstances standing between us and what we need. And this limited view can cause us to live in doubt. But when I sat on top of that hill and looked around, I was reminded by God that my little field is nothing compared to the world He created. And if He spoke a mountain into existence and split it with a river, He can speak to my mountain and bring from it a fountain of blessings. So, the next time your world starts closing in, look up and around. Remember, the God who created everything you can see also created everything you can't. And while your world may seem small and your troubles may seem large, neither is beyond His reach. Sometimes we just need to sit in a different place to be reminded of how much bigger His world is than ours.

Gary Miller
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He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

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.

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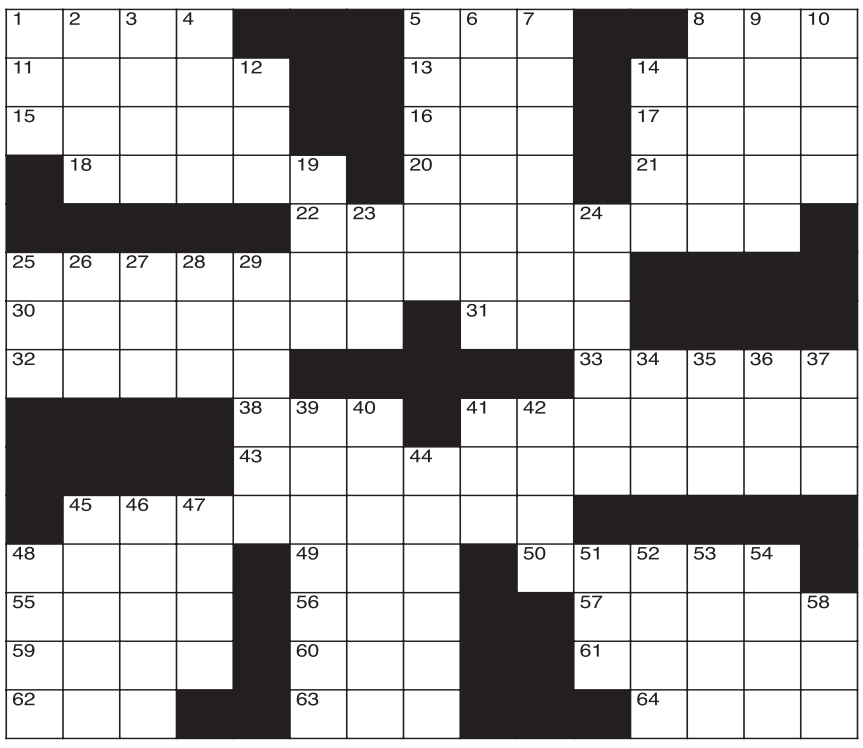

CLUES ACROSS

1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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Word Search

GEOGRAPHY WORD SEARCH

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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

WORDS

ARCHIPELAGO
ATOLL
BASIN
BAYOU
CANYON
CARTOGRAPHY
DELTA
EQUATOR
ESTUARY
FJORD
GEODESY
GLACIER
ISTHMUS
LATITUDE
LONGITUDE
MESA
OASIS
PENINSULA
PLATEAU
STRAIT
TOPOGRAPHY
TRIBUTARY
TUNDRA

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to geography.

REAHT

Answer: Earth

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer and actress born in Tennessee on November 23, 1992. I grew up around music, as my father is a country singer and my godmother was a famous country music icon. I achieved fame on a popular Disney channel children's show and later gained wider recognition as a pop singer.

Answer: Miley Cyrus

IF IT MATTERS TO YOU, IT MATTERS TO US. THANKS FOR READING!

