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Archaeology Day returns to Dubois County Museum

The Dubois County Museum announced the continuation of their program for Archaeology Day. The program will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 10:30 p.m. at the museum on 2704 N. Newton Street (U.S. 231) in Jasper. Professor of Anthropology from University of Southern Indiana, Michael Strezewski, returns to give a presentation. His talk is titled “Pottery Production in Pioneer-era Indiana (1815-1825). This

presentation will cover the pioneer-era production of redware pottery in Indiana. Redware was the first Euromerican-type pottery made in Southern Indiana. It was largely used for utilitarian, in-house purposes. Excavations and studies of surviving redware vessels can give us insight into how this pottery was made and used within early nineteenth century households. Local Archaeology enthusiast, Darrick Haas, will also be

on hand to offer expert knowledge on archaeology finds. About the museum The Dubois County Museum is a local nonprofit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and businesses. It is

operated entirely by volunteers. It is located in Jasper at 2704 N. Newton Street (US231). Call (812) 634-7733. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Follow on Facebook. Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center-www.visitduboiscountymuseum.org. com-800968-4578. Come see, discover, and celebrate our Heritage at the Dubois County Museum.

Huntingburg Citizens Fire Academy offers behind-the-scenes experience

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

HUNTINGBURG — Residents interested in learning more about emergency services—and how they can make a difference in their community—are encouraged to apply for the second annual Huntingburg Citizens Fire Academy. The free eight-week program will give participants a behind-the-scenes look at how the Huntingburg Fire Department protects Huntingburg and Patoka Township. Through hands-on activities, demonstrations and discussions, residents will learn how firefighters prepare for emergencies, respond to calls and work together to keep the community safe. The academy is designed to strengthen community awareness while building greater interaction between residents and their fire department. Participants will

leave with a better understanding of the training, teamwork and commitment required during every emergency response. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. each Thursday from Sept. 10 through Oct. 29. The academy is open to Huntingburg and Patoka Township residents ages 18 and older. There is no cost to attend—only a willingness to learn, participate and become a more informed and engaged citizen. Several applications have already been received, and space is limited. Registration will close Aug. 30 or as soon as all available seats have been filled. Those interested are encouraged to apply soon for the opportunity to experience their fire department from the inside, connect with local firefighters and discover ways they can help make their community safer.

Dubois Strong and IncCodes share initial findings from Countywide Zoning Audit

Dubois Strong Economic Development Corporation and IncCodes have completed the initial findings phase of the comprehensive zoning audit underway in Jasper, Huntingburg and Ferdinand, advancing the zoning modernization initiative announced earlier this year. The review examined existing zoning standards, comprehensive plans, infrastructure and local development patterns to understand how current regulations align with each community’s goals for housing,

growth and long-term investment. One of the clearest findings is that many of Dubois County’s established neighborhoods are both desirable places to live and highly productive uses of land, yet some of those same development patterns would be difficult to recreate under current zoning standards. IncCodes compared tax value per acre, which measures assessed property value relative to the amount of land used. In each community, the traditional neighborhood examples studied produced more value per acre than the suburban-style examples while also accommodating more homes on less land. Among the local examples analyzed: *Jasper*: a historic neighborhood block generated approximately \$1.04 million in tax value per acre compared with about \$670,000 for the suburban example, roughly 1.6 times more value per acre. *Huntingburg*: the historic block generated approximately \$607,000 per acre compared with

about \$473,000 for the suburban example, about 1.3 times more value per acre. *Ferdinand*: the historic block generated approximately \$914,000 per acre compared with about \$565,000 for the suburban example, roughly 1.6 times more value per acre. “The important thing about these findings is that they are local,” said Colten Pipenger, Executive Director of Dubois Strong. “We are looking at development patterns that already work in Dubois County and asking whether our current codes make it easier or harder to create more housing, investment, and opportunity in a way that fits our communities.” **Existing Neighborhoods Offer a Useful Model** The audit also found a disconnect between some existing neighborhoods and the zoning standards governing new development. In all three communities, IncCodes identified successful

neighborhoods with lot sizes, frontage dimensions or development patterns that would not meet some of today’s requirements. Minimum lot sizes, frontage requirements, minimum unit sizes and density limits can restrict infill development and housing variety, particularly in areas already served by roads, water and sewer. In Ferdinand, for example, current residential frontage requirements are wider than many historic lots, making it difficult to recreate the compact neighborhood pattern that exists today. The point is not to apply one development pattern everywhere. Instead, the findings provide local officials with information to determine where current regulations are working and where they may unintentionally limit the types of housing and investment that community plans already call for. **Building on Existing Housing Goals**

The findings reinforce recommendations from the 2023 Dubois County Housing Study, which identified limited housing supply, a need for greater housing variety, high infrastructure costs and restrictive zoning as barriers to future housing development. The Housing Study recommended reviewing zoning and subdivision codes, making better use of existing lots and infrastructure, and considering smaller minimum lot sizes where appropriate. The audit also aligns with goals already established in local planning efforts. Huntingburg’s plan calls for infill development and greater housing diversity, while Ferdinand’s Comprehensive Plan calls for a wider range of housing types and densities and updated zoning regulations. **What Comes Next** The project will now move into stress testing, where existing regulations will be evaluated

against real-world development scenarios. Those exercises will help identify practical barriers and inform model code recommendations focused on clarity, predictability and flexibility. Dubois Strong will continue working with Jasper, Huntingburg, Ferdinand, local planning officials and community stakeholders throughout the process. The goal is to give each community better tools to support future housing and investment while maintaining its own character and development priorities. The project is made possible through funding from Grow Dubois County, the Dubois County Community Foundation and Regional Opportunities Initiative (ROI). For the full initial findings report, more information, project updates, or to give additional input, visit the dedicated project webpage at www.duboisstrong.com/incodes



New owners take over Krodel Wholesale with grand re-opening

By: Briana Pace
Southern Indiana Business Report

Marking the milestone with an official ribbon cutting and grand re-opening August 5, Krodel Wholesale in Jasper is under new ownership. Before taking on this business venture, Fred and Jared Sermersheim, the new owners, owned Sermersheim Vending, a similar operation to Krodel. One day, the previous owner of Krodel stopped by Sermersheim Vending to tell them he was selling the vending portion of his business. He wanted to know if they were interested in purchasing extra machines or parts. “We started asking questions about what he was going to do with the wholesale,” Jared said, “He said he was looking to sell that business as well, so it kind of just went from there.”

Jared said purchasing the business seemed like a good way for he and his father to continue growing their operations. “It’s something that was similar to what we were doing, but kind of on a bigger scale and a little different operations,” Jared said. Krodel Wholesale supports a variety of operations, ranging from small businesses to large retailers, and everything in between. Products they carry include paper products, cleaning supplies, food and beverages, concession stand food, restaurant supplies and more. They also run a few different delivery routes for clients. The company has a long, established history in Jasper. It was founded in 1910 by Carl Krodel and passed down the family line ever since, until it was sold to the

Sermersheims on May 4. The Sermersheims plan to continue the company’s legacy while modernizing its processes. They want to simplify the ordering process with new software systems. “Let’s just say youth baseball season,” Jared said, “at the beginning of baseball season, we could come in and get with whoever is running that concession stand and set up on a tablet; get set to how much they want to keep in stock.” Then after a busy weekend, a Krodel salesperson could go in, see what is left and order what the stand needs. If the concession stand was supposed to have 30 of something, but only had 20 left, the salesperson could auto-order the difference. Jared hopes to progress the customer ordering process to

be as automated as possible, with Krodel doing the rest. He wants the only thing clients have to do is look over and approve the order. The biggest goal Jared has for Krodel is to become a sort of local Amazon. He wants to develop Krodel’s capability and manpower to where anyone within a certain area can place an order on an app and it would show up later that day or the next. He also wants to expand the products Krodel carries to where people could get on their app and find anything they needed. Born and raised in Jasper for generations, the Sermersheims ultimately want to contribute to improving and growing the local community. Taking over Krodel Wholesale and modernizing its business practices is how they plan to do that.

