



Being for Others Health & Wellness Foundation launches county health & Wellness networks across Southern Indiana

JASPER, IN – Being for Others Health and Wellness Foundation (BFO) has launched a series of county-based Health & Wellness Networks designed to bring together organizations, community leaders, service providers, and residents who are working to improve health and wellness throughout Southern Indiana.

The BFO Health & Wellness Networks represent an evolution of the community Advisory Councils that were previously hosted by Deaconess Memorial Medical Center (DMMC) across the region. Those councils played an important role in connecting community leaders, identifying local health priorities, and strengthening communication between DMMC and the communities it

serves.

“We are grateful for the leadership and community engagement that DMMC fostered through its Advisory Councils over many years,” said Christian Blome, President, BFO Foundation. “Our goal is to build upon that legacy by creating spaces where people can come together not only to discuss community needs, but also to share successes, strengthen relationships, and identify opportunities to work together to improve health and wellness outcomes throughout our region.”

For BFO, “Health & Wellness” is more than a clinical term. It is about the whole person and the conditions that allow individuals, families, and communities to thrive. It means having

access to physical care, emotional support, social connection, and the resources needed to live with dignity and purpose. This may include quality healthcare, mental health support, safe housing, food at home, clean clothes to wear, livable wages, or meaningful places to gather and belong. That is why public outreach is so integral to this effort. By creating space for collaboration, we hope to foster growth, connection, and shared community action that strengthens health and wellness for all.

“DMMC is proud of the relationships and community engagement fostered through our county Advisory Councils over the years,” said Sarah Maddox-Barnett, Sr. Business Development Coordinator, DMMC. “We look forward to

continuing this work alongside BFO and will remain active participants in the Networks as part of our ongoing commitment to the region.”

BFO Health & Wellness Networks are open to anyone interested in advancing health and wellness in their community, including representatives from healthcare, education, government, elected officials, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, employers, and community groups, as well as interested residents.

Individuals interested in participating or learning more about the BFO Health & Wellness Network are encouraged to visit www.beingforothers.org or contact BFO at info@beingforothers.org.

Jasper Touch-a-Truck marks 10 years

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — Children will have the opportunity to climb aboard and explore some of the City of Jasper’s biggest vehicles during the 10th annual Touch-a-Truck event.

The free, family-friendly event will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Schroeder Complex, 405 W. Second St. in Jasper.

Vehicles of different types and sizes will be on display, giving children and adults a chance to see the equipment up close, enjoy hands-on activities and take photos.

A quiet time with no horns or sirens is planned from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for visitors who may be sensitive to loud noises.

Families are invited to attend and take part in the fun.

Annual FOP Car and Truck Show Oct. 3rd

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — Classic, vintage and custom vehicles will roll into Jasper for the annual Fraternal Order of Police Car and Truck Show Saturday, Oct. 3.

Hosted by FOP Lodge No. 138, the show will be held at Uebelhor Toyota, 788 W. 12th Ave. in Jasper. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, with awards presented at 3 p.m.

Car and truck enthusiasts are invited to enter their vehicles for a chance to earn trophies. Awards will include the Top 40 Cars and

Trucks, Best of Show, Best GM, Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best Jeep and Best Truck. The first 50 entries will receive a dash plaque.

The registration fee is \$20. Visitors may view the vehicles, enjoy food from local food trucks and spend the day supporting FOP programs.

Money raised will benefit FOP Lodge No. 138 and help fund Shop with a Cop, summer camp and other community programs offered throughout the year.

For more information, contact Clint Gogel at 812-639-9950 or Russ Friedman at 812-683-2092

Disinger Jewelers gives back through Charity of the Month Program

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — Customers who shop at Disinger Jewelers are not only supporting a

local business but also helping organizations that make a difference throughout the community.

Disinger Jewelers,

with locations in Jasper and French Lick, highlights a different local nonprofit through its Charity of the Month program. The

initiative allows the jewelry store to support organizations that provide needed services and improve the lives of area residents.

Locking Arms for Suicide Awareness was selected as the store’s August Charity of the Month and recently received a \$1,350 donation from Disinger Jewelers.

The organization works to increase suicide awareness, encourage potentially lifesaving conversations and support individuals and families affected by suicide.

In July, the store supported Hopes and Dreams Inc., an organization that

provides emergency clothing, supplies and nonperishable food at no cost to individuals and families facing hardships or personal disasters.

The Dubois County Humane Society was selected as the May Charity of the Month. The organization provides care and compassion to animals in need throughout the community.

Known for combining small-town service with handcrafted jewelry, Disinger Jewelers strives to provide customers with merchandise and service that exceed their expectations. Its charitable program extends that

commitment beyond the store by investing in organizations serving the area.

The program also shows how shopping locally can have a broader impact. Purchases made at a community business can help support local jobs, strengthen the economy and provide assistance to organizations working to meet the needs of residents.

Through its continued giving, Disinger Jewelers is helping ensure that important community organizations receive recognition and support for the work they perform each day.



Area Deaths

Sylvan “Syl” L. Jahn

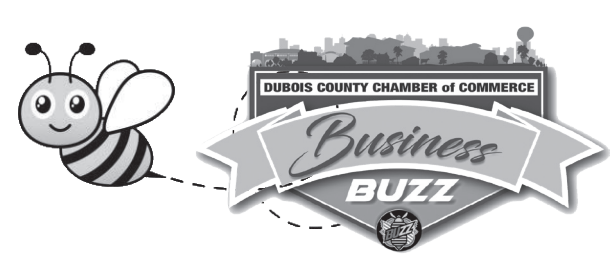
Sylvan “Syl” L. Jahn, age 92, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 5:43 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at home surrounded by family. A Mass of Christian Burial for Sylvan Jahn was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military graveside rites.