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 geography.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = L)

A. 20 17 5 9 8
Clue: The earth

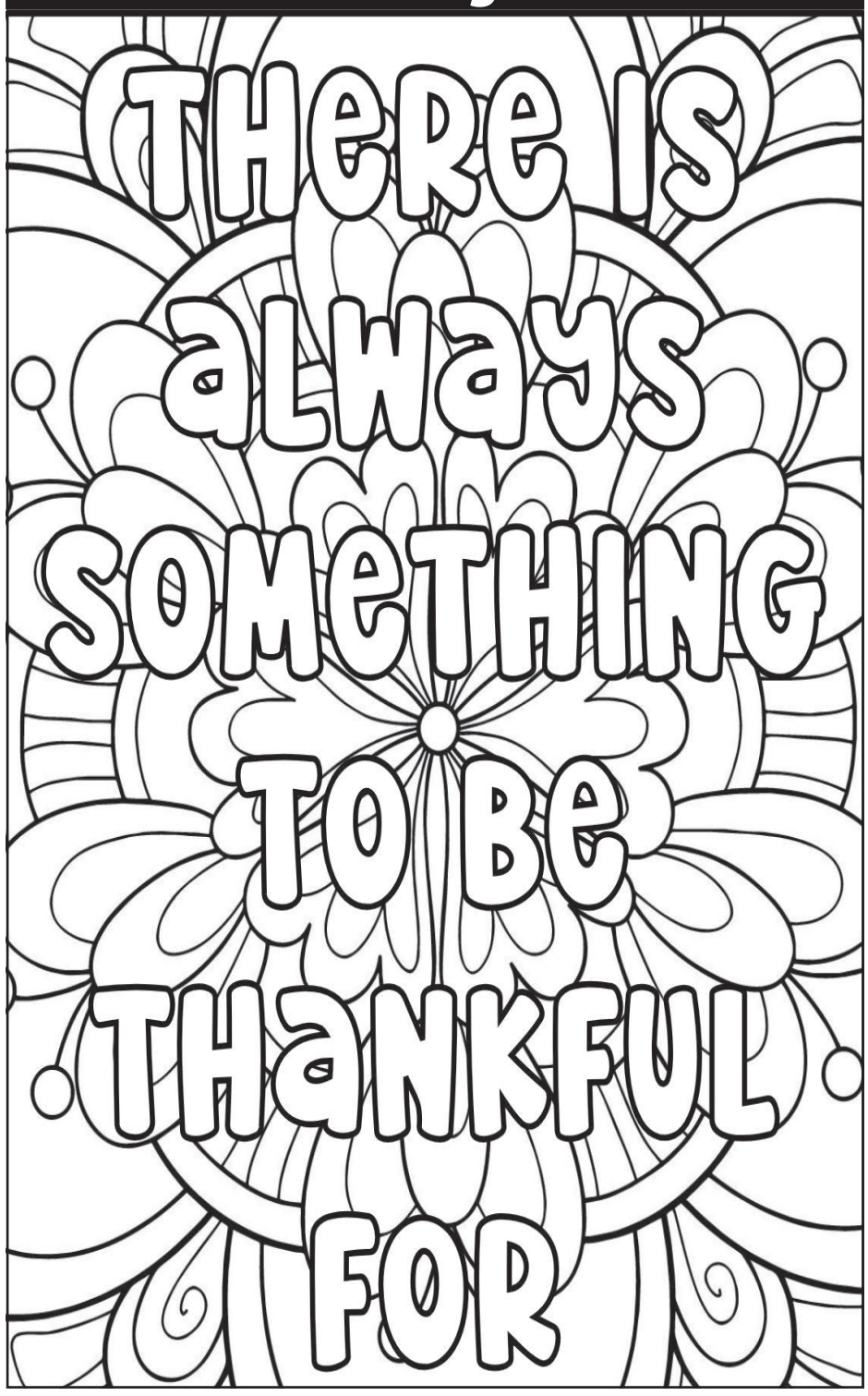
B. 17 5 6 14 2 19 5 25
Clue: Place on map

