

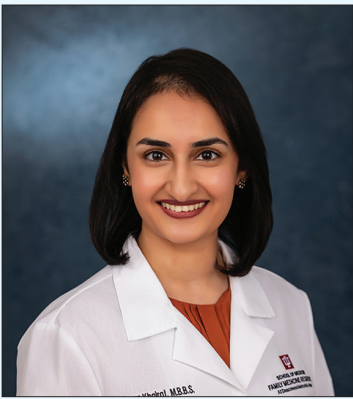
Deaconess Memorial Medical Center
announces five new resident physicians

Jasper, Ind. – Deaconess Memorial Medical Center has announced its most recent class of family medicine residents. Residency training is the final step in the education process for physicians to be able to practice medicine independently. The five new residents include Arwa Khairaj, MBBS from Dow International Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan; Shanel Khan, MD from University of Medicine and Health Sciences in Saint Kitts;

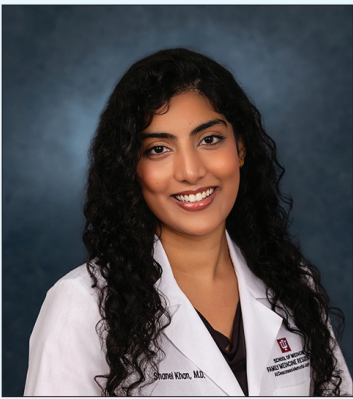
Chayla Mendel, DO from University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky; Jack Mendel, DO from University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky; and Avinash Nankani, MBBS from Dow University of Health Sciences in Karachi, Pakistan. They are all members of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The Family

Medicine Residency Program is a collaboration between Indiana University School of Medicine and Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. In addition to classroom-style learning, the new physicians also gain experience by seeing patients at Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine Residency – Jasper and throughout Deaconess Memorial Medical Center under the guidance of board-certified physicians. The family medicine residency program

is accredited through ACGME and receives support from the Southwestern Indiana Graduate Medical Education Consortium and IU School of Medicine. The family medicine resident physicians are available to see patients at Deaconess Clinic Family Medicine Residency – Jasper, located at 966 Bartley Street in Jasper. To schedule an appointment, please call 812-996-7810 or go online to deaconess.com/schedule-now.



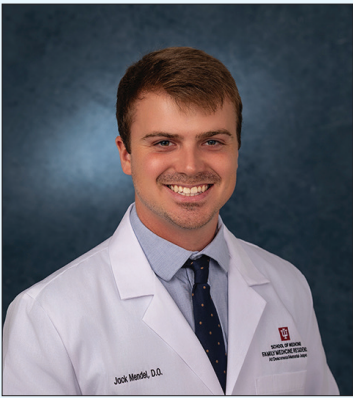
Arwa Khairaj



Shanel Khan



Chayla Mendel



Jack Mendel



Avinash Nankani

Dubois County
Health Department
now offering flu
vaccinations

Starting on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the Dubois County Health Department will be offering flu vaccinations for any individual wanting to protect themselves this respiratory season. The flu vaccine is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health insurances. Daily walk-in flu shots are available from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday - Friday. You may also use our convenient drive-thru between 8:30-3:30 pm Monday - Friday. The drive-thru option is open to any individuals 12 years of age and older. This is a safe and effective way to get your family vaccinated against the flu this year without ever leaving your car! We encourage everyone

to come experience the convenience of our drive-thru option. To accommodate after hour vaccinations, we will also be holding late night vaccine clinics at the Dubois County Health Department on the following dates: (No drive-thru on late nights) September 9th and 23rd 2026, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm October 14th and 28th 2026, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm November 18th 2026, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm In addition to flu shots, don't forget the Dubois County Health Department can also handle all your vaccination needs, including RSV, shingles, hepatitis A & B, tetanus and pneumonia. Please call 812-481-7056 if you have any questions.



DMMC Preparing for Childbirth
class to be held September 8th

DMMS will be holding a Preparing for Childbirth class on Sept. 8th beginning at 8:00 PM CDT at the Medical Arts Building Conference Room, 721 W 13th St., Jasper. This building is directly behind (north of) the hospital. Enter through the main doors. The conference room is the main room

in the lower level. This class will help prepare expectant mothers and support persons for childbirth. Attendance in the seventh month of pregnancy is recommended. Please register only the Mom's name. *Special Notes:* These classes are FREE for moms who

deliver at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. Class fee is \$65.00 for anyone not delivering at Memorial Hospital. You do not need to confirm your reservation. Contact Information DMMC Women's Center Jill.Schnieders@deaconess.com 812-996-0383



Dubois County Community Corrections recently recognized Corrections Officer Darlene Merkel for 20 years of service to Dubois County. Merkel supervises program participants, enforces facility rules and helps ensure safety. Pictured from left are Assistant Director Fleming, Director Madden, Officer Merkel and Commissioner Blessinger.

President's Community Excellence Award
nominations ends Friday, Sept. 4th

"Honoring those who make Jasper a great place to live." The President's Community Excellence Award is presented annually to an individual who has contributed generously of his or her time, talents or resources toward improving the Jasper community.

This award is open to all walks of life and honors those who give what they can, in order to "make a difference." Because the works and public service of these people are sometimes known to only a few, your nomination will help to recognize the work of those who give so generously of

themselves. All nominations will be judged by a committee drawn from current members of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. This award will be presented by the Chamber Board President at the Annual Meeting sometime in the Fall

of 2026. *HOW TO NOMINATE:* The nominee must be an individual, but may be nominated by an individual or organization. Please submit the official form (found on the Chamber's website (a copy is acceptable), along with both of the

following: A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination. Be specific regarding the areas of Community Support & Involvement, Business Excellence, Leadership Skills & Creativity. b. A biography, (up to 2 pages), listing his

or her service to the community. Mail or deliver your nomination to the Jasper Chamber of Commerce office at 302 West 6th St. - P.O. Box 307 - Jasper, Indiana 47547-0307. Nominations must be received to the Jasper Chamber by Friday, September 4, 2026.

Area Deaths

Brian Robert Waddell

Brian Robert Waddell, age 52, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 3:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Brian Robert Waddell will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, September 4, 2026, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. (noon) Mass time at the church on Friday.

Wilma I. Hall

Wilma I. Hall, age 88, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 10:12 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana. funeral service for Wilma L. Hall will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Dubois, Indiana. Pastor Lori Alexander will officiate. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Thursday.