Patricia S. Deaver

Patricia “Pat” Deaver, age 97, of Huntingburg, passed away at 7:29 a.m., September 10, 2026, at Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand. Burial for Patricia “Pat” Deaver will be held in Greenbriar Memorial Gardens, in Lewisburg, West Virginia, at a later date. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Opal L. Minor

Opal L. Minor, age 97, of Dale, passed away at 9:20 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Willowdale Village nursing home in Dale. Funeral services for Opal L. Minor will be held at 11:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial will follow at Dale Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m., C.D.T., on Thursday, prior to the service at the funeral home. Condolences may be shared online at: www.raineyfuneral-home.com.



Your customers are changing. Is your business changing with them?

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One of the biggest challenges of owning a business is realizing that your customers don’t stay the same forever.

Their needs change. Their habits change. Their expectations change. What worked five or ten years ago may not work quite as well today. Yet it’s easy to fall into the mindset of, “This is the way we’ve always done it.”

Take a look at your own business through your customers’ eyes. Is your website easy to use? Are your hours convenient? Are you communicating where your customers actually spend their time? Is your purchasing process simple? Are you offering the products or services people are looking for today?

This doesn’t mean you need to completely reinvent your business every time a new trend comes along. In fact, constantly chasing trends can be just as harmful as refusing to change. The goal is to understand your customers and make thoughtful adjustments when necessary.

Sometimes the change can be small. Maybe you adjust your hours, update your signage, offer online ordering, improve your customer service, or start communicating more



regularly through social media. Other times, a bigger change may be necessary.

The best way to know what your customers want is to ask them. Talk to them. Read your reviews. Pay attention to the questions they ask and the things they request. Your customers are giving you valuable information every day; you just have to listen.

As business owners, we can become so focused on running the business that we forget to step back and experience it as a customer.

So, this week, take a fresh look. Walk through your business as if you’ve never been there before. What would you notice? What would make you want to come back? What might make you look somewhere else?

Your business doesn’t have to change everything to stay relevant. But it does need to keep moving.

The businesses that thrive aren’t necessarily the ones that change the most. They’re the ones that know when it’s time to change.

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Hagedorn named Little Miss Septemberfest

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

DUBOIS — Saylor Hagedorn was crowned Little Miss Septemberfest during the 24th annual Dubois Ruritan Septemberfest held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Dubois Community Park.

The Little Miss and Mister Septemberfest competition was among the day’s many family activities. The community

celebration also featured children’s games and inflatables, a kiddie tractor pull, food, live music, a 5K and 10K walk and run, and theme basket drawings.

Hosted by the Dubois Ruritan Club, the annual festival brings residents together for a day centered around “Good Friends, Good Food and Good Times” while supporting the organization and its community projects.

Harvest Day returns to Dubois County Museum

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — Plans are set for Harvest Day at the Dubois County Museum.

The family-friendly celebration will be held Sunday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors can experience traditions from days gone by through demonstrations and hands-on activities.

The afternoon will feature stone carving, quilt making, trapping and hunting demonstrations, dulcimer music, pony rides, loom weaving, honey collecting, sorghum making and butter churning.

Guests can also learn about corn planting, shelling and grinding and enjoy a barnyard animal encounter.

Free locally grown popcorn will be available, along with homemade ice cream and apple cider.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for high school students and \$2 for middle and elementary students. Children age 4 and younger will be admitted free.

The Dubois County Museum is located at 2704 N. Newton St. in Jasper. For more information, call 812-634-7733 or visit DuboisCountyMuseum.org.

If it Matters to You, It Matters to Us!

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LifeSpring
Health Systems

Primary Care
Mobile Unit

at the **Dubois County**
Health Department

Care That Comes to You

Dubois County Health Dept. announces upcoming programs

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — The Dubois County Health Department will offer two upcoming opportunities aimed at improving access to healthcare and preparing residents to respond during emergencies.

LifeSpring Health Systems’ Primary Care Mobile Unit will visit the health department from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on the second Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates are Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9.

The mobile unit provides a more convenient way for residents to receive routine care or assistance with specific healthcare needs. Those interested in scheduling, requirements or available services may call the LifeSpring Jasper office at 812-482-3020.

The health department will also offer a free American

Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid, CPR and AED training course Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon ET.

Health educators will provide hands-on instruction in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator. The course is open to Dubois County residents age 13 and older.

The training is intended for individuals with little or no medical experience, including those interested in emergency preparedness or who need a course completion card for employment or regulatory requirements.

Registration is required due to limited class space. For questions about the course, contact Mary Peters 812-481-7050.

Both programs will be offered at the Dubois County Health Department, 1187 S. St. Charles St. in Jasper.

‘Quest 4 the Flag’ brings outdoor adventure to Jasper Parklands

By Laurna Pruett
ING Writer

JASPER — Families, friends, coworkers and community groups are invited to put their problem-solving skills to the test during the Puzzled at Parklands: Quest 4 the Flag event Saturday, Oct. 3, at The Parklands of Jasper.

The outdoor adventure will take participants along a 1.5-mile course featuring nine challenge locations. At each stop, teams must complete a puzzle, activity or task before collecting a flag and continuing toward the finish line.

Two divisions will be offered. The Elite Division begins at 8 a.m. EDT and

consists of four-person teams, with at least three members age 16 or older. The Family Division begins between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and includes four-person teams with two participants younger than 16 and two adults.

Registration is \$60 per team, or \$15 per participant. Prices will increase after 11:59 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 27.

The event is designed to offer a fun, active outdoor experience while supporting the community. Ninety percent of the proceeds will benefit the Tri-County YMCA.

For additional information, contact DC Multisport at 812-482-9115.

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Living...in a troubled world

Jesus is still in the boat — you’re not alone

By Teresa LeNeave
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There is an old song many of us once sang: “Troublesome times are here; filling men’s hearts with fear.” Those words have been echoed throughout generations, because troubled times are nothing new. Yet while the world may give us reason to be concerned, this is not a time to panic. Instead, it is a time to embrace the promises of God; promises that never fail.