C. 2 23 14 10 8 17
Clue: Visit somewhere

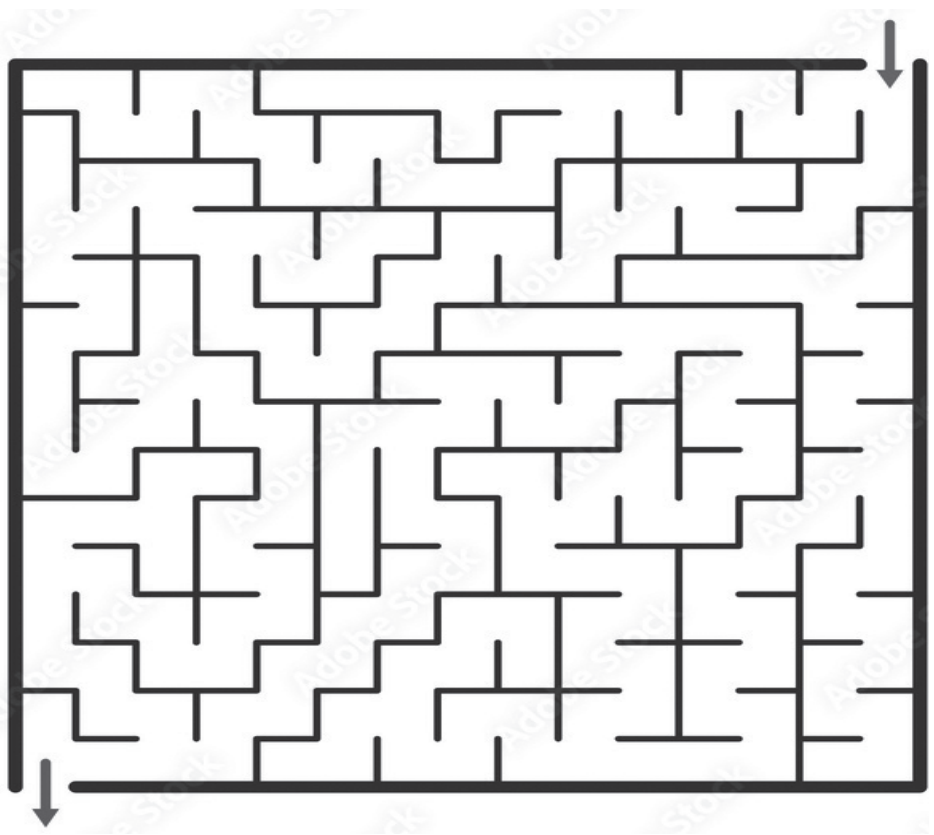
D. 17 5 25 20 19 2 16 1 8
Clue: Measures east-west positions

Answers: A. globe B. location C. travel D. longitude

Coloring Fun



Labyrinth Puzzle



SCHOOL SPORTS



photo courtesy of Marion High School

The 2026-27 Marion High School cheerleading squad is pictured.
Row 1: Cora Topping, Dayna Lightfoot, Elaina Leon, Grace Wright, Gabriela Ortega. Row 2: Aleah Weaver, Kolbey Hehle, Emma Hoose, Aniela Bosquez. Row 3: Stephanie Walton (Coach), Elisabella Ramirez, Alina Chau, Kyrie York, Mi'Esha Gibson (Coach). Row 4: Giants Mascot "Stretch" Murphy.

