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Red, White & Boots Music Fest to bring music, community spirit to Huntingburg

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

HUNTINGBURG — The sixth annual Red, White & Boots Music Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, at League Stadium, 203 S. Cherry St., in Huntingburg.

The festival will feature a full day of country music, entertainment and community support. Gates are scheduled to open at 2 p.m.

Jimmy DeTalente and Kevin Minnis will open this year's festival. Lakyn Kingrey



is also scheduled to perform the National Anthem.

Organizers say the festival is about more than music. The event is organized by local volunteers, and proceeds remain in the community to support local causes.

One beneficiary is the Kick for Kids Program, which provides shoes

to children in need. Organizers report that more than 6,000 pairs of shoes have been provided to children in Dubois County.

The festival also supports Locking Arms for Suicide Awareness and its efforts to raise awareness and serve the community.

A half-pot raffle will be held during the

festival. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. One winner will receive half of the pot. The drawing is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 30, at 11:30 a.m. during a Locking Arms for Suicide Awareness Facebook Live broadcast. Participants do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be

available Friday, Aug. 28, from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Fourth Fridays at Market Street Park. Tickets will also be available Saturday at the Red, White & Boots Music Festival.

Festival organizers are reminding attendees to review the event policies before arriving. Only clear bags and small wristlets approximately the size of a smartphone will be permitted.

Smoking and vaping are prohibited inside the event area. Umbrellas, aerosol

sunscreen and knives are also prohibited.

The festival is a no-reentry event. Once attendees leave, they will not be permitted to return.

Organizers encourage guests to follow all policies to help ensure a safe and enjoyable festival for everyone. With live music, community causes and a full day of entertainment planned, Red, White & Boots promises to bring the community together for a memorable celebration that gives back.

OFS 6th Annual Honor and Remember Run brings community together in Tribute Honoring veterans, first responders, Gold Star families, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice

VELPEN, Ind. — August 8, 2026 — Veterans, active-duty military members, first responders, Gold Star families, and community members gathered at Cool Springs in Velpen, Indiana, on Saturday, August 8, for the OFS sixth annual Honor and Remember Run.

More than 200 participants of all ages took part in the family-friendly 5K, 10K trail race, and Ruck Run. Throughout the morning, runners carried Honor and Remember flags along the course and across the finish line as families, friends, volunteers, and supporters cheered them on. The gathering brought people together to recognize military veterans, first responders, Gold Star families, fallen heroes, and all who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

“What began six years ago as a way to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service has grown into a tradition that brings our community

together year after year. We remember them by telling their stories and keeping their legacies alive. We honor them not only in every step of this run, but in how we live—with purpose, gratitude, and a responsibility to one another. Each year, we are humbled to welcome more people and set new attendance and fundraising records. That growth is a testament to the character and patriotism of this community and a reminder of the responsibility we share: to make this run as meaningful as the lives of the people we gather to honor and remember.” — Ryan Menke, Chief Strategy Officer, OFS

Before the races began, participants and guests gathered for an opening ceremony at the VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial, a traveling tribute created by Veterans and Athletes United featuring thousands of dog tags honoring fallen service members and Gold Star families. Speakers

included Ryan Menke of OFS; Gold Star Mother Sandy Terwiske; Derrick Lawalin, Chief of Police for the Tell City Police Department; Johnny Butler of the Honor and Remember organization; and Eric Evitts of OFS, a United States Marine Corps veteran. Evitts presented one of two Honor and Sacrifice flags sponsored this year to the Tell City Police Department in memory of a fallen member of the department, while the second will be presented privately to a Gold Star family at a later date. A 21-gun salute, TAPS, and a moment of silence added to the ceremony as speakers reflected on service, sacrifice, and remembrance.

Following the ceremony, participants took to the trails for the 5K, 10K, and Ruck Run. Many carried Honor and Remember flags as they made their way through the course and toward the finish line. Ruck Run participants were encouraged to complete two sets of



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22 honor push-ups and pull-ups to raise awareness for the 22 veterans lost to suicide each day. The races combined physical challenge with reflection, giving participants a meaningful way to remember the fallen and show support for those who continue to serve.

The event supported those currently serving local communities, with 100% of event proceeds donated to the Jasper and Huntingburg Police Departments.

“The strength of any police department is rooted in the support of its community.

Community support means more than encouragement; it is a powerful reminder that the sacrifices made by our officers, service members, and their families are never forgotten. Every step taken in the Honor and Remember Run reflects the gratitude of a community that honors service, remembers sacrifice, and stands united behind those who protect others.” — Chad Dick, Chief of Police, Jasper Police Department

“We are truly appreciative of this partnership. The impact of these funds will be felt

not only within our department, but through the broader community we are so proud to serve. The Huntingburg Police Department is truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in this event to Honor and Remember those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for this great country.” — Bradley Kramer, Chief of Police, Huntingburg Police Department

The event was made possible through the generosity of participants, volunteers, donors, and local sponsors, including Huntingburg Machine Works, the 2026 Honor Sponsor and team competition winner.

From the opening ceremony at the Fallen Heroes Memorial to the flags carried across the finish line, the sixth annual gathering reflected a shared commitment to remembering those who gave their lives, standing alongside the families who carry their legacies forward, and recognizing those who continue to serve.

John Florence to present watercolor workshop

The Dubois County Art Guild will be hosting a FREE watercolor workshop on Tuesday, Sept 15th

in the Mobel Room at the Ferdinand Community Center. The workshop will be from 9 am – 3 pm. Participants are to bring a sack lunch. All materials will be furnished for the public. Guild members are to bring their own supplies.

John Florence, a watercolor artist from Southeastern Indiana, will be the instructor. John is originally from Louisville, Kentucky. He did undergraduate study from the University of Kentucky and

graduated from Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. John began painting in college with an interest in wildlife art. Following a decades long period in which John did not paint, he attended a watercolor workshop at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina and began to paint seriously.

In 2024, John retired after 43 years practicing veterinary medicine in Louisville, Kentucky.

He now has more time to devote to artistic interest. John has led watercolor workshops



in Louisville and Southern Indiana. Currently he is an instructor at Mount Saint Francis Center in Mount Saint Francis, Indiana.

This workshop is made possible through a grant to address loneliness and isolation among older adults in Dubois County. According to the AARP Bulletin – May 2024, feelings of loneliness and isolation can become a health risk associated with increased risk of heart disease, stroke,

and dementia in older adults. DCAG would like to encourage adults to get up, get out and get active through the joys of creating art.

Come join guild members for a fun day working in watercolor. This is an adults only workshop. No experience required, all materials furnished. You must register to reserve your spot. Please go to DuboisCountyArtGuild@gmail.com and state you would like to attend the workshop with John Florence.

Area Deaths

Rose Anna Rasche

Rose Anna Rasche, age 68, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 3:02 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Rose Anna Rasche was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, burial followed in St. Celestine Cemetery in Celestine, Indiana. The D of I and St. Anne’s prayed a rosary at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Mary E. Merkley

Mary E. Merkley, age 94, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 6:30 p.m. on August 17, 2026, at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary E. Merkley was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, burial followed in the church cemetery.

Michael James Schepers

Michael “Mike” James Schepers, age 58, of Winslow, passed away on August 21, 2026 at the Waters of Huntingburg. Visitation for Mike Schepers was held at Nass and Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 10:00 a.m. EDT at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Huntingburg, burial followed in Mayo Cemetery.

Bradley A. Bruggeman

Bradley A. Bruggeman, 58, passed away on August 22, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, surrounded by his family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM CDT on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at St. Mark Catholic Church. Rev. Tony Hollowell officiated, burial followed in the church cemetery.