Nancy A. Larkin

Nancy A. Larkin, age 92, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 10:10 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Nancy Larkin was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

Darlene V. Hopf

Darlene V. Hopf, age 84, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 2:20 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial for Darlene V. Hopf will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. St. Mary Parish will pray a rosary at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donald L. Freson

Donald L. Freson, age 86, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 8:28 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center in Jasper. A Mass of Christian Burial for Donald L. Freson was held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military graveside rites. Burial followed in ST. Mary's Cemetery.

Dorothy E Traylor

Rehabilitative Center in Oakland City, IN on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Visitation for Dorothy Traylor was held at the Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., EDT, on Friday, August 28, 2026, with funeral services being held at 12:00 p.m., with burial at Iva Public Cemetery in Iva.

Mary Ann Schmidt

Mary "Ann" Schmidt, age 82 of Huntingburg, passed away at Deaconess Memorial Medical Center, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Visitation for Mary Ann Schmidt will be held at the Nass and Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg from 3:00 -6:00 p.m., EDT, on Friday, September 4, 2026, with memorial services beginning at 6:00 p.m., Friday.

Don Bryant, Sr.

Donald Bryant, Sr., 88, passed away on August 27, 2026. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM CDT on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel. Pastor Ann Skiba officiated. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Terry Alvey

Terry A. Alvey, 77, passed away on August 25, 2026, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. A memorial visitation for Terry was held from 2:00 until 6:00 PM CDT on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel.

Nicholas F. Gomes

Nicholas F. Gomes, age 48, of Lamar, passed away at 2:02 p.m., on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at home surrounded by his family. A memorial service for Nicholas F. Gomes was held at 2:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Heritage Hills Baptist Church, 1415 West Christmas Blvd., Santa Claus, IN 47579. Pastor Jeff French officiated the service. Following the service, a meal was provided, and all were welcome to stay and share in fellowship.

Bonnie Windell

Bonnie Lynn Windell, loving wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 24 surrounded by her family. Services for Bonnie Windell will be held at a later date. Rainey Funeral Home in Dale has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

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

Beware of the Pied Piper of technology

By Dr. Billy Holland

Envy is a feeling of discontent, resentment, and begrudging, aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck. It's simply desiring the resources and opportunities someone else has so that we can purchase and create the life we fantasize about. We may not want a person's specific home, their exact vehicles, talents, or spouse, but we would love to have their finances and charisma so we can have a similar life. James chapter 3 and verses 14-16 allow us to see how this is a very serious spiritual problem. "But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

When I was young, envy was associated with being a materialistic, and nosy busybody, trying to keep up with the Joneses. When we are walking or driving in a neighborhood, we check out every house to judge their landscaping and the color coordination of their paint, roof, and brick. When we are at a stoplight, we look around and notice what

people are driving, and when we are in church or a restaurant, we notice what people are wearing. The Internet, as a Pied Piper, provides the bait for the curious. Let's face it, the real reason why social media is so addictive is because the average person is easily influenced and controlled.

Though it seems that envy would be included within the definition of jealousy, they are actually distinct emotions; envy involves wanting what someone else has, while jealousy typically arises from the fear of losing something you already possess. Beyond sayings like, "Envy is the personal agony over the good fortune of others", "Whoever envies someone, confesses their superiority", and "Comparison is the thief of joy", we can realize that self-discipline is a critical factor when it comes to guarding and discerning our thoughts. Since our thoughts are shaping who we are, it does not take a Christian counselor to explain how important this is to our spiritual well-being.

It's disturbing how much time and energy people spend



Dr. Billy Holland

fantasizing about trying to be like others, but we seldom hear someone say, "I wish I could live as close to God as that person." Take Mother Teresa, for example.

She was not rich, did not live in a mansion, and did not have all the luxuries of life, but we can agree she was a wonderful and caring person who was determined to spend her life helping others and serving God. If this is not a success, what is? Is she a role model of what all of us should be? According to Jesus – yes! However, do we dream, pray, and beg God to help us live like that? Would we really give everything we have to become totally detached from the luxuries of this world, and do what Jesus told the rich young ruler to do? Evidently not.

There is no doubt we are living in a time when it is more difficult than ever to live a holy lifestyle. Our grandson is only seven, and he wants to be like all the superheroes he watches. I've been a Christian for over 50 years, and much of this time I've studied the subject of spiritual warfare. I can say technology can help in some ways, but the overall advancement

and progression of our computerized society should be a concern. We can look around and see how the minds of the masses, including children, are being pulled into the vortex of artificial intelligence. Even the name itself is a red flag. Could the World Wide Web have something to do with why so many people are entangled with anxiety and depression? Is AI a dangerous wolf disguised in sheep's clothing? Where will the Christian draw the line and say I cannot continue to advance into this system?

We've been saturated with the message of God loving us, but He also knows what we are thinking about, including how much we love Him. He also knows that for many, technology has become an idol. Like an undisciplined child who only eats candy, we have free will to obey God and be saved, or to live in rebellion and destroy ourselves. Only a reverential fear of God will prevent that. Let's try reducing social media and entertainment, and replace it with seeking Him with all of our hearts.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about LIVING ON PURPOSE at billyholland ministries.com

Religious fundraising topic of certificate program

An opportunity to earn an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) is being offered at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

The program will be conducted by the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, an entity of Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. It will be held June 10-12, 2027, on the Saint Meinrad campus in St. Meinrad, IN, followed by a Zoom session scheduled for a later date.

The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) course provides

the research, tools, and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers of faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational, and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions. These practices, in turn, enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving.

The ECRF is designed for religious leaders in faith-based organizations and

institutions who wish to learn more about the spirituality of fundraising and gain a core foundation in fundraising principles. The program is open and specifically tailored to all faith traditions.

The course includes three days of in-person instruction and one Zoom call to discuss participant projects, along with asynchronous digital content, exercises, and resources that can be accessed at your own pace. Each in-person day includes a one-hour lunch and two 15-minute breaks.

Participants who complete the course earn 22 CFRE Continuing Education points.

The cost of the program is \$1,350 until February 10, 2027. After February 10, the cost is \$1,450. The fee for accommodations and meals is \$299. The fee for commuters is \$99 and includes seven meals.

For more information or to register, call 812-357-6336, email ithompson@saintmeinrad.edu, or visit the website at www.saintmeinrad.edu/ECRF.

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Dubois County Museum to feature local Art Guild exhibit through October

By Lurna Pruett
ING WRITER

The Dubois County Museum will serve as a new showcase for local artists this fall,

featuring an exhibit by the Dubois County Art Guild throughout September and October.

