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RaeAnn Bunch, a library assistant at the Fairmount Public Library, is shown at work with Bill Decker, Director.



Bill Decker, director of the Fairmount Public Library, is shown with Carol Chambers, a library assistant.

Back-to-school tips for a successful year

As summer winds down and a new school year approaches, families are preparing for earlier mornings, busy schedules and new academic challenges. A little preparation can help make the transition from summer vacation to school routines easier for everyone.

One of the best ways to prepare is to reestablish a regular sleep schedule. Begin moving bedtime and wake-up times closer to the school schedule several days before classes begin. Getting enough sleep can help students stay focused, energized and ready to learn.

Organizing school supplies is another helpful step. Check backpacks, notebooks, pencils, folders and other required items before the first day. Labeling belongings can also help prevent lost items.

Families should also take time to plan morning and evening routines. Decide when homework, meals, showers and bedtime will take place. Preparing clothing and backpacks the night before can make busy mornings less stressful.

For students, setting a few realistic goals can provide motivation. Goals might include improving a grade, reading more books, participating in a school activity or simply staying organized.

Parents can help by creating a quiet place for homework and encouraging students to complete assignments before turning to entertainment or social media. Regularly checking school calendars and communicating with teachers can also help families stay informed.

Most importantly, approach the new school year with a positive attitude. Every school year brings opportunities to learn, make friends and try new things. With preparation, encouragement and a little patience, students can start the year with confidence and make the most of the months ahead.

Fairmount Public Library welcomes new director

By Cathy Shouse

If the Fairmount Public Library’s new Director, Bill Decker, has a name that sounds familiar, there’s a reason for it. His wife, Jean Decker, just left that same role, which she has fulfilled for the past two years. The couple lives in Anderson with their rescue dog and has made the town of Fairmount and its residents their adopted hometown, in some ways.

Bill plans for his work to continue what Jean started. Jean has returned to a role she held previously, as an English teacher in a public school system outside of Grant County.

“Over the past five years, I have brought programs in drones and rocketry to both the Fairmount Public Library and Park Elementary,” Bill Decker said. “As for right now, I hope to keep the library’s current programs moving forward and possibly add some

genealogy and other programs as resources allow.”

The couple aimed to smoothly continue services and activities at the library during the transfer. Two library assistants, Carol Chambers, and RawAnn Bunch, also remain on board. Bill’s library contract began Sunday, July 26, when Jean’s ended. The library hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bill’s been in many community-related roles he’s bringing to his new job. The first change patrons may notice is he ordered shirts of different colors with the library logo, and he wears one every day.

“I spent seven years as the Executive Director of two historical museums/archives, 20+ years as a high school instructor in History, Business, Technology, and Economics, and the past five years I spent with Purdue

Extension, 4-H, as a County Extension Director and the Discovery Challenge Program Educator/Director,” he said. “I’m used to wearing a shirt indicating my work so I’ll wear them as Library Director.”

Bill may be a Hoosier now, But he’s spent years in other locations. “I was born and grew up in Fort Myers, Florida,” he said. “I completed my graduate degree in North Carolina as well as ran my first museum there. I moved to Fort Wayne to run the Allen County Historical Museum and then went into teaching. My teaching took me to Anderson, where I have lived for the past 15 years.”

In his leisure hours, he has wide reading interests.

“My reading is somewhat varied,” he said. “In the past few weeks, I have read two books dealing with Russian politics and cold war spy craft. In addition, I’ve read a light fiction

book dealing with a minister in a small Indiana town. The Golden Era of aviation pilots and engineers are a favorite subject. Of course, who doesn’t enjoy a good murder mystery?”

He may be new to his current role. But he already knows what he likes about it.

“I feel that the people of Fairmount will be my favorite part of the job. I have always felt welcome during my visits,” he said.

Bill shared his philosophy of his work and then issued an open invitation. “We are not only a library but a community resource,” he said. “We have comfortable chairs to sit in and read a magazine, a couple of tables for small meetings, children’s toys, business services (copy, fax and notary), and great staff members. Even if you just need to get in from the weather, we are happy to see you! We are here to serve the people of Fairmount!”