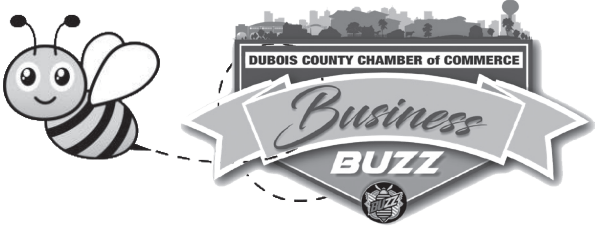
Betty James

Elizabeth Rose “Betty” James, 80, passed away on August 20, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her family. Betty requested no visitation or funeral services. Huber Funeral Home is assisting her family with arrangements.

Robert K. McLaughlin

Robert K. McLaughlin, age 65, of Santa Claus, passed away at 6:21 p.m., Monday, August 17, 2026, at his home. A memorial service for Robert K. McLaughlin will be held at a later date. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. Condolences may be shared online at: www.raineyfuneralhome.com.

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



Dubois County Chamber announces annual luncheon & awards ceremony

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DUBOIS COUNTY, IN — The Dubois County Chamber of Commerce invites businesses, community leaders, and residents to join us for the Annual Luncheon & Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, October 14, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Ferdinand Community Center.

This signature Chamber event brings together business owners, community leaders, elected officials, and professionals from across Dubois County for an afternoon of networking, celebration, and recognition. Guests will enjoy lunch while celebrating the Chamber’s accomplishments over the past year and looking ahead to the future of our local business community.

Celebrating Dubois County’s Outstanding Leaders & Businesses

A highlight of the event is the presentation of three prestigious awards: Young Professional of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, and Business of the Year. These awards recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, community involvement, and a commitment to strengthening Dubois County. Award recipients are nominated by the public and selected by a committee of their peers, making

these some of the community’s most respected business recognitions.

Help Choose This Year’s Award Recipients

The public is invited to participate in the nomination and voting process. Community members can learn more about this year’s nominees and cast their votes online at our website <https://duboiscountychamber.com/dubois-county-chamber-events/state-of-the-chamber-awards-ceremony/>

Attend the Celebration

Whether you’re attending to celebrate local success, connect with fellow professionals, or support the outstanding businesses and leaders who make Dubois County thrive, the Annual Luncheon & Awards Ceremony is an event you won’t want to miss.

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Location: Ferdinand Community Center

Tickets are available online on our website at:

<https://beeid.org/9e6713146b13>

For more information, contact the Dubois County Chamber of Commerce at info@duboiscountychamber.com or visit duboiscountychamber.com.

About the Dubois County Chamber of Commerce

The Dubois County Chamber of Commerce works to support businesses of all sizes by providing leadership, legislative advocacy, and opportunities for collaboration at the local, regional, and state levels. The Chamber is committed to strengthening the business community and providing a unified voice for businesses throughout Dubois County.

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Dubois County zoning audit reveals ideal housing development, barriers to it

Briana Pace
Southern Indiana Business Report

Phase one of the Dubois County IncCodes project is complete, revealing the findings of a county-wide zoning audit. IncCodes executed an in-depth review of zoning rules and planning documents; identifying community goal disputes, best practices and barriers to filling empty residential areas, and redevelopment.

It’s clear that established, traditional city neighborhoods in Dubois County are “desirable places to live and highly productive uses of land,” according to the Initial Findings Report, but with current zoning regulations, those same models are hard to recreate.

“Zoning codes have just naturally changed over time,” Dubois Strong Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Colten Pipenger said, “and what a traditional lot used to look like in Jasper, Huntingburg and Ferdinand is different than what it looks like when we build now.”

The audit found traditional, historic neighborhoods “produced more value per acre than the suburban-style examples” and accommodated more homes on less land.

Pipenger emphasized the importance of still preserving the communities’ characters and that they are not forcing this on anyone. They just want to be sure that if people want to build homes in the more historical, traditional way of the area, they can.

In Jasper, the historic neighborhood generates nearly 1.6 times more tax value per acre than a suburban area—\$1.04 million versus \$670,000. Findings in Ferdinand revealed the same value comparison: a historic block generated about \$914,000 per acre and \$565,000 in a suburban example.

The difference in value per acre was slightly lower in Huntingburg, \$607,000 in the historic block and \$565,000 in the suburban area; equaling about 1.3 tax value difference per acre.

Pipenger stressed the lack of “middle housing” in the county; duplexes,

triplexes. There are detached, standalone, single-family homes and garden-style apartments (low-rise and across landscaped areas), but nothing much in between, due largely to zoning requirements.

“It’s not that we’re not building new houses and new subdivisions that people picture,” Pipenger said, “but it just makes the case that it’s a better use only in the core parts of our cities and towns that have more density, than it is to expand outward.”

There might be four houses all on one city block, all using the same block of infrastructure and services—sidewalks, utility poles, streetlights, trash, schools, water, traffic lights and more. On a suburban block, there could only be one or two houses using the same infrastructure and services that can serve four homes on one block in the city.

The typical lot size in Jasper, Huntingburg and Ferdinand is smaller than the current zoning requirements. In Jasper, the minimum square footage required for an r-3 lot (medium to high density residential zoning) is 7,200 feet, but the existing average is 6,000 square feet.

In Huntingburg, zoning regulations require r-2 lots (low to medium residential zoning) to be a minimum of 10,000 square feet, but a typical one is 6,000 square feet.

Jasper requires a 100-foot minimum frontage for residential lots, but common lot sizes have an 88-foot frontage.

“Now, any of those older historic lots can’t be built on without zoning variances,” Pipenger said.

Already working with local officials; Jasper and Huntingburg mayors, Ferdinand town council president and more, Dubois Strong hopes the regulations will be reevaluated and updated to reduce zoning restrictions by the end of 2026, allowing community members more options for building homes.

“This was kind of an initial audit to see what are the setbacks,” Pipenger said, “and making sure we preserve the community character, but also achieve some of the housing goals that were set out to be achieved through comprehensive plans and other pieces.”

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Deaconess Memorial Medical Center names Caitlin Lottes as next GARDENER Award winner

Jasper, Ind. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center is excited to name Caitlin Lottes as the next recipient of the GARDENER Award. Lottes works as a medical office assistant at Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine – St. Charles. She is described as greeting every patient with a bright expression, warm smile, and a thoughtfully decorated workstation that reflects her bright and cheerful personality. Deaconess Memorial is blessed to have Lottes as part of our team.

Deaconess Memorial Medical Center created The GARDENER Award as a result of the internationally known DAISY Award that recognizes the super-human efforts nurses perform every day. Deaconess Memorial is fully aware that it takes an entire team to function as a hospital. This team includes not only the nurses, but also maintenance, billers, therapists, medical records, food service, etc. Every employee is



Caitlin Lottes

necessary and plays an important role every day. The nurses would not be able to provide the proper care to patients without the appropriate support staff. The GARDENER Award was created to acknowledge incredible support staff who go above and beyond their regular call of duty. For more information on the GARDENER Award, please visit www.deaconess.com or contact Anna Borden in Deaconess Memorial's Human Resources Department at 812-996-1488.

Dubois County FFA Chapters collect food donations for Can-Struction Contest

By Laurna Pruett
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Dubois County FFA chapters are inviting community members to help support a local food drive connected to the upcoming Can-Struction Contest. The collection, which runs from now through September 1, is designed to raise funds and collect canned and shelf-stable foods. All donated food will be given to food pantries and food-security efforts in Dubois County. Community members can support the effort in several ways. Monetary donations are welcome, as are donations of canned fruits and vegetables, boxed pasta and other shelf-stable foods. The Can-Struction Contest combines creativity and community service, giving FFA members an opportunity to work together while helping address food needs in the county. FFA programs in Dubois County are active in

developing students' leadership and service skills through agricultural education and community activities. Donations can be dropped off at the front office of any Dubois County high school. Donors are asked to let the school office know that their contribution is for FFA. The food drive comes at a time when local food organizations continue to serve residents facing food insecurity. Dubois County food pantries have reported significant demand for assistance in recent years, making community donations especially valuable. Residents are encouraged to participate during the collection period by donating whatever canned or shelf-stable items they are able to provide. Every contribution will help local FFA students turn a friendly competition into an opportunity to give back to their community.

