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Grant County CAFO decision raises questions as county rewrites its own rules

GRANT COUNTY, IN — August 2026 — A proposed large-scale swine operation in northwest Grant County is scheduled to come before the Grant County Area Plan Commission on September 14, even as the County is undertaking another comprehensive review of the regulations governing animal feeding operations.

Residents are asking environmental and wildlife professionals to evaluate the proposed site and surrounding watershed before a decision is made.

The timing raises questions because Grant County’s own recent actions acknowledge that its current CAFO regulations may need significant changes.

In 2018, the Grant County Commissioners adopted Resolution 5-2018 after determining that the County’s existing animal-feeding-operation regulations “fail to adequately regulate” such operations. The Commissioners directed the Area Plan Commission to review the regulations and specifically identified

concerns including property values, odor, water quality, public health, noise, fiscal impact and setbacks.

The resolution also directed the APC not to approve a development plan for an animal feeding operation until the County Commissioners had an opportunity to act on the APC’s recommendations concerning possible changes to the ordinance.

According to an August 2026 email from Grant County Area Plan Commission Executive Director Todd Glancy, no County Commission vote has occurred addressing Resolution 5-2018, and the County acknowledges that there is a legal question concerning whether the resolution was ever binding or remains binding after eight years.

Now, eight years later, the APC has again determined that its CAFO regulations warrant comprehensive review.

Resolution 003-26, adopted August 19, 2026, states that the current regulations contain provisions

concerning development-plan review, separation distances and waivers, geological investigation, groundwater monitoring, manure-storage facilities, infrastructure and environmental protection that “warrant comprehensive review and possible amendment.”

The resolution further states that applications for the establishment, expansion, enlargement or material modification of a CAFO may be directly affected by the changes under consideration.

The APC has temporarily suspended the filing of new CAFO applications while that review takes place. However, the resolution expressly makes no determination concerning pending applications.

That leaves residents asking a straightforward question:

Why should a major CAFO application receive a final decision while the County is simultaneously determining whether the regulations governing that

application require substantial revision?

Residents are not asking the County to assume that the proposed operation will cause environmental harm. They are asking that the County determine what environmental resources are present before approving an operation that could permanently alter the area.

The proposed operation is located approximately two miles south of the Mississinewa Reservoir, in an area containing woodland, pasture, waterways and wildlife habitat. Residents have identified drainage pathways from surrounding agricultural fields toward a local creek and ultimately the Mississinewa watershed.

They are seeking qualified professionals to evaluate:

- wildlife and sensitive habitat on and around the proposed site;
- drainage and watershed connections;
- groundwater and surface-water resources;
- potential nutrient movement associated with manure

application; and • whether the existing regulatory standards adequately address the environmental conditions of this particular site.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management includes Mississinewa Lake in its recreational cyanobacteria monitoring program, and IDEM identifies nitrogen and phosphorus as nutrients that can contribute to cyanobacterial growth.

Residents emphasize that they are not claiming that the proposed CAFO will cause an algae bloom or water pollution. Their concern is whether potential impacts should be independently evaluated before approval.

“We’re not asking the County to take our word for it,” said local resident Rosanna Benbow. “We’re asking them to look before they make a decision. Before we approve an application that could cause damage to federally endangered species, let’s assess the risk. Let’s have an assessment of the

rolling hilly land and assess the risk of a large rain event washing manure into the reservoir. And if the County has determined that its CAFO regulations need comprehensive review, we believe the public deserves to understand how a major pending application should be evaluated while that review is taking place.”

The Grant County Area Plan Commission is scheduled to consider the pending CAFO application at 7:00 p.m. September 14, 2026.

Residents are seeking environmental, wildlife, watershed and investigative reporters who are interested in examining the proposal and the County’s regulatory history.

They are also asking qualified environmental and wildlife professionals and conservation organizations to review the site and determine whether independent assessment is warranted before the September 14 decision.

Keeping critters out of your yard

Many homeowners want their backyards to serve as sanctuaries. However, some may be sharing their relaxing backyard domains with uninvited guests. From raccoons checking out

trash cans to deer munching on prized flowers to squirrels raiding the bird feeders, unwanted wildlife can transform a normally peaceful spot into a frustrating space.

According to data tracked by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, wildlife damage in the United States accounts for billions of dollars in losses each year. Although a large portion of these losses are agricultural, residential damage should not be overlooked. Deer, rodents, raccoons, moles, and skunks are known to wreak

havoc on a property.

Keeping animals out of the yard requires an approach that balances efficacy with humane practices. These tips, courtesy of the Humane Society of the United States, can help.

- Modify the habitat. Homeowners should remove the incentive for animals to visit a landscape. This means identifying features that attract wildlife and removing them. Picking up fallen fruit from trees, locking trash bin lids, storing birdseed in airtight containers, and treating the lawn for grubs, can reduce the chances that



animals will visit.

- Erect physical barriers. Fences make for great neighbors and also are a viable option for keeping out large intruders. To deter deer, homeowners likely will have to put up a fence that is at least eight feet tall, as deer can easily jump lower barriers. For

burrowing animals, fencing that extends underground and turns outward is essential to prevent digging.

- Use sensory deterrents. Modern repellents use smells or tastes that will keep animals at bay. For example, some repellents will use predator

urine to dissuade certain animals from spending time in the yard. Additional deterrents include motion-activated sprinklers or lights that scare animals away.

- Work with neighbors. Critter prevention must be a community effort. If one neighbor is leaving out food for feral cats or feeding deer, then they may be compromising the efforts of homeowners looking to keep wildlife at bay. Making a neighborhood pact to be consistent with pesky animals will help everyone avoid damage and potential animal interactions.

A new role for a familiar fact at Arts Place

We're excited to share that Laura Pieper has been named Treasurer of the Arts Place Board of Directors!

Laura's connection to Arts Place goes back many years. She worked at Arts Place from 2018 to 2021, has served on our Board for the past several years, and has participated in everything from flute choir to art classes.