The exhibit includes 38 works created by 20

guild members. Pieces are displayed on easels and along the walls near the museum entrance, where visitors can view or purchase them.

Information cards accompanying each piece list the artist's name, medium and sale price. Anyone purchasing artwork should bring the

piece and its card to the museum lobby. Payment must be made by cash or check, as credit cards will not be accepted. Checks should be

payable to the Dubois County Museum. The Art Guild will contribute 20% of the proceeds from each sale to support the museum.



YOUTH FIRST, INC.

Helping children build motivation: Small steps toward success

By Hannah Boutkan,
Youth First, Inc.

Children are born with an innate desire to learn, grow, and explore the world around them. As they get older, however, environmental, social, mental, and emotional factors can affect that motivation, especially when it comes to school and everyday responsibilities. While adults cannot force a child to be motivated, they can create environments that encourage curiosity, confidence, and a willingness to keep trying.

The Harvard Center on the Developing Child offers several strategies to help build motivation, beginning in infancy.

One of the simplest ways to build connection and encourage curiosity is to follow a child's lead. Take an interest in what captures their attention and encourage them to explore. When children feel supported in their play and discoveries, they learn that their interests and ideas matter. This early curiosity can become the foundation for a lifelong desire to learn.

Another valuable strategy

is to encourage unstructured play. When children have opportunities to play without every activity being directed by an adult, they can develop imagination, creativity, problem-solving, and social skills. These skills become important later when children encounter challenging or less-interesting tasks. The ability to think creatively, solve problems, and interact with others can help them remain engaged when things become difficult.

It is also important to make sure expectations are age-appropriate. Think of the Goldilocks principle: a task should not be too hard or too easy -- it should be just right. If a child believes a task is impossible, they may quickly become frustrated and give up. On the other hand, a task that is too easy may not provide enough challenge to hold their attention. The right level of challenge allows children to see a task as achievable while still giving them a reason to stay engaged.

Goal setting can also strengthen motivation. Goals

give children a sense of purpose and help them understand why their daily responsibilities matter. One approach commonly used in social work is SMART goals: goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound. Most importantly, goals should be meaningful to the child. When children have a voice in what they want to accomplish, they are more likely to see the goal as worthwhile and stay motivated to reach it.

Finally, adults should praise the process, not just the outcome. Recognize the small steps a child takes toward success: starting a difficult task, asking for help, practicing a new skill, or trying again after making a mistake. Focusing on effort and progress helps children understand that setbacks do not mean failure. Instead, mistakes become opportunities to learn and try again.

Motivation does not develop overnight. It grows through positive relationships, meaningful challenges, opportunities to explore, and encouragement along the way. By following

children's interests, encouraging play, setting appropriate goals, and celebrating progress, parents and teachers can create supportive environments that help children develop the confidence and motivation they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Hannah Boutkan, MSW, LSW, is a Youth First Mental Health Professional at Holy Rosary Catholic School in Vanderburgh County. Youth First, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening youth and families. Youth First provides over 100 highly trained mental health professionals (primarily master's level social workers), prevention programs, parent engagement coordinators, and bilingual support personnel to 138 schools across 15 Indiana counties. Over 56,000 youth and families each year are served by Youth First's school-based social work and community programs that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and maximize student success. To learn more about Youth First, visit youthfirstinc.org or call 812-421-8336.

SEPTEMBER 2026 Events at the Huntingburg Public Library

Thursday, September 3 - Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ages 3-6, stories ,crafts, and play. Monday, September 7- Library is Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8 - Fuertes Together - bilingual storytime and craft, 5:30 p.m., families welcome Thursday, September 10 - Wiggle Worms Stay and Play - stories ,songs, and play ,10 -10:30 a.m., ages 0-2 and their adult Thursday, September 10 - Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. , ages 3-6

Saturday, September 12 - Diamond Dot Art for Kids , 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ages 5-17

Monday, September 14 - Huntingburg Book Club , 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15 - STEM Night - building mini sphero courses, ages 7-12 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 - Reader's Club , 6:00 p.m

Thursday , September 17- Wiggle Worms Stay & Play - stories , songs, and play, 10 -10:30 a.m. , ages 0-2 and their adult Thursday, September 17- Preschool Storytime (stories, craft, and play) 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., ages 3-6 Thursday, September 17 - Library Board Meeting , 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22 - Craft Night (assorted fall crafts) , 5 - 6:00 p.m. ages 3-12

Thursday, September 24 - Wiggle Worms Stay and Play - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.,ages 0-2 and their adult Thursday, September 24 - Preschool Storytime, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., ages 3-6 stories , crafts, and playtime Saturday, September 26 - Silly Safaris, 11:00 a.m. @ Herbstfest main stage, live animal program Tuesday, September 29 - Craft Night - Yarn art, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. ages 7-12

The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays beginning with Saturday, September the 12th.
Library Hours Monday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Forest Park claimed the Border Bowl Trophy at Perry Central on Friday, Aug. 28. photo courtesy of Forest Park High School Athletics

High School

Football

Wildcats turn back Warriors

Staff Report

JASPER — Jasper scored first and never trailed on the way to defeating Evansville Harrison 49-7 in a Southern Indiana Athletic Conference game on Friday, Aug. 28.

With the win, Jasper evened its record to 1-1 in the 2026 high school football season. Jasper entered the win column after dropping a season opener to Evansville Memorial one week earlier. The Wildcats set the tone early, outscoring the Warriors 14-0 in the initial quarter. Jasper led 28-7 at halftime and extended its lead during the third period. The Wildcats returned to the endzone three times during the third period and led 49-7 heading into the final quarter. Quarterback Jaylen Maners paced Jasper offensively. On the ground, Maners delivered three rushing touchdowns for the Wildcats. Through the air, Maners completed two passing touchdowns. Joseph Heichelbech and Parker Jahn each hauled in one touchdown pass reception for the Wildcats. Contributing on the ground for Jasper, Caydan Ramos and Jack Gudorf added one rushing touchdown apiece. Jasper is scheduled to visit another conference opponent, Evansville Reitz, on Friday, Sept. 4. The Jasper-Evansville Reitz game is slated to kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Rangers upend Perry Central

Staff Report

LEOPOLD — Forest Park defeated rival Perry Central 43-14 on Friday, Aug. 28. Following the win, Forest Park moved to 2-0 in the 2026 high school football season. Productive Forest Park claimed the Border Bowl Trophy. The Rangers overcame a slow start to win convincingly. Perry Central scored first, reaching the endzone during the opening quarter. But Forest Park responded, outscoring Perry Central 27-0 in the second period. Forest Park led 27-7 at halftime and extended its lead after the break. The Rangers led 40-7 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Quarterback Anden Uebelhor led Forest Park through the air, completing

14 of 20 passes for 332 yards and four touchdowns. Cam Lueken (80 receiving yards), Hudson Lueken (81 receiving yards) and Hudson King (140 receiving yards) were the top three receivers for the Rangers. Carter Jochem paced Forest Park on the ground, rushing 14 times for 72 yards and one touchdown. Forest Park is scheduled to visit Washington for its next game on Friday, Sept. 4. The Forest Park-Washington game is slated to kick off at 7 p.m.

