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Thursday, July 16, 2026

Journal Reporter

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In God We Trust

Two city parking lots closes

The City of Marion is excited to continue development within the Riverfront District. Please be advised that the city-owned parking lots located between 1st and 2nd Streets, and Washington Street and Boots Street, closed permanently on Wednesday, July 15th, 2026.

The City began installing orange fencing on Tuesday, in advance of the closure, to secure the property in preparation for removal of the asphalt parking lots to facilitate a site-ready area for the new development.



Kate's Kart receives \$5,000 grant

Kate's Kart is grateful to announce the award of a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Grant County to support the organization's mission of gifting new books to hospitalized children in Grant County through its partnership with Marion Health.

The generous grant will help provide brand-new books to children receiving care throughout Marion Health's hospital system, where Kate's Kart currently operates four book Karts.

--Marion East/Gas City: One Kart housed in Emergency Department since April 2025

--Marion Health/Marion: Three Karts, one each in the Emergency Department, Pediatric Unit, and Special Care Nursery.

Last year alone, 3,124 books were gifted to hospitalized children and their families through these Grant County hospital partnerships. Each book is carefully selected to provide comfort, distraction, encouragement, and



joy during a difficult hospital stay.

"Local support plays a vital role in helping us continue reaching children and families across northeast Indiana," said Krista Layman, Executive Director. "We are incredibly thankful to the Community Foundation of Grant County for investing in the emotional well-being of hospitalized children right here in Grant County." Locally, the Marion Health Auxiliary also supports the Karts and the impact made right here in Grant County.

Kate's Kart currently serves hospitals across 15 Northeast Indiana counties and 1 Ohio county, delivering the healing power of books to an average of 5,000 books each month. Community partnerships and local funding continue to make this impact possible. Just last year, Kate's Kart gifted its 500,000th book to hospitalized children and their families.

For more information about Kate's Kart or to support its mission, visit Kate's Kart. For additional information, please contact:

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www.kateskart.org

Owner occupied rehab funding needs: We want to hear from You

The City of Marion is seeking input from local homeowners about home repair needs throughout Marion neighborhoods. If you or someone you know owns a home in Marion that needs home repairs — roof, HVAC, accessibility updates, or electrical work — we want to hear from you. Take just five minutes to fill out the Grant County Critical Repair Survey: www.ahcgrantcounty.com/owner-occupied-rehab

This survey is part of the City of Marion's effort to secure \$350,000 in state funding for home repairs through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)'s Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) program. The application will be submitted as part of Cycle 3, ahead of the November 1, 2026 deadline. If awarded, the funds will support critical home repairs of up to \$25,000 per household for low- and moderate-income homeowners in Marion.

"Every response helps us make the case that Marion homeowners need this investment," says AHC Executive Director Lorri Cox, "help us by taking five minutes to fill out the survey."

Support the City of Marion and Affordable Housing's efforts through:

1. Filling out the Grant County Critical Home Repair Survey: www.ahcgrantcounty.com/owner-occupied-rehab
2. Mark your calendars to attend the public hearing at Marion City Hall in October:
Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 at 5:30pm

For more information: www.ahcgrantcounty.com/owner-occupied-rehab

CSA Civic Theatre presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

MARION, IN — CSA Civic Theatre invites audiences to experience one of the world's most beloved family musicals as Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat takes the stage August 21–23, 2026, at the F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center at Marion High School.

Featuring lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd

Webber, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat tells the timeless biblical story of Joseph, a dreamer whose extraordinary gift sets him on a remarkable journey from betrayal and hardship to forgiveness and triumph. Packed with unforgettable songs, vibrant storytelling, and high-energy choreography, the musical has delighted audiences around the world for generations.

This production features a cast of nearly 40 local adult and youth performers, showcasing the talent and creativity found throughout Grant County and surrounding communities. From colorful musical numbers to heartwarming moments of hope and perseverance, audiences of all

ages will find something to enjoy in this spectacular production.

"Joseph is a show that celebrates resilience, family, and the power of believing in your dreams," said Shelly Inskeep, Executive Director of CSA. "With a talented cast spanning multiple generations and a score filled with audience favorites, this production promises

to be an exciting way to kick off our new theatre season."

Performances will be held:

Friday, August 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, August 22, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Sunday, August 23, 2026 – 2:00 PM

All performances will take place at the F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center at Marion High School.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat launches CSA Civic Theatre's 2026–2027 season and continues the organization's mission of bringing high-quality community theatre experiences to local audiences while providing opportunities for performers, volunteers, and artists of all ages.

