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Zehr leads NE Dubois to win



Northeast Dubois golfer Jazlyn Zehr placed first individually in a girls' high school golf match at French Lick Resort on Thursday, Aug. 6.

photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois High School

Staff Report

FRENCH LICK — Northeast Dubois defeated Forest Park, Orleans and Springs Valley in a girls' high school golf match at French Lick Resort on Thursday, Aug. 6. Northeast Dubois recorded a team score of 231 in its winning effort. Following Northeast Dubois, Forest Park posted a score of 247. Behind Forest Park, Orleans tallied a score

of 255. Rounding out the girls' high school golf match's team standings, Springs Valley amassed a score of 268. Jazlyn Zehr shot a 48 for Northeast Dubois and finished as the top individual golfer. The additional competitors for Northeast Dubois were Ella Mehling (60), Austin Kempf (60) and Josselyn Glendening (63). See more sports inside.

Huntingburg Pumpkin Stroll returns to historic Fourth Street

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

Historic Fourth Street will welcome the sights and sounds of fall when the fourth annual Huntingburg Pumpkin Stroll returns Sept. 3-6. Admission is free, and festivities will be held rain or shine. The family-friendly event will feature shopping, fall vendors, a pumpkin patch, scarecrow voting, live music, face painting, a petting zoo, fire pits and s'mores, family games and a golf simulator. The celebration will begin Thursday, Sept. 3, with an Artist Within Paint Night from 6 to 8 p.m. at Capture, Crop & Create. Registration is required through the business. Friday's activities will include shopping and scarecrow voting from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fall vendors, family games, fire pits and s'mores, the pumpkin

patch, permanent jewelry and a golf simulator will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. Kodee Miller will provide live music from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday will offer the fullest schedule, with shopping, vendors, scarecrow voting, family games, s'mores, the pumpkin patch, permanent jewelry and the golf simulator available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Special Saturday activities will include a mixed combination planter workshop at 10 a.m., face painting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a petting zoo presented by Catalpa Hills from noon to 4 p.m. Mr. Blue will perform live music from 4 to 7 p.m. The Pumpkin Stroll will conclude Sunday with shopping and other activities from noon to 5 p.m. Dave Underwood will perform from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Visitors may vote for their favorite scarecrow throughout the weekend while enjoying the seasonal decorations and activities along Historic Fourth Street.

The event gives families an opportunity to celebrate the approaching fall season while supporting Huntingburg's local shops, vendors and entertainers.



Camp Blaze and Badge combines safety, service and fun

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

Camp Blaze & Badge 2026 gave local youth three days of hands-on activities while teaching safety, teamwork and the responsibilities of first responders. Campers began at the Huntingburg City Pool, where Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Watkins taught water safety and explained different types of personal flotation devices. The group later visited League Stadium, where an Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter landed inside the stadium. Campers toured the aircraft and learned about its lifesaving missions.

Deaconess EMS Dubois County Ambulance Service also provided an ambulance tour. Watkins later discussed ATV, UTV and e-bike safety, while Huntingburg Fire Chief Donnie Heim taught campers how to use an AED and perform CPR. The second day focused on law enforcement. Huntingburg Police Officer Fleetwood explained how Tasers are used, and Sgt. Dubon volunteered for a demonstration. Campers also wore impairment goggles while completing simple tasks to see how impairment affects coordination. Following a firearm

safety lesson, campers practiced target shooting under close supervision. They also met Huntingburg Police Department K-9s Kaos and Romeo and watched demonstrations involving tracking, article searches, narcotics detection and apprehension work. Campers later became junior detectives as they investigated the mock "Case of the Stolen Minivan." Members of the Dubois County Prosecutor's Office served as role players during the activity. The final day introduced several firefighting skills. Campers practiced

tying knots, climbed a suspended ladder while wearing safety equipment, operated a fire hose and crawled blindfolded through a maze that simulated a smoke-filled structure. The camp ended with a 100-foot slip-and-slide made possible with assistance from the Huntingburg Water Department. Camp Blaze & Badge combined fun with valuable lessons while giving campers a closer look at the work of emergency personnel. Organizers thanked the instructors, volunteers, city departments and community partners who helped make the camp possible.



Area Deaths

Bernice L. Reuber

Bernice L. Reuber, age 81, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away at 11:55 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026, at home surrounded by family. A Mass of Christian Burial for Bernice L. Reuber will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana. A burial will follow at a later date in the church cemetery. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Thursday.

Stephen R. “Steve” Burger

Stephen R. “Steve” Burger, age 79 of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 7:50 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Stephen R. “Steve” Burger was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #493 conducted military graveside rites.

Karen S. Rasche

Karen S. Rasche, age 78, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at home. A Mass of Christian Burial for Karen S. Rasche was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Shirley A. Bartley

Shirley A. Bartley, age 84, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 7:57 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the Timbers in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Shirley A. Bartley was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper.

Jerry Eugene Jordan

Jerry Eugene Jordan, 91, passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at Oakwood Health Campus. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM CDT on Friday, July 17, 2026, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Rev. Tony Hollowell will officiate. Burial followed in ST. Mary’s Cemetery.

Jeffery A. Dotterweich

Jeffery A. Dotterweich, age 45, of French Lick, passed away on August 3, 2026. Visitation for Jeffery Dotterweich was held at Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg on Sunday, August 9th from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service at 4:00 p.m. EDT.

Santiago Garza “Chago” Salinas

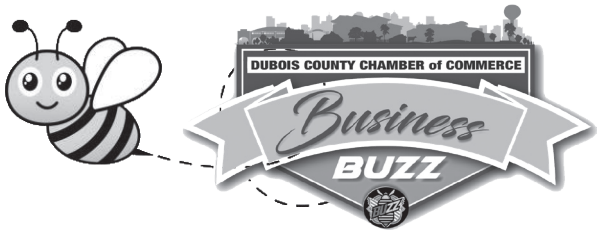
Santiago Garza “Chago” Salinas, age 62, of Huntingburg, passed away Monday, August 3rd, 2026 at the Waters of Huntingburg. Visitation for Chago Salinas was held at Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg on Saturday, August 8th from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Ronald Lee “Ronnie” Shartzter

Ronald Lee “Ronnie” Shartzter, 58, passed away on August 6, 2026, at Owensboro Memorial Hospital. Ronnie’s family will be planning a memorial service that will be posted at a later date. Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel, is assisting Ronnie’s family with arrangements.

Donald “Don” Eugene Wertman

Donald “Don” Eugene Wertman, age 75, of Dale, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, surrounded by his family. A funeral service for Don Wertman was held at 10:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale, with Pastor Joel Grisby officiating. Burial followed at Dale Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by the Abe Lincoln Post #444 Honor Guard.



“No Parking”: Understanding the other side of the sign

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When a community festival, parade, concert, or other event comes to town, parking can quickly become a challenge. It can be tempting to pull into the closest available parking lot, especially when it appears to be sitting empty. But the next time you see a “No Parking, Vehicles Will Be Towed” sign, take a moment to consider why it is there.

These signs aren’t necessarily about property owners being selfish or unsupportive of community events. In fact, many local businesses love seeing their communities come alive. But their parking lots are part of their business, and those spaces are intended for their customers.

A business relies on customers walking through the door. When a parking lot is filled with vehicles belonging to people attending an event somewhere else, customers may drive past because they can’t find a place to park. That can mean a missed sale, an empty table, or an employee going home at the end of the night without the tips they depend on.

There is also another side that isn’t always visible. Property owners have responsibilities and potential liability for what happens on their property. When someone uses

a private parking lot, the property owner may still be dealing with questions and concerns if an accident or injury occurs. Managing who uses that property is one way owners try to protect their businesses, employees, customers, and property.

So, when you see a “No Parking” sign, please don’t assume it means the business doesn’t support the event happening nearby. It often means the business is trying to protect the people who depend on it.

Community events are important. They bring people together, support our local economy, and create the vibrant communities we all enjoy. But we can support those events while also respecting private property and making sure local businesses have access to the customers they rely on.

The next time you’re looking for a parking spot, take a moment to ask yourself: Is this parking lot available to me, or am I taking a spot from someone who needs to visit this business?