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Six women recognized for Leadership at ATHENA Awards Banquet

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Many community leaders do not seek attention or praise. Instead, they make a difference through their work in education, business, emergency services, agriculture, nonprofit organizations and volunteer efforts. On Thursday, September 3, six local women will be recognized as finalists for the 14th Annual ATHENA International Leadership Award. The Rotary Club of Dubois County presents the award.

The 2026 ATHENA Awards Banquet will take place at the Huntingburg Event Center. One finalist will receive this year's award, but the event will honor all six women for their contributions and dedication to the community. This year's finalists are Beatriz "Bea" Cobo-Becerra, Shannon Uebelhor Fuhs, Tammy Humbert, Susan Mann, Paula Rasche and Somula "Sam" Schwoeppe.

Bea Cobo-Becerra — Supporting Students and Families

Bea Cobo-Becerra believes strong leadership begins by helping people feel welcome and included. In her role as English Language Learner Program and Outreach Coordinator for Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Bea assists students and Spanish-speaking families as they connect with educational programs, community resources and new opportunities. She also supports adult English classes, bilingual parent workshops and other outreach programs. Through her work with ALASI, Bea helps provide Latino youth with opportunities to grow as leaders. Her dedication continues to strengthen relationships among families, schools and the broader community.

Shannon Uebelhor Fuhs — Serving Through Education and Community Involvement

Shannon Fuhs spent 27 years working in education, helping students succeed and supporting the growth of the communities she served. Her efforts played a role in



Loretta Rush

Southridge Middle School becoming an A-rated school. Her involvement has also included youth activities, athletics, church programs, community organizations and local events. She has supported the Dubois County Bombers, historic League Stadium and the Teen Outback Trivia Night fundraiser. Although she is retired, Shannon remains active as a mentor and volunteer. Her positive attitude and ability to unite people have made her an important part of the community.

Tammy Humbert — Providing Steady Leadership in Public Safety

Tammy Humbert has spent 33 years serving in public safety. As Director of the Dubois County Emergency Management Agency, she helps the county prepare for emergencies, organize responses and recover after disasters. She has guided the community through difficult situations, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak. She has also worked to improve emergency communication throughout the county. Tammy's leadership is marked by cooperation, preparation and calm decision-making. She brings agencies together, supports colleagues and helps others develop their skills.

Susan Mann — Helping Others Reach Their Potential

Susan Mann began working at McDonald's when she was 16 and became an Owner/Operator at age 24. She now leads Team Mann, which operates 11 restaurants across

Southern Indiana and employs more than 600 people. Susan views leadership as an opportunity to help others grow. She is especially committed to encouraging women as they build confidence and pursue leadership roles. Her community support includes the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, local schools and faith-based organizations. Through McDonald's Round Up for RMHC, she has helped raise more than \$600,000 for families with children receiving hospital care.

As a wife, mother, grandmother and breast cancer survivor, Susan brings strength, empathy and perseverance to her work and service.

Paula Rasche — Supporting People Through Difficult Times

Paula Rasche has built her career around helping individuals and families facing serious challenges. As Executive Director of Crisis Connection, she leads an organization that offers advocacy, education and assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crises. During Paula's tenure, Crisis Connection has expanded its partnerships and services throughout a seven-county area, serving more than 5,000 people. She has also helped educate thousands of students about healthy relationships, bullying prevention and personal safety. Paula's approach combines compassion with determination. Her work reminds people

experiencing difficult circumstances that support and help are available.

Sam Schwoeppe — Strengthening Agriculture and Food Access

Somula "Sam" Schwoeppe sees agriculture as a way to connect people, create opportunities and improve the well-being of communities. As a sixth-generation farmer and Director of Industry Partnerships for Fresh Connect Central, Sam works with farmers, food processors, nonprofits and food banks to increase access to healthy food. Her work includes partnering with Feeding America to expand dairy availability, serving as President of Annie's Project and representing the United States through an international agricultural program. Sam also became the first woman elected to an executive officer position in the more than 85-year history of Prairie Farms Dairy.

Through her involvement with 4-H, schools, mentoring programs and food-security initiatives, Sam continues to encourage others and promote the future of agriculture.

Chief Justice Loretta Rush to Deliver Keynote

Chief Justice Loretta Rush will serve as the keynote speaker for this year's event.

Her public service career reflects the values associated with the ATHENA Award, including leadership, perseverance, integrity and dedication to others. The ATHENA Leadership Award recognizes women who demonstrate excellence in their professions, serve their communities and help other women develop as leaders. Since the program began in 1982, more than 8,000 women worldwide have received the honor.

The September 3 banquet will recognize six women whose leadership has taken different forms. Although one finalist will receive the 2026 ATHENA Award, each nominee has already made a meaningful contribution to Dubois County and the people who live there.



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Patriots roll past Rebels in season opener

Staff Report

ROCKPORT — Heritage Hills rolled past South Spencer 49-13 in a high school football season opener on Friday, Aug. 21.

The Patriots set the tone early, outscoring the Rebels 13-0 in the opening quarter.

Extending its lead, Heritage Hills added four touchdowns in the second period.

The Patriots entered halftime ahead 41-0.

Tyce Winchell paced Heritage Hills through the air, completing seven passes for 149 yards and one touchdown.

Micah Toler emerged as Heritage Hills' leading receiver, finishing with two receptions for 87 yards and one touchdown.

Heritage Hills thrived on the ground,

rushing 30 times for 241 yards and five touchdowns.

Karsen Pund paced Heritage Hills on the ground, rushing two times for 84 yards and two touchdowns.

Contributing to Heritage Hills' rushing attack, Winchell, Madden Hart and Asa Palmer provided one rushing touchdown apiece.

Making an impact

both offensively and defensively, Winchell recorded an interception for the Patriots.

Heritage Hills is scheduled to visit Apollo (Ky.) for its next game on Friday, Aug. 28. Kickoff for the Heritage Hills-Apollo game is slated for 7 p.m. in Owensboro, Ky.

High School Football Rangers outlast Mt. Vernon in first game of season

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park outlasted rival Mt. Vernon 16-15 in a high school football season opener at Best Home Furnishings Stadium on Friday, Aug. 21.

The Rangers and Wildcats met for a non-conference game.

Quarterback Anden Uebelhor directed the Forest Park offensive unit. In addition to Uebelhor, through the air, receivers Camron Lueken, Hudson King, Hudson Lueken and Steven Reinke contributed for the Rangers.

On the ground, King, Hudson Lueken and Carter Jochem provided rushing yardage for Forest Park in the season opener.

Defensively for Forest Park, Nathan Verkamp blocked a field goal attempt while Riley Begle and Caleb Sickbert each recorded a sack.

Aiding Forest Park defensively, Kale King recovered a punt return that was mishandled.

King, the Rangers' punter, and kicker Parker Wolf, delivered on special teams.

Forest Park is scheduled to visit Perry Central for its second game in the 2026 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 28. Kickoff for the Forest Park-Perry Central game is slated for 7:30 p.m. in Leopold.



The Jasper swept the Forest Park Invite team titles on Thursday, Aug. 20.
photo courtesy of Jasper High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Jasper sweeps Forest Park Invite titles

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Excelling on the road, Jasper swept the Forest Park Invite team titles on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Jasper's individual results from the Forest Park Invite follow.

Girls' 5,000 Meter Run: 1st - Sophia Guth, 22:07.00; 2nd - Olivia Reckelhoff, 22:12.00; 3rd - Claire Buehler, 22:54.80;

9th - Ella Hopf, 24:51.30; 10th - Allison Spaulding, 24:53.30; 13th - Colleen Sampson, 25:29.60; 16th - Reagan King, 26:19.70; 17th - Diana Bajorek, 26:30.90; 21st - Brylee Leinenbach, 27:33.70; 23rd - Lucy Linette, 27:45.50; 26th - Jenna Peters, 28:51.70; 28th - Ana Kuczynski, 29:38.30; 29th - Madison Morales, 29:51.70; 30th - Addie Seger, 29:58.90; 31st - Jazlyn

Hulen, 38:08.60.