Tickets are available online and at the

CSA box office. For tickets and additional information, visit www.csa-marion.com/tickets or contact Marion Community School of the Arts.

About CSA Civic Theatre

CSA Civic Theatre is the community theatre division of Marion Community School of the Arts. Through volunteer-driven productions, educational opportunities, and community partnerships, CSA Civic Theatre provides accessible and engaging theatrical experiences for performers and audiences throughout the region. As part of Marion Community School of the Arts, CSA Civic Theatre helps fulfill the organization's mission to ignite a community of potential through arts and creativity.



VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

Choose to bless

By Teresa A. LeNeave
leneave2@comcast.net

We all make dozens of choices everyday but one of the most important, to me, is that we choose to bless. Sometimes tough things happen. We get hurt. A spouse or someone we love dies. Financial disaster occurs and we have big choice to make. There are times when you can barely think much less make a hard choice, but choosing to bless can be easy and says a lot about who we are as a Christian. How can we choose to bless? Maybe it's a smile in the morning when life is hectic and you don't have time to

worry about another thing. A smile and hug for your child before they head out to school can make a big difference in their day. Or, your spouse who is carrying a heavy load at work may need a kind word before they rush out the door into the jungle of their daily grind. I know as well as anybody, people can be demanding. There are days when blessing someone else is very hard, but when we make the effort, our own life is blessed. Just a kind word can bless another person. As Christians, we are instructed to follow God's example



and one of the best I can think of is among His first acts at creation. First, He blessed them and then said, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

The very first thing God did was "bless" them and then, He began to encourage them and let them know they could succeed. In my simple terms I can hear Him say, "Go out and conquer. You can do this. I've put my breath in you and my Spirit. You can succeed." How many children need that kind of encouragement? Many I can tell you. Thousands of children leave for school already feeling beaten down and defeated, but they are expected to arrive at school with a good attitude and desire to learn. If only we could see what just a smile and hug can do

for a struggling child, surely, we'd make the effort to bless. "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord for-gave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13 (NLT) There are so many simple and little things that we can do to bless. If you get to work before everyone else, a kind gesture would be to start a pot of coffee for everyone else – even if you don't drink coffee. It's the little things that set us up for a good day. If your day is bad – what did you do to bless? How did you contribute to someone else's day?

Dreams are empowered with perseverance

By Dr. Billy Holland

Disappointment is a familiar feeling, especially to the ambitious. The more a person strives, the more failures they will face, but this doesn't mean that every door is always locked. Learning self-control and patience is a part of the advancement process. It is said that "True success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm," and we certainly do not have the time to feel sorry for ourselves - there is work to do. Sometimes diligence brings success, while other times, for some reason, our dreams are not fulfilled. Though this is painful, it doesn't mean we should shut down or place our dreams on the shelf. On the contrary, Churchill said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the

courage to continue that counts." Where there are many roads of possibilities, there are also many intersections, and the directions we choose always make a huge difference. Unfortunately, many stand in these crossroads, but cannot seem to figure out which way to go. These places of decision are normal as we take time to pray and rest, and seek wisdom, but there is a problem when a person decides to live there. It was never God's plan for anyone to go through life drifting on a miserable sea of doubt, confusion, and discouragement. I have sympathy for those who have never had peace and confidence about where God is leading them. We are reminded in the first chapter of James about those who have settled for

mediocrity and are trapped within an indecisive mentality: "For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." Continuing to ask, seek, and knock, even if we have missed the mark, is better than giving up and fantasizing that an amazing opportunity is going to just fall out of the ceiling. I'm reminded of those who place all their hope in winning a lottery instead of finding their true destiny. Being honest with ourselves and trusting God as our source can clarify our perspective, and this will go a long way toward adjusting our attitudes. Number 1: Sometimes our failures are trying to

reveal the truth that our ideas and dreams are not a part of God's original plan. If we have made this mistake and our vision is not His will, we can simply ask Him to show us what is and keep going. Number 2: If we are convinced we are still on the right track, then let us patiently keep working as we keep our eyes on the prize. Anything worth having is worth waiting for. Let's consider Thomas Edison. He was responsible for over 1000 patents and became famous for his ideas, but he is equally respected for his perseverance and his perspective concerning failure. It's true that humans have variations when it comes to mental "wiring," and in Edison's brain, there was evidently a bulldog determination that gave him the ability to view consistent