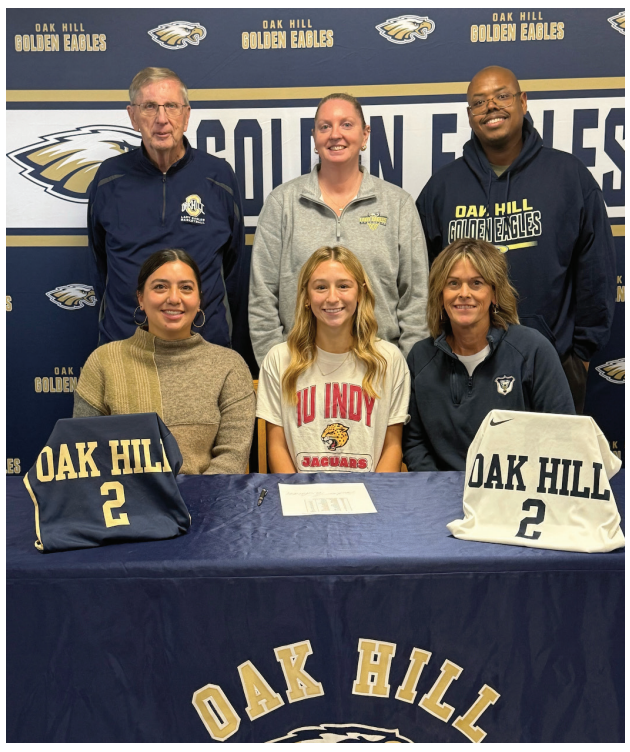


photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School

Oak Hill High School senior Landri Hardman has signed with the IU Indianapolis women's soccer program.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marion-Grant upends Cowan

Staff Report

MUNCIE — Madison-Grant defeated Cowan 51-29 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Lady Argylls set the tone early, outscoring Cowan 11-2 in the opening quarter.

Madison-Grant led 19-10 at halftime and quickly extended its lead in the second half.

Visiting Madison-Grant doubled up Cowan 22-11 in the third quarter.

Georgia Mitchell scored a game-high 18 points for Madison-Grant in its win.

Accompanying Mitchell in double figures for Madison-Grant, Makenzie Griffin netted 13 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for Madison-Grant, Brielle Spears tallied nine points.

Finishing in single digits for Madison-Grant, Sierra Whitaker tossed in five points while Demi Justus and Mylee Bishir added three points apiece.



GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oak Hill rolls past Madison-Grant in home opener

Staff Report

CONVERSE — Oak Hill rolled past Central Indiana Conference opponent Madison-Grant 78-10 in a home opener on Friday, Nov. 20.

The win allowed Oak Hill to move to 3-0 in the 2026-27 girls' high school basketball season.

The Lady Eagles set the tone early and led 15-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Oak Hill entered halftime ahead 33-4 and quickly extended its lead after the break.

The Lady Eagles outscored Madison-Grant 24-0 in the third quarter.

Oak Hill excelled offensively and defensively, securing 20 offensive rebounds, recording 23 assists and registering 26 steals.

The Lady Eagles benefitted from a balanced attack. Several players made an impact both offensively and defensively for the Lady Eagles.

Brianna Dailey (14 points, 10 rebounds, four steals), Landri Hardman (13 points, seven assists, six rebounds, five steals), Kora Pond (14 points, four rebounds, eight steals), Berklie Hardman (eight points, eight assists, four rebounds, six steals) and Esther Biggs (10 points, five rebounds) were each instrumental in Oak Hill's victory over Madison-Grant.

Chipping in offensively, Makenzie Griffin (eight points) and Georgia Mitchell netted (two points) accounted for Madison-Grant's scoring

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Hardman signs with IU Indianapolis

Staff Report

CONVERSE — Oak Hill High School senior Landri Hardman has signed to continue her academic and athletic career at IU Indianapolis, where she will play soccer.

Throughout an outstanding high school career, Hardman has made her mark in the Oak Hill record books, setting the following school records: Career Goals - 133; Career Assists - 36; Career Hat Tricks - 26; Most Goals in a Season - 42; Most Assists in a Season - 15; Most Goals in a Match - 5.

Hardman has also contributed to incredible team success for the Lady Eagles. Her Oak Hill teams earned 4 Central Indiana Conference Championships; 4 Sectional Championships and the 2026 Regional Championship.





GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Rangers roll to win over Crawford Co.

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park pulled away to defeat Crawford County 62-28 in an early-season girls' high school basketball game at Buechler Arena on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Lady Rangers improved to 4-2 after notching the win.