Free Home and Family Safety Training planned in Jasper

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

Dubois County residents can learn practical ways to protect their loved ones and prepare for emergencies during a free Home and Family Safety Training on Wednesday, Sept. 2. The one-hour program will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dubois County Health Department, 1187 S. Saint Charles St. in Jasper. The health department is partnering with Operation Mind, Body and Soul Corp. and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

to offer the training. The program will focus on practical, family-centered topics, including gun safety, emergency planning, safety planning and suicide prevention. Its goal is to provide participants with information and resources they can use to help protect their families and respond appropriately during emergencies. The course is open to Dubois County residents ages 18 and older. Registration is required because class space is limited. For questions or additional information, contact Mary Peters at 812-481-7050.

Dubois County Art Guild August 2026 meeting minutes

The Dubois County Art Guild held their August 6th meeting in the Hickory Room at the Jasper Library. President LaVonne Tisdal called the meeting to order at 6 pm and welcomed 28 members. She reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet for record-keeping purposes. The president thanked everyone for an excellent July meeting at Traditional Arts. The July program was creating suncatchers. Traditional Arts is accepting artwork from local artists. Please contact Traditional Arts directly if one is interested in showing artwork there. Treasurer, Mary Reisz, presented the treasurer’s report. Tere Robinson, DCAG member, led the last Loneliness Workshop on July 30. The program was wet felting over a bar of soap. The Dubois County Art Guild thanks everyone who attended and helped make the event a success. DCAG would like to give a special thank you to Diane Wininger for making the flyers for the event. The Dubois County Art Guild will have an art exhibit at the Dubois County Museum from September to October. DCAG members may exhibit two 2-D artworks for a fee of \$5. The museum will take a 20% commission. Please deliver art to the museum on August 22 from 10:00am to 4:00pm or August 23 from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. Artwork is to be picked up from November 2 to 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Name cards for artist’s work were passed out at the meeting. For more details, contact Joe Schoenbachler at 812-630-5374. A DCAG member shared the Art Loop, a brochure from Jasper Townhall. The brochure shows local murals in Dubois County. The next Loneliness Workshop will be held

September 15 at the Ferdinand Community Center. John Florence will teach the watercolor class from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. Guild members are asked to bring their own watercolor supplies. Please email the duboiscountyyartguild@gmail.com if interested in attending. Ten DCAG members and ten people from the public are invited to attend. The Thyen-Clark Cultural Center will hold the Dubois County Art Guild art show from April to May 2027. Members must attend three meetings before the show to exhibit and have their dues paid. More details will be forthcoming closer to the show. In September, the Guild will be voting on a new president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, program committee head, exhibit committee head, and a gallery committee head. Please email duboiscountyyartguild@gmail.com if you are interested in running for a position or joining a committee. Members are encouraged to become more involved, especially if they have not held a position in the past. Dubois County Art Guild membership dues should be paid in September for the next fiscal year. Sue Tarrant led the evening’s foil embossing program. Participants layered a glue design with a hot glue gun. Once the design was dry, then elmer’s glue was spread over the top and aluminum foil laid on it. The aluminum foil was then pressed down using a cotton ball and Q-Tip so that the glue design could be seen. The program will be completed in September. The next program will be held at the Hickory Room at the Jasper Public Library on September 3rd at 6:00 pm.

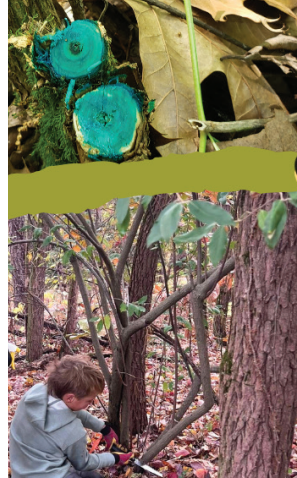
Old Town Lake Weed Wrangle set for September – volunteers needed



Join the Invasive Species Awareness Coalition (ISAC) of Dubois County and Vincennes University Jasper, for an invasive plant Weed Wrangle, Saturday September 26th from 9am to Noon at Vincennes University Jasper Campus. At this

hands-on workday, volunteers will learn to identify and remove harmful invasive plants such as Burning Bush, Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive, and Wintercreeper along the park’s forested trail. Volunteers do not

need any experience to participate, but should come prepared with long pants, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. Hand tools will be available for those that need them. Bottled water will be provided. Minors must be accompanied by an adult and have a waiver form signed by a parent/guardian. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. To pre-register contact Dubois County SWCD at duboiswcd@gmail.com, or 812-482-1171 x 3. This workday is supported in part by the Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation District.



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Area Deaths

Mildred M. Gramelspacher

Mildred M. “Mick” Gramelspacher, age 102, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 4:49 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mildred M. “Mick” Gramelspacher will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026, in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Saturday.

Mary L. Boeglin

Mary L. Boeglin, age 76 of Jasper, passed away surrounded by family at 3:20 a.m. on August 16, 2026 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana. A Celebration of Life for Mary L. Boeglin will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday August 26, 2026 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel with burial to follow at a later date at St. Meinrad church cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until the 7 p.m. service time at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Mark A. Dunkel

Mark A. Dunkel, age, 57, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at home. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mark A. Dunkel will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Enlow City Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. A second visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. service time at Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday.

Sandra R. Jones

Sandra R. Jones, age 79, of Winslow, Indiana, passed away at 10:27 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at home surrounded by family. A funeral service for Sandra R. Jones was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Petersburg, Indiana. Reverend Eugene Pillow will officiate.

Glen W. Schmitt

Glen W. Schmitt, age 58 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away peacefully with his wife and children by his side at 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial for Glen W. Schmitt was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, IN with burial to follow at a later date at Fairview Cemetery in

Jasper.

Martha P. Munch

Martha P. Munch, age 91 of Haysville, Indiana, passed away at 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. Funeral services for Martha P. Munch were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville, IN, burial followed in Haysville Community Cemetery.

Virginia A. Prechtel

Virginia A. Prechtel, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:44 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Virginia A. Prechtel was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

Glenda Carol Fehribach

Glenda Carol Fehribach, age 79, of Huntingburg, passed away on August 10, 2026 at her home. In honoring Glenda’s wishes, cremation has taken place. The family appreciates your love and support during this time. Condolences may be shared online at: www.nassandson.com

Hazel Voges

Hazel M. Voges, 91, passed away on August 12, 2026, at Oakwood Health Campus in Tell City. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM CDT on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Rev. Tony Hollowell will officiate. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Tamara Moreno

Tamara Moreno, 56, passed away on August 10, 2026 at Brickyard Health Care in Tell City. Tamara is in the care of Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel. There will not be any public services.