A little consideration can go a long way toward supporting both our community events and the local businesses that help make them possible.
#LoveLocalDuCo

Dr. Amy Holthouser joins Deaconess Memorial Medical Center

Jasper, Ind. – Pediatric Hospitalist Amy Holthouser, MD has joined the medical staff at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. A pediatric hospitalist specializes in caring for newborns, infants, children, and teenagers when they are admitted to the hospital. They manage inpatient

treatment, coordinate with other specialists, and communicate recovery updates back to the child’s pediatrician or primary health care provider. Dr. Holthouser received her medical degree and completed an internal medicine/pediatrics residency at University of Louisville in



Louisville, Kentucky. An award-winning,

expert clinician and educator known for her excellence, compassion and teamwork, Dr. Holthouser has served as a pediatric hospitalist and teaching attending for the past 20 years at Norton’s Children’s Hospital in Louisville. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

Hill Church homecoming to mark sanctuary’s 125th anniversary

By **Laurna Todd**
ING Writer

A rural Dubois church with more than a century of memories inside its sanctuary will welcome the community back for a special homecoming celebration Sunday, Sept. 20. Emmanuel Lutheran Hill Church will hold its annual homecoming at 2:30 p.m., with this year’s gathering marking the 125th anniversary of

the church’s current sanctuary. For generations, rural churches have served as more than places of worship. They have been gathering places where families celebrated milestones, neighbors supported one another and community traditions were passed down. The homecoming will offer former members, longtime families and visitors an opportunity to reconnect while

recognizing the history preserved at the old Hill Church. The Rev. Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran Church will conduct the service, which will include Holy Communion. A carry-in meal will follow in the old schoolhouse, continuing another familiar homecoming tradition. The public is invited to attend the service and anniversary gathering.

Over 3400 pesticide jugs recycled during recent recycling day

Farmers and land managers took advantage of the opportunity to recycle their plastic pesticide jugs at the Dubois County Solid Waste District’s annual Agriculture Recycling Day on the morning of Wednesday, August 5. There were 3422 plastic pesticide jugs recycled during the morning event by 28 participants. This means about 2 and a half tons of plastic was brought in to be recycled in just four hours! “The farmers and land managers come back year after year and

really appreciate the opportunity,” District director Carla Striegel-Winner stated. “Some folks bring 7 jugs and others bring hundreds. We appreciate that they save these jugs up all year so they can recycle them. It’s a good feeling!” The Dubois County Solid Waste District thanks county farmers and land managers for taking time out of their busy day to recycle and do the right thing for themselves, their neighbors and their community. The annual jug

recycling event is through a special partnership with local recycler Jasper Salvage. The District would like to thank Jasper Salvage for supplying a dumpster for the event and the Dubois County Highway Department for supplying a dump truck for transport as well. Residents wanting more information about other recycling and proper disposal in the county can go to www.duboiscountyclecyls.org or check out the District Facebook page.



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Rotary Club seeking students for Leadership Conference

By **Laurna Todd**
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Dubois County high school students have an opportunity to build their leadership skills while connecting with students from across southern Indiana. The Rotary Club of Dubois County is accepting applications from sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in attending the 2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference. The club will provide full scholarships for up to four local students. The three-day conference will be held Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 at Bradford

Woods, Indiana University’s outdoor education center near Martinsville. Hosted by Rotary District 6580, the conference gives students an opportunity to discover their strengths, build confidence and improve their communication and teamwork skills. Participants will take part in outdoor challenges, leadership workshops, team-building activities and a hands-on service project. This year’s theme, “Create a Lasting Impact,” will focus on how leadership, service and everyday

actions can make a difference in schools and communities. “RYLA is an experience that challenges students to step outside their comfort zones while discovering the kind of leaders they are capable of becoming,” said Deidra Church, youth services chair for the Rotary Club of Dubois County. “Students return home with greater confidence, lifelong friendships and a renewed commitment to serving others.” Students do not need previous leadership experience to apply. Those involved in school activities, athletics, clubs or

volunteer work—as well as students who simply want to grow as leaders—are encouraged to participate. Scholarships provided by Rotary clubs throughout District 6580 will cover registration costs, allowing selected students to attend at no cost. Interested students should email rotaryclubduboiscounty@gmail.com by Sept. 1 to request an application. Students are encouraged to apply early because only four local scholarships are available.

Daviess Community Hospital to offer PALS Certification class Sept. 24-25

Daviess Community Hospital (DCH) is offering a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) training course for new healthcare professionals needing certification September 24-25 from 9am-5:30pm at Daviess Community Hospital, 1314 E. Walnut St., Washington, IN 47501. Developed by the American Heart Association, our Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification course provides essential training in recognizing and responding to pediatric emergencies, including respiratory failure, shock, and cardiopulmonary arrest. Class Cost: \$200. No cost for DCH employees. These courses are open to healthcare professionals, including: Physicians Nurses Paramedics Respiratory therapists Other medical staff requiring PALS certification PALS training provides healthcare professionals with the critical skills needed to respond to pediatric medical emergencies. The course emphasizes team-based resuscitation protocols and ensures providers are prepared to deliver lifesaving care to infants and children in high-risk situations. To register, visit cpr.heart.org. All students must pick up a book and complete the pretest before attending class, and bring their certificate to class. For more information, contact Jennifer Shaw, RN, at (812) 254-2760, ext. 1147.

People of Faith in Southern Indiana set to embark on Pilgrimage for Creation

FERDINAND, IN -- Monastery Immaculate Conception and Saint Meinrad Archabbey are partnering to hold a Pilgrimage for Creation, a spiritually transformative journey that blends prayer, reflection, and a deep commitment to caring for God’s creation. To honor the Season of Creation (September 1 - October 4) and as part of the global call for ecological conversion initiated by Pope Francis in Laudato Si’, this pilgrimage will pass through parts of Dubois and Spencer Counties to emphasize the profound connection between spirituality and environmental stewardship. Traditionally, a pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place, where the pilgrim reflects and prays for guidance along the way. The two monasteries previously hosted a Benedictine Hills Pilgrimage in September of 2006 and 2007. As both communities reflected on the significance of these events and the transforming element of pilgrimage, it seemed appropriate to host an event inspired by past pilgrimages, which led to a Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation in 2025. On Saturday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. EDT, a prayer followed by a light breakfast will be held at the Monastery Immaculate Conception Event Hall. The six-mile walk to Saint Meinrad Archabbey will begin at the Event Hall at 10:30 a.m. EDT, with the option of a tractor and wagon (limited seating) for those who can’t walk the full distance or will need to rest along the way. Water and

rest stops will be available along the route. The pilgrimage will travel to Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church via St. Benedict Drive, Sunrise Drive, Monte Cassino Road, and IN-162. Those who wish to participate in this Pilgrimage for Creation but prefer to ride in a car may carpool from the Event Hall to Monte Cassino Shrine for prayer and song before continuing to Saint Meinrad Archabbey. All pilgrims will meet at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church around 1:30 p.m. EDT to conclude with prayer, a group photo, and a light lunch in the Guest House. Transportation by bus will be available to take pilgrims back to Ferdinand at the conclusion of lunch. All times are Eastern Daylight Time. Since 2021, members of the Laudato Si’ Circle at Monastery Immaculate Conception have studied and advocated Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home. Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation is a nationwide initiative launched by a coalition of Catholic and environmental organizations. The initiative calls Catholics to reflect on the profound relationship between God, humanity, and Creation, and to take concrete steps toward healing the Earth and renewing their spiritual commitment to caring for the environment. Pilgrims will move through sacred landscapes and places of environmental significance, so that the journey not only strengthens their faith but also challenges them to take concrete actions for the environment. Pilgrims will be encouraged to

adopt a lifestyle of eco-consciousness, incorporating actions that help protect the Earth and its resources. “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?” - Laudato Si’ (160) Regardless of religion, anyone who wishes to attend this event is welcome. The pilgrimage will proceed rain or shine. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Registration can be done by visiting www.thedome.org/pilgrimage. Registration forms will also be available on site the day of the event. Saint Meinrad Archabbey, located in St. Meinrad, Indiana, was established in 1854 by the Abbey of Einsiedeln in Switzerland to minister to the growing German-speaking Catholic population and to establish a seminary to prepare local men to become priests. Today, Saint Meinrad is home to 70 monks who gather five times each day to pray. The monks conduct retreats, serve as chaplains, and offer pastoral assistance to parishes. They also operate the Seminary and School of Theology, Abbey Caskets, Saint Meinrad Books & Gifts, the Tailor Shop, and CareNotes. The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand make up one of the largest Benedictine communities of women in the United States — over 95 members strong and thriving. They seek God through the Benedictine tradition of community life, prayer, hospitality, and service to others. By their life and work, they commit themselves to be a presence of peace as

they join their sisters and brothers in the common search for God. The Monastery Immaculate Conception was founded in 1867 by four young Benedictine sisters who came to Ferdinand to teach the children of area settlers. Since then, more than 1,000 women have entered this community. Their ministries extend both beyond education and beyond Ferdinand, with members of their community serving as teachers, social workers, parish ministers, counselors, nurses, youth ministers, chaplains, librarians, and much more. For additional information: Sister Jean Marie Ballard, Monastery Immaculate Conception jballard@thedome.org (812) 351-2602 or Krista Hall, Saint Meinrad Archabbey 812-357-6501 @ferdinandosb | 812.367.1411 | www.thedome.org | 802 E 10th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532-9239