High School Football

Patriots come up short in OT at Apollo (KY)

Staff Report

OWENSBORO, Ky. — Heritage Hills came up short as Apollo (Ky.) won 29-28 in overtime on Friday, Aug. 28. Following the loss, Heritage Hills slipped to 1-1. Heritage Hills scored first and led 8-0 at the end of the opening quarter. But Apollo outscored Heritage Hills 15-7 in the second period. The Patriots and Eagles were tied 15-15 at halftime and continued to battle throughout the second half of the early-season high school football game. Heritage Hills moved back ahead after the break and led 22-16 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Then, Apollo pulled even again, tying the game 22-22 in final period. Apollo edged Heritage Hills 7-6 in the overtime period to secure the win. Quarterback Tyce Winchell rushed 19 times for 94 yards and three touchdowns for the Patriots. Through the air, Winchell completed eight passes for 79 yards. As a team, Heritage Hills rushed 52 times for 251 yards and one touchdown. Karsen Pund paced Heritage Hills on the ground, rushing 17 times for 105 yards and one touchdown. Asa Palmer emerged as Heritage Hills' leading receiver, finishing with three receptions for 72 yards. Defensively for Heritage Hills, Pund recorded a team-high eight tackles. Heritage Hills is scheduled to host Pocket Athletic Conference rival Princeton for its next game at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4.

Boys' High School Soccer

Jeeps shut out Washington Catholic

Staff Report

WASHINGTON — Northeast Dubois shut out Washington Catholic 3-0 in a Blue Chip Conference boys' soccer match on Tuesday, Aug. 25. The Jeeps moved to 3-0 after registering the shutout win. Northeast Dubois forced Washington Catholic to play from behind in the conference boys' soccer match. Mika Grimpe (two goals), Landon Mueth (one goal), Jacob Hughes (two assists) and Cort Everman (one assist) accounted for Northeast Dubois' offense in the conference boys' soccer match. Northeast Dubois entered the match fresh off defeating both Wood Memorial and South Knox during the opening week of the 2026 boys' high school soccer season.

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It is action that creates motivation.
—STEVE BACKLEY



Heritage Hills won five of its first eight matches in the 2026 high school volleyball season. The Lady Patriots exited August with a 5-3 record.



Addie Cox recorded her 1,000th career dig for Southridge in a win over Washington on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

High School Football

Raiders roll past Hatchets

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — Southridge rolled past Pocket Athletic Conference rival Washington 45-18 in an early-season game at Raider Field on Friday, Aug. 28. With the win, Southridge evened its record to 1-1. The Raiders scored first and never trailed. Southridge led 7-0 at the end of the opening quarter and quickly extended its lead during the second period. The Raiders entered halftime ahead 21-10. After adding to its lead again, Southridge led 35-10 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Grayson Bolling paced Southridge offensively, delivering three rushing touchdowns for the Raiders. Following Bolling in Southridge’s offensive attack, Parker Steckler contributed two rushing touchdowns. Chipping in offensively for Southridge, Noah Ring added one rushing touchdown. Making an impact via special teams for Southridge, kicker Manny Duron connected on a field goal. Southridge is scheduled to visit Boonville for another Pocket Athletic Conference matchup at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4.

Girls’ High School Soccer

Heritage Hills shuts out Southridge

Staff Report

HUNTINGBURG — Heritage Hills shut out rival Southridge 6-0 in a Pocket Athletic Conference girls’ soccer match on Thursday, Aug. 27. Various players contributed both offensively and defensively for Heritage Hills (4-0) during the conference girls’ soccer match. Cora Lasher (three goals), Kate Prior (one goal, one assist), Leah Brentlinger (one goal, one assist), Sylvia Windell (one assist), Avery Mattingly (one assist) and MaKynzie Hoffman (one assist) each aided Heritage Hills’ offensive effort. Defensively for Heritage Hills, Lila Hildenbrand spent 70 minutes at goalkeeper and logged two saves. Chipping in defensively, Kynlee Nord spent 10 minutes at goalkeeper for the Lady Patriots.

Girls’ High School Soccer

Lady Rangers roll past North Harrison

Staff Report

FERDINAND — Forest Park rolled past North Harrison 14-0 in a girls’ high school soccer match at Best Home Furnishings Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 29. The Lady Rangers improved to 3-1-1 after registering the win. Forest Park excelled both offensively and defensively throughout the girls’ high school soccer match. Paige Memmer (five goals, one assist), Avari Boeglin (two goals, two assists), Mallory Morrison (two goals), Haley Jahn (one goal), Morgan Kerber (one goal), Maddy King (one goal, one assist), Ellie Meunier (one goal, two assists), Chelsea Thompson (one goal), Sydney Berger (one assist) and Abbie Rickelman (one assist) each produced offensively for the Lady Rangers. Forest Park and North Harrison aren’t scheduled to meet again in the 2026 girls’ high school soccer season.

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Forest Park won the Springs Valley Invitational title on Saturday, Aug. 29. The Lady Raiders shut out Vincennes Rivet 2-0 in the championship match of the Springs Valley Invitational. Earlier in the tournament, Forest Park defeated Austin, North Daviess and Orleans.