Rotary awards \$21,000 to four Dubois County organizations

By Laurna Todd
ING Writer

The Rotary Club of Dubois County has awarded \$21,000 to four local organizations through its 2026 Community Grants Program.

This year’s grants will support health and wellness programs, patient transportation, recovery housing improvements and music education.

The recipients are:
ALASI — \$8,050 for health and wellness programming.

Deaconess Memorial Medical Center Volunteer Services/Memorial Medical Center Foundation — \$6,000 toward a new golf cart used to transport patients across the hospital campus.

Next Step Recovery Home — \$6,000 for improvements to enhance the living environment for residents.

Holy Trinity Catholic School — \$950 to purchase classroom instruments and support its music program.

In announcing the recipients on social media, Rotary Club President Derek Budd said the club is honored to continue investing in organizations that are directly improving the health, well-being and future of Dubois County families.

He said each project reflects Rotary’s “Service Above Self” mission and addresses meaningful needs within the community.

Organizations applying for the grants were required to have projects connected to at least one of Rotary International’s seven areas of focus. Those include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, improving maternal and child health, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment.

According to the club’s social media announcement, Rotary members will also support the organizations through volunteerism, mentorship and community outreach.



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Next Step Recovery Home



Holy Trinity Schools

Funding for the program comes from several Rotary fundraising events, including the ATHENA Banquet, Pickleball Tournament, Leadership Luncheons and Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Since beginning the Community Grants Program, the Rotary Club of Dubois County has assisted dozens of organizations working to strengthen education, health, human services and quality of life. Previous recipients include Dove House, Crisis Connection, Southeast Dubois School Corporation, Southwest Dubois County School Corporation, TRI-CAP and The Trotter House.

Applications for the next Community Grant cycle are expected to open in early 2027.

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The Wayne Renschler Estate has commissioned Brahm & Brahm Auction/Realty to sell the following on
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Stevens, Adalie Kalb, Bailey Werner and Alli Betz (pictured from left to right) are currently competing in the 2026 high school volleyball season.

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Northeast Dubois seniors Myah

High School Volleyball

Southridge outlasts Mount Vernon

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — Southridge outlasted Mount Vernon 3-2 in a high school volleyball season opener on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The Lady Raiders overcame a slow start to prevail in the season opener. Southridge battled back from behind to register the win in its 2026 high school volleyball season debut. Determined Southridge won 22-25, 14-25, 25-14, 25-13, 15-7.

Numerous players contributed for Southridge in the season opener.

Southridge is back on the court after a successful offseason. Over the summer, Southridge won the Morehead State University Volleyball Team Camp Gold Bracket Championship. On the way to claiming the championship, Southridge compiled a 6-0 record.



Boys' High School Soccer

Wildcats defeat Owls in season opener

Staff Report

SEYMOUR — Jasper defeated Seymour 5-1 in a boys' high school soccer season opener on Saturday, Aug. 21.

The Wildcats and Owls are longtime rivals. Jasper gradually pulled away to win convincingly in the boys' high school soccer season opener.

Diego Ramos (two goals, one assist), Connor Klem (two goals), Marvin Figueroa (one goal), Brayan Pupo (two assists) and Sam King (one assist) accounted for Jasper's offense.

Defensively for Jasper, Lisandro Iglesias and Trenton Ernst split time at goalkeeper during the boys' high school soccer match. Iglesias and Ernst each recorded one save for the Wildcats.

Jasper is scheduled to visit Evansville Memorial for its next match on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Boys' High School Soccer

Raiders turn back Evansville Cental

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — Southridge defeated Evansville Central 4-1 in a boys' high school soccer season opener on Monday, Aug. 17.

The Raiders pulled away to win in the second half. Southridge controlled the second half, holding Evansville Central scoreless after the intermission period.

The Raiders and Bears were tied 1-1 at halftime. Finishing strong, Southridge outscored Evansville Central 3-0 in the second half.

Micah Pfaff, Caleb Abbott, Noah DeKemper and Yaikymi Arocha each scored one goal for the Raiders.

Pfaff put Southridge on the scoreboard when he found the net during the first half of the boys' high school soccer match.

Abbott, DeKemper and Arocha each scored for Southridge during the second half of the contest.

Aiding Southridge offensively, Anderson Elshoff distributed three assists.

Defensively for Southridge, providing resistance at the net, goalkeeper Wilber Echeverria limited Evansville Central to one goal.

Forest Park Volleyball Youth Day set for August 22nd

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park Volleyball Youth Day is set to be held on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Youth Day is for all Forest Park summer campers and current players.

All youth need to wear their summer camp shirt or school uniforms for free entry to the match. Each girl will be given a goodie bag when with volleyball treats and a coupon for a free popcorn at the concession stands. The

Youth Day participants can interact with the Forest Park volleyball team starting at 10:30 a.m.

A freshman match will begin at 11 a.m.

Junior varsity and varsity matches will follow the freshman match.

The Forest Park Volleyball Youth Day participants will be introduced between the junior varsity and varsity matches.

The Lady Rangers are scheduled to host Boonville for a home opener on Forest Park Volleyball Youth Day.

HERITAGE HILLS PATRIOTS			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ South Spencer	7:00 PM	A
8/28	@ Apollo	7:00 PM	A
9/4	Princeton	7:00 PM	H
9/18	@ Washington	7:30 PM	A
9/25	Gibson Southern	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Mt. Vernon	7:00 PM	A
10/9	South Ridge	7:00 PM	H
10/16	Boonville	7:00 PM	H

FOREST PARK RANGERS			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Mt. Vernon	6:30 PM	H
8/28	@ Perry Central	7:30 PM	A
9/4	@ Washington	7:00 PM	A
9/11	@ Tecumseh	6:30 PM	A
9/18	South Spencer	7:30 PM	H
9/25	Pike Central	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ North Posey	6:30 PM	A
10/9	Tell City	7:30 PM	H
10/16	@ Southridge	7:00 PM	A

JASPER WILDCATS			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Evansville Memorial	7:30 PM	H
8/28	Evansville Harrison	7:30 PM	H
9/4	@ Evansville Reitz	6:30 PM	A
9/11	@ Evansville Bosse	7:00 PM	A
9/18	Evansville Mater Dei	7:30 PM	H
9/25	@ Evansville Central	7:00 PM	A
10/2	@ Castle	6:30 PM	A
10/9	Evansville North	7:00 PM	H
10/16	@ Columbus North	7:00 PM	A

SOUTHRIDGE RAIDERS			
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	North Posey	7:30 PM	H
8/28	Washington	7:00 PM	H
9/4	@ Booneville	6:30 PM	A
9/18	@ Gibson Southern	6:30 PM	A
9/25	Mt. Vernon	7:30 PM	H
10/2	@ Tell City	7:30 PM	A
10/9	@ Princeton	6:30 PM	A
10/9	@ Heritage Hills	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Forest Park	7:00 PM	H