Deaconess Medical Center announces Megan Hunt at next DAISY award recipient

Jasper, IN – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is excited to announce Megan Hunt, LPN, as the next recipient of the DAISY Award! Hunt works on the Medical Unit. In the heartfelt nomination, a family member of a patient described Hunt as dedicated and compassionate who cares for patients with both skill and heart. We thank Hunt for being an advocate for her patients and bringing peace to patients and their families. The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses every day. Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award



Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor each quarter. To find out more about the DAISY Foundation, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org. For more information on how you can nominate a nurse, visit www.deaconess.com or contact Anna Borden in Deaconess Memorial’s Human Resources Department at 812-996-1488.

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AREA SPORTS



The Jasper All-Stars won the Indiana Little League 10U Baseball State Championship on Tuesday, July 28.
photo courtesy of Jasper Youth Baseball



The Jasper All-Stars won the Indiana Little League 12U Baseball State Championship on Tuesday, July 28.
photo courtesy of Jasper Youth Baseball

Southridge Boys' Basketball Golf Scramble set for Aug. 22

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — The Southridge Boys' Basketball Golf Scramble is set to be held at the Huntingburg Country Club on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Participating teams will play 18 holes in the four-person scramble

There will be an a.m. flight only in the upcoming event.

The scramble will begin with a shotgun start.

To register or to obtain more information about the scramble, email shsbasketballboosters@gmail.com.



Patriots, Jeeps, Rangers ranked in ISCA preseason boys' soccer polls

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Heritage Hills, Northeast Dubois and Forest Park are among the teams ranked in the ISCA preseason boys' soccer polls.

The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association released the preseason boys' polls on Monday, Aug. 10.

Heritage Hills is ranked 10th in Class 2A.

Cracking the Top 10 in Class 1A, Northeast Dubois is ranked eighth. Following Northeast Dubois, Forest Park is ranked 12th in Class 1A.

The Patriots are scheduled to host Booneville on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The Jeeps are slated to visit Tell City on Saturday, Aug. 15.

In another boys' high school soccer match set for Saturday, Aug. 15, the Rangers are due to visit Mt. Vernon.

The ISCA preseason boys' soccer polls follow.

18. Cathedral
19. Elkhart
20. Homestead
- ISCA Preseason Class 2A Boys' Soccer Poll
1. Guerin Catholic
2. Bishop Noll
3. Mishawaka Marian
4. Park Tudor
5. Illiana Christian
6. Concordia Lutheran
7. Bishop Luers
8. Bishop Chatard
9. Covenant Christian (Indianapolis)
10. Heritage Hills
11. Leo
12. Speedway
13. Hanover Central
14. Brebeuf Jesuit
15. Washington Community
16. Cardinal Ritter
17. Providence
18. Charlestown
19. Gibson Southern
20. West Noble
- ISCA Preseason Class 1A Boys' Soccer Poll
1. Blackhawk Christian
2. Faith Christian
3. Scecina
4. Greenwood Christian
5. Shawe Memorial
6. Westview
7. Oldenburg Academy
8. Northeast Dubois
9. White River Valley
10. Southwestern (Hanover)
11. Southwestern (Shelby)
12. Forest Park
13. Argos
14. South Knox
15. University
16. Tell City
17. Bethesda Christian
18. Trinity
19. Canterbury
20. Christian Academy of Indiana

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Heritage Hills tied for 10th, Jasper receives votes in Preseason Class 4A Coaches Poll

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Heritage Hills is tied with Bishop Luers for 10th in the IFCA Preseason Class 4A Coaches Poll.

The Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA) released preseason polls for each of the state's six classes on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Jasper didn't reach the Top 10 in the IFCA Preseason Class 4A Coaches Poll but was among eight teams receiving votes.

Teams throughout the area and around the state are continuing to prepare for the 2026 high school football season. Most Indiana high school football teams will compete in season openers on Friday, Aug. 21.

The Patriots and Wildcats aren't scheduled to meet in the 2026 high school football season.

Heritage Hills is scheduled to visit South Spencer for its opening game in the 2026 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 21.

In another season opener slated for Friday, Aug. 21, Jasper is scheduled to host Evansville Mater Dei.

The IFCA Preseason Class 4A Coaches Poll follows.

IFCA Preseason Class 4A

- Coaches Poll
1. East Central (4)
2. Roncalli (1)
3. Dwenger (4)
Chatard (1)
5. East Noble
6. Mishawaka
7. Yorktown
8. Hobart
SB St. Joseph
10. Bishop Luers
Heritage Hills
- Others receiving votes: Evansville Reitz, Jasper, Martinsville, FW North Side, Leo, Columbia City, Lebanon, Northview.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Southridge reeives votes in Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Southridge received votes in the IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll.

The Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA) released preseason polls for all six classes on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Southridge was one of a dozen teams to receive votes in the IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll.

The Raiders continue to prepare for the 2026 high school football season, which will kick off later in the month. Southridge is scheduled to host North Posey for its opening game in the 2026 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 21.

The IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll follows.

IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll

1. Andrean (3)
2. Gibson Southern (2)
3. Lawrenceburg (1)
4. Evansville Memorial (4)
5. Adams Central
6. Tri-West
Hendricks
7. Evansville Mater-Dei

8. Twin Lakes
9. Mississenewa
10. Maconaquah

Others receiving votes: Eastbrook, Indian Creek, Garrett, Heritage Christian, Mishawaka Marian, Southridge, Sullivan, Angola, Bluffton, Griffith, West Lafayette, West Noble.

Forest Park Athletic Council attends IHSAA Student Leadership Conference



The Forest Park Athletic Council attended the IHSAA Student Leadership Conference, which was held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Thursday, July 30. photos courtesy of Forest Park High School

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Forest Park Athletic Council attended the IHSAA Student Leadership Conference at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Thursday, July 30. Athletic Council members heard from multiple speakers on the topics of leadership, attitude and making good choices. In addition, Athletic Council members were also able to take part in a road safety course featuring driving simulations, parallel parking demonstrations and more. The IHSAA Student Leadership Conference is an annual event aimed at empowering student-

athletes by enhancing their leadership skills through various activities and keynote speeches. It typically features renowned speakers and engages participants in projects that promote positive leadership and community involvement. This conference provides valuable experiences for student-athletes. Member schools are encouraged to send student-athletes who have demonstrated or show potential for leadership. The first 1,200 applicants are accepted, emphasizing the event’s popularity and demand. Several standout student-athletes comprise the Forest Park Athletic Council.