"I'm honored and excited to serve as Treasurer. Arts Place has been an important part of my life and our community. I believe it's so important to have a place where people can learn, create, perform, and experience the arts. Whether it's music, art, or theater, the arts bring people together and make our communities stronger."

Please join us in congratulating Laura on her new role! We're grateful for her passion, leadership, and commitment to Arts Place and the communities we serve in Portland, Hartford City, and beyond.



Reserved hunt applications open for waterfowl, deer, gamebirds

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Hunters may apply for reserved hunts online at GoOutdoorsIN.com. Reserved hunts available in this round include waterfowl, deer, and gamebird hunts on properties managed by the DNR Division of Fish, Wildlife & Nature Preserves (DFWNP), on Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) properties, Indiana State Park properties, and on National Wildlife Refuge properties.

The online application method is the only way to apply for these hunts. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a valid Indiana hunting license for the hunt to which they are applying. A \$1 tech fee is charged for each hunt application purchased.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

First time GoOutdoorsIN.com users will be directed to create an account through the Access Indiana portal and to look up their existing DFWNP record. Users should verify that all personal information is up to date in the "Your Profile" menu option after logging in. For questions related to an online account, call 317-232-4082 or email INHuntFish@dnr.IN.gov . Hunters at each participating property will be selected through random computerized

draws and will be able to view results online. An email will be sent to all applicants when the drawings have been completed.

For Indiana State Park property deer management hunts, hunters may apply individually or as part of a group. Hunters should only apply as a group if they are not interested in hunting unless all group members are drawn. Group and individual applications are weighed equally.

Reserved hunts in this application period include:

- Waterfowl hunts at participating DFWNP properties.
- Deer archery hunts at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and participating DFWNP properties.
- Deer firearms and archery hunts at participating State Park properties.
- Deer firearms and muzzleloader hunts at Big Oaks NWR and participating DFWNP properties.
- Gamebird hunts on gamebird areas in northern Indiana. Youth hunts will be offered. These hunts are not put-and-take pheasant hunts..
- IPLA hunts for waterfowl, gamebirds, deer archery, deer firearms and muzzleloader, late season deer muzzleloader and archery, squirrel, and rabbit.

For a complete list of hunts available, see on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

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Sweetser Wesleyan Church (765) 384-7232 200 West Delphi Pike Sweetser, IN 46987 www. https://www.sweetserwesleyan.org Sunday Morning 10 am	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 9 a.m. (Hartford City)
Back Creek Friends – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	One of Ten Ministries and Church – 10:30 a.m. Pilgrim Holiness – 6 p.m.
Back Creek Wesleyan – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	Real Community Covenant Church – 10 a.m. – 1240 S. Adams in Marion
Fairmount Baptist Church – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30	Westview Wesleyan , 11 a.m. (Jonesboro) Women of Hope Bible Study – Tuesday – 10 a.m. (Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)
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IDEM notified of petroleum incident last week

On August 20, 2026, the Grant County Health Department received notification the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on August 19, 2026, of such an incident from the owner or operator of the Handy Andy 18 facility located at 101 North Main Street in or near Van Buren, Indiana in Grant County.

- For further information on the Petroleum Remediation Program, please go to https://www.in.gov/idem/tanks/.
- Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 232-8900 or by e-mail at LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov.

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Sandra Sue Gutierrez

Sandra Sue Gutierrez, 72, of Marion, passed away in her home at 3:31 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The family received visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

John L. Nave

John Lewis Nave, 96, passed away at his home on August 19, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones into the arms of Jesus. Services for John are entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 South Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana 46928. Visitation will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Jeff Luedtke officiating. Private burial will take place at a later date at Marion National Cemetery.

Karen Sue Lex

Karen Sue Lex, 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 19, 2026 at her residence. Funeral service were held at 11 am Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Calvary Pentecostal Church, 901 N. Richmond St., Hartford City with her son, Pastor Kevin Lex officiating. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

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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. — 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 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.

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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

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Oak Hill rolls past Marion

Staff Report

MARION — Oak Hill rolled past Marion 7-1 in a girls' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Following the win, Oak Hill moved to 3-0.

Landri Hardman recorded a hat trick and led Oak Hill to the win. Hardman scored three goals and distributed one assist for the Lady Eagles.

Oak Hill benefitted from a balanced offensive attack. The additional offensive contributors for Oak Hill were Berklie Hardman (one goal), Quinn Masey (one goal), Lorelei Mauldon (one goal), Mileigh Miller (one assist) and Callie Nuber (one assist).

Defensively for Oak Hill, goalkeeper Jolee Hawkins recorded a shutout.

Oak Hill remained in the win column after shutting out Kokomo 6-0 on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

The Lady Eagles defeated Eastbrook 3-1 in a season opener on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Boys' High School Soccer

Oak Hill edges Marion 2-1

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

GOLDEN EAGLES



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	@ Norwell	7:00 PM	A
9/4	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Frankton	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Alexandria Monroe	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Blackford	7:00 PM	A
10/2	@ Elwood	7:00 PM	A
10/9	Eastbrook	7:00 PM	H
10/16	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Oak Hill defeats Manchester

Staff Report

CONVERSE — Oak Hill defeated Manchester 3-1 in a home opener on Thursday, Aug. 20.

The Lady Eagles were productive throughout the early-season high school volleyball match, winning 25-13, 23-25, 25-14, 26-24

Morgan Cates and Aleese Warnock led Oak Hill with five aces apiece. Following Cates and Warnock, Lilly Edwards delivered three aces.

Cates paced Oak Hill at the net, finishing with

18 kills. Near Cates in the key category for Oak Hill, Brianna Dailey tallied 16 kills.

Producing in a key defensive category, Edwards provided 14 digs. Behind Edwards, Cates tallied 13 digs.

Brianna Dailey finished with four solo blocks and seven block assists. In another strong effort, Brailynn Michaels posted four block assists as well.