failure as simply another stepping stone on the pathway to success. Most people, after several valiant attempts, are more than willing to throw in the towel, but not Edison. With years of research and experimenting, it's estimated that it took 10,000 failures before he finally perfected the light bulb. He is quoted as saying, "I did not fail, I merely discovered 9,999 ways that do not work!" Mr. Edison made up his mind and was simply never going to give up. Whatever the obstacles, reasons, or excuses, we must face the sobering reality that everyone has a choice to know their destiny. When we finally discover our true calling, we will then decide if we are willing to pay the price it takes to accomplish it. A river cuts through a rock not because of its power, but because of its persistence."

Whatever is holding you back from being serious about your future is the very obstacle that only you can overcome. To succeed, one must come to the point where fear cannot prevent, and discouragement cannot persuade. Michael Jordan, considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time, missed over half the shots he attempted. However, the important fact to remember is that he was never afraid to shoot. Success will NOT be achieved by those who are paralyzed with doubt, but victory awaits the bold and courageous who will relentlessly keep pressing toward the mark. Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about living on purpose at billyhollandministries.com

Phony Peace

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

"Do you know how to blow up balloons, Brandon?" the surgical staff asked. Of course I knew how—I wasn't a sissy. In fact, one of my proudest moments as a kid was inflating a balloon by myself. But, instead of handing me a bright balloon to enjoy, the medical team strapped a mask on my face and instructed me to blow into it like I was inflating a balloon. They were

administering anesthetics through it to knock me out during my tonsillectomy, and after two breaths, I was in Snoozeville. Anesthesia is a godsend in modern medical advancement. It is better than chomping down on a hunk of wood or chugging a bottle of whiskey to make painful procedures bearable. But the sedation-induced sleep doesn't last forever, and it doesn't compare to hitting the hay after a long day. The

pain-free sleep that anesthesia provides lasts only a few hours until its effects wear off. At best, it offers temporary tranquility and peace that isn't permanent. The world also offers a perishable peace and spurious serenity that wears off faster than anesthesia. It lasts for only a little while, and then you wake up in distress all over again. The world may tell you that peace comes to those who follow their heart and fulfill their selfish ambitions,

but the end result is always dissatisfaction and chaos. The world's prescription for peace is found in pill and beer bottles, but such external things can never produce internal peace in the soul. And the reason the world's peace is fleeting is because it is false. James warned that pursuing selfish ambitions produces disorder, not peace (James 3:17). Living life for yourself results in death, not a happy and harmonious life: "For to set the mind on the flesh is death,

but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6; cf. Isaiah 48:22). And peace cannot be found in drugs or alcohol, as they are simply "broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13). True and lasting peace can only come from Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). The best the world can offer is anesthesia

for your soul. But the "God of peace" will grant you a "peace that surpasses all understanding" if you will trust in Him and believe on His Son, Jesus (2 Thess. 3:6; Phil. 4:7). And Jesus invites you to seek true peace from Him: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28-29). What kind of peace do you have: phony or permanent? Do you have "anesthesia" for your soul, or have you come to Jesus for the real thing?

Lois Kistler

With deep respect and heartfelt remembrance, we celebrate the life of Lois Kistler, whose remarkable journey began in the familiar embrace of Marion, Indiana. Born on July 15, 1937, and departing this world on July 12, 2026, Lois's life was a tapestry interwoven with both achievement and devotion—an enduring presence whose impact resonates within all who knew her. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Charleen M. Ruble

Charleen M. (Crowl) Ruble, 74, of Warren, Indiana, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren. Family and friends may gather to share and remember from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 3:00 PM with Chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Penny S. Wash

Penny Wash, age 68, of rural Hartford City, IN. (Washington Twp. Blackford Co.) passed away peacefully on July 12, 2026, at 1:45 p.m. Friends and Family may gather to share and remember Penny on Thursday, July 16, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. A Funeral service will follow at 12:00 PM with Pastor Steve Rogers officiating. Interment will follow services at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN. at 1:00 PM..

Bertha A. Sprinkle

Bertha A. Sprinkle, 87, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. Funeral services were held at 7:00 PM CDT on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel. Rev. Joe Noble will officiate.