The 2026 Forest Park Youth Baseball Camp was held on Saturday, Aug. 8. The youth baseball camp was successful, providing instruction to many area youth baseball players. photo courtesy of Forest Park Youth Baseball



Forest Park was among the high school volleyball programs attending a camp at Purdue University in July. photos courtesy of Forest Park High School Volleyball



The Northeast Dubois girls’ soccer team attended a camp at Indiana University in July. photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois High School Girls’ Socce

High school track and field rules changes address reducing risk of injury in throwing events

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Two revisions in field events rules focused on reducing risk of injury highlight changes in high school track and field rules for the 2027 outdoor season. The two field events rules were among four revisions recommended by the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee at its meeting last month in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Rules Review Committee and NFHS

Board of Directors. In an effort to reduce risk of injury during warmups in the shot put and discus, all attempts now must be made from inside the circle and facing the sector. No backward, over-the-head attempts will be allowed. The committee noted that warm-up attempts by athletes standing on the toe board with their backs to the sector are dangerous because competitors cannot see if the area is clear before throwing the implement. With the rule change next year,

a clear line of sight will be available to make sure the landing area is safe prior to an attempt. Another safety-related change approved by the committee addresses the growing use of foreign substances on shoes in the throwing events. Language has been revised to provide coaches and officials with clearer guidance. “Overall, the top priority for the rules committee is always the safety and well-being of the student-athletes, and this year’s committee

meeting reflected that continued commitment,” said Julie Cochran, NFHS director of sports and middle schools and liaison to the Track and Field Rules Committee. “The rules committee continues to focus on minimizing risk in throws events and warm-ups to ensure a safer competitive environment. Overall, this was a highly productive meeting where the committee successfully balanced safety with practical rules revisions.” The Track and Field Rules Committee also

approved a revision in a rule change made last year in the vertical jumps, as well as a revision that provides games committees more flexibility in reporting for field events. A complete listing of the track and field rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Sports” at the top of the home page and select “Track & Field” and then “Rules.” The print version of the 2027 Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book will be available for purchase

in October at www.nfhs.org, and the digital version will be available in October via NFHS Digital at www.nfhs.org. According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, outdoor track and field is the most popular sport for girls with a total of 513,808 participants in 17,373 schools, and it is the second-most popular sport for boys with a total of 644,235 participants in 17,390 schools across the country.

Farmers left waiting after senate farm bill fails to advance

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall expressed deep disappointment last week in the failure of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry to advance a farm bill. He called on senators to return to the negotiating table for the sake of rural communities across America.

“We are deeply disappointed that senators failed to advance a farm bill today,” said Duvall. “At a time when farmers, ranchers and rural

communities across the country are facing multiyear losses, the need for a strong, bipartisan farm bill, one that included the long-awaited year-round E15, has never been greater. We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Boozman and members who supported the bill and urge them not to give up.

“An overwhelming majority of Americans recognize that the farm bill is a matter of national security to ensure we continue to have a safe and

abundant food supply. In fact, most Americans say they would be more likely to support a member of Congress who votes to reauthorize the farm bill, which makes the current gridlock even more puzzling.

“We urge senators to return to the table, work across party lines, and advance a farm bill out of committee in order to continue the negotiations toward a bipartisan farm bill that provides the long-term support and certainty our farmers, ranchers

and rural communities need. The reality is that this might be

our last chance this year to get it done. The stakes are too high to

allow the opportunity to slip away.”

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EXCAVATORS: 2016 Deere 350G LC Excavator, 9,041 hrs, aux hydr, JRB quick attach, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#1FF350GXC GF811242; 2014 Komatsu PC138LC-10 Excavator, 6,133 hrs, Werk-Brau quick coupler, aux hydr, 42 in Hensley bucket, 28 in steel tracks, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#KMTPC245V01040650; 2022 Case CX75CSR Excavator, 815 hrs, Oriel quick coupler, Oriel hydr thumb, 36 in bucket, backfill blade, rear camera, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#DAC075K6NNS6A1705; 2016 Komatsu PC55MR-5 Excavator, 6,745 hrs, aux hydr, Werk-Brau coupler, 24 in bucket, 18 in rubber bolt-on pads, boom swing, 2 spd, 78 in blade, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#KMTPC259CGE020264; 2016 Komatsu PC55MR-5 Mini Excavator, 6,180 hrs, aux hydr, Werk-Brau coupler, 24 in bucket, boom swing, 16 in rubber tracks, 78 in blade, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#KMTPC259VGE020306; 2019 Kubota KX057-4 Mini Excavator, 4,421 hrs, hydr thumb, aux hydr, manual coupler, 24 in bucket, 16 in rubber tracks, EROPS, SN#JKUK0574H01H30652; 2024 JCB 50Z-1 Mini Excavator, 618 hrs, mech quick coupler, aux hydr, hydr angle grading blade, boom swing, 24 in bucket, 77 in blade, rubber tracks, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, 2 spd, tinted windows, SN#PUN8CGB6PR3374082; Case CX60C Mini Excavator, 359 hrs, aux hydr, hydr thumb, boom swing, blade, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#HHK HMC15JE0002323; 2020 Deere 35G Mini Excavator, 4,335 hrs, manual quick attach, aux hydr, boom swing, 12 in rubber tracks, 12 in bucket, backfill blade, EROPS, SN#1FF035GXV LK289928; 2023 CAT 303 CR Mini Excavator, 3,013 hrs, quick coupler, aux hydr, boom swing, 12 in rubber tracks, 12 in bucket, backfill blade, EROPS, SN#CAT00303PNXY00872

CRAWLER DOZERS: 2015 CAT D6T XL Crawler Dozer, 13,059 hrs, Trimble GPS, 11 ft blade, 24 in metal tracks, 4-way blade, rear camera, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#CAT00D6TEKMR00380; 2022 Komatsu D51PXI-24 Crawler Dozer, 5,997 hrs, 11 ft blade, 28 in steel tracks, Intelligent Machine Control, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#KMTOD133LMBB25129

SKID STEERS / COMPACT TRACK LOADERS: 2024 Deere 333G, 1,141 hrs, 2 spd, quick attach, Hi-Flow hydr, 16 in rubber tracks, Deere 84 in bucket, rear camera, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#1T0333GMERF459028; 2019 Bobcat T740, 5,417 hrs, EROPS, pilot cntrls, 84 in bucket, 18 in rubber tracks, manual coupler, SN#B3CA16477; 2016 Bobcat T740, 3,208 hrs, aux hydr, pilot cntrls, 18 in rubber tracks, manual coupler, 84 in bucket, EROPS, SN#B3CA11404; 2021 CAT 259D3, 2,626 hrs, 2 spd, hydr quick attach, aux hydr, CAT 68 in bucket, 16 in rubber tracks, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, heated seat, rear camera, SN#CAT0259DCCW907980; CAT 246, 4,531 hrs, aux hydr, quick coupler, 72 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#CAT00246E5SZ07976; 2020 Kubota SVL75-2, 966 hrs, 2 spd, hydr quick attach, aux hydr, 74 in bucket, 16 in rubber tracks, foot throttle, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, SN#KBCZ052CAL1C49779; 2019 New Holland C232, 755 hrs, 2 spd, quick attach, aux hydr, 18 in rubber tracks, 78 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, heated seat, SN#JAF0C232VJM443052

WHEEL LOADERS: 2019 Volvo L70H Wheel Loader, 4,308 hrs, EROPS, JRB hydr quick coupler, 104 in bucket, aux hydr, heat/AC, radio, SN#VCE0L70HE0S624032; 2018 New Holland W80C Wheel Loader, 1,443 hrs, power quick attach, aux hydr, CAT 80 in bucket, articulating, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#FNHW80CHNJHP00691

TELEHANDLERS / CRANE: 2018 CAT TL1255D Telehandler, 3,672 hrs, 12,000 lb capacity, 55 ft max height, aux hydr, front outriggers, tilting forks, frame leveling, 72 in forks, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#ML701230; XTREME XR1147 Telehandler, 10,580 hrs, 11,000 lb capacity, 47 ft max height, aux hydr, tilting forks, frame leveling, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#XR114711180700031; 2012 JLG G9-43A Telehandler, 6,386 hrs, 9,000 lb capacity, 43 ft reach, solid tires, Cummins engine, 4x4, EROPS, SN#0160043001; Gradall 534D-9 Telehandler, 9,000 lb capacity, 34 ft max height, 60 in forks, frame leveling, tilting forks, EROPS, SN#0544316; 2014 CAT TH407C Telehandler, aux hydr, coupler, tilt, frame leveling, 4x4, SN#MLH00696; 1992 Grove AP308B Carry Deck Crane, 2,689 hrs, Cummins diesel, 24 ft max boom, 15 ft swing-away jib, SN#76566