Hebrews 11:6 reminds us, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

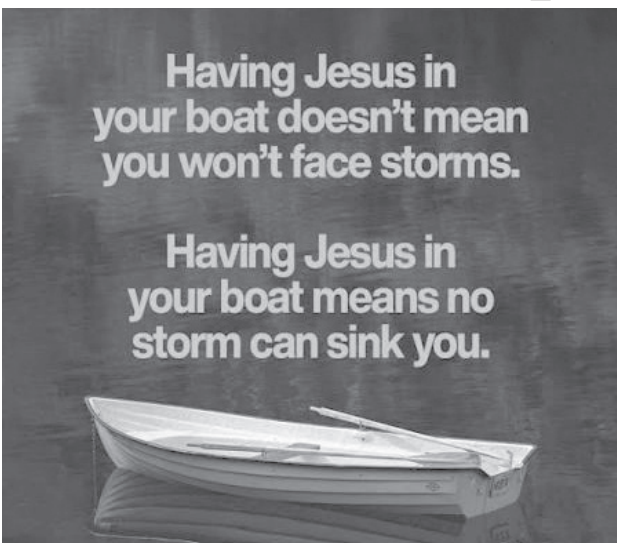
Faith requires determination and perseverance. It means choosing to trust God even when circumstances give us

every reason to doubt. Doubt tells us that God is absent or that our circumstances are beyond His control. Faith tells us otherwise.

The Bible gives us a powerful picture of this kind of faith in the account of Jesus and His disciples caught in a violent storm. While the disciples feared that the ship would sink, Jesus was asleep. When they woke Him, He simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm became calm. But Jesus did more than calm the troubled sea. He also calmed the troubled hearts of His disciples.

That is good news for us today. The same God who brought peace to the disciples in the midst of a storm is still able to bring peace to people facing storms of their own. Psalm 91 speaks of finding “rest in the secret place of the Most High.”

We are living



through difficult times. Hearts are broken, and people everywhere are facing circumstances that can seem overwhelming. Cancer has touched countless families, and many are fighting for their lives. My own family has experienced this struggle. My sister has stage 4 lung cancer, and I recently learned that my cousin has also been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. The struggle is real. Yet cancer is not the

only battle people are facing. Every person carries some kind of burden. It may not be a disease. It may be grief, financial hardship, loneliness, broken relationships, fear, uncertainty or a battle that no one else can see. Whatever the struggle, people everywhere need comfort, healing and hope.

We know that when circumstances look bleak, God is neither surprised nor afraid.

Nothing catches Him off guard. He knows what will happen before it happens. He has all authority and all power, and He remains sovereign over His creation.

That does not mean we will always understand why He allows certain things to happen. There are questions for which we may never have answers in this life. But perhaps that is where faith becomes most important. In times of struggle, we learn to trust the Creator even when we cannot understand His ways.

If God can keep the universe in motion, surely He is capable of taking care of us. Jesus said in John 20:29, “Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.” Though we cannot see faith with our eyes, but that does not make it unreal. Faith is a confidence in the God we cannot

physically see but who has revealed Himself through His Word and through His Son. First John 5:4 declares, “Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.” He sees what we cannot see. He understands what we cannot understand. And He knows how to bring His people safely through the storms of life.

That kind of peace does not come from pretending that problems do not exist. It does not come from blindly ignoring reality. True peace comes from believing God’s Word and knowing why we believe it.

We believe because God sent His Son to redeem us, to heal us and to restore troubled souls. The storm may be raging, but like the disciples, we do not have to face it alone. Jesus is still in the boat.

Choose to keep your face toward the light

By Dr. Billy Holland

Since before the world was made, God has known you and loved you. He has never taken His eyes away or ignored you. If you were to write down all the blessings and victories He’s provided, they would prove He has called you, saved you, and has been guiding and helping you every day of your life. You might say, it doesn’t seem like it, but remember, many times we made decisions that were not a part of His plan.

It’s common to be filled with a mixture of emotions. Worry, stress, sadness, and anxiety are everywhere, but just because there is a tornado of events going on around us does not mean we have to allow them to control us. Our minds are like sponges that absorb the constant sights and sounds of our chaotic world, but remember we are called to be guardians of what we think about. It’s in the quiet secret place of God’s presence that fills us with His hope, peace, and

contentment.

Has disappointment in the past caused you to not be as confident or excited as you once were? Of course, we all have times in our lives when we are upset and wonder why things happen or didn’t happen. Stop beating yourself up; you are perfectly normal. Life is a series of ups and downs, and no matter how charismatic a personality you may have, there will be seasons when we search deep within our soul to see if we are being attacked, or if maybe we are just not following God. Whatever the case, it’s easy to wallow in our sorrows, but if we will turn our attention away from ourselves and focus on listening to the Lord, the dark clouds of confusion will begin lifting, and the joy and compassion of God’s presence will fill us with hope.

I want to share a word with you from Psalm 42:5, and repeated again in verse 11: “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.” It is said that David wrote these words, and if you study his relationship with God, you know he had his share of sorrows, but he also learned how to encourage himself. He wrote this when his son Absalom committed treason, but even with something as devastating as this, he expresses that faith in God can generate hope when everything seems hopeless. He examines his own heart and understands there are times we will not comprehend why we are going through trials, but we are to obey and glorify God while we are waiting for our answer.

Instead of going to bed and covering our heads, let us look beyond our pity party and focus our eyes on the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Sometimes we are so absorbed with what we are going through, we just simply forget how much He cares about us. I had two situations a while

back that could have been tragic, but God intervened in them both. I was driving on the bypass and was getting ready to change lanes when, at the last second, I saw a car beside me out of the corner of my eye. If I had made that mistake, it probably would have been my last. The second situation involved me being on a ladder on my front porch the same day. I thought I was on the bottom step, but I was actually on the step above and fell onto the concrete and into the storm door. I broke the door and have a few bruises, but miraculously I was not seriously injured.