Londyn Frank registered 19 assists while Kora Weller contributed 14 assists.

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	@ Marion	7:00 PM	A
9/4	@ Frankton	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Alexandria-Monroe	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Blackford	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Elwood	7:00 PM	A
10/2	Eastbrook	7:00 PM	H
10/9	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Oak Hill	7:00 PM	H

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BRUINS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	Wes-Dei	7:00 PM	H
9/4	Elwood	7:00 PM	H
9/11	@Eastbrook	7:00 PM	A
9/18	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A
9/25	Oak Hill	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Frankton	7:00 PM	A
10/9	@ Alexandria-Monroe	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Madison Grant	7:00 PM	H

MARION

GIANTS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	Mississinewa	7:00 PM	H
9/4	Columbus North	7:00 PM	H
9/11	@ Lebanon	7:00 PM	A
9/18	@ Muncie Central	7:00 PM	A
9/25	Kokomo	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Richmond	7:00 PM	A
10/9	Lafayette Jefferson	7:00 PM	H
10/16	@ Anderson	7:00 PM	A

EASTBROOK

PANTHERS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	FWCL	7:00 PM	H
9/4	@ Alexandria Monroe	7:00 PM	A
9/11	Blackford	7:00 PM	H
9/18	Elwood	7:00 PM	H
9/25	@ Madison Grant	7:00 PM	A
10/2	@ Mississinewa	7:00 PM	A
10/9	@ Oak Hill	7:00 PM	A
10/16	Frankton	7:00 PM	H

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Marion cross country teams place second in Richmond Hard & Hounds Invitational

Staff Report

RICHMOND — The Marion boys' and girls' cross country teams earned second-place finishes in the Richmond Hare & Hound Invitational at Indiana University East on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Runners from Marion, Richmond, Connersville, East Central, Friends and

Oldenburg Academy competed in the Richmond Hare & Hound Invitational. The individual results for the Marion cross country runners follow.

Boys' 5,000 Meter Run: Albert Tucker, 17:24.62, 3rd; Gaige Mitchell, 18:20.52, 8th; Micah Hawkins, 18:45.80, 10th; Elias Khalouf, 20:32.42, 19th; Axel Ortiz,

20:53.21, 21st; Malachi Beck, 21:52.63, 25th; Nick Smith, 22:57.05, 29th; Hayden McGee, 25:48.71, 36th; Javier Walden, 26:00.66, 37th.

Girls' 5,000 Meter Run: Lizzie Morgan, 22:01.53, 2nd; Liberty Vugteveen, 23:23.12, 6th; Gracie Dixon, 25:23.99, 13th; Litzzy Noriega, 25:34.12, 14th; Livia Beck, 25:34.56, 15th.



Each Marion cross country team placed second in the Richmond Hare & Hound Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 22.

photos courtesy of Marion High School Cross Country



Elementary cheer clinic to be held September 11th

Staff Report

CONVERSE — All children in grades K-6 are eligible to attend an upcoming elementary cheer clinic at Oak Hill High School.

The cheer clinic will be held from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Participants in the cheer clinic will be learning chants that they will be performing on the track with the Oak Hill High School cheerleaders during the second quarter of the Golden Eagles' football game on Friday, Sept. 11.

Early signups will

receive a free clinic shirt.

The cost is \$45 and includes the clinic and entrance into the game that night for the clinic attendees only. Pre-registration forms should be returned no later than Monday, Aug. 31 to ensure every child receives a clinic shirt.

For more information, contact Amber Messersmith via email (amberme@ohusc.k12.in.us) or phone (812-508-2768).

A link to register online for the cheer clinic is available at <https://oakhillathletics.com/Article/144236>.

Indiana High School Football Scoreboard

Results from Friday, Aug. 21	44, Bloomington North 6
Adams Central 35,	Bluffton 42,
Ft. Wayne Luers 20	Shenandoah 6
Angola 41, Goshen 18	Boonville 45,
Avon 31, Decatur Central 6	Evansville Bosse 0
Batesville 20, Triton Central 17, OT	Bremen 49,
Bedford N. Lawrence 33, Martinsville 27	Churubusco 14
Beech Grove 26,	Brownburg 48,
Indianapolis Perry Meridian 14	Lawrence North 25
Bloomington South	Brownstown 35,
	Corydon 0
	see SCOREBOARD , page 6

Crossroads League announces Athletes of the Week / Aug. 17-23

JACKSON, Mich. – The Crossroads League Athletes of the Week were announced on Monday, recognizing the league's top individual performances from August 17 through 23.

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

Maggie Hollon, Huntington

Hollon had at least 16 kills in each of Huntington's four outings, finishing the week with 5.5 kills per set and a .301 percentage. The sophomore had 20

kills in a loss to No. 17 Aquinas and closed her week with 26 terminations and a .393 percentage in a four-set win over Ohio Christian.

Volleyball Setter of the Week

Margo Hernandez, Taylor

Hernandez was efficient in RV Taylor's 4-0 week that included upset wins over No. 8 Bellevue and No. 21 Cornerstone. The senior setter tallied 130 helpers, 19 kills and seven aces in the four wins, avenging 9.3 assists and 1.4 kills per set on a .415 percentage.

Volleyball Defender of the Week

Ruth Anderson, Taylor

Anderson dominated play at the net for RV Taylor in its 4-0 week that included wins over No. 8 Bellevue and No. 21 Cornerstone. The sophomore had at least five blocks in each win, averaging 2.1 blocks and 2.4 kills per set, while hitting at a blistering clip of .371.

Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

Roarke Watterson, Taylor

Watterson excelled in his collegiate debut for Taylor, racking up six points in a 6-0 win over Defiance. The freshman midfielder had a role in all but one goal for the Trojans, scoring one

goal and assisting four others.

Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week

Ben Kenn, Grace

Kenn anchored the defense for No. 22 Grace in a pair of shutout victories over Northwestern Ohio and Saint Xavier. The junior goalie had three saves in each affair, closing the week with zero goals allowed and six saves in his 147 minutes of work.

Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

Nora Pollock, Grace

Pollock scored the lone goal of No. 12 Grace's, 1-0, upset victory over No. 4 Oklahoma Wesleyan.

The sophomore forward took two shots in the contest, netting the game-winner for the Lancers.

Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week

Ivy Cline, Grace

Cline and the No. 12-ranked Lancers posted a shutout of No. 4 Oklahoma Wesleyan. The junior keeper recorded one save in the match, working all 90 minutes in goal for Grace in the 1-0 victory.

We're proud of all athletes, and we wish you a wonderful and winning season!

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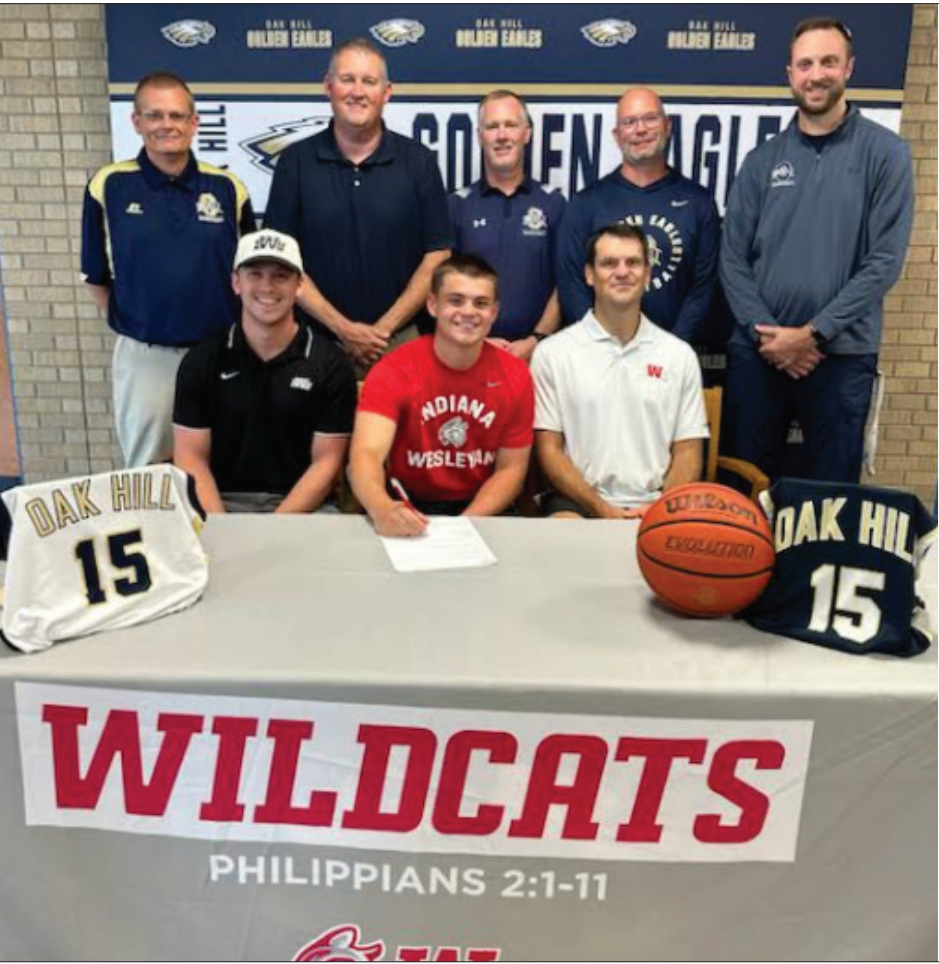
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Giants' basketball workout

Former Marion Giant Joseph Price visited a Giants' basketball workout in July and shared some experiences from his career. Price was an Indiana All-Star in 1982 and currently is the head coach for Dillard University in New Orleans.

photos courtesy of Marion High School Boys' Basketball



Making his college choice official, Oak Hill High School senior point guard Jace Tonagel signed with the Indiana Wesleyan University men's basketball program during a ceremony held on Friday, Aug. 21. The 5-9 senior guard has led Oak Hill in scoring, rebounds, assists and steals the past three seasons. He will enter his senior season needing only 28 assists to become the school's all-time assist leader for a career. Tonagel is fourth all-time in scoring and needs to average 13.3 points per game to take the top spot in that category.

photo courtesy of Oak Hill High School Athletics

High School Football

Comets outlast Golden Eagles in season opener

Staff Report

CONVERSE — Eastern outlasted Oak Hill 28-27 in a high school football season opener on Friday, Aug. 21.

The Comets and Golden Eagles swapped leads during the high school football season opener.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Eastern and Oak Hill each reached the endzone twice during the second period.

Eastern and Oak Hill were tied 14-14 at halftime.

Oak Hill clung to a 21-20 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter but couldn't hold off visiting Eastern.

Eastern converting on a two-point conversion attempt during the fourth quarter proved to be the difference in the game.

Quarterback Gibson Eagle led Eastern to the win, completing 11 of 14 passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns. On the ground, Eagle rushed 19 times for 125 yards and one touchdown.

Bently Hullinger emerged as Eastern's leading receiver, hauling in

six receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

As a team, Eastern rushed 31 times for 199 yards and one touchdown.

Dylan Archer led Oak Hill, supplying three rushing touchdowns for the Golden Eagles. Aiding Oak Hill offensively, Jett Ott added one rushing touchdown.

Oak Hill is scheduled to visit Norwell for its next game on Friday, Aug. 28. The Oak Hill-Norwell game is slated to kick off at 7 p.m.

Mississinewa Fall Development Basketball League registration open

Staff Report

GAS CITY — Registration is open for the Mississinewa Fall Developmental Basketball League.