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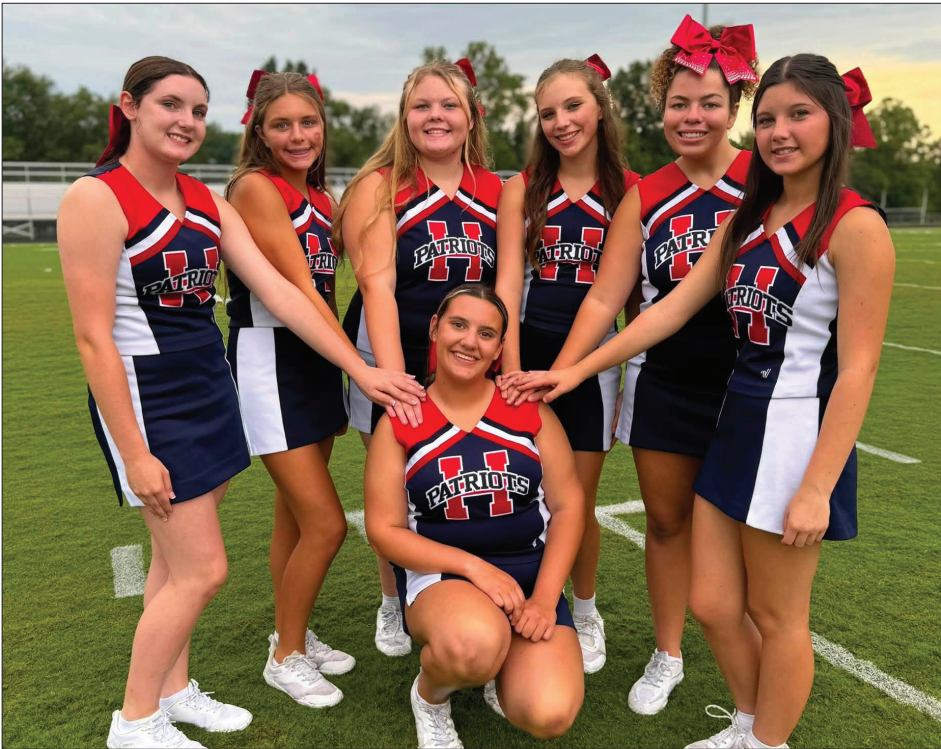
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The Heritage Hills varsity cheerleading squad is set to cheer in the 2026 high school football season.

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The Heritage Hills junior varsity cheerleading squad is set to cheer in the 2026 high school football season.

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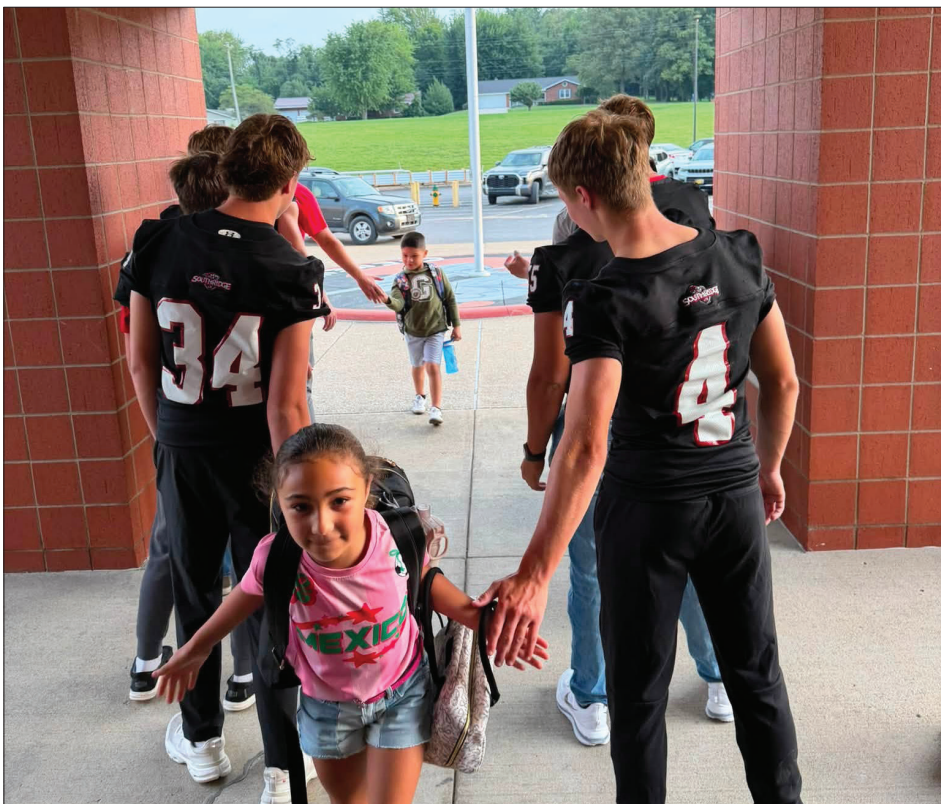
Forest Park won its opening match in the 2026 high school volleyball season, shutting out Crawford County 3-0 on Saturday, Aug. 15.

photo courtesy of Forest Park High School Volleyball



Members of the Southridge High School football team visited Huntingburg Elementary School for the first High 5 Friday of the 2026-27 schoolyear on Friday, Aug. 14.

photos courtesy of Huntingburg Elementary School



High School Volleyball

Forest Park shuts out Crawford Co.

Staff Report

MARENGO — Forest Park shut out Crawford County 3-0 in a high school volleyball season opener on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The Lady Rangers thrived on the road.

Forest Park controlled the match. Turning in a dominant performance, Forest Park won 25-7, 25-7, 25-10.

Several players contributed to Forest Park’s win. Multiple players made an impact both offensively

and defensively for the Lady Rangers.

The top contributors for Forest Park were Bailey Begle (7 aces), Natalie Thompson (21 assists, 4 aces), Claire Warren (4 aces, 8 kills), Avery Hill (10 kills) and Felecia Eckert (13 digs).

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The Heritage Hills Youth Football Camp was held in late-July. Many area youth football players received exceptional instruction throughout the camp. photo courtesy of Heritage Hills High School Football



Gabe Schemenaur pushed the ball for Forest Park during a boys’ high school soccer season opener versus Mount Vernon on Saturday, Aug. 15. photo courtesy of Forest Park High School

Boys’ High School Soccer

Rangers blank wildcats

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park shut out Mount Vernon 7-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference boys’ soccer match at Best Home Furnishings Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The Rangered led 2-0 midway through the Pocket Athletic Conference boys’ soccer match.

Forest Park utilized a diverse offensive attack. Bryant Cooper (two goals, one assist), Luke Meunier (one goal), Trevor James (one goal), Gabe Schemenaur (one goal), Bryson Becher (one goal), Carson Kellems (one goal), Lucas Dooley (one assist) and Layton Lubbehusen (one assist) each delivered offensively for the Rangers.

Defensively for Forest Park, Dexter Meyer and Anstin Vonderheide split time at goalkeeper and combined to record a shutout.

Girls’ High School Soccer - Forest Park 5, Mount Vernon 1: Forest Park defeated Mount Vernon 5-1 in a Pocket Athletic Conference girls’ soccer match at Best Home Furnishings

Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The Lady Rangers scored first and never trailed.

Forest Park entered halftime ahead 3-0.

Sydney Berger, Avari Boeglin, Margrethe Langelund-Arnstrup, Paige Memmer and Makenna Morrison each netted one goal for the Lady Raiders.