Indiana high school football scoreboard

Staff Report

Adams Central 35, Ft. Wayne Luers 20
Angola 41, Goshen 18
Avon 31, Decatur Central 6
Batesville 20, Triton Central 17, OT
Bedford N. Lawrence 33, Martinsville 27
Beech Grove 26, Indianapolis Perry Meridian 14
Bloomington South 44, Bloomington North 6
Bluffton 42, Shenandoah 6
Boonville 45, Evansville Bosse 0

Bremen 49, Churubusco 14
Brownsburg 48, Lawrence North 25
Brownstown 35, Corydon 0
Carmel 47, Fishers 30
Carroll (Flora) 37, Seeger 16
Carroll (Ft. Wayne) 54, Hamilton Southeastern 23
Cascade 41, Monrovia 7
Castle 29, Evansville North 26
Caston 54, Whitko 14
Centerville 47, Winchester 12
Central Noble 35, Culver 7
Charlestown 35,

Silver Creek 16
Clarksville 62, Henryville 20
Clinton Central 12, Frankfort 6
Clinton Prairie 28, Frontier 13
Cloverdale 69, Greencastle 32
Columbia City 45, NorthWood 7
Columbus North 14, Whiteland 7
Connersville 50, Richmond 20
Covington 66, Tri-County 0
Crawfordsville 21, Parke Heritage 20
Crown Point 42, Lowell 7
Danville 42,

Indianapolis Ritter 6
DeKalb 46, Garrett 7
Delphi 35, Benton Central 7
E. Central 21, Lawrenceburg 0
E. Noble 19, Ft. Wayne North 0
Eastern (Greene) 41, Pike Central 12
Eastern (Greentown) 28, Oak Hill 27
Eastside 45, S. Adams 27
Edgewood 29, Springs Valley 8
Elkhart 22, Concord

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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

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FOREST PARK
RANGERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
9/4	@ Washington	7:00 PM	A
9/11	@ Tecumseh	6:30 PM	A
9/18	South Spencer	7:30 PM	H
9/25	Pike Central	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ North Posey	6:30 PM	A
10/9	Tell City	7:30 PM	H
10/16	@ Southridge	7:00 PM	A

HERITAGE HILLS
PATRIOTS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
9/4	Princeton	7:00 PM	H
9/18	@ Washington	7:30 PM	A
9/25	Gibson Southern	7:00 PM	H
10/2	@ Mt. Vernon	7:00 PM	A
10/9	South Ridge	7:00 PM	H
10/16	Boonville	7:00 PM	H

JASPER
WILDCATS

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

SOUTHRIDGE
RAIDERS

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

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Jasper finished third in the Brownstown Central Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 29. photo courtesy of Jasper High School Volleyball

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Jasper finishes third at Brownstown Central Invitational

Staff Report

BROWNSTOWN — Jasper finished third in the Brownstown Central Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 29. The Wildcats won two of three matches in the Brownstown

Central Invitational. Jasper blanked host Brownstown 2-0 (25-14, 25-16). The Wildcats shut out Seymour 2-0 (25-14, 25-12) Trinity dealt Jasper a loss, edging the Wildcats 2-1 (20-25, 25-

18, 14-16). Kendall Corbin led Jasper at the net, delivering 24 kills. Following Corbin, Kate Eckerle contributed 21 kills for the Wildcats. Halle Recker distributed 84 assists

to lead the Wildcats in another key category. Aiding Jasper’s offensive effort, Lila Schmitt recorded eight service aces while Eckerle provided six service aces. Nora Breitwieser paced Jasper

defensively, tallying 31 digs. In another solid defensive effort for Jasper, Stella Knies added 22 digs. Jasper exited the Brownstown Central Invitational with a 7-1 overall record.



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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.

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Evansville Mater Dei 56, Evansville Central 14
Evansville Memorial 48, Jasper 14
Evansville Reitz 46, Evansville Harrison 0
Fairfield 43, Calumet 14
Faith Christian 48, Attica 8
Floyd Central 31, Gibson Southern 24
Forest Park 16, Mt. Vernon 15
Franklin 35, Southport 0
Franklin Central 31, Plainfield 7
Franklin Co. 42, New Castle 21
Fremont 46, Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 7
Ft. Wayne Concordia 35, Indianapolis Scecina 26
Ft. Wayne Dwenger 15, Indianapolis Roncalli 14, 3OT
Ft. Wayne South 49, Marion 6
Glenn 33, Boone Grove 7
Greenfield 33, Alexandria 27
Greenwood 41,

Seymour 20
Griffith 63, Highland 13
Guerin Catholic 22, McCutcheon 14
Hagerstown 34, Knightstown 14
Hammond Central 40, S. Bend Washington 0
Hanover Central 28, Michigan City 10
Heritage 21, New Haven 2
Heritage Hills 49, S. Spencer 13
Hobart 33, Chesterton 0
Huntington North 45, Eastbrook 13
Indian Creek 52, Western 7
Indianapolis Ben Davis 33, Indianapolis Cathedral 27
Indianapolis Chatard 35, Lafayette Jeff 7
Indianapolis Lutheran 35, Indianapolis Attucks 0
Indianapolis N. Central 42, Brebeuf Jesuit Prep 37
Indianapolis Shortridge 49, Trinity Lutheran 6
Indianapolis Washington 6, Phalen 0
Jay Co. 55, Blackford 6

Jennings Co. 28, Paoli 21
Jintown 41, Wawasee 21
LaPorte 34, New Prairie 21
LaVille 24, Triton 6
Lafayette Central Catholic 63, Mitchell 6
Lafayette Harrison 43, W. Lafayette 40
Lapel 49, Hamilton Hts. 19
Lawrence Central 67, Jeffersonville 20
Leo 42, Ft. Wayne Wayne 0
Logansport 61, Peru 20
Maconaquah 42, Sheridan 27
Madison 7, Scottsburg 6
Madison-Grant 16, Belmont 12
Merrillville 27, Andean 21
Milan 56, Rushville 0
Mishawaka 40, Mishawaka Marian 14
Monroe Central 44, Union Co. 0
Mooresville 34, Columbus East 21
Morrow Little Miami, Ohio 28, S. Dearborn 0
Muncie Central 23, Delta 22
N. Daviess 47, Washington 12
N. Decatur 39, S.

Decatur 2
N. Judson 42, Knox 0
N. Posey 27, Southridge 14
N. White 30, Taylor 16
New Albany 28, Providence 7
New Palestine 28, St. Francis, Ill. 17
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
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Living...in a troubled world

If you don't like the harvest, change the seed

Scripture teaches that what we cultivate in our hearts can shape the course of our lives.

By Teresa LeNeave
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Scripture is clear about the source of blessing: It comes from the Lord. I love a verse in 3rd John where he expressed a heartfelt desire for the well-being of his readers: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3 John 2). Who among us would not want to prosper, enjoy good health and experience a life marked by God’s blessings? This does not mean we don’t suffer and go through hard times, but in those times we “have a friend that sticks closer than a brother”. That’s a blessing beyond measure.