Tori King named to Dean’s List at SUNY Purchase

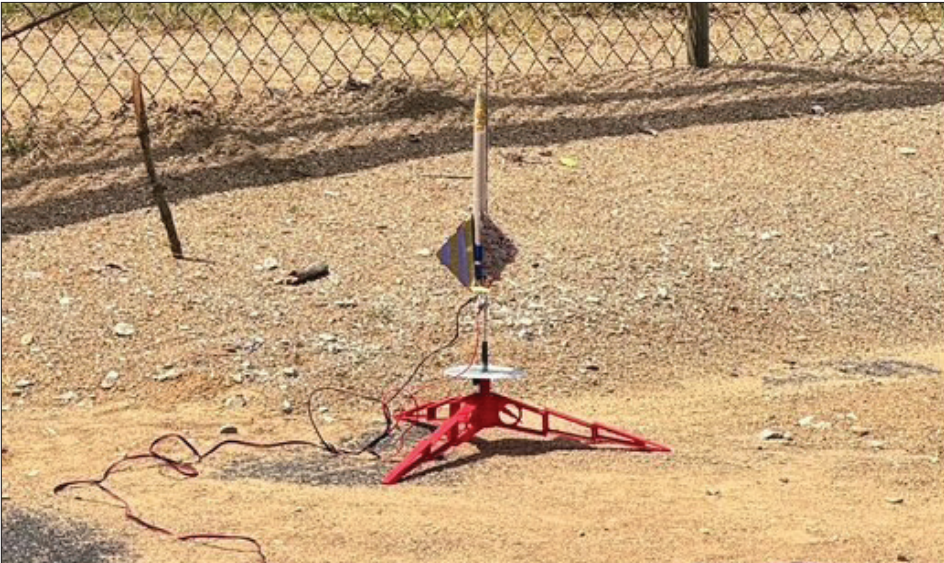
PURCHASE, NY — Tori King, of Converse, IN, has been named to SUNY Purchase’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2026 semester. King is studying Dance.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Congratulations, Tori!

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New Library Director, Bill Decker, has helped local students with rockets over the past five years.



Carol Rosalee Lewis

Carol Rosalee Lewis, 85, Huntington, passed away at 8:09 pm on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at Hickory Creek at Huntington. The family received visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Rosalee’s life was held at 1:00 pm with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery.

Kenneth Jason Moore

Kenneth Jason Moore, 48, Marion, passed away at 1:25 am on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. The family received visitors from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Jason’s life was held at 3:00 pm with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

Gladys B. Ybarra

Gladys B. Ybarra, 93, Marion, passed away at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Colonial Oaks Retirement Apartments. The family received visitors from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Monday, August 10, 2026 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Gladys’ life was held at 12:00 noon with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

Joseph F Kral Jr.

Joseph F. Kral, Jr., 84, Marion, passed away at 5:05 am on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at Aperiaon Care in Marion. The family received visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN. Immediately following visitation, a service celebrating Joseph’s life was held at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

Russell P. Cummings, Sr.

Russell P. Cummings, Sr., 99, Largo, Florida, passed away at his son’s home in Gas City at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. The family received visitors from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Russell’s life was held at 6:00 p.m.

Barbara J Knight

Barbara J. Knight, 83, of Converse, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Miller’s

Merry Manor in Marion. Family and friends may gather from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Indiana. Immediately following the visitation, a celebration of Barbara’s life will begin at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Grant Memorial Park.

Lenora Kay McCollum

Lenora Kay McCollum, 87, Gas City, passed away at Marion Health at 3:17 pm on Monday, August 3, 2026. A private burial will take place with Rev. Bill Cornell. The family received visitors from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, August 7, 2026, at Westview Wesleyan Church, 1300 W. 6th St., Jonesboro, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Kay’s life was held at 7:00 pm with Pastor Steve Armes officiating.

Theresa Jo Talbert

Theresa Jo Talbert, Feb 18, 1970 — Aug 5, 2026 - of Fairmount, Indiana, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2026. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during visitation on, Friday August 14, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 West Kem Road, Marion, IN. A funeral service will follow at 12:00 PM at the same location, honoring and remembering Theresa’s beautiful life. Following the service, Theresa will be laid to rest at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, 11201 South Marion Road 35, Marion, IN..