In addition to finding the net, Boeglin dished out two assists

Aiding in the win, Kenley Schipp distributed three assists for the Lady Rangers.

High School Volleyball

Jasper upends Loogootee

Staff Report

LOOGOOTEE — Thriving on the road, Jasper shut out Loogootee 3-0 in a high school volleyball season opener on Monday, Aug. 17.

The Wildcats were strong in each set of the high school volleyball season opener, ultimately winning convincingly.

Jasper controlled the match, winning 25-14, 25-7, 25-9.

Anna Levin helped to pace Japer offensively, recording 12 kills.

Aiding Jasper at the net, Kendall Corbin contributed six kills.

Excelling offensively for the Wildcats, Halle Recker delivered 27 assists and six aces.

Nora Breitwieser paced Jasper defensively, supplying 12 digs.

In another

strong defensive performance for the Wildcats, Kate Eckerle provided four blocks.

The Wildcats were carrying momentum over into a match versus visiting Evansville Reitz on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Jasper was set to host Evansville Reitz for its SIAC opener in the 2026 high school volleyball season.

Heritage Hills, Forest Park ranked in ISCA preseason girls’ soccer polls

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Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Heritage Hills and Forest Park are among the teams ranked in the ISCA preseason girls’ soccer polls.

The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association released the girls’ preseason polls on Monday, Aug. 10.

The Lady Patriots are ranked 11th in the ISCA Preseason Class 2A Girls’ Soccer Poll.

The Lady Rangers are ranked 14th in the ISCA Preseason Class 1A Girls’ Soccer Poll.

The 2026 girls’ high school soccer season is scheduled to open on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Heritage Hills is slated to host

Booneville on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Forest Park is slated to host Mt. Vernon on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The ISCA preseason girls’ soccer polls follow.

- ISCA Preseason Class 3A Girls’ Soccer Poll
1. Hamilton
- Southeastern
2. Homestead
3. Carmel
4. Center Grove
5. Crown Point
6. Westfield
7. Cathedral
8. Penn
9. Noblesville
10. Zionsville
11. East Central
12. Bloomington
- South
13. Castle
14. Northridge
15. Columbus North
16. Lawrenceburg
17. Brownsburg
18. Chesterton
19. Mishawaka
- Marian
20. Evansville
- North
- FW Carroll
- ISCA Preseason Class 2A Girls’ Soccer Poll
1. Park Tudor
2. Evansville
- Memorial
3. Guerin Catholic
4. Bishop Dwenger
5. SB Saint Joseph
6. Brebeuf Jesuit
7. Heritage Christian
8. Bishop Chatard
9. Belmont
10. Evansville Mater Dei
11. Heritage Hills
12. Tri-West
13. Batesville
14. Washington
15. Hanover Central
16. Madison
17. West Lafayette
18. Gibson
- Southern
19. Benton Central
20. Delta
- ISCA Preseason Class 1A Girls’ Soccer Poll
1. Westview
2. Providence
3. Elkhart Christian
4. Oldenburg Academy
5. FW Blackhawk
6. Switzerland Co.
7. Bremen
8. Evansville Christian
9. Lapel
10. Covenant Christian (Indy)
11. Triton Central
12. Monrovia
13. Oak Hill
14. Forest Park
15. White River Valley
16. Faith Christian
17. Sheridan
18. Trinity Academy
19. Covington
20. Shawe Memorial



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Northeast Dubois won a girls' high school golf match at French Lick Resort on Thursday, Aug. 6.

photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois High School



Kelly Schaefer joined the Southridge girls' soccer team during its team talk on Monday, Aug. 3. Schaefer shared her inspirational story on overcoming adversity.

photo courtesy of Southridge High School Girls' Soccer

Crossroads League announces Athletes of the Week – August 10-16

By Seth Mikel
Crossroads League Sports
Information Director

JACKSON, Mich. – The Crossroads League Athletes of the Week were announced on Monday, recognizing the league's top individual performances from August 10 through 16. Sports Information Directors from the league institutions nominate student-athletes for the awards and vote on each week's winners.

Volleyball Attacker of the Week
Khorri Dryden, Marian
Dryden helped Marian to a 4-0 start by averaging 3.3 kills and 2.8 digs per set. The senior opened with a 16-kill, 10-dig

double-double in a four-set win over Olivet Nazarene and also had a five-ace outing in a sweep of Lindsey Wilson.

Volleyball Setter of the Week
Bella Claxon, Mount Vernon Nazarene
Claxon led No. 9-ranked Mount Vernon Nazarene to a 3-1 week at the Keiser Classic. The junior tossed up 10.9 assists per set, logging at least 30 helpers in each of MNVU's victories. Claxon also had her served dialed in, tallying eight aces in four matches.

Volleyball Defender of the Week
Reagan Owens, Grace
Owens anchored the back row for Grace

with 56 total digs in four matches. The sophomore averaged 4.3 digs per set, recording double-figure digs in each outing to help the Lancers open with a 3-1 clip.

Larger first base option allowed in high school baseball

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Beginning next year, high school baseball teams will be given the option to use an 18-inch first base or the double first base. The larger base is presented as an alternative to the previously mandated double first base, which goes into effect in 2027.

The larger first base option was one of seven rules changes recommended by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee at its meeting last month in Indianapolis and which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Rules Review Committee and NFHS Board of Directors.

In conjunction with the double first base, allowing a larger first base has proven to be effective in reducing player collisions and enhancing player safety.

“The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee believes that providing schools with the option of using either an 18-inch first base or a double first base gives administrators the flexibility to enhance player safety while recognizing the varying needs and resources of member schools,” said Elliot Hopkins, director of sports and liaison to the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. “Both options are designed to reduce the potential for collisions at first base and support a reduced risk playing environment without changing the fundamental nature of the game.”

One-way electronic communication will now be allowed from the coach to the pitcher and/or the catcher for the purposes of calling pitches. Prior, the

catcher was the only defensive player allowed to receive communication from the coach. While the coach must still be located in the dugout/bench area, the committee believes this change responsibly integrates electronic communication that enhances game management.

Bat certification was addressed with USA Baseball assuming bat-testing standards. Effective in 2028, there will be an additional class of permitted non-wood bats. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet either the USA Baseball Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (USA Baseball BBCOR) of .50 or the USA Baseball Bat Performance Standard (-4, -5, -6). Bats must be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark.

“In addition, the NFHS remains committed to fostering the growth and development of high school baseball players,” Hopkins said. “As the game continues to evolve with the adoption of the USA Baseball BBCOR standard, expanding the available drop-weight options provides younger and developing players with additional opportunities to build proper mechanics, confidence and skills while maintaining the safety and performance standards expected in education-based athletics.”

Additional rules changes include:
- Eye shade must be a solid stroke and not include words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.
- Use of electronic

communication devices by players on the field is prohibited (except as outlined with one-way coach to player communication). This includes amplifying devices, wireless communication devices, headphones, etc., for the purposes of recording, streaming or transmitting audio or video. The prohibition does not include medical devices.

- Coaches will be allowed to use a handheld electronic scoring device or other scoring material while in the coach's box.

- When using a tiebreaker to end a regulation game, an option is now available to start each half-inning with a runner on second base. The runner would be the last scheduled batter in that respective half-inning.