Scripture points to something even more important than outward prosperity; it talks about the health and prosperity of the soul. The Bible leaves little doubt about the source of every good thing. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17). Theologians have sometimes described the message of 3 John 2 as “nothing missing, nothing broken.” John’s prayer is that we experience wholeness, not simply in material circumstances, but in our health, our relationships, our

spiritual lives and, ultimately, our souls. As the soul prospers, our lives can begin to reflect that prosperity. The question, then, is how does the soul prosper? Solomon offers an important answer in Proverbs 4:23: “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life” (NLT). What we allow into our hearts and minds matters. What we see, what we hear and what we continually think about can influence our emotions, attitudes and decisions. It is worth asking ourselves: What causes us to become angry? What produces fear? What leaves us confused, discouraged or troubled? What causes us to make

bad decisions? Once we recognize those influences, we can begin making wiser choices about what we allow to occupy our thoughts and emotions. That’s called “guarding the heart”. What we plant in our hearts can eventually become the harvest we experience in our lives. So, if we don’t like the harvest, perhaps it is time to examine the seed. What are we planting through our thoughts, words, habits and influences? If we want a different harvest, Scripture suggests that we begin by changing what we cultivate within our heart. Guard the heart. Feed the soul. Seek God. And plant good seed.



Don't fight every scorpion

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

The baby slept soundly in his swing while a scorpion stealthily skulked down the suspension cord above him. His father, Kino, stared like a snake ready to strike, carefully calculating how to kill the eight-legged intruder. But the predator didn’t give him time to play chess, and injected the infant with his toxic tail. The boy was engulfed in agony and Kino was consumed with anger, prompting him to seize the fiend, smash him into a paste within his

hand, and hurl the scorpion’s remains into the dirt. The newborn’s mother frantically attempted to extract the venom with her lips, and they hurried him to the town physician in hopes of saving his life—a debacle that could have been averted entirely had Kino simply grabbed the baby instead of facing down a foe he was powerless to conquer. Kino, why didn’t you snatch your son from the scorpion? Why did you fight when you should have fled with the boy? That is what you will shout from the reader’s chair

while reading John Steinbeck’s short novella, The Pearl. The book commences with the aforementioned fictional story of baby Coyotito being struck by a scorpion because Kino ran headlong into a fight he should have ran away from while cradling his son. Sometimes, the surest strategy for subduing certain foes is retreating rather than trying to prove how strong you are only to demonstrate that you aren’t. Likewise, the Author of Scripture repeatedly shouts to believers, “Don’t fight when you should flee.” The Lord

certainly commands Christians to stand firm against Satan and valiantly fight the good fight (Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 6:12), but there are some spiritual skirmishes that believers need to run away from rather than run toward with guns ablazing. Paul exhorted the Corinthians with desperate urgency in his voice, “Flee from sexual immorality” (1 Cor. 6:18), and later on, “Therefore, my beloved, flee from



Brandon Bramlett

idolatry” (1 Cor. 10:14). When intense temptations for sexual sin and idol-worship come crawling down the rope, that is not the time to show off how spiritually mature you are—that is time to get out of Dodge and make a run for it. Retreat doesn’t mean defeat—sometimes the best strategy for survival is to run as far away and as fast as you can. Joseph of old employed this tactic when Potiphar’s spouse sought to seduce him. He

didn’t negotiate with temptation or stick around to prove his competence—he ran for the hills (Gen. 39:12). Samson, on the other hand, lingered with Delilah foolishly thinking that he could conquer the allure of sin with his great might—and he lost (Judges 16:4-22). Don’t fight every spiritual scorpion that slithers your way—know when to run like your soul depends on it, because it does. “The prudent sees danger and hides himself,” wrote Solomon, “but the simple go on and suffer for it” (Prov. 22:3).

Outdoor Truths: The Ross Fire

By Gary Miller

Jacksboro Texas is a special place to me. Of all places, this little town of fewer than 5,000 people changed the direction of my ministry 13 years ago. It was there that a few men gathered at the Davis Ranch, on the back deck, and talked about life and ministry. A little while later, I was invited back for a weekend of hog hunting and teaching. This was the first of what later became our Circle Events. Today, we hold them in several states. In the beginning, most of these events were held at the Davis Ranch. We invited 12 men to hog hunt, or turkey hunt, or to

just do an extended Bible session. Other ranches in Jack County became a part of what we were doing. The Blue Mountain Ranch was a beautiful place full of turkeys and deer, with countless fishing ponds loaded with big bass. Yes, this place, just an hour northwest of Fort Worth, will forever hold a special place in my heart. But today, the people there need our help. The Ross Fire started on August 24th. Since that time, Jacks County has only received 0.03 inches of



Gary Miller

rain. At the time of this writing, the fire has consumed more than 89,000 acres. The firefighters have spent countless hours trying to contain it. They are spent. They are relentless, and right now, they are our heroes. They need help. They need resources. The people of Jacksboro were there for me. I want to be there for them. On September 11th Outdoor Truths Ministry will make a donation to the Jacksboro Fire Department with the

money we raise between now and then. I am simply using this platform because I know some of you will want to help as well. If you would like to donate, you can mail a check directly to the Jacksboro Fire Department, or you can donate through Outdoor Truths specifically for this effort. There will be a special place on our website to give. These men and women are working nonstop to protect their homes and the homes, land, and property of people throughout North Texas. We can stand with them. Pray for rain in North Texas and help me give back to a place that

has given so much to me and Outdoor Truths. Any amount is meaningful.