Boys' 5,000 Meter Run: 2nd - Trevan Vogler, 17:50.80; 3rd - Kuper Kippenbrock, 17:51.90; 4th - Zeb Bartley, 17:53.40; 5th - Gannon Western, 18:41.70; 6th - Vincent Bez, 18:49.80; 7th - Brigham Sampson, 19:15.50; 8th - Ethan Brown, 19:41.40; 10th - Brock Lampert, 20:22.90; 13th - Jack Keusch, 20:31.50; 18th - Quinten Knies, 21:43.00; 19th - Jaxson

Hulsman, 21:43.00; 20th - Malakyi Porter, 21:43.30; 21st - Fletcher Lorey, 21:48.10; 22nd - Cameron Metz, 21:49.90; 23rd - Jude Kuczynski, 22:19.90; 27th - Caleb Hasselbring, 24:10.00; 28th - Elijah McQueen, 24:10.20; 29th - Gerhard Woebkenberg, 25:01.30; 30th - Will Temple, 25:03.50.

Boys' High School Soccer Wildcats defeat Tigers on penalty kicks

Staff Report

EVANSVILLE — Jasper defeated Evansville Memorial 5-3 on penalty kicks in a South Indiana Athletic Conference boys' soccer match on Thursday, Aug. 20.

The Wildcats and Tigers are familiar conference rivals.

Offensively, Carter Blome scored the winning goal for the Wildcats.

Defensively for Jasper, Lisandro Iglesias logged one save.

The Wildcats and Tigers were tied 2-2 at the end of regulation in the conference soccer match.

Jasper fared well throughout the conference contest. During regulation, Diego Ramos and Connor Klem each scored one goal for the Wildcats.

Jasper continued to win after defeating Seymour 5-1 in a season opener on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Following the win over Evansville Memorial, Jasper moved to 2-0 overall and opened 1-0 in the conference.

USA Today Network Indiana High School Football State Poll

Class 6A Football	1-0 160 1	Carroll 1-0 87 8	0-1 49 4
Top 10	2. Westfield 1-0 137 2	6. Center Grove 0-1 59 6	9. Penn 1-0 43 9
Ranking Team	3. Carmel 1-0 127 3	7. Crown Point 1-0 55 7	10. Ben Davis 1-0 26
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The Heritage Hills volleyball team attended a camp at the University of Louisville in July.
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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Heritage Hills shuts out Booneville, Henderson County (KY)

Staff Report

LINCOLN CITY — Heritage Hills recorded shutout wins over both Booneville and Henderson County (Ky.) over a three-day period.

Opening the season 2-0, Heritage Hills notched back-to-back shutout wins.

Heritage Hills 9, Booneville 0: Heritage Hills blanked visiting Booneville 9-0 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The Lady Patriots led 4-0 at halftime.

Cora Lasher paced Heritage Hills offensively, recording a hat trick. Lasher scored three goals and dealt out one assist for the Lady Patriots.

Contributing to Heritage Hills' offensive attack, MaKynzie Hoffman dealt out two assists.

Goalkeeper Lila Hildenbrand paced Heritage Hills defensively throughout the girls' high school soccer season opener.

Heritage Hills 3, Henderson County (Ky.) 0: Winning on the road, Heritage Hills shut out Henderson County (Ky.) 3-0 in a girls' high school soccer match on Thursday, Aug. 20.

The Lady Patriots entered halftime ahead 1-0.

Sylvia Windell, Cora Lasher and Kate Prior each scored one goal for the Lady Patriots.

As part of Heritage Hills' offensive attack, Prior and Elsa Gelarden each dealt out one assist.

Goalkeeper Lila Hildenbrand paced Heritage Hills defensively, recording a shutout. Hildenbrand logged nine saves.

Heritage Hills moved to 2-0 after shutting out Henderson County.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Seeger wins Corydon Central Rumble in the Jungle Event

Staff Report

CORYDON — Northeast Dubois sophomore Jaxon Seeger turned in a dominant performance and won the Corydon Central Rumble in the Jungle on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Seeger completed the Corydon Central Rumble in the Jungle Boys' 5,000 Meter Run in 15:55.82.

The second-place finisher completed the Corydon Central Rumble in the Jungle Boys' 5,000 Meter Run in 17:29.12.

Seeger is among the top high school cross country runners in the state.

The complete individual results for Northeast Dubois follow.

Girls' 5,000 Meter Run: 8th - Chloe Betz, 23:01.34; 15th - Marcie Denu, 24:17.92; 24th - Kenzie Wineinger, 26:36.51.

Boys' 5,000 Meter Run: 1st - Jaxon Seeger, 15:55.82;



Northeast Dubois sophomore Jaxon Seeger won the Corydon Central Rumble in the Jungle on Saturday, Aug. 22.
photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois High School

24th - Luke Fox, 20:12.25; 29th - Travis Wineinger, 21:06.89; 52nd - Derek Lindenschmidt, 23:21.40; 63rd - Owen Harris, 26:18.15; 70th - Kolton Sermersheim, 29:49.37.

2026 ISCA Boys & Girls Week 1 Rankings

3A ISCA Girls' Poll	
1. Hamilton Southeastern	2. Brownsburg
2. Homestead	3. Hamilton SE
3. Carmel	4. Noblesville
4. Center Grove	5. Ev. Memorial
5. Westfield	6. Carmel
6. Cathedral	7. FW Carroll
7. Noblesville	8. Penn
8. Zionsville	9. WL Harrison
9. Crown Point	10. Bloomington
10. Lawrenceburg	
11. Bloomington	South
12. Penn	11. Castle
13. East Central	12. Valparaiso
14. Castle	13. Concord
15. Lawrence North	14. Fishers
16. Columbus North	15. Zionsville
17. Northridge	16. Lawrence
18. Brownsburg	Central
19. Mishawaka	17. Homestead
Marian	18. Ev. North
20. (Tie) Evansville North/Avon	19. Elkhart
	20. Lake Central
2A ISCA Girls' Poll	
1. Evansville Memorial	2A ISCA Boys' Poll
2. Park Tudor	1. Guerin Catholic
3. SB Saint Joseph	2. Bishop Noll
4. Bishop Dwenger	3. Mishawaka
5. Brebeuf Jesuit	Marian
6. Bishop Chatard	4. Park Tudor
7. Guerin Catholic	5. Illiana Christian
8. Belmont	6. Covenant
9. Heritage Christian	Christian (Indpls)
10. Evansville Mater Dei	7. Bishop Luers
11. Tri-West	8. Leo
12. Batesville	9. Speedway
13. Heritage Hills	10. Concordia Lutheran
14. Washington	11. Heritage Hills
15. Madison	12. Bishop Chatard
16. Leo	13. Cardinal Ritter
17. West Lafayette	14. Hanover Central
18. Delta	15. Brebeuf Jesuit
19. Gibson Southern	16. SB Saint Joseph
20. Kankakee Valley	17. Washington Community
	18. Charlestown
	19. Bremen
	20. Southridge
1A ISCA Girls' Poll	
1. Oldenburg Academy	1A ISCA Boys' Poll
2. Elkhart Christian	1. Blackhawk Christian
3. Westview	2. Faith Christian
4. FW Blackhawk	3. Greenwood Christian
5. Providence	4. Shawe Memorial
6. Evansville Christian	5. Scecina
7. Switzerland Co.	6. Westview
8. Forest Park	7. Northeast Dubois
9. Lapel	8. Oldenburg Academy
10. Bremen	9. Forest Park
11. Oak Hill	10. White River Valley
12. Trinity Academy	11. Canterbury
13. Monrovia	12. Southwestern (Shelby)
14. Covington	13. Argos
15. Triton Central	14. Southwestern (Hanover)
16. White River Valley	15. Tell City
17. Sheridan	16. South Knox
18. Lakewood Park	17. University
19. Shawe Memorial	18. Trinity
20. South Knox	19. Christian Academy of Indiana
	20. Bethesda Christian
3A ISCA Boys' Poll	
1. Goshen	

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Forest Park's Lucas Dooley is pictured during a sectional tournament match in the 2025 boys' high school soccer season.