Forest Park set the tone early, outscoring Crawford County 19-2 in the opening quarter.

The Lady Rangers led 34-13 at halftime and remained in control through the second half.

Forest Park exited the third quarter ahead 48-21.

Avery Hll and Bree Howard combined scoring a game-high 13 points apiece for the Lady Rangers.

Excelling inside for Forest Park, Hill cleared out a game-high seven rebounds.

Accompanying Hill and Howard in double figures for Forest Park, Chelsea Thompson netted 10 points.

Forest Park benefitted from a balanced offensive attack. The additional scorers for Forest Park were Claire Warren (six points), Bailey Begle (six points), Brynne Vaught (four points), Ellie Meunier (four points), Lilly Muller (three points) and Kendall Gehlhausen (three points).

to lead Forest Park,





photos courtesy of Blackford High School Boys' Basketball

Blackford visited Homestead for a boys' high school basketball scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 21.



photo courtesy of Eastbrook High School

The Eastbrook High School Student-Athlete Leadership Team, consisting of Addison McVicker, Malakai Luthy, Kyler Hackman, Miles Brown, Olivia Legg, and Paili Swift, cleaned up trash at the Upland Baseball/Softball complex as part of its community outreach earlier in the fall.

The enduring legacy of Farm Bureau Food Price Surveys

By Cyndie Shearing
Director,
Communications

Earlier this month, the American Farm Bureau Federation released its 41st annual Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Survey, a snapshot of the average cost of Thanksgiving staples that make up a classic holiday feast for 10. The meal came in at $58.63 or about $5.86 per person, up about 6% compared to a year ago but down from a record high of $64.05 in 2022.

When the Thanksgiving survey began in the 1980s, it was one of several food price surveys AFBF conducted each year, with Farm Bureau Women leading the charge. They visited local grocery stores with paper survey forms in hand, recorded prices and mailed in (or faxed) their findings for tabulation.

Today, some volunteer shoppers check prices in person, but most do so online, using grocery store apps and websites. And all the surveys are submitted electronically. Members involved in numerous Farm Bureau programs, including Women's Leadership, Promotion & Engagement, and Young Farmers & Ranchers, participate.



Beyond fueling media coverage of how food prices are changing and why, the survey has become a learning tool for home-schooling families and classroom teachers alike. Lessons range from smart shopping strategies and building menus to exploring how to prepare and serve a variety of foods.

Farm Bureau Convention 2027

Students at an Alabama high school compare holiday grocery prices as part of a budgeting lesson built on AFBF's annual Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Survey.

Leslie Flowers, a high school career tech education teacher in Alabama, developed a lesson plan based on the foods in the survey. Each year, after reviewing the latest survey results, her students calculate how much it would cost to feed 10 people a holiday meal on a budget. "My students get so excited each year to do this," Flowers said.

From grocery aisles to classrooms, the survey has become a holiday tradition of its own, one that reminds Americans of the farmers and ranchers behind every bite of the Thanksgiving meal.

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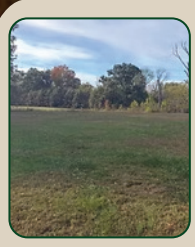

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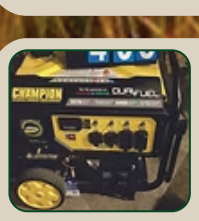

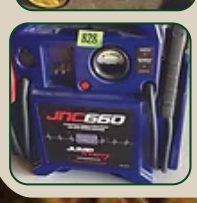

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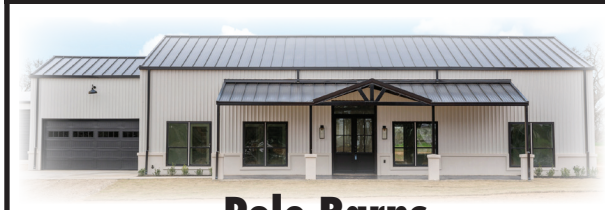

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Central Indiana Conference announces membership changes beginning in 2027-28 school year

Staff Report

CONVERSE — The Central Indiana Conference (CIC) has announced two membership changes that will take effect beginning with the 2027-28 schoolyear.