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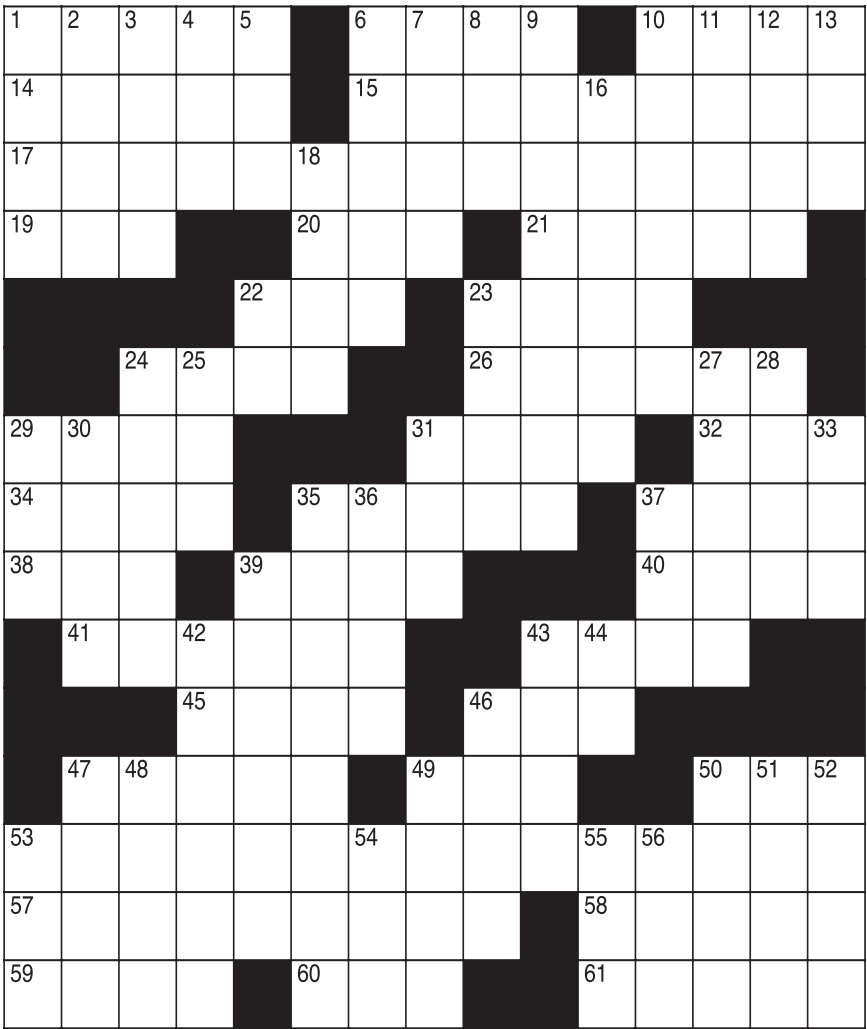
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“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Manila hemp plant

6. Turkish river

10. Something to read

14. In a way, initiated

15. Popular Apple TV series

17. King Charles is part of it

19. Earlier

20. Foot (Latin)

21. Zodiac sign

22. A browning of the skin

23. Remain as is

24. Turfs

26. It’s used to slaughter animals

29. Volcanic crater

31. The mother of Jesus

32. One’s life story

34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot

35. Counterparts
37. Jacob __, American journalist

38. Digital audiotape

39. River in South Africa

40. Kimono sashes

41. Rooting somewhere

43. American spy Aldrich

45. A way to call for

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Popular type of video game (abbr.)

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal from a union

58. Performs spoken improv

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group

2. “Friday Night Lights” director Peter

3. Currency exchange fee

4. Feline

5. Folk singer DiFranco

6. Ghostly pale from distress

7. Rapid eye movements

8. Monetary unit of Macao

9. Lawmakers

10. Colorless mineral

11. At some prior time

12. American protest singer

13. Opener

16. Seldom

18. Relaxing places

22. Touchdown

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. Metal-bearing solid

27. Skin care product manufacturer

28. Thirteen

29. Angry

30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch

33. Former CIA

35. Most lemony

36. Engage in

37. Mass of fish eggs

39. Food supplies

42. Backbones

43. American real estate investment firm

44. Megabyte

46. “Three Coins in the Fountain” songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Full-grown pike fish

49. Emergency prep expert Edwards

50. Flute

51. Dismissive sound

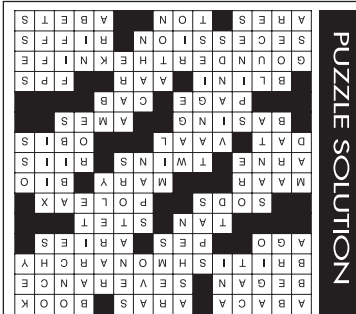
52. Slang term for marijuana

53. Young women’s association

54. Cosmopolitan city

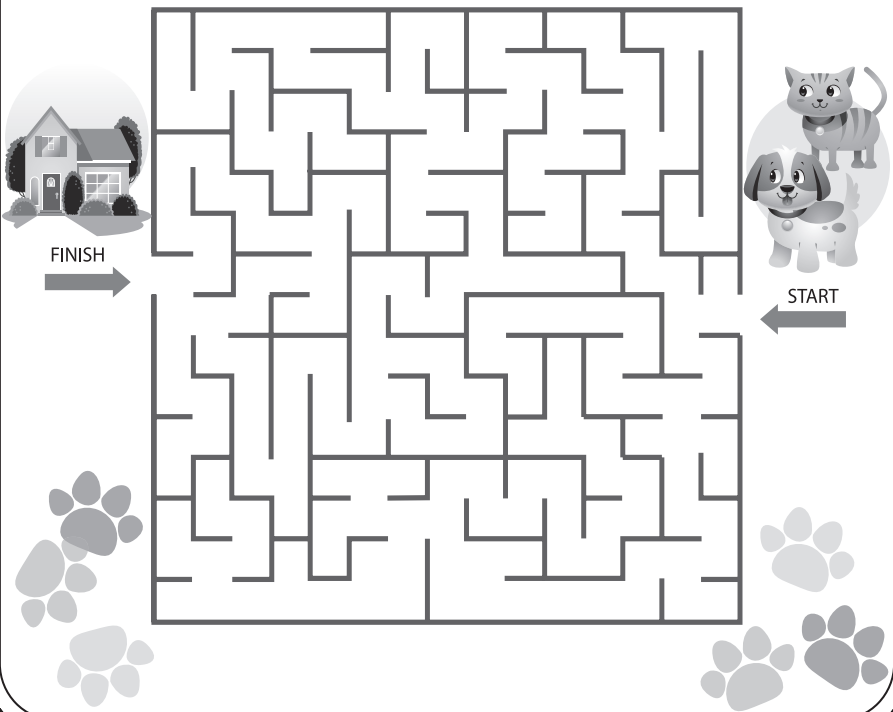
55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand

56. Pointed end of a pen



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Word Search

FALL EVENINGS WORD SEARCH



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

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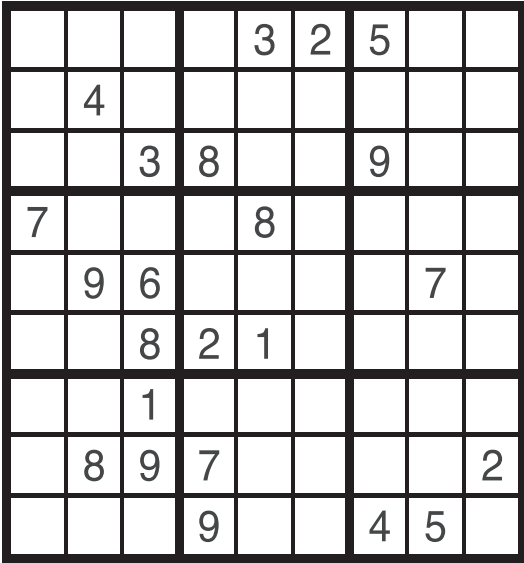
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- GOLDEN
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- HAYRIDE
- LEAVES
- NUTMEG
- PUMPKIN
- SCARLET
- SWEATER
- TWILIGHT
- VIBRANT

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!