TRACTORS: 1978 John Deere 4640 Tractor, 2,774 hrs, 2 remotes, 3 pt, quick hitch, 1,000 PTO, duals, 10 front suitcase weights, cab, heat/AC, lights, SN#002945R; 2006 McCormick CX105 Tractor, 2,386 hrs, rear 3 pt, 2 remotes, dual PTO, cab, heat/AC, radio, SN#ZC15AS4JJE2059292; 2013 Kubota B3000HSD Loader Tractor, 435 hrs, LA403 loader, 60 in bucket, rear 3 pt, 540 PTO, hydrostatic drive, skid steer-style loader hookup, cab, heat/AC, SN#B3000HSD51807

TRUCKS / VEHICLES: 2011 Freightliner Cascadia 113 Box Truck, 30 ft box, 6 ft alum power ramp, 8 ft wide ramp, Detroit DD13, 10 spd trans, Powertech generator, int storage racks/shelves, tiedown rails, tandem axle, retired movie set truck, VIN#1FUBGADV1BSA20715; 2018 RAM 2500HD 3/4 Ton Pickup, 158,539 mi, crew cab, long bed, gas, auto trans, 4x4, Ranch Hand bumper, cloth int, heat/AC, radio, VIN#3C6UR5HJ9JG289076; 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, 173,777 mi, extended cab, 4-door, 4x4, gas, vinyl seats, fold-down front center seat, power windows/locks, heat/AC, radio, VIN#1GC2KUEG2JZ192552; 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, 164,604 mi, standard cab, auto trans, vinyl int, flip console, heat/AC, radio, VIN#1GCNCPECFZ321654; 2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 133,272 mi, leather int, 4x4, heat/AC, radio, auto trans, bumper guard, tinted windows, VIN#1J8HR58T29C530141; 2018 Chevrolet Malibu, 263,275 mi, heat/AC, radio, power seat/windows, VIN#1G1ZD5ST9JF144105

TRAILERS: 2019 Mac 40 ft Mac'Simizer Dump Trailer, tandem axle, electric tarp, driver-side rear ladder, VIN#5MADN4026KK049666; 2020 Kaufman 50 ft Car Trailer, tandem axle, tool boxes, ramps, VIN#SVGFWS326; 2011 Timpfe Hopper Trailer, tandem axle, duals, manual tarp, front/rear ladders & catwalk, manual hoppers, VIN#1TDH33528BB129400; 1979 Fruehauf 40 ft Flatbed Tender Trailer, tandem axle, steel wheels, 1,400 gal poly tank, (2) 1,300 gal poly tanks, quick-connect side fill, Briggs & Stratton Banjo pump, VIN#FWV479408; 2024 Quality Cargo Concession Trailer, fully equipped, (4) Patriot fryers, Patriot range, 3-bay warmer, stainless 3-bay sink, 6 ft hood, fire suppression, smoker on open patio, VIN#50ZBE2220RR046676, UNUSED; 1990 Load Rite Boat Trailer, boards & rollers, bow catcher, tandem axle, VIN#1PHBKJU23L2000016

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Apple picking pointers

Visiting a local apple orchard and picking one’s fill of apples is a quintessential fall activity. Apple picking is an ideal way to spend time outdoors when the weather tends to be cool and pleasant. Gathering fresh-from-the-tree fruit to turn into favorite fall desserts like cobblers and pies is irresistible.

According to the Economic Research Service, Washington state is the leading apple producer in the United States.

It is followed very distantly by New York and Michigan. Apples were first cultivated in Canada by early French settlers, with the first trees planted in Nova Scotia’s Annapolis Valley around 1633.

Today, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia have become strong players in the apple business. While other areas may not be apple meccas, those looking to pick their own have plenty of options across North American to enjoy

this pastime.

Prior to an apple picking adventure, people can do a little preparation to ensure the afternoon is fun and fruitful.

• **Do some research.** Before individuals head out, they should do research into the available orchards and which apple varieties they specialize in. Ripening seasons vary, so certain varieties may not be available at all times. Call ahead to learn which apples are ripe

and when.

• **Visit early.** The best apples are often available early in the season before the trees have been heavily picked over. It’s also a good idea to visit the orchard early in the day, which means cooler temperatures and smaller crowds.

• **Dress appropriately.** Orchards can be dusty, muddy and buggy. The ground also may be uneven. Individuals can wear comfortable clothes

and closed-toed shoes that can get dirty. Also, they should dress in layers, as it can be chilly early in the day and then warmer later on.

• **Pick correctly.** Instead of yanking on the apples, which can damage the tree and apples, people should gently roll or twist the apple upwards from the branch. If the apple is ripe it will detach easily with stem intact.

• **Avoid bruising.** It’s wise to inspect the apples to make sure they are firm

and brightly colored. Those with bruising or insect damage should be left behind.

• **Don’t overload.** Only pick what you need. Apples are delicate, and overloading the apples into bags can crush or bruise the ones on the bottom. Plus, over-picking means that the apples may spoil before they can be eaten.

After a day at the orchard, apples can be stored unwashed in a cool, dark place, which will help them stay fresher, longer.

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BOOM & SCISSOR LIFTS: 2018 Genie S-45 Boom Lift, 2,762 hrs, jib, 45 ft max height, 500 lb capacity, power to platform, SN#S45H25567; 2007 Genie S-40 Boom Lift, 2,955 hrs, gas, power to platform, 550 lb capacity, 40 ft max height, 31 ft max reach, SN#S4007-11879; 2013 Genie Z34/22N Electric Boom Lift, 898 hrs, 34 ft max height, 500 lb platform capacity, 2-person basket, battery powered, SN#Z34N13-10433; 2014 Genie GS5390RT Scissor Lift, 1,413 hrs, 53 ft max height, 1,500 lb capacity, 4x4, ground cntrls, power to platform, 4 outriggers, extendable platform, dual fuel, SN#GS9014-49417; 2023 JCB S4550E Scissor Lift, 2.9 hrs, 500 lb capacity, 45 ft max height, power to platform, fold-down rails, SN#RAJA0814LP5329327, NEW/UNUSED; 2008 JLG 4394RT Scissor Lift, 2,872 hrs, 43 ft max height, 1,500 lb capacity, extendable platform, power to platform, ground cntrls, SN#0200179714; 2018 Skyjack SJIII3226 Scissor Lift, 286 hrs, ground cntrls, power to platform, extendable platform, fork pockets, SN#27036571; 2018 Genie GS-1930 Scissor Lift, 275 hrs, 19 ft max height, 500 lb capacity, ground cntrls, power to platform, onboard charger, fork pockets, SN#GS30P175962; 2018 Genie GS1930 Scissor Lift, 295 hrs, 19 ft max platform height, 500 lb capacity, battery powered, SN#GS30P-179432; 2018 Genie GS-1930 Scissor Lift, 200 hrs, 19 ft max platform height, 500 lb capacity, SN#GS30P-179410; 2018 Genie GS-1930 Scissor Lift, 275 hrs, 19 ft max height, 500 lb capacity, ground cntrls, power to platform, onboard charger, fork pockets, SN#GS30P174152; 2018 MEC 1330SE Scissor Lift, 100 hrs, 19 ft max height, 530 lb capacity, ground cntrls, power to platform, manual extending platform, fork pockets, SN#16301659; 2018 MEC 1330SE Scissor Lift, 243 hrs, 19 ft max height, 530 lb capacity, ground cntrls, power to platform, manual extending platform, fork pockets, SN#1302987; 2018 MEC 1330SE Scissor Lift, 318 hrs, 19 ft max height, 530 lb capacity, ground cntrls, power to platform, manual extending platform, fork pockets, SN#16302649; 2021 Sinoboom 1330SE Scissor Lift, 125 hrs, 12 ft 6 in platform height, battery powered, 2-person platform, 529 lb capacity, SN#0104001187; (3) 2020 Sinoboom 1330SE Scissor Lifts, 125 hrs each, 12 ft 6 in platform height, battery powered, 2-person platform, 529 lb capacity, SN#0104000881, 0104000942, 0104000852; 2015 Genie GR-26J Lift, 287 hrs, onboard charger, ground cntrls, power to platform, SN#GRJ15-863