Elwood High School will transition to independent status in football while continuing its membership in the Central Indiana Conference for all other athletic programs. Elwood will remain an active member of the CIC and continue competing against conference schools in all sports other than football.

Additionally, Eastern High School of Greentown, will join the Central Indiana Conference beginning with the 2027-28 school year. Eastern's addition represents an exciting opportunity for the conference and its member schools as the CIC continues to strengthen its athletic programs and provide quality competitive opportunities for student-athletes.

"The Central Indiana Conference has a strong tradition of providing meaningful opportunities for student-athletes while building positive relationships among our member schools," said Rachel Roesch, Mississinewa Principal and CIC President. "As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunity to welcome Eastern to the conference and appreciate Elwood's continued commitment to the CIC. These decisions reflect our commitment to the long-term success of the conference and ensuring our schools and student-athletes continue to have opportunities to compete, grow, and succeed."

"We appreciate Elwood's continued commitment to the Central Indiana Conference and are excited to welcome Eastern beginning in 2027-28," said Ryan Fagan, Conference Secretary. "Our focus remains on providing the best possible competitive opportunities for our student-athletes and member schools. We believe these changes position the conference well moving forward."

The conference appreciates Elwood's continued commitment to the CIC and looks forward to maintaining those relationships across its athletic programs. The addition of Eastern will bring new opportunities for competition, collaboration, and growth among conference schools.

The Central Indiana Conference remains committed to providing outstanding athletic opportunities for its student-athletes while promoting sportsmanship, school pride, and a positive experience for participating schools and communities.

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Poet Voices with The Riddells in concert on Saturday, December 5, 2026





Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce Phil Cross & Poet Voices with The Riddells in concert on Saturday, December 5, 2026! New earlier Saturday start time for 2026 - Doors open at 5 PM, Concert starts at 6 PM. Tickets are $15. Also, a love offering will be received. Limited seating, to guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance at epworthworship.com/tribute or call/text 765-667-0842.

Poet Voices has long been recognized for its distinctive voice and meaningful contribution to Southern Gospel music. The group was formed in the early 1990s by a young songwriter named Phil Cross, who, though already enjoying success, was writing far more material than the popular groups of the day could record. Seeking an outlet for those songs and a platform where the message could be presented exactly as written, Cross formed Poet Voices, a name that reflected both the lyrical depth of the songs and the collective voices bringing them to life.

From the very beginning, the group made an immediate impact. Poet Voices released its first single to radio shortly after forming, and it quickly climbed the charts to become the group's first number one song. That early success signaled a strong connection with listeners and set the stage for what would become a celebrated legacy. Fans embraced the group's unique presentation of the Gospel, leading to an array of honors, multiple chart topping songs, and the prestigious Song of the Year recognition for "I Am Redeemed." Poet Voices' music became known for its sincerity, strong lyrical foundation, and lasting spiritual impact.