Mary Mui-Lan Silva

Mary Mui-Lan Silva, age 86, of Marion, Indiana, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2026, due to natural causes. Arrangements for Mary have been entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services. In accordance with Mary’s wishes, cremation will take place and a Celebration of Life will follow at a later date in Hawaii.

Ginger Lamb

Ginger Diane (Hutte) Lamb, 71, of Marion (IN), passed away at 11:35 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness. In honor of the family’s wishes, there will be no services. Arrangements are being made by Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana.

Carolyn S. Johnson

Carolyn Sue (Jackson) Johnson, 82, of rural Greentown, peacefully passed away on August 6, 2026. The visitation will be held from 4pm-5:45pm, Wednesday, August 19, 2026 in Converse Church of Christ, 301 East Wabash Street, Converse, Indiana. The funeral will follow at 6pm with Pastor John Clark officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Converse Church of Christ Scholarship Fund or The Ark Christian Ministries, 3522 N 1000 W-27, Converse, Indiana 46919. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Mary L. Cooper

Mary Lou Cooper, 67 of Wabash, left this earthy life on August 4, 2026. There are no planned services at this time. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

James “Jamie” M. Ratliff

James “Jamie” Matthew Ratliff, age 55, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at IU West, Avon, Indiana. Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate the life and homegoing of Jamie at 2pm on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at The Portland Apostolic Church located at 209 E. Elder St, Portland, IN.



Gold City Quartet with the Shirah Brothers in concert on Saturday, August 29, 2026

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce Gold City Quartet with the Shirah Brothers in concert on Saturday, August 29, 2026! New earlier Saturday start time for 2026 - Doors open at 5 PM, Concert starts at 6 PM. Tickets are \$20*. Also, a love offering will be received. Limited seating remaining, to guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance at epworthworship.com/goldcity or call/text 765-667-0842.

Since 1980, gospel music fans worldwide have been in love with the trend-setting style of Gold City. From their inception, this quartet’s goal has been to use the musical gifts the Lord has given them in the best way they know how—to honor God, share the gospel message, witness to the lost and encourage the saved.

With 10 number one songs, multiple radio hits, and numerous industry accolades, this Dove Award-winning quartet has achieved legendary status. With number one songs in each of the past four decades and over 60 Singing News Fan Awards to their credit, their career continues to be one that is celebrated, respected, and relevant in today’s musical scene. Historically, they have introduced some of the most important songs to all of gospel music, including I’m Not Giving Up, It’s Still The Cross, When I Get Carried Away, and their signature song, Midnight Cry. They had the number one radio chart single in 2019 as noted by Singing News Magazine, All My Hope. In 2017, Gold City was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame, forever solidifying

what thousands of loyal gospel music followers already know—Gold City will forever be the standard of excellence for gospel quartets.

At the helm of Gold City is Danny Riley. His outstanding baritone voice, emcee ability and leadership make up the foundation of this quartet that is carrying on the legacy established by his father, Hall of Fame bass vocalist Tim Riley. Joining Danny in the present-day group lineup are three seasoned veterans who, like Danny, all grew up loving Gold City and hoping to one day sing in this stellar quartet. They bring with them a passion for Jesus and this music, along with their outstanding vocal abilities. Josh Feemster brings a powerful lead vocal to this group, as well as a stage energy that is infectious and exciting. Chris Jenkins’ tenor voice is well recognized as one of the best in the industry. His love for this music is felt in every note he sings. Jeff Chapman studied with the aforementioned Tim Riley and his legendary voice puts the finishing touches on this quartet’s amazing sound. The four vocalists are joined by Terry Wooten on keyboard, who accompanies these singers with his tasteful piano work, complimenting the vocals with just the right touch.

As Gold City moves into the future, it is clear this group is in good hands and good voices, as folks everywhere are discovering night after night. The hit songs, the outstanding vocals, and the class and professionalism that have always been still are, unmistakably, Gold City.