LIGHT TOWERS: 2021 Generac Cube Hyper Light Tower, 6,085 hrs, City Silent, Kubota diesel, LED lamps, 4 stabilizer jacks, power mast, fork pockets, individual lamp shutoff, SN#3008237137; 2021 Generac Cube Hyper Light Tower, 9,737 hrs, City Silent, Kubota diesel, LED lamps, 4 stabilizer jacks, power mast, fork pockets, individual lamp shutoff, SN#3008237147; 2023 Generac G4ECO Towable Light Tower, 5,569 hrs, Mitsubishi diesel, 4 LED lights, electrical plugs, SN#7FSBL1015PB307451; 2020 Generac G4 ECO Towable Light Tower, 10,129 hrs, City Silent diesel, LED lamps, individual lamp shutoff, 4 outlets, 3 stabilizer jacks, multidirection fork pockets, SN#7FSBL1019LB572495; 2019 Allmand Night-Lite NLV-K1005C Towable Light Tower, 7,525 hrs, Kubota diesel, stabilizer jacks, pintle & ball hitch, fork pockets; 2019 Wacker Neuson LTV 6L Towable Light Tower, 2,813 hrs, stabilizer jacks, ball hitch, rear lights, fork pockets, SN#WNCLTV01KPUM07596; Chicago PN CPLT V4 Towable Light Tower, 1,415 hrs, Kubota diesel, stabilizer jacks, ball hitch, fork pockets, SN#WUX912382; 2016 Magnum MLT6S Towable Light Tower, 4,384 hrs, Kubota diesel, stabilizer jacks, SN#1601892; (4) 2019 Generac MLT6SK Towable Light Towers, Kubota diesel, stabilizer jacks, fork pockets, pintle/ball hitch, rear lights, SN#7FSBL1014KB754216, 7FSBL1019KB136163, 7FSBL1015KB136161, 7FSBL1014KB164288; 2018 MLT6SK Towable Light Tower, 8,104 hrs, Kubota diesel, stabilizer jacks, fork pockets, pintle/ball hitch, rear lights, SN#7FSXL1016JB272156; 2011 Terex AL4000 Towable Light Tower, 10,516 hrs, manual mast, ball hitch, Kubota diesel, SN#AL411700

AIR COMPRESSORS / COMPACTION: 2018 Atlas Copco XATS400JD8 Towable Air Compressor, 2,590 hrs, 400 CFM, single axle, diesel, digital screen, dual outlet, pintle hitch, rear lights, SN#HOP077271; 2010 Doosan C185 Towable Air Compressor, 1,935 hrs, 185 CFM, Ingersoll-Rand engine, single axle, pintle hitch, SN#412227UBUD80; 2019 Wacker Neuson RTSC3 Trench Compactor, 255 hrs, Kohler diesel, 23 in padfoot drums, wired/wireless cntrl, SN#WNMR0201AM0000755; 2021 Wacker Neuson RTSC-3 Trench Compactor, 403 hrs, diesel, 33 in padfoot drums, wired/wireless cntrl, SN#24488869

CONCRETE EQUIPMENT: Husqvarna Soff-Cut 4200 Early Entry Saw, 404 hrs, self-propelled, Kohler gas, electric start, power raise/lower, power guide arm, electronic idle, electric handle adj; Husqvarna Soff-Cut 2500 Early Entry Saw, 670 hrs, self-propelled, Kohler gas, electric start, power raise/lower, power guide arm, electronic idle, electric handle adj; (2) Husqvarna Soff-Cut 2500 Early Entry Saws, hrs unknown, Honda gas, electric start, power raise/lower, power guide arm, electronic idle, electric handle adj; **AG EQUIPMENT:** CASE IH 2162 40 ft Draper Head, poly fingers, adj reel, SN#YAZN13699, HEAD DAMAGED, SELLS AS-IS, HEAD ONLY; Unverferth HT36 Header Cart, sliding tiedown brackets, rear hitch, CART ONLY; Unverferth AWS36 Header Cart, 36 ft, ratchet tiedowns, SN#A58220209; John Deere 960 Field Cultivator, 25 ft working width, pull type, Remlinger 5-bar spike drag, hydr fold, SN#H00960Y017836; New Holland 327T Manure Spreader, chain unload, single axle, PTO driven, SN#32770; New Idea Manure Spreader, chain unload, single axle, ground driven; New Idea 324 Corn Picker, 2-row, pull type, PTO driven, SN#196433; Minneapolis Moline D Corn Sheller, pull type; US Standard Corn Husker/Corn Picker, stationary, steel wheels, shreds stalks, towable; John Deere 494A Corn Planter, 4-row, 36 in rows, extra corn plates; **UTILITY VEHICLES / GOLF CARS / BOAT:** John Deere Gator XUV, 3,834 hrs, 18,199 mi, 4x4, bench seat, power dump bed, OROPS, SN#MOHXOPA115597, NO TITLE/NO COO; 2015 Club Car Precedent IQ Electric Golf Cart, battery powered, warning light, canopy, rear folding seat, charger, SN#JW1505-528273; E-Z-GO Electric Golf Cart, canopy, rear folding seat, warning light, charger, SN#3230654; 1998 Sea Nymph 160BT 16 ft Boat, 1997 Johnson 25 HP outboard, Humminbird fish finder, Minn Kota 5-spd 12V trolling motor, 3 seats, carpet floor, 6-person/875 lb capacity, spare tire, 1998 Sea Nymph trailer



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Living...in a troubled world

This present age is not the end of the story

By Teresa LeNeave
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A growing movement surrounded Jesus of Nazareth who had captured public attention, sparked widespread discussion, and created increasing concern among religious leaders. According to eyewitness accounts recorded in the Gospel of John, the crowds continued spreading the word after Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead. News of the extraordinary event drew even more people to Jesus.

In spite of all Jesus’ miracles, there was a problem with the religious leaders. They said, “Look

how the whole world has gone after him!” Yet despite all the public excitement and miracles attributed to Jesus, the world Jesus walked in was divided.

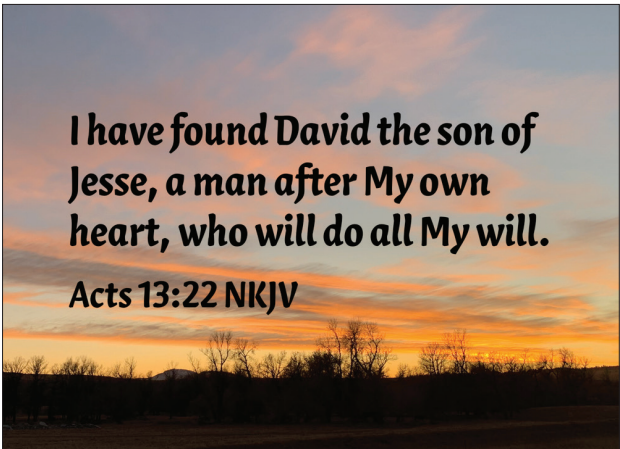
John’s account presents a picture of a population divided over Jesus. Many witnessed his miracles but still refused to believe in him. Others, including some religious leaders, privately believed in Jesus, but were scared to acknowledge their faith publicly. They worried that openly confessing faith in Jesus would result in their being expelled from the synagogue. Their concern, John reports, was about religious consequences. They valued human praise more than approval

from God.

In the 21st century, people are as divided as they were when Jesus, physically, walked this earth.

The Good News is that believing Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God, holds many promises. The Bible calls them “great and precious promises”. Clearly God has not abandoned the world. He not only watches us, but loves us.

John 3:16–17 describes God’s love as the reason he sent his Son into the world. Not to condemn, but to give salvation and redemption. We know the world can appear dominated by darkness, injustice, confusion, and suffering but Paul writes in Colossians



that God “has rescued us from the dominion of darkness” and brought believers into the kingdom of his Son. Through Christ Jesus people can experience redemption and forgiveness of sins. There is hope for a troubled world; hope for a troubled life.

The Christian claim is not that darkness doesn’t exist (because

everyone knows it does), but rather that darkness does not have the final word. “To all who received him,” John writes, “to those who believed in his name,” Jesus gave the right to become children of God.