Boys in seventh grade and eighth grade are eligible for the Mississinewa Fall Developmental Basketball League, which is scheduled to open its season in September.

The Mississinewa Fall Developmental Basketball League's season is scheduled to span from Sunday, Sept. 14-Sunday, Oct. 11.

Two games will be played each Sunday during the league's season.

There will be an end of season tournament.

There will be two practices each week starting Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The registration fee for the league is \$55-\$75, depending on the

number of players.

Registration for the Mississinewa Fall Developmental Basketball is available online on the Mississinewa Basketball Facebook Page.

For more information about the Mississinewa Fall Developmental Basketball League, email josh_brooks@olemiss.k12.in.us.

SCOREBOARD, from page 5		Guerin Catholic 22, McCutcheon 14
Carmel 47, Fishers 0		Hagerstown 34, Knightstown 14
Carroll (Flora) 37, Seeger 16		Hammond Central 40, S. Bend
Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 54, Hamilton		Washington 0
Southeastern 23		Hanover Central 28, Michigan City 10
Cascade 41, Monrovia 7		Heritage 21, New Haven 2
Castle 29, Evansville North 26		Heritage Hills 49, S. Spencer 13
Caston 54, Whitko 14		Hobart 33, Chesterton 0
Centerville 47, Winchester 12		Huntington North 45, Eastbrook 13
Central Noble 35, Culver 7		Indian Creek 52, Western 7
Charlestown 35, Silver Creek 16		Indianapolis Ben Davis 33,
Clarksville 62, Henryville 20		Indianapolis Cathedral 27
Clinton Central 12, Frankfort 6		Indianapolis Chatard 35,
Clinton Prairie 28, Frontier 13		Lafayette Jeff 7
Cloverdale 69, Greencastle 32		Indianapolis Lutheran 35,
Columbia City 45, NorthWood 7		Indianapolis Attucks 0
Columbus North 14, Whiteland 7		Indianapolis N. Central 42,
Connersville 50, Richmond 20		Brebeuf Jesuit Prep 37
Covington 66, Tri-County 0		Indianapolis Shortridge 49,
Crawfordsville 21, Parke Heritage 20		Trinity Lutheran 6
Crown Point 42, Lowell 7		Indianapolis Washington 6,
Danville 42, Indianapolis Ritter 6		Phalen 0
DeKalb 46, Garrett 7		Jay Co. 55, Blackford 6
Delphi 35, Benton Central 7		Jennings Co. 28, Paoli 21
E. Central 21, Lawrenceburg 0		Jimtown 41, Wawasee 21
E. Noble 19, Ft. Wayne North 0		LaPorte 34, New Prairie 21
Eastern (Greene) 41, Pike Central 12		LaVille 24, Triton 6
Eastern (Greentown) 28, Oak Hill 27		Lafayette Central Catholic 63,
Eastside 45, S. Adams 27		Mitchell 6
Edgewood 29, Springs Valley 8		Lafayette Harrison 43, W.
Elkhart 22, Concord 20		Lafayette 40
Evansville Mater Dei 56,		Lapel 49, Hamilton Hts. 19
Evansville Central 14		Lawrence Central 67,
Evansville Memorial 48, Jasper 14		Jeffersonville 20
Evansville Reitz 46, Evansville Harrison 0		Leo 42, Ft. Wayne Wayne 0
Fairfield 43, Calumet 14		Logansport 61, Peru 20
Faith Christian 48, Attica 8		Maconaquah 42, Sheridan 27
Floyd Central 31, Gibson		Madison-Grant 16, Belmont 12
Southern 24		Merrillville 27, Andean 21
Forest Park 16, Mt. Vernon 15		Milan 56, Rushville 0
Franklin 35, Southport 0		Mishawaka 40, Mishawaka
Franklin Central 31, Plainfield 7		Marian 14
Franklin Co. 42, New Castle 21		Monroe Central 44, Union Co. 0
Fremont 46, Ft. Wayne		Mooreville 34, Columbus East 21
Blackhawk 7		Morrow Little Miami, Ohio 28, S.
Ft. Wayne Concordia 35,		Dearborn 0
Indianapolis Scecina 26		Muncie Central 23, Delta 22
Ft. Wayne Dwenger 15,		N. Daviess 47, Washington 12
Indianapolis Roncalli 14, 3OT		N. Decatur 39, S. Decatur 2
Ft. Wayne South 49, Marion 6		N. Judson 42, Knox 0
Glenn 33, Boone Grove 7		N. Posey 27, Southridge 14
Greenfield 33, Alexandria 27		N. White 30, Taylor 16
Greenwood 41, Seymour 20		New Albany 28, Providence 7
Griffith 63, Highland 13		New Palestine 28, St. Francis, Ill.
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SCOREBOARD, from page 6	Noblesville 64, Indianapolis Tech 0
	Northfield 28, N. Miami 14
	Northridge 62, W.
Noble 32	
Northview 46, Terre Haute North 0	
Northwestern 27, Manchester 14	
Norwell 34, Mississinewa 27	
Owen Valley 64, Brown Co. 0	
Pendleton Hts. 43, Lebanon 42	
Penn 49, Valparaiso 24	
Pioneer 20, Cass 15	
Rensselaer 52, Kankakee Valley 7	
Riverton Parke 21, Linton 0	
Rochester 46, Southwood 0	
S. Bend Adams 9, Culver 8	
S. Bend Riley 33, Hammond Noll 0	
S. Bend St. Joseph's 35, Lakeland (IN) 6	
S. Putnam 56, N. Putnam 14	
S. Vermillion 35, W. Vigo 21	
Salem 35, N. Harrison 6	
Shelbyville 39, Greensburg 14	
Southern Wells 21, Elwood 0	
Southmont 14, Fountain Central 12	
Speedway 47, Heritage Christian 19	
Sullivan 41, N. Knox 7	
Switzerland Co. 42, Crawford Co. 7	
Tell City 49, Perry Central 6	
Tippecanoe Valley 22, Plymouth 14	
Tipton 48, Frankton 14	
Tri 67, Union City 0	
Tri-West 42, Western Boone 20	
Twin Lakes 49, N. Montgomery 18	
Vincennes 7, Terre Haute South 6	
W. Washington 55, Eastern (Pekin) 6	
Warren Central 20, Center Grove 14	
Warsaw 33, Ft. Wayne Snider 30	
Wes-Del 74, Tri-Central 0	
Westfield 49, Homestead 21	
Winamac 34, W. Central 28	
Woodlan 21, Prairie Heights 0	
Yorktown 83, Anderson 0	
Zionsville 24, Indianapolis Pike 6	