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www.umc.org
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Sweetser Wesleyan Church
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[www. https://www.sweetserwesleyan.org](http://www.sweetserwesleyan.org)
Sunday Morning 10 am

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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.
Fairmount Church of God – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Fairmount Friends – 10:30 a.m.

Fairmount Wesleyan – 9:30 a.m.
Fairmount United Methodist – 9:30 a.m.

Fowlerton United Methodist – 10:45 a.m.
Grant Church (Global Methodist)
11018 S 300 E Fairmount 9:00 a.m.

Jones Chapel – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9 a.m.
MorningStar

Ministries, 11:00 a.m. (Jonesboro)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 9 a.m. (Hartford City)

One of Ten Ministries and Church – 10:30 a.m.
Pilgrim Holiness – 6 p.m.

Real Community Covenant Church – 10 a.m. – 1240 S. Adams in Marion

Westview Wesleyan, 11 a.m. (Jonesboro)
Women of Hope Bible Study – Tuesday – 10 a.m. (Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)

Fairmount UMC – Monday – 7 p.m. – Campus Life

Fairmount UMC – Wednesday – 10 a.m., Men and Women’s Bible Study



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One week after so-called “Mass Deportation Rally,” Statewide Coalition launches open letter condemning participation by Indiana officials

Organizations statewide invited to join statement in support of immigrant families

EVERYWHERE, Ind. — One week ago today, Indiana Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith and Attorney General Todd Rokita participated by video in a so-called “Mass Deportation Rally.” Today, a growing statewide coalition has launched an open letter condemning their participation and inviting organizations, businesses, faith communities, candidates, elected officials, and community leaders across Indiana to sign on to the letter.

The coalition currently includes more than two dozen signatories from across the state, including local Indivisible groups, Veterans For Peace Chapter 104, Faith in Place, the Palestine Solidarity Coalition of Southern Indiana, businesses, and candidates for state and federal office.

Although the rally ultimately took place under a tent on private property and drew a small crowd - a fraction of those who attended the Hoosier Hospitality March in Fishers - the coalition says the central concern is not the size of the event but the decision by two of Indiana’s highest-ranking elected officials to lend their

offices to it through recorded video messages.

“Our concern is not how many people attended the event,” said Wendy Bredhold, president of Indivisible Evansville. “It is that Indiana’s Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General chose to publicly associate themselves with an event that the organizer flatly stated was intended to ‘create a raging inferno,’ inflaming hate and division. Public officials have a responsibility to bring communities together, protect the health and safety of all Hoosiers, and uphold the dignity of every citizen they serve.”

The open letter cites concerns about deaths in immigration detention, allegations of racial profiling, and the impact of anti-immigrant rhetoric on Indiana families and communities.

The coalition will continue accepting additional signatories and updating the public list as organizations join the effort.

Read and sign the letter at <https://www.indivisibleevv.org/blog/mass-deportation-rally-letter>.

Current Signatories

Indivisible Evansville

Muncie Resists Indivisible South Central Indiana

Indivisible Fishers Resists

Indivisible Boone Indiana

Indivisible Central Indiana

Indivisible Southern Indiana

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Indivisible Michiana Alliance for Democracy

Greater Lafayette Indivisible

Indivisible Wabash Valley

Indivisible Westfield

Westside Indy

Indivisible Resistance Movement

Indivisible Northeast Indiana

Elkhart County Indivisible

Wayne County Indivisible

Veterans For Peace Chapter 104

Palestine Solidarity Coalition of Southern Indiana

Faith in Place

Mary Allen for Congress

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Cindi Clayton, Candidate for Indiana State Senate, District 49

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Jack Ronald Plein Air Event at Arts Place in Sept.

Brief description of performance/event: The Jack Ronald Plein Air Event is a one-day event that provides artists with Plein Air Painting in East Central Indiana and West Central Ohio. There are four awards: People’s Choice Award \$150.00, Mayor’s Choice Award \$100.00, Alcove Artists Award \$100.00, and a Purchase Prize. This event is an occasion to celebrate plein air painting in the Jay County area, support the artists who enjoy it and keep the memory alive of a long-time supporter.