For those who believe, the Bible points beyond our present circumstances to a future marked by hope and experiencing

God’s power. Paul prayed that believers would have “the eyes of your heart” enlightened so they could know the hope to which God had called them, the riches of his inheritance, and the incomparable greatness of his power. Jesus’ message remains consistent: He came as Light into a dark world. It’s very important to believe the Christian message that insists this present age, no matter what it looks like, is not the end of the story. For believers in Jesus, the conclusion is simple: the darkness is real—but the light is greater, and the best is yet to come

Embracing truth while ignoring gossip and opinions

By Dr. Billy Holland

The majority of the world does not agree with the God of the Bible being the author and finisher of their faith. With so many diverse religions and philosophical convictions, along with masses of people that have no spiritual affiliation at all, we still realize that today’s spiritual and political environment is not that much different from thousands of years ago. Humans are influenced by what we hear and read, so an important consideration is how much knowledge we have discovered that we know is true. Especially since the invention of the internet, independent research and critical thinking are hardly necessary. Today, information is given to us instantly, but shouldn’t we be asking asking God instead? Jesus talks about this in the Sermon on the Mount, and all leaders should study it carefully.

We notice that somewhere between social media, chat forums, and lying advertisements, people love to absorb information. Instead of praying for answers, people trust complete strangers. Let it be said we are not in the midst of a drought of knowledge, but rather engulfed in a tidal wave of confusion and deception. Since most religions and political parties are so biased according to what they believe is correct, it’s no surprise the planet is filled with animosity and haughtiness. I’ve pondered through the years about how little we actually know about things we would fight over. For example, would you be persecuted for your personal religious interpretations? What if Biblical passages are not translated correctly, or you are trusting a teacher who has misunderstood them? How do you know your daily quota of news reports are true about politics? How can you be

positive they actually know what’s going on behind the scenes? Could media be an idol that is controlled by Satan to deceive those who follow it?

According to the dictionary, critical thinking is the process of analyzing facts, evidence, observations, and arguments to reach sound conclusions and informed choices. (This does not include being addicted to mainstream media or gossip). It involves recognizing underlying assumptions, providing justifications for ideas and actions, evaluating these justifications through comparisons with varying perspectives, and assessing their rationality and consequences. The goal is to form a judgment through



Dr. Billy Holland

a process of rational, skeptical, and unbiased analyses and evaluations. Similar to a criminal investigation, building a case for what we suspect is true needs to be done responsibly, as what we say is being recorded by all who are listening. I know an elderly man who will never discuss politics or religion. He does not want to be judged for his opinions, but to be respected for the person he is.

The majority of the masses have always been heavily influenced by what they hear and read, but it seems the masses have developed a craving and are controlled by information. Does the listener ever wonder if what they are hearing is false? For example, our government has declared itself as non-biased when they make laws; however, where does the state

and federal court system, including the Supreme Court, receive its wisdom when they make a ruling? Human logic? Mortal intelligence? Emotional feelings? We would hope they would pray and seek God’s guidance, but is this the case? Our motto is “In God We Trust,” but is this now considered ancient folklore and no longer relevant? When leaders are elevated to great authority, our old nature tends to drift into arrogance, which continues to advance to an infection of humanism. We know that Satan is the author of confusion and loves to persuade those who are blinded by illusions of power into openly justifying rebellion and compromise.

There is not enough time here to discuss how fast artificial intelligence is developing. Even the people building this technological beast understand it is no longer just a harmless toy or a

workplace assistant. The International Energy Agency reported that global data centers grew 17 percent in 2025. We are in the infancy of a new age, and the questions we should be asking are: Who is programming it? How will people discern truth from error? Will families teach their children about God, or allow their thinking to be outsourced? When we trust AI as a substitute for our spiritual views, moral judgments, character, creativity, and human responsibility, we risk being controlled by the temporary ruler of this world, who just so happens to be the prince and power of the air. We are being warned, but it’s the individual’s responsibility to seek God, to listen, and obey HIS voice.

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Christ at the Center

By Brandon Bramlett
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The Last Supper is a world-renowned masterpiece painted in 1498 by Leonarda da Vinci. The mural depicts the well-known scene from the Gospels where Jesus celebrates the Passover with His disciples by breaking bread and drinking wine. The artwork has been praised for its aesthetic merit, but its theological merit deserves equal praise, as Christ is the focal

point. Jesus is the “bullseye” of the painting, and therefore the first Person that catches your eye. The Lord isn’t an irrelevant extra who lingers in the shadows; He occupies the place of prominence at the very center.

This is also how our lives ought to be oriented as followers of Christ. Jesus is the preeminent Lord, and He deserves the prominent place in the center of your life (Col. 1:18). He will not settle for second place, nor is He satisfied with standing on the

sidelines.

Every area of your life must revolve around Him, just as the planets revolve around the sun. Jesus should occupy all the affection of your heart, all the thoughts of your mind, and all the sight of your eyes.

Jesus should be the center of our goal-planning and aspirations. “If then you have been raised with Christ,” said Paul, “seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on

things that are on earth” (Col. 3:1-2). Far above all earthly pursuits, we should serve Him and the interests of His kingdom. As Jesus said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God” (Matt. 6:33a).

Jesus should also be the central focus of our churches. The preaching, singing, fellowship, calendar, and budget should orbit around Him. The right place for Jesus in the church is first place.

As Paul said, “And he put all things under his feet and gave him

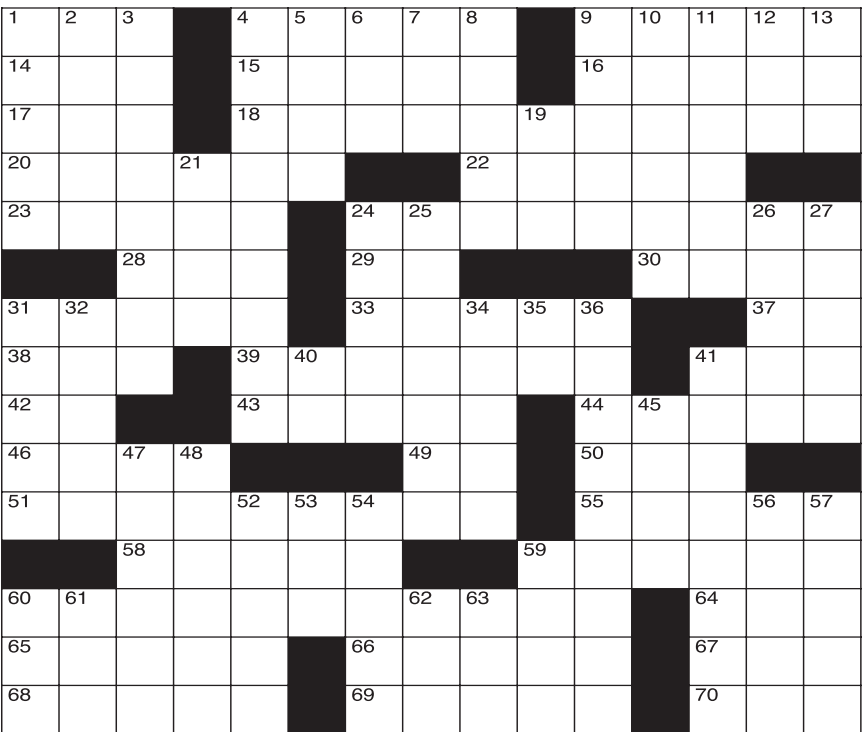
as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23).

Jesus should be the focal point of our marriage and family, too. The mysterious marriage of Christ and the church should take precedence over our earthly marriages. And, when a husband and wife put Jesus first, spiritual harmony is created in the home (cf. Eph. 5:22-33). We’ll keep our vows to one another better when we first honor our vows

to Christ. Moreover, we are to raise children who focus their lives upon Jesus (cf. Eph. 6:4).

Additionally, Jesus should occupy first place in our jobs and careers. We must work for our ultimate Boss first and foremost. When we arrive at work, we should clock in for Jesus. As Paul commanded, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” (Col. 3:23). If your life were a painting, where would Jesus be?