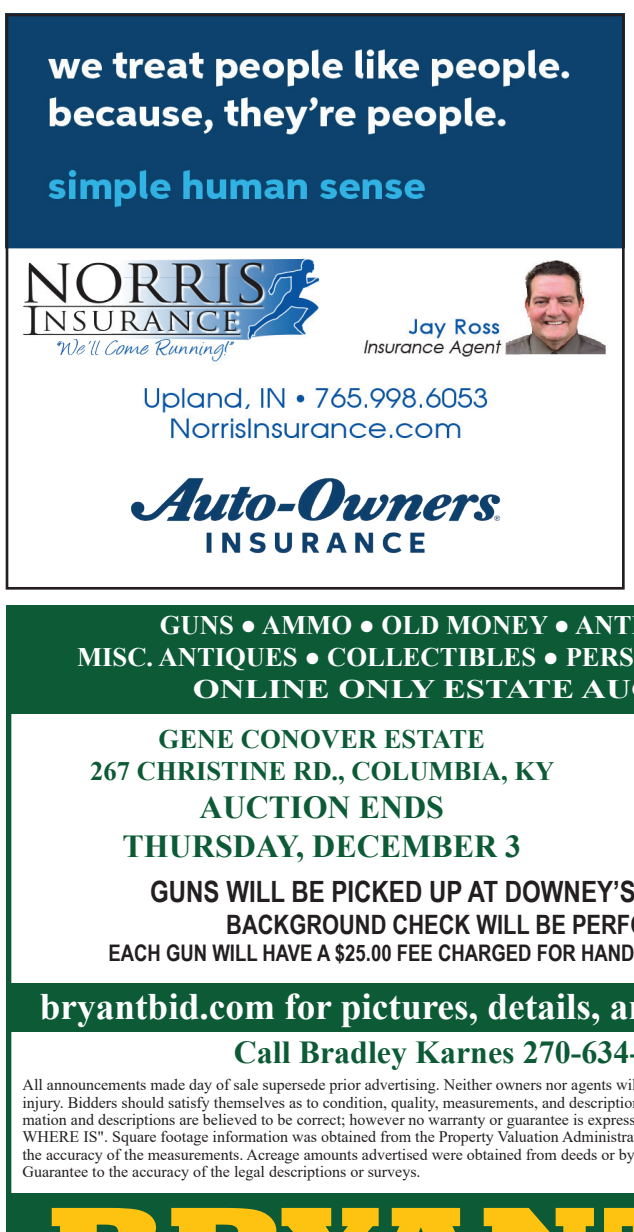
Today, Poet Voices continues its journey with renewed focus and purpose. The group is now comprised of Phil Cross, Donny Henderson on lead, Loren Harris on baritone, Jeff Snyder on tenor, and K.C. Armstrong on bass. Henderson's transition into the lead vocal role brings both clarity and continuity to the Poet Voices sound, offering longtime listeners a familiar spirit while adding renewed strength and confidence out front. Cross remains a central presence on stage, connecting deeply with audiences as he shares the stories and inspiration behind the songs that have shaped the group's legacy. The addition of Loren Harris at baritone, combined with Henderson on lead, has added a depth and power to the quartet's overall sound that is immediately evident.

Rounding out the vocal blend are Jeff Snyder and K.C. Armstrong. Snyder is widely regarded as one of the most beloved individuals in Gospel music, and his reputation continues to grow as he is increasingly recognized as one of the genre's finest tenors. Armstrong, a twenty year United States Army veteran, brings a distinctive bass voice reminiscent of an earlier era of quartet music, and his sound and presence have quickly made him a fan favorite.

In concert, audiences can expect a thoughtful blend of Poet Voices favorites such as "Jesus Built a Bridge" and "One Holy Lamb," along with songs from Cross's pen that have become Gospel classics through recordings by other artists, including "Wedding Music," "When I Get Carried Away," and "Champion of Love." Audiences are also beginning to hear new music born out of a growing songwriting partnership between Cross and Henderson. That collaboration has already produced several well received co-writes, including "It Won't Be Long," "I Remember Lost," and "Doin' What a Child of the King Should Do," further reflecting the group's continued commitment to meaningful and message driven songs.

The Riddells are a family trio consisting of Sonja and her children Justin and Kayla. They have been in the ministry since 2001. Each member brings their own unique style to the group. The Riddells are a mix of Bluegrass, Contemporary, and Soul tied together with a Southern Gospel bow. They have had many experiences along the way and have found God to be ever faithful. In their years of traveling, they have sung in 19 states, as well as Jamaica. This family truly loves life on the road, but to them it is not a hobby, a pastime, or an occupation. It is a calling.







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