Donna Louise Monroe

Donna Louise Monroe, 49, Sharpsville, passed away at 11:20 pm, on Monday, June 29, 2026, at I.U. Health–North, Carmel. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Sharpsville Chapel, 204 N. Church Street, Sharpsville, IN. Messages of condolence may be left at www.stoutandson.com.

Martin A. Russell

Martin “Marty” Alan Russell, 75, passed away on October 24, 2025 at his residence. A Celebration of Life will be at 2 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at the AMVETS in Hartford City. Keplinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Junior Mallory

Joseph Junior Mallory, 77, of Kokomo, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at his home. A funeral service celebrating Joseph's life will be held at 12:00 pm, on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 W. Lincoln Rd., Kokomo, with Pastor Charles Woodard officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 11:00 am until the time of service on Friday, at the funeral home.

Laila Grace Noland

Laila Grace Noland, 1 month, passed away at 5:13 am Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo. A funeral service was held at Noon Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Jason Grant officiating.

Joann S. Cummings

Joann S. Cummings (née Stouder), 77, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2026. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at The Meeks Mortuary & Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Family and friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the mortuary.

Dr. Stephen J. Gant

Dr. Stephen J. Gant, 77, passed away Sunday, July 12, 2026 at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A Memorial Celebration will be held from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Mt. Pleasant Chapel, 7901 W. Isanogel Road.

Patricia Sue Carter

Patricia Sue Murphey Carter, lovingly known by many names throughout her life—Mom, Patsy, Mrs. Carter, Grandma Pat, and GP—passed away surrounded by the love she spent a lifetime giving to others. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the countless friends, former students, neighbors, and church family whose lives were touched by Pat. The many stories of her

Marion students excel on Advanced Placement exams

Dozens of Marion High School students’ hard work and dedication has earned them success on the College Board’s Advanced Placement exams. MHS students took 11 different AP exams in the 2025-26 school year, and in four subjects, 100 percent of students taking the exam passed! Overall, 87 students passed at least one exam, while 30 of those passed multiple exams — both an increase over the previous year.

In seven subjects, MHS students surpassed the state and/or global percentage of students passing the exams:

Calculus AB: 100 percent MHS passing rate; state passing 64 percent; global passing rate 65.8 percent

Calculus BC (advanced): 100 percent MHS passing rate; state passing 80.7 percent; global passing rate 78.6 percent

Chemistry: 100 percent at MHS; state, 83 percent; global, 81.4 percent

Research: MHS, 100 percent; state, 90.9 percent; global, 89.8

percent
Calculus BC (2nd-year): MHS, 87.5 percent; state, 80.7 percent; global, 78.6 percent

Biology: MHS, 80 percent; state, 67.2 percent; global, 71.2 percent

3D Art and Design: MHS, 75 percent; state, 77.7 percent; global, 74.3 percent (wondering what art portfolios consist of? You can see examples from previous years here.)

Enrollment in our AP courses has increased significantly over the past few years. In 2025-26, MHS students took and passed 11 different exams: Biology; Calculus (AB and BC); Chemistry; English Language and Composition; Environmental Science; Human Geography; World History; AP Seminar (an interdisciplinary course); AP Research; and the portfolio-based 3D Art and Design.

AP exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. A score of 3 designates the student as “qualified” and capable of doing

the work of an introductory-level course in a particular subject at college, according to the AP Program’s website. Many colleges and universities grant credit and placement for scores of 3, 4 or 5, but the AP Program’s website notes that each college decides which scores it will accept.

Marion High School requires that students taking an AP class take the corresponding AP exam in order to receive the extra credit available for the class. (All AP classes at MHS are “weighted”, meaning that students can earn more credit for those classes because of their difficulty, as compared to standard classes. But students who don’t take the AP exam won’t receive that extra credit.) This leads to a very high percentage of MHS AP students taking the corresponding exams — which makes the passing percentages achieved by MHS students even more impressive.

Since 1955, the rigorous Advanced

Placement Program has enabled millions of students to take college-level courses and exams and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.

According to a study cited on the AP Program’s website, AP students have better four-year college graduation rates than those who did not take AP. Taking AP also increases eligibility for scholarships and makes candidates more attractive to colleges.

Marion High School offers outstanding early college opportunities to our students, and Marion Community Schools is proud of our educators’ work and dedication, and of these students’ excellent achievements. For information about how your high school student can take advantage of these early college credit opportunities and more, click here for enrollment information: www.marion.k12.in.us/enrollment.