Throughout our lives, we’ve had some ups and downs, but all in all we have a lot to be thankful for. I know it’s easy at times to feel sorry for ourselves, but instead of feeling cast down, may we



Dr. Billy Holland

consider where we would be without God’s grace. Hope is a small word like love and joy, but it’s the power within the human soul to trust God and to know that His will CAN be fulfilled in our lives. Depression and discouragement come upon us when we are focused more on our emotions than our spiritual armor, so don’t forget, optimism and pessimism are hourly choices we make within our conscience. Many times we are our own worst enemy. Keep your face toward the light – and the shadows will always be behind you.

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Crying for milk

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

The chilling cry shatters the serene stillness of midnight. It disrespects the disarming dawn, too—as the sun rises higher, the unsettling shriek grows louder. The sharp-edged screech is unpredictable and may strike you anytime and anywhere. Even the sacred space of a sanctuary is not exempt—the hysterical wailing disrupts the preacher’s sermon and disturbs the congregation’s singing. The scream erupts from the lungs of my baby boy when

he is hungry—and he makes certain that his voice is heard.

Two seconds too late and his countenance becomes crimson. You cannot convince him to wait or distract him with toys. His appetite is insatiable, and he must be fednow.

Of course, he sometimes whines from boredom and whimpers when he wants to be held, but he has never once sobbed over news headlines, the color of his onesie, or because his stuffed animals looked at him the wrong way. His serious tears are solely for milk because his highest priority is

being fed.

He puts me to shame because I tend to cry over spilled milk: when foul weather ruins a hike, traffic makes me late for an appointment, or technology refuses to cooperate when I need it to work. But how frequently am I agitated by an irrepressible hunger for the milk of God’s word? What irritates me more: someone’s unkind words or how little I have heard from the word of truth (James 1:18)? And how often am I distracted by worldly amusements which diminish my desire for the law of the Lord,

to where I forget how much I need it? A Bible that often rests unopened on my desk testifies against me.

However, all believers—myself included—should “throw a fit” for the nourishment of the word of God. As Peter commanded, “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation” (1 Peter 2:2). Christians should ache with gnawing hunger morning, night, and throughout the hours between for the faith-food of Scripture. The Bible is not an optional appetizer or an occasional dessert—

your spiritual life depends on it: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Consequently, whether babes in Christ or seasoned saints, all children of God should crave the Scriptures, cry out for them, and drink deeply from its pages with a desperate urgency.

I have watched my son skyrocket from



Brandon Bramlett

an eight-pound newborn who couldn’t hold up his head to a four-month old who can roll over, belly-laugh, and say “mama” (despite strong coaxing to say “dada” first). He can do what he’s never done because he eats like he’s never eaten. Likewise, to grow in Christlikeness like you never have and do for God what you’ve never done, you must eat the truth of Scripture like you never have before (Jer. 15:16; 2 Tim. 3:16; Ps. 119:11).



photo courtesy of Northeast Dubois Volleyball
The Northeast Dubois junior varsity volleyball team won the Round Robin Championship on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Lady Jeeps defeated Mitchell and Eastern Greene.



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The Northeast Dubois varsity volleyball team won the Round Robin Championship on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Lady Jeeps defeated Mitchell and Eastern Greene.

High School Football

Patriots roll past Raiders

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — Heritage Hills rolled past Southridge 47-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference game at Raider Field on Friday, Sept. 11.

The Patriots improved to 3-1 after posting the win.

The Raiders dropped to 1-3 after absorbing the loss.

Heritage Hills set the tone early, reaching the endzone less than one minute into the game. The Patriots led 7-0 at the end of the opening quarter and quickly added to their lead during the second period.

Heritage Hills extended its lead and entered halftime ahead 40-0.

Perennial title contender Heritage Hills remained ahead 40-0 at the end of the third quarter.

The Patriots added another touchdown during the final period.

Quarterback Tyce Winchell led Heritage Hills to the win, completing 10 of 10 pass attempts for 276 yards and four touchdowns. In addition, Winchell hauled in a receiving touchdown.

Micah Toler reeled in two receiving touchdowns for the Patriots.

Hills through the air, Aiden Brockman added one receiving touchdown.

Delivering through the air and on the ground, Winchell added a rushing touchdown.

Defensively for Heritage Hills, Aiden Fischer delivered two interceptions and Karsen Pund returned a fumble for a touchdown.

Heritage Hills is scheduled to visit Washington for its next game on Friday, Sept. 18.

In another game scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, Southridge is due to visit Gibson Southern.

Aiding Heritage

Girls' High School Soccer

Heritage Hills shuts out Princeton

Staff Report

PRINCETON — Heritage Hills shut out Princeton 10-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference girls' soccer match on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The Lady Patriots excelled both offensively and defensively.

Cora Lasher (three goals, one assist), Kate Prior (two goals), Charlotte Asbury (one goal, one assist), Elsa Gelarden (one goal, one assist), Lexi Perez (one goal), Leah Brentlinger (one goal), Avery Peters (one goal), Sylvia Windell (two assists), Lila Hildenbrand (one assist), Molly Rich (one assist) and Madeline Schaefer (one assist) each contributed offensively for the Lady Patriots.

Hildenbrand paced Heritage Hills defensively from her position at goalkeeper, recording a shutout.

Heritage Hills and Princeton aren't scheduled to meet again in th 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

High School Football IFCA Poll

(Records in parentheses, spots moved up or down in brackets. "NR" means the team was not ranked last week.)	9. Avon (3-0) [-1]	[+1]
	10. Carroll (Fort Wayne) (2-1) [-]	8. Castle (2-1) [-1]
	Others receiving votes: Ben Davis, Columbus North, North Central, Elkhart, Hamilton Southeastern.	9. Plainfield (2-1) [-]
		10. Pendleton Heights (3-0) [-]
		Others receiving votes: Fort Wayne Snider, Evansville North, Terre Haute South, Bloomington North, Franklin.
Class 6A		Class 4A
1. Brownsburg (3-0) [-]	Class 5A	1. Bishop Chatard (3-0) [+2]
2. Westfield (3-0) [-]	1. New Palestine (2-1) [-]	2. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (3-0)
3. Center Grove (2-1) [+1]	2. Bloomington South (3-0) [-]	
4. Warren Central (3-0) [-1]	3. Cathedral (1-2) [-]	
5. Lawrence North (2-1) [+1]	4. Warsaw (3-0) [-]	
6. Crown Point (3-0) [+1]	5. Floyd Central (3-0) [-]	
7. Penn (3-0) [+2]	6. Concord (2-1) [-]	
8. Carmel (1-2) [-3]	7. Lafayette Jeff (1-2)	

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High School Football

Braves shut out Rangers

Staff Report

LYNNVILLE — Tecumseh shut out Forest Park 42-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference game on Friday, Sept. 11.