A complete listing of the baseball 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 “Baseball” and then “Rules.” The print version of the 2027 Baseball Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in September via NFHS Digital at www.NFHS.org.

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, baseball is the fifth-most popular sport for boys with a total of 472,598 boys participating at 16,110 schools across the country. In addition, 1,381 girls played high school baseball.

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Living...in a troubled world

When God’s timing doesn’t make sense

By Teresa LeNeave
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When God’s Timing Doesn’t Make Sense
Teresa LeNeave

BETHANY — Lazarus was sick. It was clear he was not going to live. His sisters, Martha and Mary, knew exactly what to do. They sent word to Jesus, their close friend, with a simple message: “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

I’m sure, his sisters thought Jesus would respond quickly to their request for his presence. Afterall, this was a good friend “the one he loved”. They were certain since Jesus loved Lazarus, so surely He would come quickly. In their minds, Jesus could move mountains so healing their brother was no problem for Him.

Obviously, their thinking made sense: Jesus loved him. Jesus would come. Lazarus would be healed and they would be the happy family they’d always

been. But, that’s not what happened.

Here came the part that was difficult to understand. They didn’t hear a word from Jesus until it was too late. Days later, Lazarus was already dead and buried before Jesus arrived. The Gospel of John says that Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Yet when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was for two more days. I’m sure as they placed their brother in the tomb, they were confused and disappointed.

For Lazarus’ sisters that was a difficult truth to process. How could Jesus love them and still delay? Why didn’t He show up? Why didn’t He at least send word that He would be there as soon as possible. Or, at least, tell them He would pray for Lazarus. Silence: that is all they got as their brother lay dying.

I think most of us can relate to how they

felt. For many people, that is exactly where life becomes confusing. We connect God’s love to the circumstances surrounding us and when we don’t see it happening, it can be confusing. If things are going well, we assume God loves us. If things are falling apart, we may wonder whether He has forgotten us.

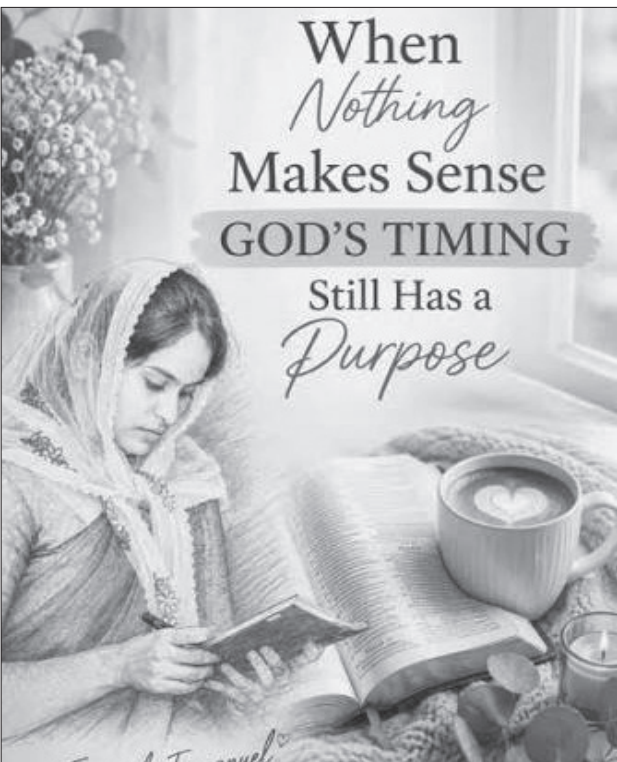
But, the truth is, circumstances are not the measure of God’s love. If we look only at our circumstances for proof that God loves us, we are sure to be disappointed. But if we look to God’s word and the promises of his unfailing love, we are better equipped to trust Him in hard times.

Jesus always knows something we don’t know. He sees what we can’t see. Even the disciples must have been confused when Jesus told them, “This sickness will not end in death, but is for the glory of God.” But Lazarus did die. Jesus

knew something His friends did not know.

Jesus had a plan. His friends simply did not understand His strategy. That’s where we find ourselves sometimes. Confused and wondering why. In times of struggle and questions, that is an important lesson when we walk through a season that does not make sense: God can be working even when His timing is difficult to understand.

When Jesus gives His word, His word is certain. The delay did not mean the promise had changed. The silence did not mean Jesus had stopped caring. The circumstances did not mean Jesus didn’t care. After Lazarus was already in the grave (and stinking), Jesus arrives. He goes to the tomb and cries out, “Lazarus come forth!” And, he did. Still wrapped in graves clothes, Lazarus walked right out of that tomb



to greet Jesus and his sisters! This is proof that God sees from a perspective far greater than ours. Isaiah reminds us that God says, “My ways are higher than your ways.” The story of Lazarus reminds us that God’s love does not disappear when His timing is

different from ours.

Sometimes faith means trusting Him in the very place where we do not understand. And sometimes the thing that makes no sense at the moment will make perfect sense when God’s plan is finally revealed.

Outdoor Truth: Edna’s

By Gary Miller

As a young teenager, many of my summer days were spent fishing at the local canal. I remember the unique art of catching carp using whole kernel corn as bait. I also remember the little country store where I bought that corn. What I remember most about that place, however, was not my corn purchases but my candy ones. Edna owned the store and she had a candy counter that was strategically placed just to one’s left as

soon as you walked in. The glass front was positioned low enough for the smallest young’un’ to press his nose against and carefully decide just what sugary morsel he would purchase on that day. The patience of Edna had to be God-like. After all, there were a whole bunch of us youngsters that stood in line to make life-altering selections. And while those memories are special, there is still one more that exceeds the selection stage. It was post-purchase loitering. I can remember sitting

on the front porch of Edna’s store with my Coke and candy. And I can still remember the wonderful cool sensation that I felt down my back when I would lay down on that smooth concrete during the summer. The Coke, candy, and concrete made for the best recovery after a morning of fishing or baseball. I’m glad she never ran us off. Her hospitality and



Gary Miller

patience were always taken for granted until we were old enough to realize how special it really was.

That’s the way most of life is. Rarely do we see the value in people or their actions until time has passed. This is especially true for the virtues that lack fanfare. Kindness, hospitality, and patience are naturally provided without pomp. They are abstract and bodiless and thus are

lost most of the time in the shadow of more tangible acts. It is only as we pause and look back do we recall these quiet gestures that now stand out as monuments. If you can recall these moments maybe it is important that you make some of your own – to those who may not appreciate them until later. Kindness, hospitality, and patience are like the pocket change I once handed to Edna. It not only buys me initial satisfaction, but it also builds a porch for those who need a cool place to rest and

recover. And everyone needs that.

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

Nothing can keep us from the love of God

By Dr. Billy Holland

Memories can be wonderful places to visit when they are pleasant and filled with peace and joy. On the other hand, not all of our experiences have been pleasant. Negative thoughts can be more like a haunted house on a dark and stormy night. We all have our own unique collections of thoughts and emotions, which leave us with the task of figuring out a way to deal with them.

As most of us know, there are positive ways and negative ways to handle our past experiences, and we can look around and see that some have learned to control their feelings while others allow their thoughts to control them. Who can help? Jesus desires that we give Him our hearts and minds, allowing Him to guide and heal us.