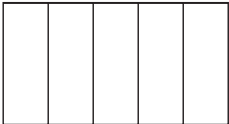
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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fall.

P S C I R



Answer: Crisp

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress and singer born in California on September 1, 1996. I began my career as a fashion model. I also performed a cover of a Katy Perry song for Kidz Bop. I'm known for my role on a Disney show and also for playing a love interest opposite Tom Holland's Spiderman.

Answer: Zendaya

IF IT MATTERS TO YOU, IT MATTERS TO US. THANKS FOR READING!

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to fall. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = E)

A. 18 5 6 15 5 7

Clue: Tree foliage

B. 13 6 17 5

Clue: Gathers leaves

C. 22 26 20 22 17 1 23

Clue: Orange gourd

D. 11 24 13 23

Clue: Starchy crop

Answers: A. beeches B. rake C. pumpkin D. corn

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UE signs nine dual-credit agreements with area high schools

University of Evansville Signs Nine Dual-Credit Agreements with Area High Schools

EVANSVILLE, IND. (08/18/2026) The University of Evansville (UE) is expanding its partnerships with area high schools, signing nine dual-credit agreements this week that will create additional opportunities for high school students to earn college credit. While some of these partnerships build on relationships that have been in place for years, UE continues to look for new opportunities to strengthen and expand its connections with local schools and provide more pathways for students to begin earning college credit before they graduate from high school.

The agreements include with Central High School, Mater Dei High School, Memorial High School, Evansville Christian School, Castle High School, Warrick Pathways, Indiana Digital Learning School, Northeast Dubois High School, and Southridge High School.

The agreements vary considerably, ranging from a single course to as many as 22 courses. Depending on the partnership, students may be able to earn UE credit for qualifying courses taught at their

high school, enroll directly in UE courses, or participate in both opportunities.

“Dual credit is about creating opportunity and helping students see themselves as college students before they graduate from high school,” said UE President Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz. “These partnerships strengthen the connection between our schools and our university while giving students a meaningful head start on their college education.”

The agreements also reflect UE’s commitment to building stronger connections with schools throughout the region and creating more seamless pathways from high school to higher education.

Each agreement is designed around the needs of the individual school and its students, allowing UE to build partnerships that are both flexible and meaningful. The University of Evansville expects to announce additional dual-credit agreements with area schools in the near future.

For more information about dual-credit opportunities at the University of Evansville, visit <https://www.evansville.edu/continuing-education/college-jump-start.cfm>.

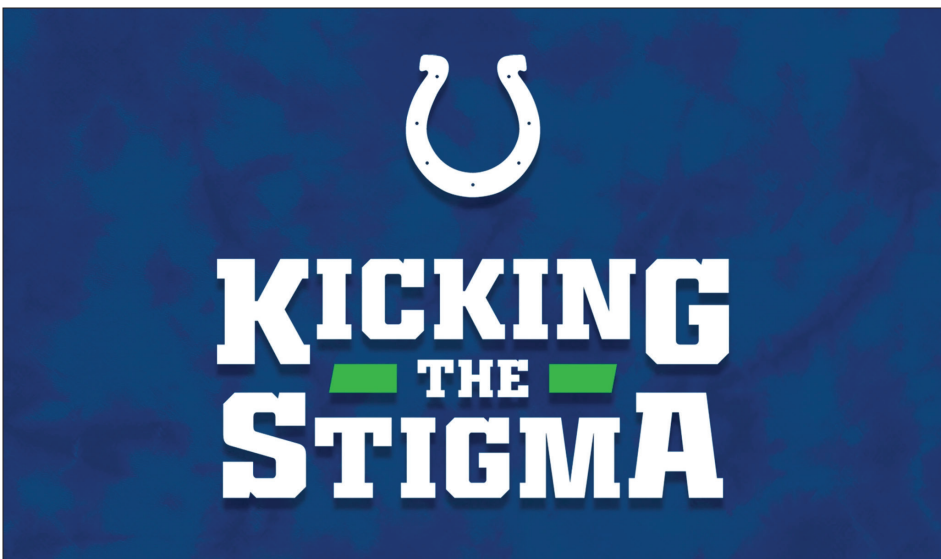
The University of Evansville receives \$25,000 Colts Kicking the Stigma Grant

EVANSVILLE, IND. — The University of Evansville’s (UE) Emily M. Young Mental Health Clinic has received a \$25,000 grant from Colts Kicking The Stigma to expand access to affordable mental health services for individuals and families across the region.

The grant will support the Clinic’s Mental Health Access Program, which is designed to reduce financial barriers that can prevent community members from beginning or continuing treatment.

The funding will also support efforts to address language, transportation, and other practical challenges that can make it difficult for individuals and families to access consistent care.

“Access to care is about more than making services available. It is about making sure people can begin treatment and stay connected to meaningful support for as long as they need it,” said Dr. Jennifer Braun, Director of the UE Emily M. Young Mental Health Clinic and Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology. “This grant will allow us to remove some of the



most common barriers to care and continue building a clinic where individuals and families feel supported from their first appointment forward.”

Opened in 2024, the UE Emily M. Young Mental Health Clinic is a community-based outpatient clinic committed to providing accessible, high-quality mental health care to Evansville and the surrounding region.

The Clinic offers individual and group therapy, psychological assessment and testing, and medication management services for individuals aged five and older. Staffed by experienced licensed professionals, the Clinic also serves as a training site for advanced doctoral students in UE’s Koch Family Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Program. All services provided by student clinicians are delivered under the supervision of licensed psychologists.

Kicking The Stigma’s focus is two-fold: raising awareness about the prevalence of mental health disorders in our communities and raising and distributing funding to nonprofits and other organizations in Indiana and beyond.

To date, Kicking The Stigma and the Irsay family have committed more than \$33 Million to mental health awareness organizations and research.

To learn more about the UE Emily M. Young Mental Health Clinic or request services, visit evansville.edu/mental-health-clinic or call 812-488-5640.

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