Following the loss, Forest Park dropped to 3-1 overall and opened 0-1 in the conference. The Rangers slipped into the loss column after starting the 2026 high school football season with three consecutive wins.

Tecumseh improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference after registering the win. The Braves won for the second straight week.

Forest Park and Tecumseh are longtime rivals.

The Rangers were forced to play from behind in each half. Tecumseh led 28-0 at halftime.

Forest Park is scheduled to host South Spencer for another conference game on Friday, Sept. 18. South Spencer is 1-3 overall and 0-1 in the conference

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Forest Park shuts out Pike Central

Staff Report

PETERSBURG — Forest Park shut out Pike Central 3-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference girls' soccer match on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Lady Rangers moved to 8-1-1 after posting the win.

Forest Park led 1-0 at halftime.

Paige Memmer, Mallory Morrison and Ellie Meunier each scored one goal for the Lady Rangers.

In addition to finding the net, Memmer distributed one assist.

Forest Park produced offensively and defensively during the conference match.

Goalkeeper Katelyn Kippenbrock paced Forest Park defensively, recording a shutout.

Kippenbrock logged 11 saves.

Forest Park and Pike Central aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Rangers knock off Chargers

Staff Report

PETERSBURG — Forest Park topped Pike Central 5-2 in a Pocket Athletic Conference boys' soccer match on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Rangers improved to 7-3 after registering the win.

Forest Park scored first and never trailed.

The Rangers led 3-1 at halftime.

Trevor James led Forest Park with a hat trick.

James scored a match-high goals for the Rangers, finding the net twice in the first half.

Accompanying James in Forest Park's scoring column, Parker Wolf and Luke Meunier netted one goal apiece.

Aiding Forest Park offensively, Hunter Osborne dished out three assists.

Chipping in for the Rangers, Lucas Dooley and Dexter Meyer added one assist apiece.

Meyer paced Forest Park defensively from his position at goalkeeper, holding Pike Central to a pair of goals.



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Heritage Hills won the first-ever Lincoln Cup Championship earlier in the 2026 girls' high school soccer season.

POLL, from page 4	Class 3A	Tippecanoe Valley.	1. Riverton Parke (3-0) [--]
--]	1. Evansville Memorial (3-0) [--]	Class 2A	2. Pioneer (3-0) [--]
3. East Central (2-1) [-2]	2. Evansville Mater Dei (3-0) [+2]	1. Brownstown Central (3-0) [--]	3. North Judson (3-0) [--]
4. East Noble (3-0) [--]	3. Lawrenceburg (2-1) [--]	2. South Putnam (3-0) [--]	4. Milan (2-1) [+2]
5. South Bend St. Joseph (3-0) [+3]	4. Andrean (2-1) [-2]	3. Lutheran (3-0) [--]	5. Lafayette Central Catholic (2-1) [-1]
6. Hobart (3-0) [+1]	5. Gibson Southern (2-1) [--]	4. Lapel (3-0) [--]	6. North Daviess (3-0) [+1]
7. Roncalli (1-2) [-2]	6. Adams Central (2-1) [--]	5. Eastside (3-0) [+1]	7. Madison-Grant (3-0) [+3]
8. Evansville Reitz (3-0) [NR]	7. Tri-West (2-1) [--]	6. Eastern (Greentown) (3-0) [-1]	8. Carroll (Flora) (2-1) [--]
9. Yorktown (2-1) [-3]	8. Indian Creek (3-0) [--]	7. Cascade (2-1) [--]	9. South Adams (1-2) [-5]
10. Mishawaka (2-1) [-1]	9. Twin Lakes (3-0) [--]	8. North Posey (3-0) [+1]	T10. Clinton Prairie (3-0) [NR]
Others receiving votes: Heritage Hills, Leo, Northridge, Northview, Columbia City, Hanover Central, Danville, DeKalb, Logansport.	10. Bluffton (3-0) [NR]	Others receiving votes: Bremen, Southmont, Alexandria.	T10. Springs Valley (2-1) [NR]
	Others receiving votes: Maconaquah, Mississinewa, Griffith, Scottsburg, Batesville, Norwell, Speedway,	Class A	Others receiving votes: Caston, Fremont, Wes-Del, West Washington, Tri, West Central.

High school soccer rankings

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

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Put-and-take pheasant hunt reservations now open

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Reservations for put-and-take pheasant hunts will open for purchase beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 a.m. ET at GoOutdoorsIN.com. The hunts take place from Nov. 21-29.

New for this year, pheasant hunt reservations will open for purchase in phases by property as listed below. All sales begin at the date and time listed and remain open until Nov. 9 or all reservations are sold.

- Glendale and Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWAs) hunt reservations open Sept. 9 at 7 a.m. ET.
- JE Roush and Atterbury FWAs hunt reservations open Sept. 16 at 7 a.m. ET.
- Pigeon River and Winamac FWAs hunt reservations open Sept. 23 at 7 a.m. ET.

Also new for this year, a limit of 20 hunts per customer applies for each sales phase. For example, a customer may purchase up to 20 hunts total for the Glendale and Tri-County FWAs sale and then purchase up to 20 additional hunts for the JE Roush and Atterbury FWAs sale. Put-and-take pheasant hunts are no longer offered at Willow Slough FWA to allow for the continued re-establishment of wild ring-necked pheasants and bobwhite quail. Wild ring-necked pheasant hunting is available at Willow Slough FWA and associated properties during the regular season (Nov. 1-Dec. 15).