Exhibition at Arts Place- September 14-October 31, 2026

Limited to 40 spots. Ages 16-99

Event Date/Time: Saturday, September 12th 9:00am-1:00pm (light lunch included)

Event Location: 131 E Walnut St. Portland, IN 47371, Performing Arts Building

Cost: \$10

For more information or questions on how to be involved, please contact Arts Place by calling 260-726-4809 or emailing visualarts@myartsplace.org

Manchester University names local students to Spring 2026 Dean’s List

NORTH MANCHESTER, IN — Congratulations to Manchester University students in your area who earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean’s List for their academic achievements.

Kendra Edgell of Marion (46953), studying Early/Elementary Education: Mild Intervention.

Zachary Hood of Elwood (46036), studying Biology-Chemistry and Chemistry.

Clayton McCorkle of Converse (46919), studying Business Management.

Ridley Scott of Marion (46953), studying Pre-Pharmacy.

Alexis Smith of Jonesboro (46938), studying Exercise Science & Fitness.

Kinzi Whitton of Marion (46952), studying Early/Elementary Education: Mild Intervention.

Undergraduate students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean’s List.

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To The Owners Of The Within Described Real Estate And All Interested Parties: Notice Of Sheriff’s Sale By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Grant County, Indiana, in Cause No. 27D01-2603-MF-000022 wherein NewRez LLC was Plaintiff, and Karen L. Robinson, et al were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 30th day of September, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 A.M, or as soon thereafter as is possible, 214 E 4th St, Marion, IN 46952 in Grant County, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Grant County, Indiana. One Hundred Thirteen and one-third (113 1/3) feet off of the West end of Lot Number One (1) in Smith’s Addition of Out-Lots to the Town, now City, of Marion, Indiana. More Commonly Known As: 1224 W 4th St., Marion, IN 46952 Parcel No. 27-07-06-302-090.000-002 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Delmiro Garcia Sheriff of Grant County, Indiana Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Benjamin J Pliskie #30407-45 Phillip A. Norman P.C. Date Township Center Street Address 1224 W 4th St., Marion, IN 46952 The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. Please Serve: Name Karen L. Robinson Address 1224 W 4th St, Marion, IN 46952 Type of Service Sheriff

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AREA SPORTS



Mackenly Randolph For the City Basketball Camp held

Staff Report

MARION — The Mackenly Randolph For the City Basketball Camp was held at Marion High School’s Bill Green Athletic Arena on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Mackenly Randolph and Lady Giants Basketball Head Coach Ronikka Drake led the camp with support from Marion High School Boys’ Basketball Head Coach Johnnie Williams and MHS Athletic Director Nate Larson.

In addition, Marion High School Giant and NBA star Zach Randolph visited Bill Green Athletic Arena and supported the Mackenly Randolph For the City Basketball Camp.

The camp provided an opportunity for young Marion Giants to have fun, learn and develop their basketball skills.

The Mackenly Randolph For the City Basketball Camp was held inside Bill Green Athletic Arena at Marion High School on Saturday, Aug. 8. photos courtesy of Marion High School



Oak Hill High School won the Butler University Volleyball Team Camp Championship in July. Individually, Oak Hill High School standout Morgan Cates was named the Butler University Volleyball Team Camp MVP. The Oak Hill junior varsity team placed third in its division.

photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School Volleyball



Oak Hill High School junior middle hitter Brianna Dailey committed to the Butler University volleyball program in July. Dailey is among the top high school volleyball players in the state.

photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School Volleyball

NEW RULES

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 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.

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.



The Madison-Grant Summer Sports Experience Camp concluded on Wednesday, July 29. Young student-athletes in grades 5-8 participated in the Madison-Grant Summer Sports Experience Camp.
photo courtesy of Madison Grant High School

One-way electronic communications allowed for pitchers under 2027 high school softball rules changes