Matter Park and nearby roads closed for Go-Kart Race

Matter Park and nearby roads will be closed for an upcoming go-kart race on July 17th, 18th, and 19th.

The following roads will be closed: River Road between Overlook and Quarry Road

Matter Park Road at Quarry Road
Closure: Friday, July 17th: 7am

Reopening: Sunday, July 19th, 8pm
Chad King, 765.251.1633

Community Ice Cream Social and Cancer Walk to be held on Sunday, July 19

Epworth Church, 105 W. Eighth St, Matthews, Indiana announces their Annual Community Ice Cream Social and Cancer Walk to be held on Sunday, July 19, 2026! Cancer walk registration starts at 3:30 PM and the 1 mile walk begins at 4:30 PM. The Ice Cream Social will be from 5:30-7:30 PM. The extended community is invited to come and go at their leisure and enjoy music presented throughout the event by Victoria



Reynolds. The event will be held outdoors weather permitting but indoor seating will be available. Plus, there will be a Bounce House on

the church lawn for children. A variety of food, including Coney dogs and nachos, will be served in addition to ice cream and desserts. Plus,

there will be a school supply giveaway! There is no charge for the event with free will donations gratefully accepted for the Matthews “Team Hope” Cancer Care which provides assistance to cancer patients in the local community. “Team Hope” is a joint ministry of Epworth Church and First Community Church. For more information about the event and other opportunities visit the church’s website at www.epworthworship.com.

Email your community events to: pamela.kpi2018@gmail.com



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Torchfire Film Festival Returns to the Big Screen on August 27 at the Historic Artcraft Theatre

The Torchfire Film Festival returns to the Historic Artcraft Theatre in downtown Franklin, Indiana, on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. for an unforgettable night of independent Hoosier film magic!

This special one-night-only event shines a spotlight on the winning films from this year’s festival, including outstanding work by Indiana filmmakers and student storytellers. The evening will feature a feature-length film, a curated lineup of short films, live interviews with the filmmakers, and door prizes given away to lucky attendees throughout the night.

Tickets are available now at historicartcrafttheatre.org torchfirefilmfestival.com

“This festival is about more than just movies—it’s a celebration of creative voices, Hoosier storytelling, and the power of film to bring people



together,” said Dustin Brenton, co-creator of the Torchfire Film Festival. “Whether you’re a film lover, a supporter of local talent, or just looking for an affordable night out in a historic setting, Torchfire is for you.”

Now in its third year, Torchfire continues

to grow, thanks to enthusiastic support from filmmakers, audiences, and sponsors across Indiana. This year’s festival introduced new Indiana Documentary and Indiana Animation categories. With so many great films entered this year, the festival may not be able

to show all the winners but you will still get to see some great Indiana films.

Audience members can expect:

- Award-winning indie films from across Indiana
- Prize giveaways throughout the evening

- Live interviews with the winning filmmakers
- Delicious Artcraft popcorn and concessions
- An incredible cinematic experience in one of Indiana’s most iconic theaters

Don’t miss your chance to experience the next wave of great

Indiana filmmakers in Franklin, Indiana. Come celebrate cinema, community, and creativity on August 27.

For full details, visit torchfirefilmfestival.com or historicartcrafttheatre.org.

About Torchfire Film Festival:

Torchfire Film Festival is a celebration of independent filmmaking held in Franklin, Indiana. Founded with a mission to illuminate the silver screen with fresh and innovative films, the festival provides a platform for filmmakers to showcase their work and connect with audiences. Torchfire Film Festival is committed to supporting both local talent and international voices, fostering an inclusive community where creativity thrives.

For more information on the Torchfire Film Festival, visit TorchfireFilmFestival.com

Indiana Wesleyan secures 29th CL All-Sports trophy

Seth Mikel
Crossroads League Sports Information Director

JACKSON, Mich. – Indiana Wesleyan edged Marian for the 2025-2026 Crossroads League All-Sports Championship, giving the Wildcats their 24th All-Sports Trophy since 2000 and their 29th in school history.

IWU held off Marian by a 166.0 to 163.5 margin for the top

spot in the standings, marking the 12th-straight year that Indiana Wesleyan and Marian have claimed the top two spots in the chase for the CL All-Sports Trophy. Spring Arbor (124.5), Taylor (122.0) and Huntington (107.0) followed Indiana Wesleyan and Marian in the top-five.