Hunt reservations are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$30 fee and \$1 tech fee are charged for each reservation. Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and a game bird habitat stamp to hunt pheasants. Hunters should print their reservation confirmation sheet and bring it with them on the day of their hunts.

More information, including property details and purchasing instructions, is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Huntingburg Senior Center seeks support for four new benches

By Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

HUNTINGBURG — The Huntingburg Senior Center is seeking community support to add four benches and several trees along its new walking path.

The planned improvements will provide shade and comfortable places to rest while creating a more welcoming outdoor space for walking, visiting and enjoying time in the community.

Each bench is expected to cost approximately \$1,500. Donations of any amount will be accepted and may be made in honor or memory of someone special. A personalized nameplate will be placed on a bench when a donor contributes its full cost.

Checks should be made payable to the City of Huntingburg, with “Park Benches” written in the memo line.

For donation instructions or additional information about the project, contact Allison Bieker at 812-683-2211, ext. 1101.

Dubois County Museum announces extended hours

The Dubois County Museum is launching extended hours on the third Thursday of the month. The times will be from 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on these dates for 2026: September 17, October 15, November 15 (coinciding with the Opening of the Festival of Trees Christmas Tree decorating voting contest viewing, and December 17 (coinciding with the Free Evening at the Museum to announce the winners of the Christmas Tree voting contest). The dates for 2027 will follow on the third Thursday of the month.

Admission will be charged. It is \$5 per adults, \$3 per high school student, \$2 per middle school and elementary student and no charge for those children age 4 and under. Museum memberships will be honored.

The museum has had requests to extend our hours and have tried the extended hours during the Strassenfest with some success. Several volunteers have stepped forward to be present in the lobby area during this time. We are hoping to see visitors that stop and will not be disappointed that we are closing at the normal time of 2:00 p.m. We also hope school age children and families take advantage of these hours to visit the museum after school. Homeschool groups can schedule tours and parents with small children can have a place for their youngsters to move around inside the museum.

The museum is now air conditioned in our large farm equipment room (Room Two) and joins the other rooms at the museum already air conditioned. All the rooms are now kept at a comfortable temperature.

Come enjoy the Best Museum in Indiana (as recently voted on by the readers of Indiana Connection Magazine) and the Largest County Museum in Indiana.

If anyone would like to volunteer at the museum during these times, please contact Kathy at 812-630-8696, Museum Volunteer Coordinator.

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About the museum

The Dubois County Museum is a local nonprofit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and businesses. It is operated entirely by volunteers. It is located in Jasper at 2704 N. Newton Street (US231). Call (812) 634-7733. Please allow two hours to view exhibits.

Visit the museum web site at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Follow on Facebook.

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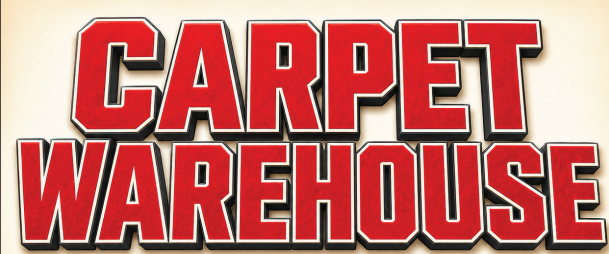
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Bottomland Forest Ecology Hike

Bottomland Forest Ecology Hike presented by The Friends of the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge will be held on October 3rd.

Join the Friends of Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge as we offer a guided hike to explore the secrets of the bottomland hardwood forest! Topics will include forest succession, types of forests, bottomland forest ecology and a discussion on the bottomland oak species, many of which are only found in Indiana in this corner of the State. The hike will be lead by Doug Brown, an experienced forester and conservationist, on Saturday, October 3, at a recently acquired property east of Winslow in Pike County. The roundtrip hike will be approximately 1.5 miles with an elevation change of about 100' and will last about one hour. Participants should dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking/ hiking shoes, and insect repellent. An optional tour after the hike will be offered that will showcase a bottomland hardwood forest planting near the Survant Station boat ramp.

Directions: From the junction of SR 64 and SR 61, head toward Winslow and go 3.8 miles. Turn right onto E North Street. Go 0.5 mile and then turn left onto N Collins St. In 400 ft, turn right on Jasper Rd. In 0.2 mile stay on Cato Winslow Rd/CR 475 E. Go one mile and turn right onto Bruster Branch Rd/CR 200 S. In 0.8 mile the destination will be on the right. Look for a Refuge event sign. The latitude and longitude are: 38.391798, -87.174402.

Fall is a beautiful time of the year to explore and learn about the forests of Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. Don't miss this opportunity. It will be "tree"mendous!



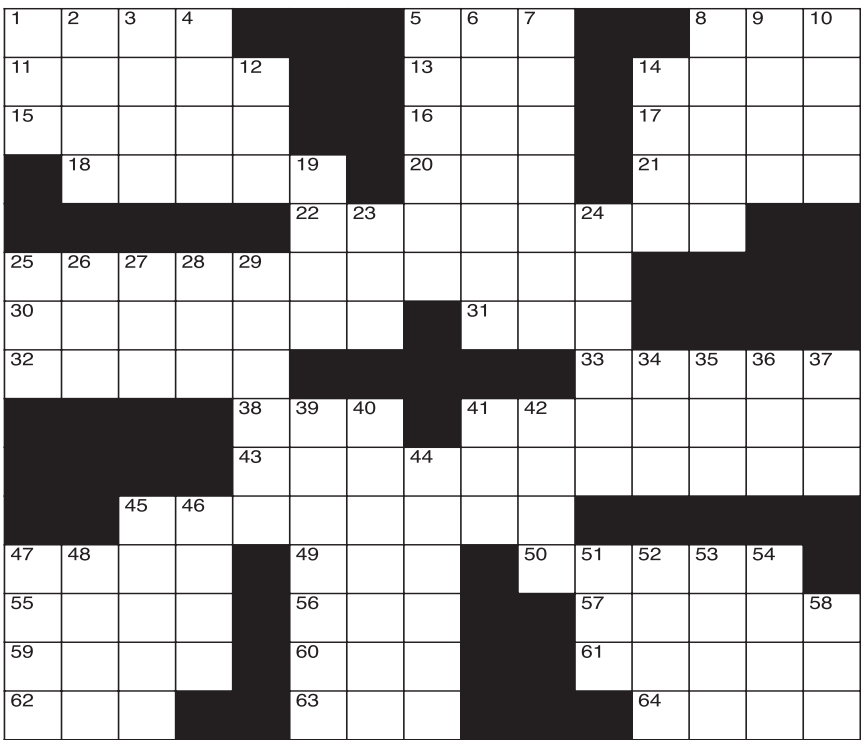
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. A young canine