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy’s wife

15. Derived from ammonia

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest rate

18. Experts

20. Vascular tissues

22. Smooth and glossy

23. Administrative region in S. Korea

24. One from Damascus

28. Special interest group

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Twelfth star in a constellation

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in grades of size
41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. “The Great Lakes State”

43. Having earlike appendages

44. Momentarily stop

46. Ancient kingdom

49. Of I

50. White clerical vestment

51. Songs to one’s beloved

55. Charges

58. Computer application originator

59. A place to dock a boat

60. One guided by reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger

67. Screen type

68. Country legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

1. Involuntary muscular contraction

2. Eastern US transit agency

3. Leaves a place

4. Cease to participate

5. Current units

6. Cease to exist

7. General’s assistant (abbr.)

8. Earth vibration

9. Very strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie ___ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Indonesian island

25. Educational environment

26. Namibian peoples

27. Bring out or develop
31. Moves into a place of thought

32. Out of the way

34. Loads a ship

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. The ancient Egyptian sun god

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Relating to a wing

47. One who gives a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Sweet persons

56. Put into play

57. Small cattle breed

59. Millisecond

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They ___

62. Moon crater

63. A place to stay the night



Maze Craze



Word Search

WELLNESS

WORD SEARCH

Y	I	M	L	B	R	E	A	R	T	H	E	D	V	Y	H	X	H	N	C	G
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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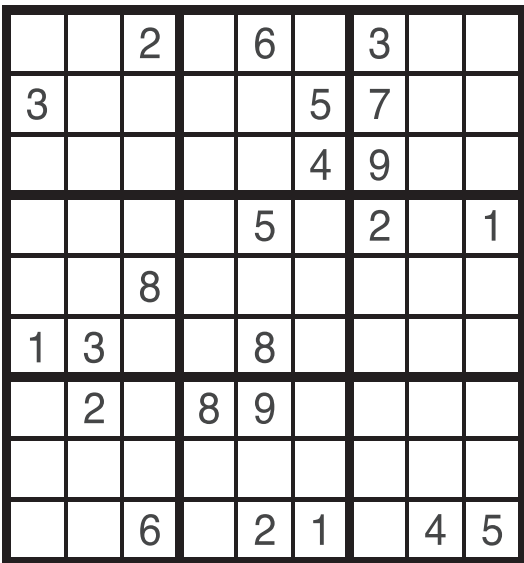
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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to wellness.

ERAHBT

Answer: Breath

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

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Crypto Fun

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to wellness. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = E)

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Clue: Well visit

B. 24 20 7 10 20 14

Clue: Medical expert

C. 4 17 4 14 7 15 8 4

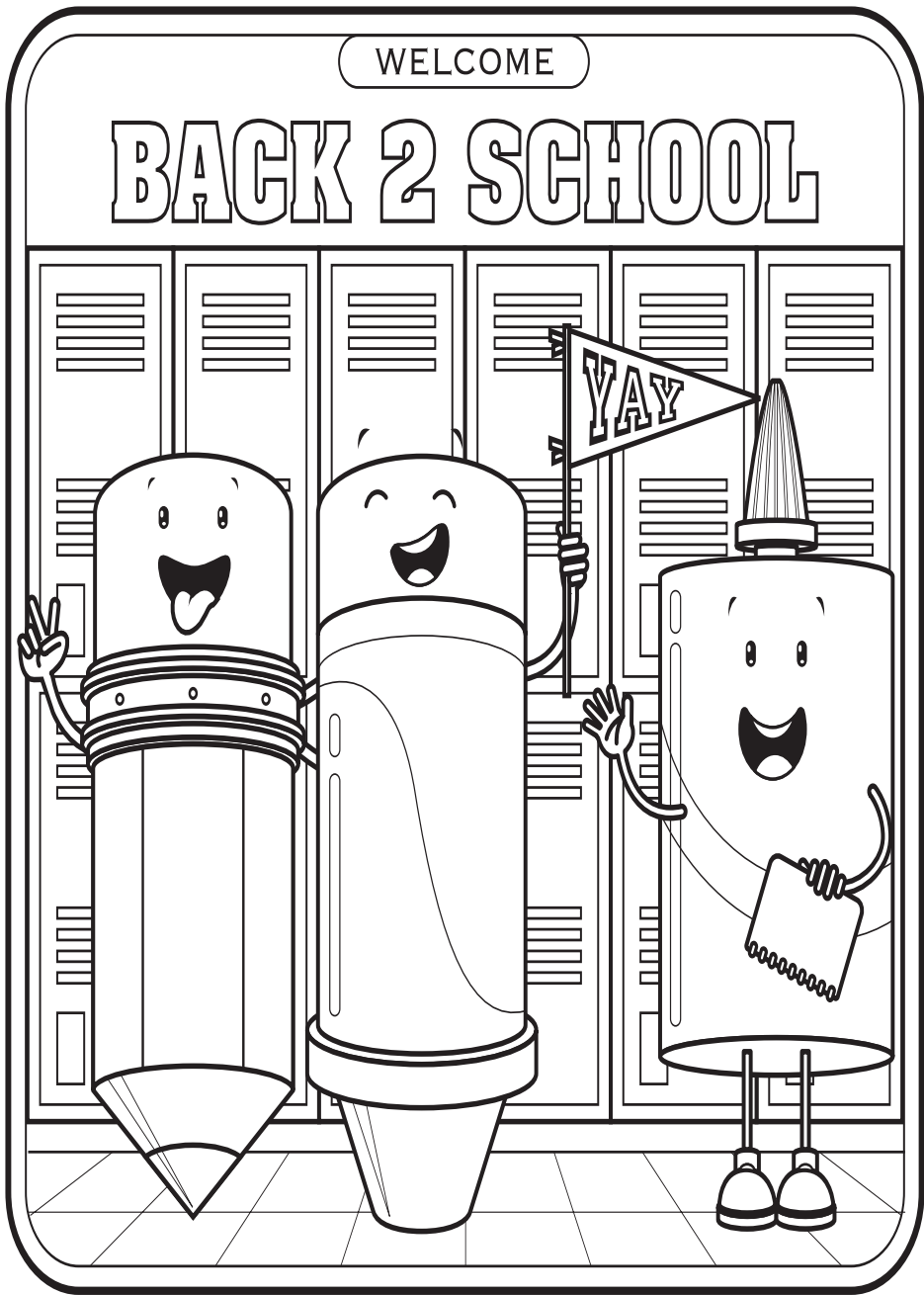
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(Washington, D.C., — Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin announced an updated Memorandum of Understanding (PDF, 2.3 MB) to reaffirm their shared commitment to protecting consumers

from heavy metals and other contaminants in food. For decades, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have coordinated through the National Residue Program to monitor and regulate meat, poultry, and egg products. This updated

MOU strengthens collaboration under this program and adopts new methods to better detect and address potential risks. “American farmers, ranchers, and producers grow and raise the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world. Together with our partners at HHS and EPA, we are strengthening the health of American families and

giving consumers confidence in the safety of our food supply,” said Secretary Rollins. “This new MOU modernizes how our agencies work together and streamlines the way we share information, coordinates scientific expertise, and improves how we detect and address potential risks. This is the Trump Administration improving the way our government works so we can better protect the American people and ensure the safety of our food supply, which is truly a national security and health priority.”

“Protecting Americans from harmful contaminants in food is a core priority of the Trump Administration,” said HHS Secretary Kennedy. “We are strengthening oversight, improving detection, and coordinating across the federal government to reduce exposure to heavy metals and other toxins. I appreciate Secretary Rollins and Administrator Zeldin

for their leadership as we work together to protect American families and Make America Healthy Again.”

“At the Trump EPA, we are excited to help advance new policies to Make America Healthy Again. Today’s announcement ensures a safer food supply by supporting new testing methods to reduce metal residues in produce, meat, and, for the first time ever, processed foods,” said Administrator Zeldin. “We want Americans to feel confident the food on their plate has been held to the highest standards of safety. It’s an honor to serve on the MAHA Commission, led by Secretary Kennedy, working with great partners like Secretary Rollins to pave the way for a healthier nation for generations to come.”

As part of this effort, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has already taken steps to modernize monitoring for heavy metals in foods by implementing a new, streamlined laboratory method to measure the quantity

of 18 heavy metals at extremely low levels. If elevated or unusual levels are detected, FSIS conducts science-based assessments to determine when the agency should take action to keep risky products out of the food supply. Additionally, FSIS will also expand its surveillance for heavy metals to include processed foods, such as sausages and ready-to-eat meals, which combine ingredients from multiple sources.

The data collected by FSIS shows heavy metal contamination of raw meat and poultry products is extremely rare and FSIS will continue to publish results of this surveillance testing online, ensuring transparency for industry and consumers.

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