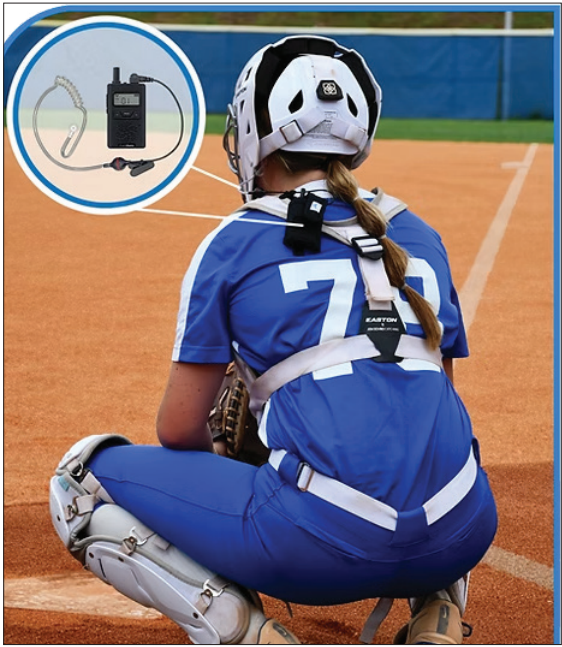
Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Pitchers will now join catchers as the only players in high school softball permitted to receive one-way electronic communication from the dugout, effective with the 2027 season.

This change was one of four recommendations by the NFHS Softball Rules Committee during its June 14-16 meeting in Indianapolis. All recommendations were later approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

“Deliberations by the NFHS Softball Rules Committee were spirited and robust,” said Sandy Searcy, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Softball Rules Committee. “Approval of these four rules proposals was the result of data collected form the membership, and specifically state association administrators. The committee is to be commended for its attention to detail, and thorough analysis of information available.”

Updated language now includes pitchers among the players permitted to receive one-way electronic communication from the dugout during games, allowing for faster delivery of information. The use of all other electronic devices to transmit or



record information remains prohibited on the field of play, and players are still prohibited from transmitting or recording audio or video from the playing surface.

The committee also simplified language regarding whether a pitcher and catcher must face the first batter on defense in relation to courtesy runners. In its comments, the committee said the change eliminates the requirement — or perceived requirement — that the pitcher and catcher listed on the starting lineup card must face the first batter on defense.

“Previously, there was a misconception that the pitcher and catcher listed on the lineup card were always required to face the first batter (one pitch), which was never the intent of the rule,” the committee

noted. “This change simplifies the administration of the courtesy runner rule and eliminates a provision that applied only during the transition between the top and bottom halves of the first inning. By removing a unique scenario that applied only to the bottom of the first inning, the rule becomes easier for umpires, coaches, scorekeepers and players to administer and understand.”

Additional changes allow state associations to determine umpire uniforms and clarify the definition of an initial play to better align with other areas of the rules book.

“The committee was intentional in adopting changes that solve real issues encountered on high school softball fields,” said Andi Osters, chair of the NFHS Softball Rules Committee and

assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. “Whether it’s improving communication between coaches and players, clarifying how interference should be judged after a deflected batted ball, streamlining the courtesy runner rule, or allowing states greater flexibility with umpire uniforms, each change reflects feedback from the coaches and officials who administer our game every day. Our objective is always to make the rules as clear, consistent and practical as possible.”

A complete listing of the softball 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 “Softball” and then “Rules.” The print version of the 2027 Softball Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at www.nfhs.com, 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, a total of 338,315 girls participated in fast-pitch softball at 15,726 schools across the country, making it the fifth-most popular girls’ sport.

Ole Miss Youth Sports Cheer registration open through Aug. 22

Staff Report

GAS CITY — Registration for Ole Miss Youth Sports Cheer is open through Saturday, Aug. 22.

Cheer practices will be held primarily at New Hope Gym, depending on facility availability.

Cheerleaders will cheer at football games held throughout the week, with the possibility of Saturday games as needed.

Practice and game schedules will be released after registration closes.

The registration deadline is firm. There will be no late registration periods or any extensions.

A link to register for the youth cheerleading program is posted on the Ole Miss Youth Sports, Inc. Facebook Page.

Marion-Western scrimmage moved to IWU football stadium

Staff Report

MARION — The Marion-Western football scrimmage set for Friday, Aug. 14 will be played at the IWU Football Stadium starting at 7 p.m.

The high school football preseason game was moved from Dick Lootens Stadium due to construction that is taking place.

The IWU Football Stadium is the home of the Indiana Wesleyan University gridiron program.