8. North Carolina university

11. “Oddbod” actor Tom

13. Midway between northeast and east

14. A place to shop

15. Mysterious “Severance” family

16. Single Lens Reflex

17. Malaria

18. Informal loan organizations

20. Twitching

21. Holm oak

22. Willing to consent

25. In an early way

30. Stuck it out

31. Language in Ghana

32. Obtain

33. Ancient Greek currency

38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie

43. Group of islands

45. Church building

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott

50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

55. Thick piece of something

56. Breakfast food

57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent

59. Ancient Greek City

60. Bitterly regret

61. Don’t forget it

62. Dishonorable man

63. Affirmative

64. “__ and flows”

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Lizard species

4. Turkish leader title

5. A way to bother

6. Blank

7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric

8. Sports broadcaster Ian

9. Popular whodunit board game

10. Alkali flats mineral

12. Large African antelope

14. It’s delivered most days

19. Satisfy

23. Water soaked soil

24. Of a past era

25. Chest muscle (slang)

26. Ribonucleic acid

27. Doctor of Education

28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work

34. International airport in Connecticut

35. Russian river

36. It’s used to make cabins

37. OJ trial judge Lance

39. A means to persuade

40. Short poem

41. A way to begin hostilities with

42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)

44. Joints

45. Blatted

46. Swedish rock group

47. Millisecond

48. __ podrida: Spanish stew

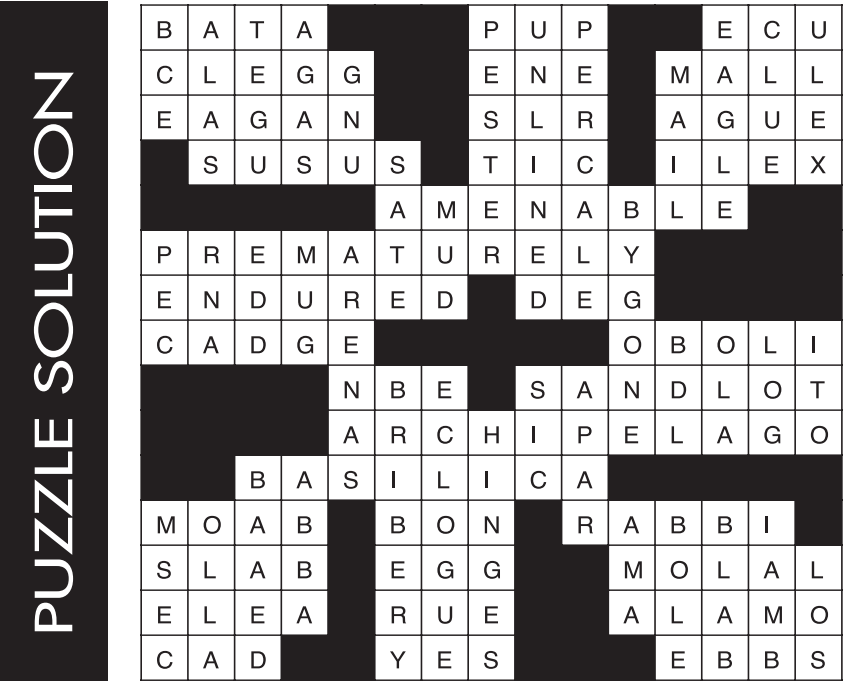
51. Doctors’ group

52. Trunk of a tree

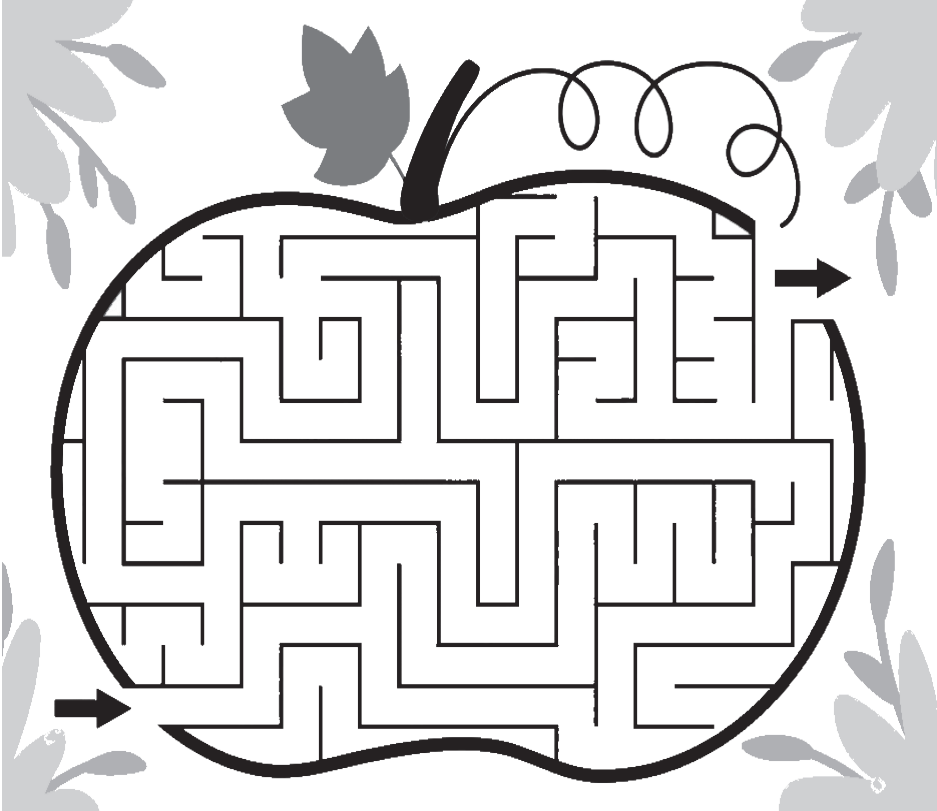
53. Tattle

54. Metrical foot

58. __ Angeles



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U H C L E A T S T D L U G W D I N E P M C N P
N L P L N C V V T T N N A G C R O N C R A
S O D O F I P R H I O O R O S G G T A A A
T I I U K A N G N N D N M G A O A F P C
A A U T E K U O K F B A U G O N E P M E
M R H I A A I G I M P D P L S O P R I L
I Y R L R T O H E S Y H N E Y M I T Y F
N E F D I R I D P H U O G S C I H D N S
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O R O N L H R W H B V T E R T R R O N S
F N C F T E A M W O R K W T L E O O O I
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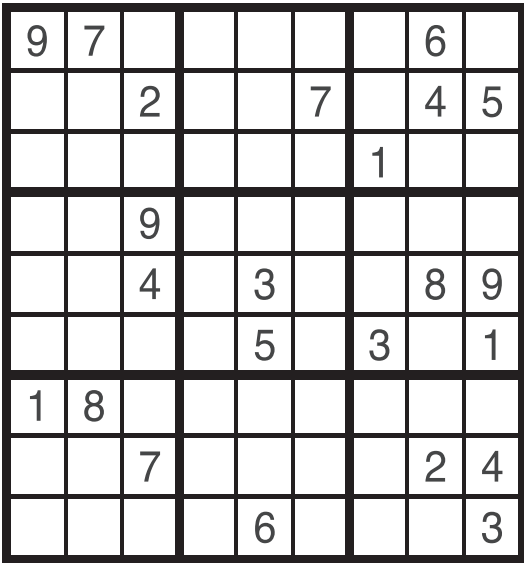
WARM-UP

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports.

IEFDL

Answer: Field

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an athlete born in Texas on September 17, 1995. I played football, basketball and baseball while in high school. But football is where I eventually gravitated, despite my father playing professional baseball. I have led the Kansas City Chiefs to several Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Patrick Mahomes