Some will say, “You

have not walked in my shoes,” and this is true, but with every person being a unique individual, God’s love is universal and can bring contentment, peace, and happiness, whatever the situation might be. His promises are true and cannot fail, no matter what we have been through. He can transform our disappointments and stumbling blocks into victorious stepping stones if we listen and obey his voice. In Psalm 57, we read a story about David, who is in great danger and is hiding in a cave to escape the wrath of Saul. However, even in this dark hour of fear and anxiety, we notice in verse one that he is singing God’s praises: “Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until this difficulty and burden have passed.” We may

face different types of trials and sorrows that are filled with doubt and discouragement, but it comes down to us trusting him, adjusting our attitude, and then intentionally taking shelter in the safety and security of his love.

Maybe you were the one who was always selected last for games in gym class, or teased in the neighborhood, or someone spread a hurtful rumor about you that brought shame and anger. Many individuals have a distant relationship with their parents or their children, which is very painful. Others have been betrayed by the one they loved and trusted and are deeply wounded to the core of their soul. Have you ever felt forgotten, rejected, alone, and unwanted? Emotional suffering can make us feel worthless and hopeless. Maybe you were the one who made mistakes and

hurt others, and you feel condemned: the list goes on. Whatever is attacking your conscience and trying to steal your joy, God wants you to know today that he’s here for you, he can transform, restore, protect, forgive, and lead you into the beautiful life he intended you to live.

God cares about you more than you can imagine. Even before you were in the womb, the Lord knew you and has never taken his eyes away from you. He knows every thought, sees every tear, and wants a personal relationship with you more than anything. The accuser of the brethren will try to remind us how the damage and consequences cannot be changed, but we



Dr. Billy Holland

can boldly remind the devil that our resentment and negative attitudes have been washed away. Micah 7:19, Isaiah 43:25, and Psalm 103:12 establish

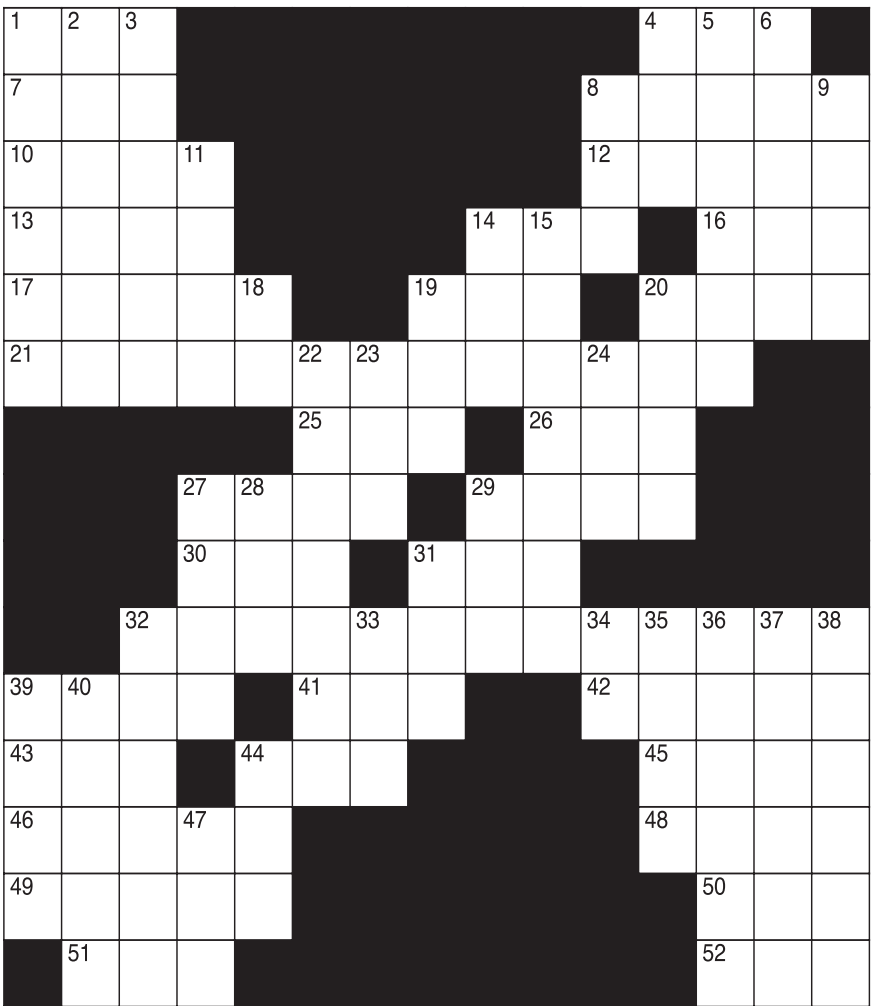
that through repentance our sins are gone forever. He now sees us as a new forgiven creation in Christ that can walk confidently in the power and divine truth of his grace and righteousness.

Take the time to make a list of everyone who has hurt and offended you in any way. If you are not able to speak to these individuals in person, lay your hand on their name and ask the Lord to help you sincerely forgive them. Harboring bitterness toward anyone is the iniquity of omission. Since

giving is associated with receiving, we can be assured that forgiving others allows us to be pardoned. Read the entire chapter of Romans 8, but listen carefully to these verses 35, 37-38. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about Living On Purpose at billyhollandministries.com