The Men’s All-Sports Standings had an identical order, with IWU securing the top spot with 74.0 points

for a six-point gap over Marian. The Knights of MU took the Women’s All-Sports Trophy with 90.5 points for a 7.5-point lead over IWU.

“We are incredibly proud of all our teams,” said Indiana Wesleyan Associate Athletic Director, Hannah Miller. “It is a blessing to see our student-athletes live out our mission to both pursue competitive excellence

and to influence others for Christ as they participate within a highly competitive league, as well as to share a similar mission with our fellow Crossroads League member institutions.”

Indiana Wesleyan finished near the top of the CL standings across the board in 2025-2026, finishing top-three in the Crossroads League in 15-of-20 CL sports,

while taking titles in men’s cross country, volleyball and softball. The Wildcats also finished runner up in men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s basketball, men’s indoor track, women’s indoor track, competitive cheer, women’s golf, men’s outdoor track and women’s outdoor track.

Points for the Crossroads League All-Sports

Championship are awarded based on each team’s finish in the regular season standings, or for a team’s finish at the league championship event for the sports of cross country, golf, competitive cheer and indoor and outdoor track and field. A first-place finish earns 10 points, with nine points for second, eight for third and so on, until each team is given a point value.

Sherman College of Chiropractic names Gracie Gross to the Dean’s List

SPARTANBURG, SC — Sherman College of Chiropractic Provost Joe Donofrio, D.C., A.C.P., is pleased to announce that Gracie Gross of Marion, IN 46953, was named to Sherman College’s Dean’s List for grades earned during the winter 2026 academic quarter.

Dean’s List students have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the quarter. The Dean’s List honors students whose exceptional academic performance reflects their dedication to scholarship and commitment to excellence in chiropractic education.

About Sherman College of Chiropractic. Sherman College of Chiropractic provides students with a comprehensive chiropractic education, preparing them to enter the field as Doctors of Chiropractic who

are highly skilled, compassionate, ethical, and successful. On an 80-acre campus in South Carolina, Sherman offers a professional degree program unique in its approach and known globally for the skill and art of chiropractic delivered by graduates. The college’s Chiropractic Center provides high-quality, value-rich chiropractic care for families at every stage of life. The center is a teaching clinic for chiropractic interns in their final stage of study before graduating from the college’s doctor of chiropractic program. Coordinated by licensed doctors of chiropractic, the teaching environment enables interns to practice chiropractic under close supervision and ongoing consultation. For more information, visit www.sherman.edu or call 800-849-8771.

To place a full obituary, including a photo, call 270-442-7389 for details and pricing. Obituaries and funeral notices should be received by 9 a.m. Tuesday for inclusion in that week’s paper.

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Sweetser, IN 46987
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Sunday School - @ 9:00 AM
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www.sweetserumc.org
(765) 384-7354

Swayzee United Methodist Church
306 S Washington St,
Swayzee, IN, United States, 46986
www.umc.org
(765) 922-7223

Converse Church of Christ
301 E. Wabash Street
Converse, IN 46919
765-395-3361
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Second Hour service (contemporary) @ 10:15am

Sweetser Wesleyan Church
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200 West Delphi Pike
Sweetser, IN 46987
www.sweetserwesleyan.org
Sunday Morning 10 am

Back Creek Friends

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Back Creek Wesleyan
– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Fairmount Baptist Church – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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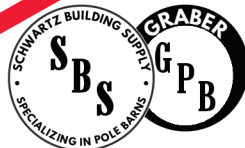
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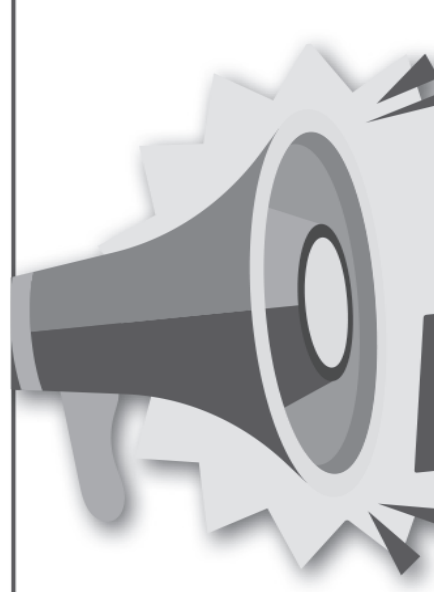
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