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to sports safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

A. 2 22 17 19 22 10

Clue: Protects head

B. 23 22 15 6

Clue: Equipment

C. 6 25 17 22 13

Clue: Govern play

D. 21 22 5 15 17 10 26

Clue: Punishment

Answers: A. helmet B. gear C. rules D. penalty

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8	3	2	6	1	7	9	4	5
5	4	6	2	9	8	1	3	7
3	1	9	8	7	6	4	5	2
7	5	4	1	3	2	6	8	9
2	6	8	9	5	4	3	7	1
1	8	3	4	2	5	7	9	6
6	9	7	3	8	1	5	2	4
4	2	5	7	6	9	8	1	3

Word Search Answers

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S O D O F I P R H I O O R G S G O G T A P C E
T I U K A N G N N D N M G O A F P M E
A A U T E K U Q K F B A U G O N E P M E
M R H I A A T G I M P D P L S O P T Y L F
I Y R L R T O H E S Y H N E Y M I T Y L
N E F D I R I D P H U O G S C I H D N S U
A W H S D L Y E L Y A I T L A F S C N K O I P
U M N S N S U D I T U N B C S N N I O U P
G O C P F O R A A B I D D O U E R A W S S E R
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During a major emergency, the county can call upon fire departments, law enforcement, emergency medical services and the communications center. Utility

providers, municipal departments, the county highway department and health department and solid waste department may also assist.

“We plan, train and exercise these types of scenarios continuously, so when disaster strikes, we know exactly who we should reach out to,” Humbert said.

First responders train together annually, allowing them to establish working relationships before an actual emergency occurs. Agencies also meet quarterly to review recent

incidents, evaluate how each response was handled and identify possible improvements.

Dubois County recently implemented IPAWS, a mass notification system that can quickly alert residents and provide instructions about actions they should take.

Humbert said the county must be prepared for a wide range of emergencies. Past incidents have included avian influenza, COVID-19, tornadoes, flooding, fires and explosions.

“We prepare for all disasters, as the response will be similar for all emergencies,” she said.

Residents also play an important role in emergency preparedness. Humbert recommends that every household maintain an emergency kit containing enough supplies for at least 72 hours. Families should also develop a plan that includes where they will go if an evacuation is necessary.

Depending on the size and severity of an emergency, responders may not be able to reach every resident immediately.

“Being prepared in advance is the best way to stay safe,” Humbert said. “You must be prepared and able to take care of your family until help arrives.”



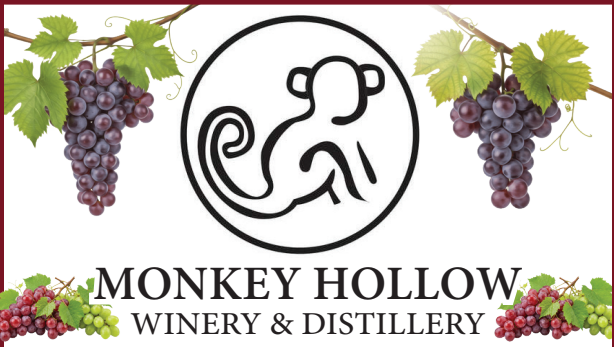
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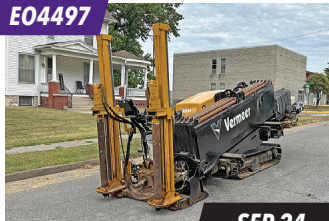
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