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Rangers turn back Marksmen

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park defeated Tell City 3-1 in an early-season Pocket Athletic Conference boys' soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The Rangers moved to 2-0 overall and in the conference after

registering the win. Forest Park took control early. The Rangers outscored the Marksmen 3-0 in the first half.

Tell City netted its lone goal in the match after the intermission period.

Lucas Dooley led Forest Park

offensively, scoring two of the Rangers' three goals.

Aiding Forest Park's offensive attack, Hunter Osborne netted one goal.

Goalkeeper Dexter Meyer paced Forest Park defensively, limiting Tell City to one goal.

Forest Park maintained momentum in the first half of the boys' high school soccer season. The Rangers shut out Mt. Vernon 7-0 in a season opener on Saturday, Aug. 15.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Forest Park battles Evansville Christian to tie

Staff Report

EVANSVILLE — Forest Park battled Evansville Christian to a 3-3 tie in a girls' high school soccer match on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

As a result of the tie, Forest Park moved to 1-0-1 in the 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

Ellie Meunier led Forest Park to the win, scoring two goals for the Lady Rangers.

Morgan Kerber accompanied Meunier

in Forest Park's scoring column, netting one goal.

Aiding Forest Park offensively, Avari Boeglin distributed one assist.

Defensively for Forest Park, Elise Niehaus and Katelyn Kippenbrock split time at goalkeeper during the match. Niehaus logged three saves while Kippenbrock posted two saves.

Forest Park defeated Mt. Vernon 5-1 in its season opener on Saturday, Aug. 15.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Patriots top Pioneers

Staff Report

LINCOLN CITY — Heritage Hills beat Boonville 5-1 in a boys' high school soccer season opener on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Gabe Brown led host Heritage Hills in the season opener, scoring three goals for the Patriots.

Accompanying Brown in Heritage Hills' scoring column, Brycenn Edwards and Fabian Garcia netted one goal apiece.

Aiding Heritage Hills offensively, Landon Zellers distributed one assist.

Goalkeeper Kane Navarro paced Heritage Hills defensively, logging multiple saves in the convincing victory.

Heritage Hills 8, North Harrison 2: Heritage Hills defeated visiting

North Harrison 8-2 in a boys' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The Patriots forced North Harrison to play from behind during the early-season match.

Heritage Hills excelled offensively. The Patriots led 3-1 at halftime.

Heritage Hills benefitted from a balanced offensive attack. Gavin Rust (two goals), Landon Zellers (two goals, one assist), Ronan Freeman (one goal), Cristian Miranda (one goal), Grant Windell (one goal), Grady Schmitt (one goal), Anthony Arias (one assist), Faban Garcia (one assist) and Bronsen Fuchs (one assist) each contributed offensively for the Patriots.

Raiders fall to Vikings in season debut

Staff Report

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— North Posey prevented Southridge from prevailing in a

high school football season opener, defeating the Raiders 34-21 on Friday, Aug. 21.

Southridge scored first and carried a 7-0 lead out of the initial quarter.

But North Posey doubled up Southridge 14-7 in the second quarter.

The Raiders and Vikings were tied 14-14 at halftime.

North Posey managed to control the second half, outscoring Southridge 13-0 in the third quarter.

The Vikings led 27-14 at the conclusion of the third quarter and traded

touchdowns with the Raiders during the final period.

Southridge scored via the ground three times during the season opener. Parker Steckler supplied two rushing touchdowns for the Raiders.

Aiding Southridge offensively, Noah Ring added one rushing touchdown.

Southridge is scheduled to host Washington for its second game in the 2026 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 28.

The Southridge-Washington game is slated to kick off at 7 p.m. in Huntingburg.

FOREST PARK
RANGERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
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

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WILDCATS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
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
8/28	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

HERITAGE HILLS
PATRIOTS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/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

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BOONVILLE — The Forest Park girls' and boys' cross country teams competed in the Boonville Pioneer Invite on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Photos courtesy of Forest Park cross country



Forest Park cross country teams compete in Boonville Pioneer Invite

Staff Report

BOONVILLE — The Forest Park boys' and girls' cross country teams competed in the Boonville Pioneer Invite on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The Lady Rangers placed fifth out of 12

teams.

The Rangers paced 11 out of 14 teams.

The results for the Forest Park girls' cross country team were as follows: Kendal Gehlhausen, 24th, 23:39; Dylan Steczyk, 31st, 24:22; Addi Evitts, 37th,

25:02; Delainey Auffart, 42nd, 25:40; Kendall Fischer, 45th, 26:02; Braylee Wahl, 48th, 26:21; Aria Huff, 49th, 26:22; Olivia DeSchamp, 79th, 28:56.

The results for the Forest Park boys' cross country team were as follows: Jace

Wright, 39th, 20:12; Mason Cheek, 41st, 20:14; Xavier Berg, 52nd, 20:47; Marcus Berg, 56th, 20:59; Casey Steczyk, 63rd, 21:34; Mason Schnarr, 78th, 22:10; Carter Drew, 101st, 24:07.

Golden Eagles edge Giants

Staff Report

MARION — Oak Hill edged rival Marion 2-1 in a boys' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The Golden Eagles scored first and never trailed.

Luke Elzinga scored on a penalty kick during the first half to put Oak Hill ahead 1-0. The Golden Eagles

maintained their 1-0 lead at halftime.

Marion scored its lone goal off a penalty kick during the second half of the boys' high school soccer match.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Elzinga received the ball from Tayt Bowling and scored the game-winning goal for the Golden Eagles.



Oak Hill edged Marion 2-1 in a boys' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 22.

photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School Athletics

POLL, from page 4	6. Lawrenceburg 0-1 65 4
	7. Evansville Mater Dei 1-0 56 7
NR	8. Twin Lakes 1-0 53 9
	9. Indian Creek 1-0 46 NR
Dropped out:	10. Maconaquah 1-0 23 NR
	Dropped out:
Hamilton Southeastern (10).	Mississinewa (8), Eastbrook (10).
	Others receiving votes: Fairfield 6. Eastbrook 5. Mississinewa 5. Griffith 4. Norwell 3. Bluffton 2. Heritage Christian 2. Tippecanoe Valley 1. West Lafayette 1.
Class 5A Football	
	Top 10
Ranking Team	Record Votes Prev.
	Ranking
1. New Palestine (16) 1-0 160 1	2. Bloomington South 1-0 138 3
	3. Cathedral 0-1 122 2
4. Castle 1-0 83 8	5. Pendleton Heights 1-0 76 9
	6. Warsaw 1-0 70 NR
7. Floyd Central 1-0 65 10	8. Lafayette Jeff 0-1 44 4
	9. Concord 0-1 42 6
10. Fort Wayne Snider 0-1 31 7	Dropped out:
	Plainfield (5).
Others receiving votes: Franklin 26. Plainfield 19. Evansville North 3. Huntington North 2.	
Class 4A Football	
	Top 10
Ranking Team	Record Votes Prev.
	Ranking
1. Bishop Chatard (8) 1-0 140 3	2. FW Dwenger (3) 1-0 137 4
	3. East Central (4) 1-0 135 2
4. Roncalli (1) 0-1 117 1	5. Mishawaka 1-0 82 5
	6. Yorktown 1-0 70 6
7. East Noble 1-0 65 7	8. SB St. Joseph 1-0 56 8
	9. Hobart 1-0 30 9
10. Heritage Hills 1-0 16 NR	Dropped out: Fort Wayne Luers (10).
	Others receiving votes: Evansville Reitz 13. Muncie Central 8. Jasper 3. Guerin Catholic 2. DeKalb 2. Fort Wayne Luers 1.
Class 3A Football	
	Top 10
Ranking Team	Record Votes Prev.
	Ranking
1. Evansville Memorial (9) 1-0 144 3	2. Andean (3) 0-1 124 1
	3. Adams Central (3) 1-0 123 5
4. (tie) Tri-West (1) 1-0 104 6	4. (tie) Gibson Southern 0-1 104 2
Class 2A Football	
	Top 10
Ranking Team	Record Votes Prev.
	Ranking
1. Lapel (6) 1-0 150 2	2. Brownstown Central (6) 1-0 147 1
	3. Lutheran (2) 1-0 124 3
4. Cascade (2) 1-0 117 4	5. South Putnam 1-0 99 5
	6. Eastside 1-0 70 9
7. Eastern (Greentown) 1-0 67 6 (tie)	8. North Posey 1-0 39 NR
	9. Linton-Stockton 0-1 24 6 (tie)
10. Eastern Hancock 1-0 18 NR	Dropped out:
	Providence (8), Knox (10).
Others receiving votes: Providence 12. Rochester 9. Bremen 1. Southmont 1. Centerville 1.	
Class 1A Football	
	Top 10
Ranking Team	Record Votes Prev.
	Ranking
1. Riverton Parke (8) 1-0 150 2	2. Pioneer (6) 1-0 146 1
	3. North Judson (1) 1-0 126 4 (tie)
4. Milan 1-0 110 4 (tie)	5. South Adams 0-1 79 3
	6. North Decatur 1-0 65 9
7. Lafayette Central Cath. 1-0 60 10	8. North Daviess 1-0 38 NR
	9. Springs Valley 0-1 20 6
10. Tri 1-0 19 NR	Dropped out:
	Frontier (7), Sheridan (8).
Others receiving votes: Clinton Prairie 17. Sheridan 16. Tecumseh 10. Carroll (Flora) 9. Frontier 3. West Washington 3. Cloverdale 1.	

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Living...in a troubled world

No sustainable joy without spiritual joy

By Teresa LeNeave
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I recently attended the wedding of my granddaughter and as I watched the faces of everyone who attended, it left me thinking about the connection between joys of this life and spiritual joy. I was asked the question, “What advice do you want to give them?” My response was, “Remember to keep a relationship with God throughout the years.” I am confident there can be no sustainable and continual joy without spiritual joy. A wedding is so precious and so full of hope, but when the honeymoon is over, we still need God. Putting our lives and hopes in God



is important. The psalmist said, “Hope thou in God” (Psalm 42:11). Like King David we cannot always control what happens to us, but we can choose how we respond.

It’s easy for kids, jobs and life in general to distract us from our most important connection. When prayer, Bible study and worship become neglected, faith can gradually give way to

troubles of life. It’s very important to keep a connection with God because hopelessness can become overwhelming. Isaiah 50:7 declares, “I have set my face like a flint.” This

picture reminds me of the determination required to remain faithful during difficult seasons. Flint is a very hard type of rock. It’s a form of quartz and traditionally was used to make arrowheads and other tools. Isaiah’s readers would have known the analogy of flint to determination. Believers are called to stand firm when trials, fear and doubt attempt to persuade them to weaken their relationship with God. God offers stability, perseverance, peace and joy to those who seek His presence. Too often, however, we remain at “poolside,” occasionally touching the water when stress or crisis becomes unbearable. Instead,

we are invited to wade deeper into His presence and allow His Spirit to transform us. One of the best ways to maintain a healthy spiritual perspective is through daily prayer and the study of God’s Word. I also a good church home is important to a happy life. Personally, I believe it helps keep us conscious of God’s constant presence, love and protection. Jesus is our vine, and we are His branches. His strength, hope and peace are available to us every day. We believe in Him, but perhaps we should also remember something even more powerful: He believes in us.

When the way is unclear

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

Only thirty miles from freedom, four runaway slaves stopped in their tracks beneath the starlit darkness. Behind them was a life of slavery, but before them was a frigid creek that appeared impassable—one they were instructed to wade through by the woman who promised to lead them to liberty. They had no lamps, no map, and no clear path ahead—just faith in Harriet Tubman

and confidence that she knew the path to freedom. On the other side of the bitter stream was an abolitionist-friendly safehouse that would send them toward independence, but they didn’t know that. They didn’t know what Tubman knew, and they couldn’t see what she saw—so, not knowing the way to go, they trusted in the one who did. And this is what the Scripture instructs believers to do when the way in life is unclear: “Trust in the LORD with all

thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Prov. 3:5-6, KJV). Life sometimes brings you to a creek you don’t want to cross—a tumultuous tribulation, a season of unanswered prayer, or a consequential decision that is nearly impossible to make. But remember, only the Lord sees what is on the other side. You do not know what He knows, nor can you see what He sees. Therefore, when you

do not know the way to go, trust in the One who does. King Jehoshaphat once stood where the water looked deep. Advancing upon him were the mighty Moabites and the aggressive Ammonites, and he was severely outnumbered—or so he thought. With nowhere else to look, he looked up, and prayed, “O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us.

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you” (2 Chron. 20:12). This is what faith says in times of uncertainty: “I don’t know what to do, but I know where to look. I don’t know where to go, but I know who to follow. I don’t know how this will work out, but I know the God who works all things together for good.” The guiding Shepherd is also the way-making Lord, and He will either lead you the right way or make a way when there isn’t one.

When the Israelites fled from Egypt, they came to a standstill at the Red Sea with no way forward, and the Egyptians were hot on their heels. And although Moses did not know how they would escape, he trusted in God and said with bold faith, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD” (Ex. 14:13a). And the Creator parted the sea. The God who knows the way and makes the way is worthy of your trust when the way is unclear.

Victorious living includes praying for discernment

By Dr. Billy Holland

As I awakened this morning and opened the shades, the sun was shining, and the sky was clear. I’m very blessed that I could stand and walk without pain. We seldom think about how often we take the basic functions of life for granted. I walked around outside and looked at the temperature on my watch: 70 degrees. I enjoyed the gentle breeze as I took a deep breath. Being able to breathe is another amazing gift that God gives. I went to the donut shop and enjoyed a chocolate-covered selection and a small coffee. More thoughts came to me. I can see; I have a vehicle and can drive; I have enough money to buy a donut; I can taste, chew, swallow, and appreciate the entire process of digestion. I can go on, but you get the point of just slowing down and concentrating on

being aware of God’s presence and all the things He blesses us with every moment. Gratitude for what we have is a sure way to stop whining about what we lack. Even though I’m retired, I stay involved with working on something or going somewhere most every day. I love to write and create, and one thing I’ve learned over the years is to be very cautious about what I read and listen to. I’m not saying there is anything wrong with trying to learn and gather knowledge, but once we receive something into our minds, we are then left to decide if we will believe it or not. I’m sure that most of you who read this column understand the importance of prayer and are convinced