2026 ISCA Boys & Girls Week 1 Rankings

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

Prohibition on slapping the head now applies to all players in high school football

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — In an ongoing focus on minimizing risk of injury in high school sports, the NFHS Football Rules Committee strengthened a rule related to illegal personal contact. Both revisions recommended by the committee were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The Football Rules Committee is composed of one member from each NFHS member state association that uses NFHS playing rules, along with representatives from the NFHS Coaches Association and NFHS Officials Association.

Previously, Rule 9-4-7 stated that defensive players could not use the hand(s) to slap the blocker's head. This year, the Football Rules Committee approved

language to apply the prohibition equally to the offense and defense.

“By eliminating the words ‘defense’ and ‘blocker’s’ from the rule prohibiting slapping an opponent’s head, the prohibition now applies to all players,” said Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the Football Rules Committee.

The other revision approved by the committee for the 2026 NFHS Football Rules Book concerns play cards worn primarily by quarterbacks. Previously, play cards could be worn only on the wrist or arm. This year, the committee approved wearing the play cards on the belt as well.

“The Football Rules Committee added the belt to the choices for players as the belt poses no health risk issue to

the player and poses no danger to the opponent,” Colgate said.

“From a rules perspective I believe the committee feels like the high school football game is in pretty good shape,” said Steve Roberts, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and associate executive director of the Arkansas Activities Association. “The two proposals that passed do not present significant changes to the game but do clarify and add options to enhance the overall value of the sport to all participants.”

The four points of emphasis identified by the committee for the 2026 season are Flagrant and Unsportsmanlike Fouls, Helping the Runner, Sideline Management and Control, and Identification of the NFHS Authenticating Mark on Game Balls.

In addition to the two major rules revisions noted above and several editorial changes, two rules changes approved in 2025 will become effective during the next two seasons.

Last year, the committee approved two new additional requirements in Rule 1-5-1d(5) for tooth and mouth protectors, which are required in high school football. Effective in 2026, tooth and mouth protectors a) shall not include any attachment(s) that do not serve a purpose and function in protecting the teeth or mouth, and b) shall not include anything that is a health or risk issue and could pose danger to themselves or other players.

A new item was added to Rule 1-5-2d regarding a change in arm sleeve specifications. The new language, effective

with the 2027 season, states that “arm sleeves, whether attached to a shirt or unattached, manufactured to enhance contact with the football or opponent, must meet the SFIA specification at the time of manufacture. Arm sleeves must have a permanent, exact replica of the SFIA arm sleeve seal (meets SFIA specification), that must be visible and appear legibly on the exterior of the arm sleeve.”

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), in working with football arm sleeve manufacturers and the NFHS, has developed the new football arm sleeve performance specifications to be effective with the 2027 season. The new specifications closely align with the current NFHS rules for football gloves.

A complete listing

of the football 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 “Football” and then “Rules.” The print version of the 2026 Football Rules Book will be available for purchase in late April at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in April via NFHS Digital at www.NFHS.org.

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, 11-player football is the most popular high school sport for boys with 1,029,588 participants in 14,269 schools nationwide. In addition, there were 35,097 boys who participated in 6-, 8- and 9-player football, along with 4,969 girls in all four versions of the game for a grand total of 1,069,654.

NFHS renews exclusive partnership with Varsity Spirit as Corporate Champion

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFHS has announced the renewal of its longstanding partnership with Varsity Spirit, reaffirming a shared commitment to supporting education-based activities and the millions of students who participate in high school spirit and performing arts programs nationwide.

As part of the renewed partnership, Varsity Spirit — a division of Varsity Brands and a global leader in cheerleading, dance team and band apparel, camps and competitions, and yearbook — will continue to serve as a

corporate champion of the NFHS and receive the following designations:

Official and Exclusive Cheerleading and Dance Apparel Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Cheerleading and Dance Training and Education Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Spirit Band Events Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Spirit Events Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive School Band and Color Guard Apparel Partner of the NFHS.

Through this renewed collaboration, the NFHS endorses and supports Varsity Spirit’s school-based

national championship events, including the National School Spirit Championships: the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC), the National Dance Team Championship (NDTC) and the National School Band Championship (NSBC), as well as the NCA and NDA High School Nationals and USA Spirit Nationals.

“Varsity has been an incredible partner and advocate for education-based spirit and performing arts programs,” said NFHS Executive Director Davis Whitfield. “Its commitment to safety, training, performance excellence and student

leadership aligns seamlessly with the NFHS mission. We are excited to continue working together to elevate opportunities for high school students across the country.”

Varsity Spirit has long supported NFHS initiatives through apparel, training, resources and championship experiences that celebrate student achievement and strengthen positive school culture. Through Varsity Spirit and Varsity Performing Arts, the organization provides industry-leading educational programming, safety standards and national

event platforms that elevate and showcase the dedication and talent of high school participants.

“Varsity Spirit is proud to continue our longstanding partnership with the NFHS and support its mission to advance education-based activities,” said Bill Seely, President of Varsity Spirit. “Together, we are committed to providing high-quality training, resources and championship experiences that create memorable moments for students and strengthen school spirit and culture across the country.”

As part of the partnership, Varsity Spirit will continue

to collaborate closely with the NFHS and its member state associations, administrators, coaches and activity leaders to support best practices, professional development and championship experiences that reflect the values of interscholastic education.