Tickets for the Marion-Western football scrimmage are \$7 and may be purchased at the gate or online at <https://public.eventlink.com/tickets?t=195486>. In addition, Giant Passes will be accepted.

Marion continues to prepare for the 2026 high school football season.

High School Football Mississinewa ranked ninth, Eastbrook receives votes in Preseason Class 3A Poll

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Mississinewa is ranked ninth 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.

Following Mississinewa, Eastbrook was one of 12 teams to receive votes in the IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll.

The 2026 high school football season will kick off later in the month. Both Mississinewa and Eastbrook continue to prepare for the 2026 high school football season.

Mississinewa is scheduled to host Norwell for its opening game in the 2026 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 21. In another 2026 high

school football season opener slated for Friday, Aug. 21, Eastbrook is scheduled to host Huntington North.

The IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll follows.

IFCA Preseason Class 3A Coaches Poll

1. Andean (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. Mississinewa
10. Maconaquah

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

ISCA releases preseason boys’ soccer polls

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association has released its preseason boys’ soccer polls.

Teams across the area and throughout the state are preparing to compete in the 2026 boys’ high school soccer season.

Both experienced players and newcomers are poised to enter the

upcoming boys’ high school soccer campaign.

The ISCA preseason boys’ soccer polls follow.

ISCA Preseason Class 3A Boys’ Soccer Poll

1. Carmel
2. FW Carroll
3. Brownsburg
4. WL Harrison
5. Goshen
6. Evansville Memorial
7. Hamilton SE
8. Bloomington South

9. Noblesville

10. Concord

11. Penn

12. Zionsville

13. Lake Central

14. Fishers

15. Castle

16. Valparaiso

17. SB Adams

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. Seccina
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

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.”

photo credit: Mark Stebnicki, North Carolina Farm Bureau

AUGUST HEAVY EQUIPMENT & SAT. AUGUST 22nd. 2026



EXCAVATORS: 2016 Deere 350G LC Excavator, 9,041 hrs, aux hydr, JRB quick attach, EROPS, heat/AC, SN#1FF350GXCGF811242; 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#HHKHC15JE0002323; 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#1FF035GXVLC289928; 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#CAT0030PNXY00872

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#ZC15AS4JE2059292; 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 Timpette 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.

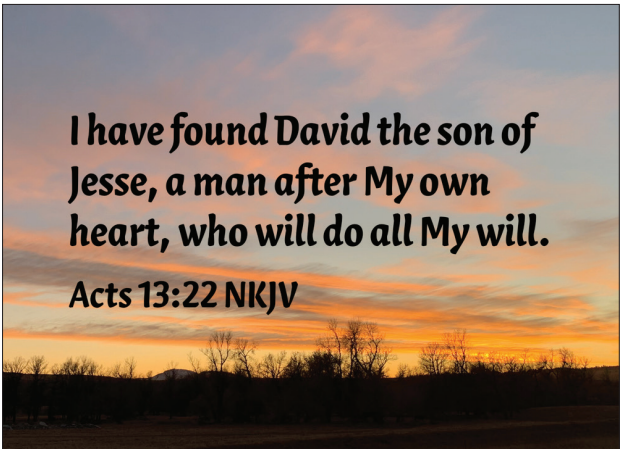
John’s account presents a picture of a population divided over Jesus. Many witnessed his miracles but still refused to believe in him. Others, including some religious leaders, privately believed in Jesus, but were scared to acknowledge their faith publicly. They worried that openly confessing faith 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



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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
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

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

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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

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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X C L A I S E X T V A T A T E Y N R O M
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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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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Answer: Casey Affleck

Crypto Fun

ABCDEF GHIJ KLMNOPQRST UVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

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

A. 7 16 4 7 12 11 25
Clue: Well visit

B. 24 20 7 10 20 14
Clue: Medical expert

C. 4 17 4 14 7 15 8 4
Clue: Physical activity

D. 24 15 4 10
Clue: The foods one eats

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USDA, HHS, EPA join forces to bolster consumer protections

(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.

This updated MOU further advances efforts to Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) and builds on the MAHA Report’s goal of reducing children’s exposure to heavy metals, PFAS, and other harmful contaminants.



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