Dr. Billy Holland

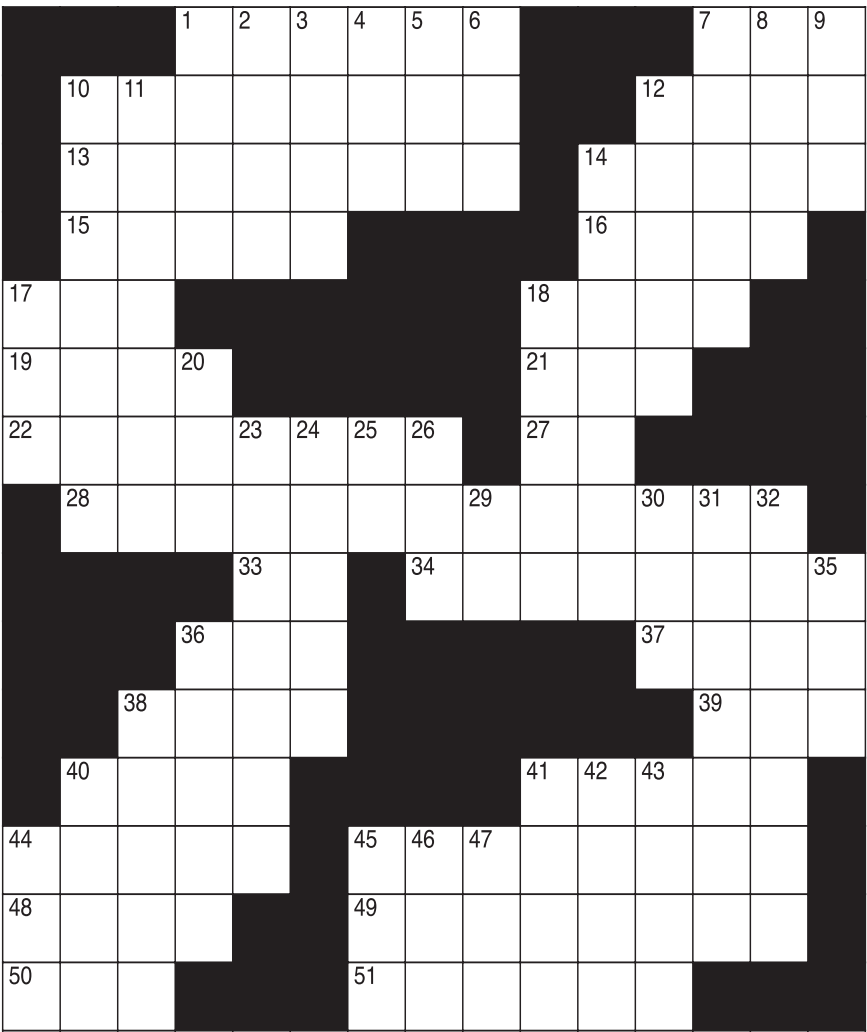
that God listens when we talk to Him. You also realize that asking for wisdom and spiritual discernment is critical if we are to walk in His truth. As technology has opened up opportunities for every person with an idea to have a global microphone, it’s important to not allow the ever-increasing sea of voices to distract, overwhelm or confuse our conscience. Those who are considered truth seekers love to absorb knowledge and listen to people who are recognized and respected as being wise. The question is whether what is being said is true. For those who have not heard of the “illusion of truth effect”, it’s the tendency to accept certain information

as reality, based on repeated exposure. When we listen to an idea over and over, our brain decides whether the information agrees with our current level of understanding. This repetitive confirmation is how many of our personal worldviews have been established. By faith, we believe that what we know is truth (whether it is or not). Building our worldviews is a choice, as our interpretations continue to enhance our confidence; however, everyone’s personal truth (including our own) is not always true truth. I personally believe it’s good to step away from the chaos each day and find a quiet place where we can talk to God and listen to His voice. As I mentioned last week, “political news” is hardly more than tiny shreds of facts mixed with an abundance of biased opinions.

This is exactly what the master of manipulation and persuasion wants. No one has enough discernment to filter the truth from the daily tsunami of political garbage, so instead of allowing our minds to be filled with hopelessness, realize that mainstream media and news talk shows don’t care about carrying the torch of the truth; it’s about ratings and popularity. The masses already know what they believe, so the instigators and accusers try to please the listeners. It’s all about giving the multitudes what they want to hear and see, which is how they stay in business. Sadly, many churches operate the same way. I’m reminded today that God knows everything about us, what we are going through, and even what we are thinking. The best part is that He loves

you and wants to live with you forever. He can cleanse our conscience, forgive us, and give us clarity from all the lies and deceptions. In Psalm 100, God invites us to enter His gates and courts with praise, to walk in His peace and rest. Or we can live in a state of discouragement, depression, disappointment, and confusion. As the Lord will never force us to love Him, He also does not make us pray. If what we believe, and who we trust is a deliberate free-will decision we make every moment, then we can know that prayer and discernment are the difference between surviving and thriving! Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about LIVING ON PURPOSE at billyholland ministries.com.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. A vast desert in Africa