The renewal underscores a shared vision between the NFHS and Varsity Spirit to foster leadership, teamwork and school pride while ensuring that spirit and performing arts programs remain an integral and thriving part of the high school experience.

VICTORIOUS

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

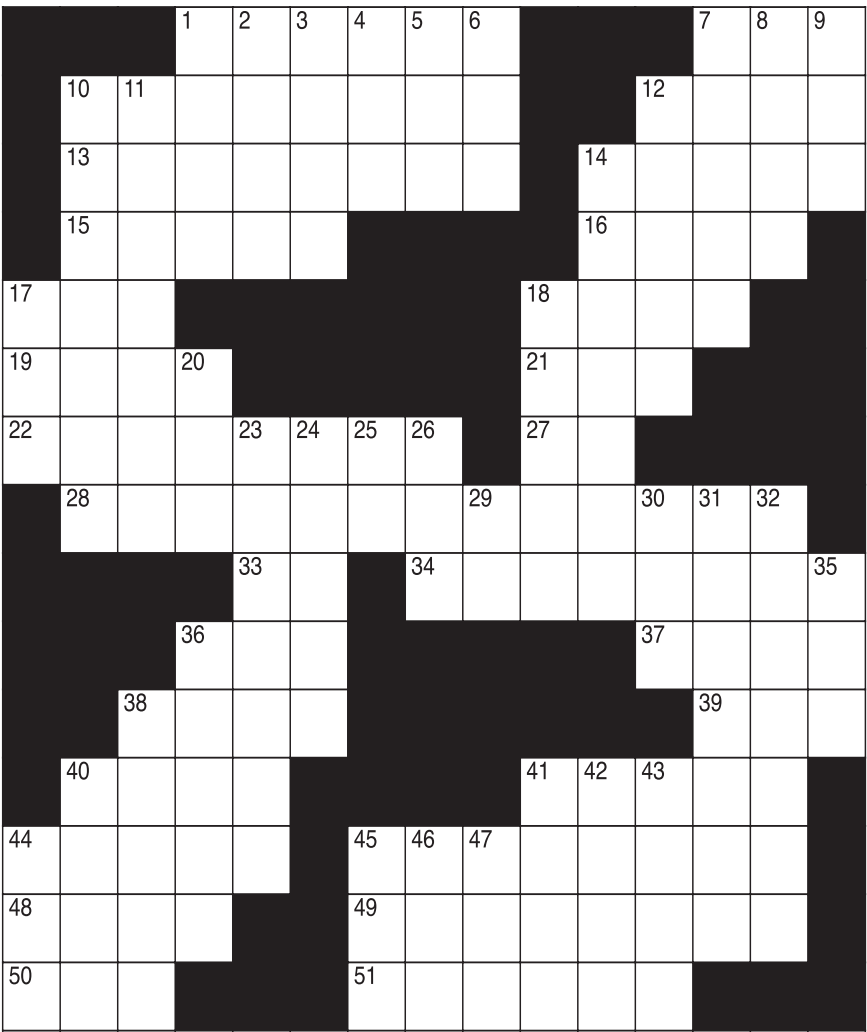
that God listens when we talk to Him. You also realize that asking for wisdom and spiritual discernment is critical if we are to walk in His truth. As technology has opened up opportunities for every person with an idea to have a global microphone, it’s important to not allow the ever-increasing sea 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

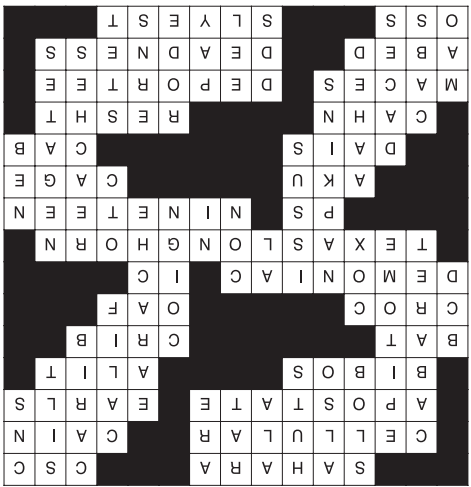
43. Remain as-is

44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snakelike fish

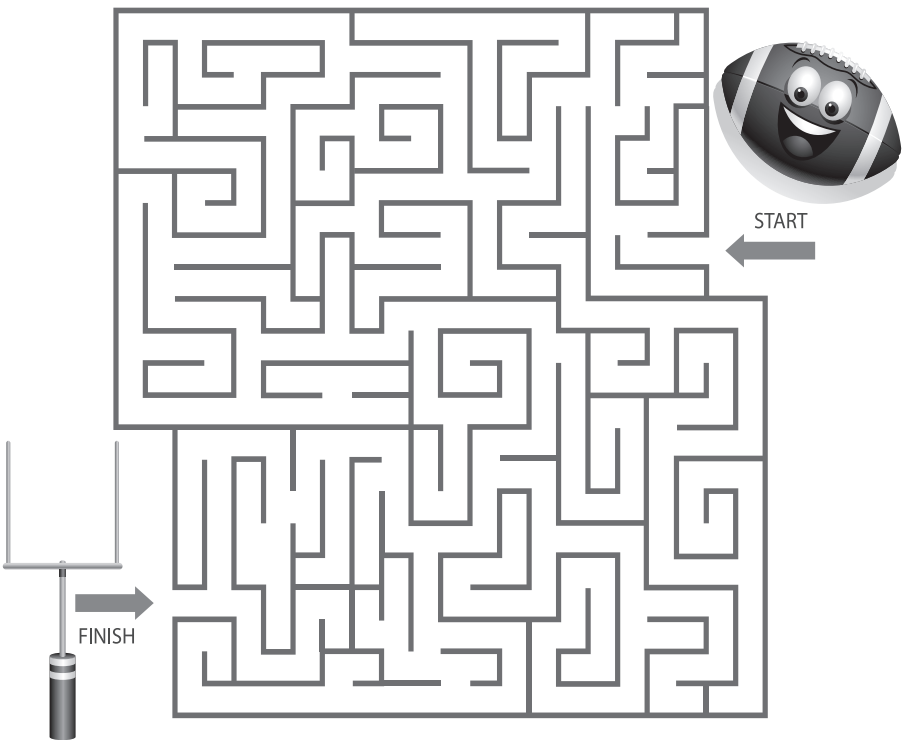
47. Compensate



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Maze Craze

Help this football score a field goal!