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram

4. Fixed charge

7. Each

8. Feeling of humiliation

10. Coat with sticky substance

12. Powerful “Severance” family

13. Japanese city

14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman

16. Hat

17. Place where rockers work

19. Psyche

20. Snakelike fishes

21. Where people live

25. Body part

26. Old towel

27. One’s essential being

29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
30. Boxing’s GOAT

31. Wet muddy ground

32. Christian Laettner is one

39. A place to store lawn tools

41. Large tub for liquid

42. Old World lizard

43. One-time European member group

44. Healing student

45. Nuclear weapon

46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia

48. Silk garment

49. About some Norse poems

50. Woman religious community member

51. Congressman (abbr.)

52. Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person

2. “Homeland” actress Danes

3. Buttock muscles

4. US federal agency

5. Birds of prey

6. Electronic communication

8. Ocean

9. Terminates

11. Low-pitched sound from a bell

14. Exclamation: yuck!

15. A place to attach a boat

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Border line

22. Have religious faith

23. Klutz
24. Large tree

27. House of __ rulers

28. Red deer

29. Small coin (French)

31. Popular sandwich

32. 10-year period

33. Not good

34. Government lawyer

35. Egypt’s intelligence agency

36. Without an occupant or incumbent

37. Stain with one’s hands

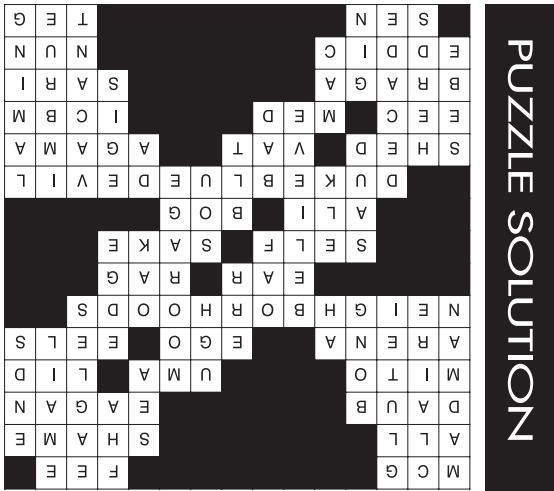
38. Crippling

39. One point east of southeast

40. Large, united groups

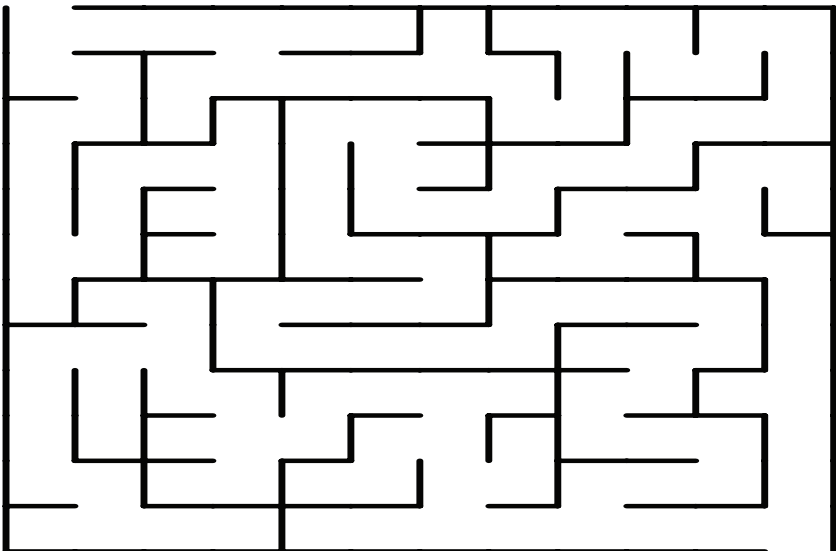
44. __ and cheese

47. Alcoholic beverage



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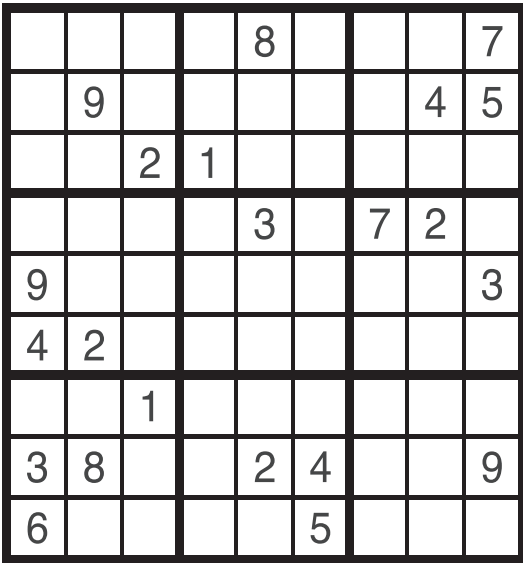
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Sudoku Puzzle

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

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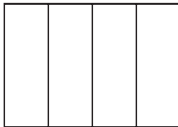


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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

PTSO



Answer: Stop

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in England on August 22, 1995. I worked as a waitress while living in London. I started posting covers of songs on YouTube. I won Grammy Awards in 2019 for Best New Artist and Best Dance Record, and I've had many hits on the charts. I recently tied the knot.

Answer: Dua Lipa

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to traffic.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 7 = O)

- A.

16 21 8 22

Clue: Vehicles
- B.

8 7 21 13 17 21 25

Clue: Place to drive
- C.

11 26 8 18 26

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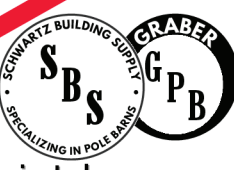
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New UK program uses equine research to grow the next generation of scientists

A new Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment program will use Kentucky’s signature animal to draw undergraduates deeper into science, research and Extension.

By Jordan Strickler

Lexington, Ky.—
A new University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) program is betting that a beloved Kentucky animal can be the hook that pulls more students into science-based careers.
Backed by a five-year, \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Stable to STEM (S2S) will bring college undergraduate students to Lexington each summer for a nine-week, in-residence research and Extension experience built entirely around the horse.
Led by Director of Strategy for Equine Initiatives Meghan

Wulster-Radcliffe, Ph.D, and Department of Animal and Food Science professor Kristine Urschel, Ph.D, the program leans on one of Kentucky’s signature industries to introduce students to research, mentorship and Extension work in the animal sciences.
“Students come through, learn techniques and work as a group on horse-related research,” Wulster-Radcliffe said. “Additionally, we have multiple industry partners throughout the Lexington area who help the students translate the scientific knowledge they acquire into practical use.”
The approach is straightforward: Take a species students are already drawn to and use it as a gateway into the broader world

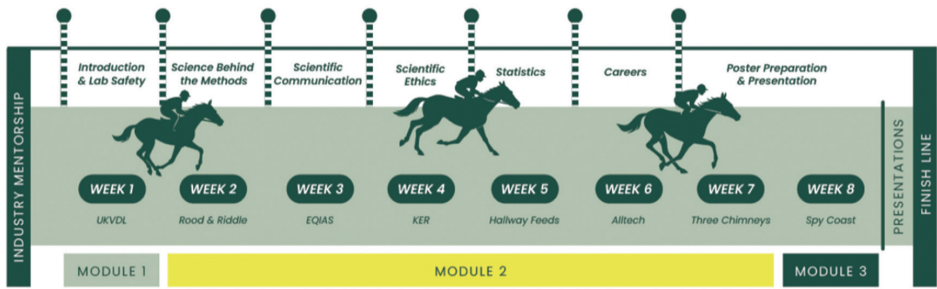
of agricultural and food-system sciences. Participants will rotate through equine research projects across Martin-Gatton CAFE, learning laboratory and field techniques.
S2S is funded through the USDA’s Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates program, part of the agency’s larger education and workforce development effort.
“The goal is to get students interested and grow the science-based career pipeline,” Wulster-Radcliffe said. “Essentially, we are using horses to get students interested in science and research.”
The grant will support eight students per year for five cohorts,



40 students total, with recruitment beginning each September and the first residential session slated for the summer of 2027. At least half of each cohort will come from outside UK, drawn nationally through institutional partners including Lincoln Memorial University and Kentucky State University.
While the program is open to students across majors, Wulster-Radcliffe and Urschel expect many participants to arrive tied to the equine world and to leave thinking about it differently.
“I believe most of the students are probably coming in with an interest in horses and the equine industry,” Urschel

said. “Hopefully, this puts them more on the science side or emphasizes the use of science in their business-based decisions.”
S2S builds on a related UK effort, Saddle to STEM, an earlier program that applies the same animals-as-an-entry-point philosophy to middle and high school students. That program has already produced two scientific publications, with a third currently in review and expected to appear later this summer. By the end of June, more than 100 students will have moved through the Saddle to STEM program.
“Together, the two programs reflect a single wager being made in the heart

of horse country,” Wulster-Radcliffe said. “These animals are already woven into Kentucky’s identity and might also be the ones that draw its next scientists, researchers and Extension professionals.”
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Stable to STEM will bring undergraduate students to Lexington each summer for a nine-week, in-residence research and Extension experience built around the horse. Photo by Chris Floyd.

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