7. Reciprocal of a sine

10. Type of phone

12. Biblical figure

13. One who renounces a religious belief

14. Warren and Monroe are two

15. Wild ox

16. Dismounted a horse

17. Cave dweller

18. Where infants sleep

19. Popular type of shoe

21. Clumsy large person

22. Evil-like

27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete

33. Postscript

34. Follows 18

36. People of Gambia

37. Popular actor Nicolas

38. Platform for a lectern

39. Taxi

40. American songwriter Sammy

41. Iranian city

44. Heavy clubs

45. One who is expelled

48. In bed

49. Lifelessness

50. Former CIA

51. Most slick

CLUES DOWN

1. Slovenly person

2. In addition

3. Hovels

4. Pie ___ mode

5. Subway rodent

6. They ___

7. Indigenous S. American people

8. Fine sand

9. Central nervous system

10. Nightclub entertainment

11. The perfect example of something

12. Supreme Islamic leader

14. Pain

17. Binary-coded decimal

18. Projecting corner of an angle

20. “Succession” actor Brian

23. Dinner table decor

24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this

26. Opposite of a pro

29. Atomic #28

30. Type of drug (abbr.)

31. Arrives at

32. Nullifies

35. Bird’s beak

36. Partner to “oohed”

38. Ray-finned fishes

40. Taxis

41. Sat on and controlled

42. Sea eagles

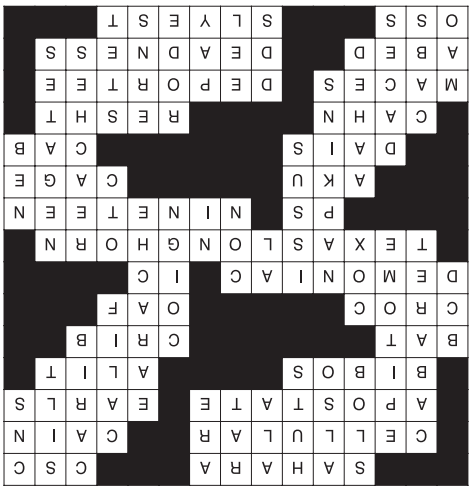
43. Remain as-is

44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snakelike fish

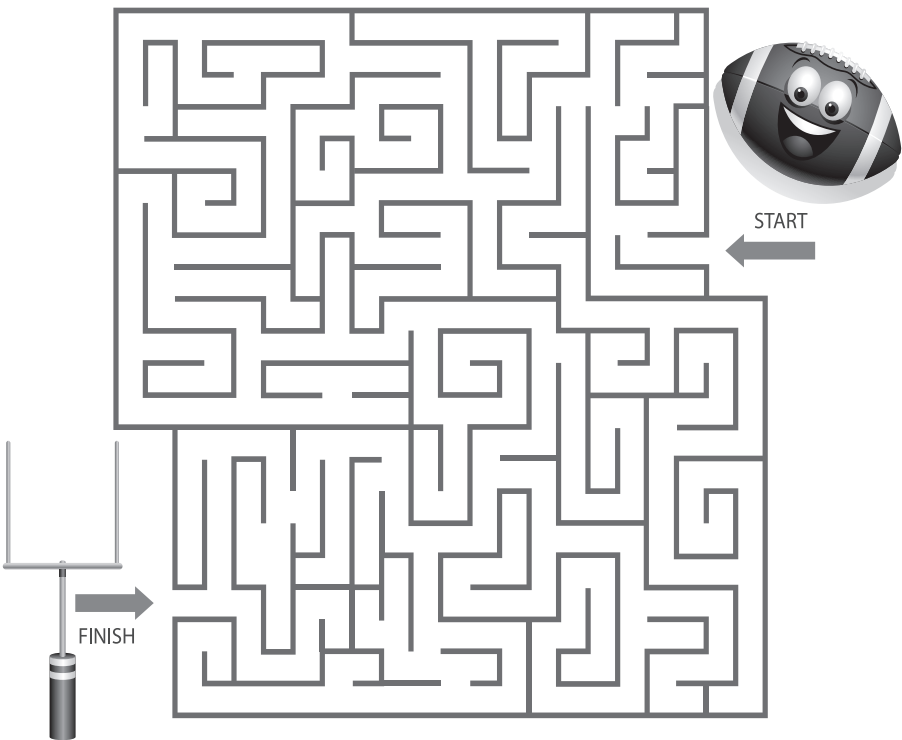
47. Compensate



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

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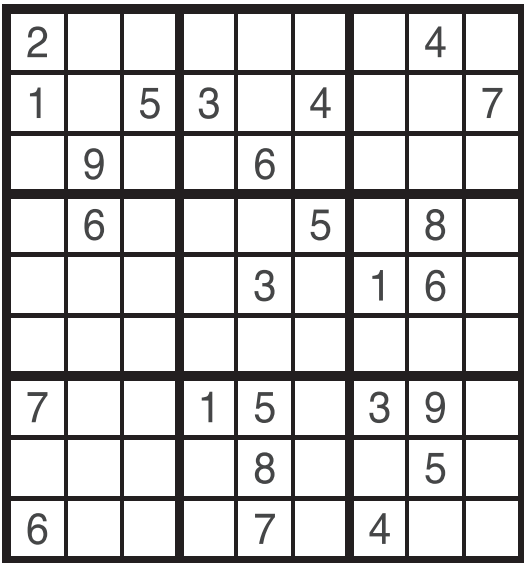
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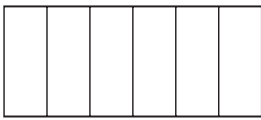
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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to golf.

BEIIRD



Answer: Birdie

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO ?

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Answer: Jack Black

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Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to golf.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 18 = S)

A. 6 15 17 21 18 13

Clue: Place to play golf

B. 9 17 16 16

Clue: Precise shot

C. 6 24 17 11 18

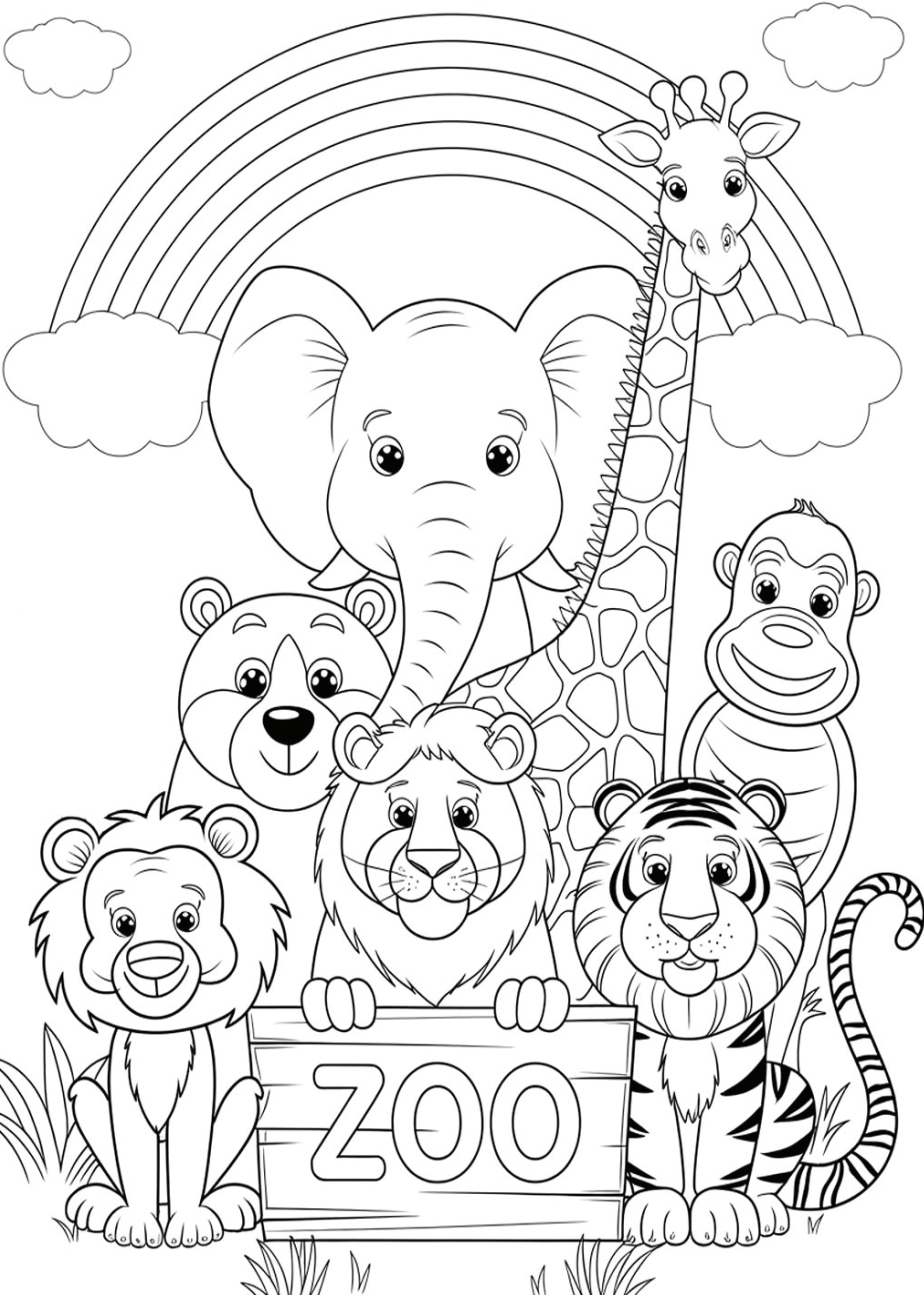
Clue: Golf equipment

D. 18 16 21 15 20 13

Clue: Attempt to hit the ball

Answers: A. course B. putt C. clubs D. stroke

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Mya Hickerson makes her mark in the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy



Mya presented an informative poster about dairy breeds at the 2026 Indiana State Fair.



Mya and fellow Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy participants participated in a 2026 farm tour.

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4-H Youth Development Educator

Mya Hickerson Makes Her Mark in the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy! Congratulations to Mya Hickerson, who recently completed her eighth year in 4-H and her experience with the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy! Mya is a student at Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School and will enter her junior year of high school this fall.

Mya was one of just 13 youth from across Indiana selected for the 2025-2026 Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy. Through this unique opportunity, she gained valuable dairy industry experience, explored career opportunities, and strengthened her leadership skills.

Over the past year, Mya attended the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, visited Hoard's Dairyman, Crave Brothers Farm, and World Dairy Expo, and toured dairy operations across Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Mya wrapped up her academy experience at the Indiana State Fair, where she shared her knowledge of dairy breeds and assisted with the 4-H Dairy Skill-a-thon Contest.

Mya shared, "The 4-H Dairy Academy helped me expand my understanding of the dairy industry and the many opportunities available within it. This experience allowed me to explore different career paths and helped me gain a clearer understanding of what I would like to pursue in my future."

We are incredibly proud of Mya for representing Dubois County 4-H and making the most of this outstanding opportunity! Her dedication, leadership, and passion for the dairy industry are an excellent example of the opportunities 4-H provides for young people to learn, lead, and discover their future.

Learn more about the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy through Purdue Extension here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/morgan/4-h-dairy-youth.html>



Mya assisted with the 2026 Indiana 4-H Dairy Skill-a-Thon at the Indiana State Fair.



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