Word Search

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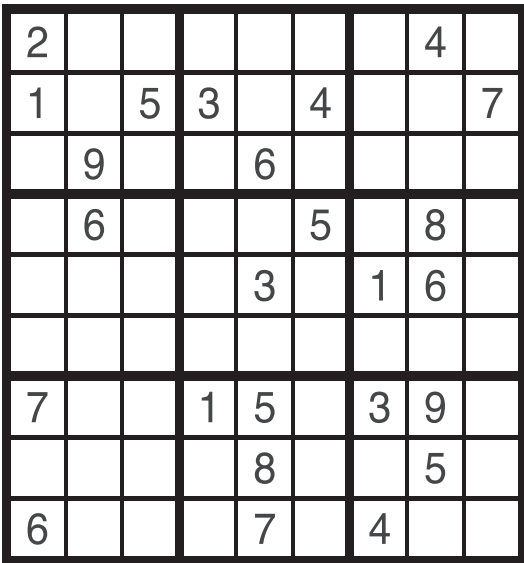
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How it Works:

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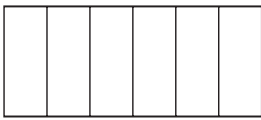
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Word Scramble

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



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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

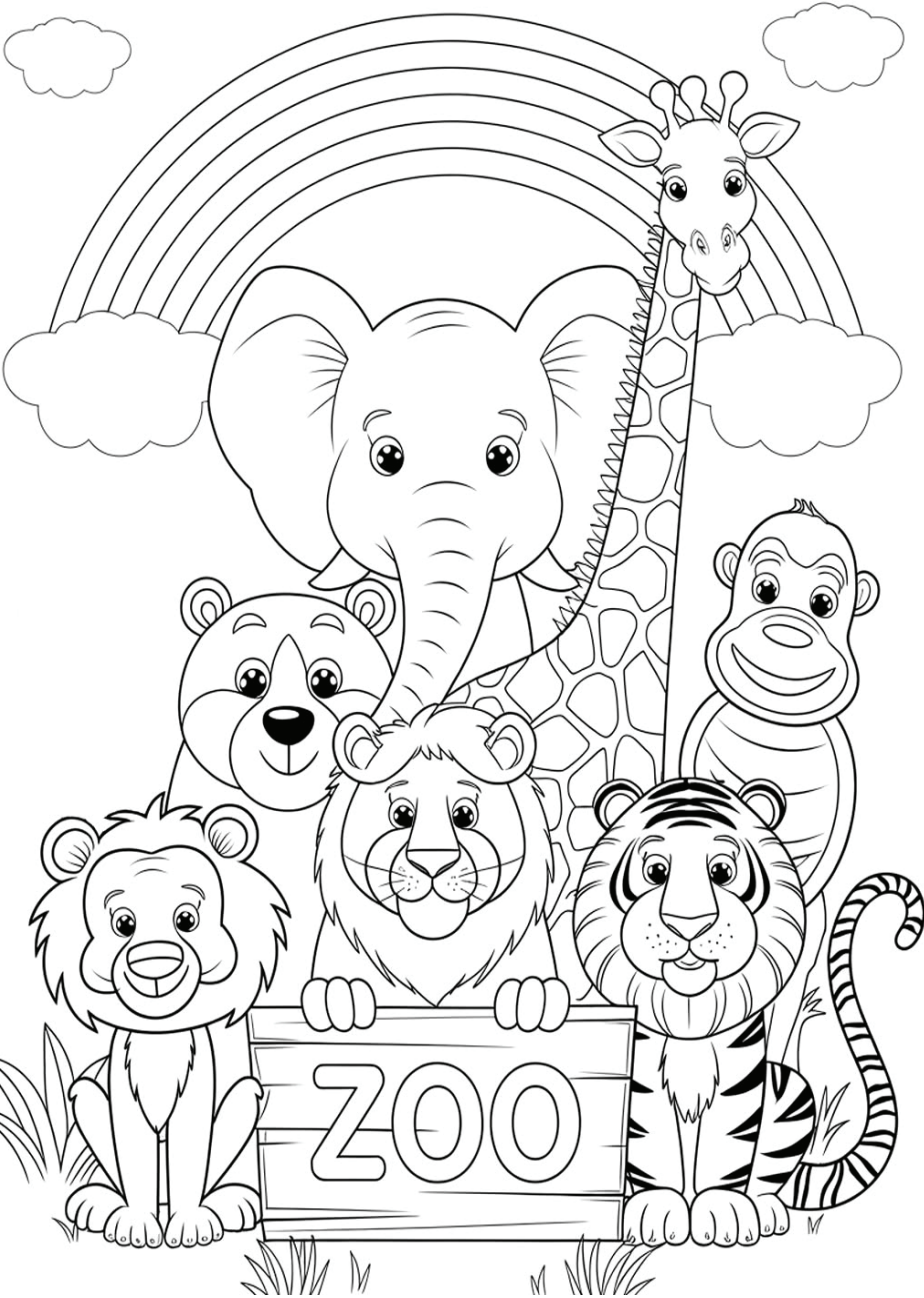
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D. 18 16 21 15 20 13

Clue: Attempt to hit the ball

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

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8	4	3	6	2	1	9	7	5
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Word Search Answers

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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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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>



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