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Home 5 The Holidays at Kokomo Civic Theater

December 5 - 7, 2025
Home 5 the Holidays: The Un5gettable Holiday Show brings the Kokomo-grown comedy boyband, Un5gettable, back to where it all began—Kokomo Civic Theatre! This five-part harmony-fueled extravaganza blends original comedy songs, classic Christmas tunes, laugh-out-loud skits, and a sleighful of heart. With mixed media, heartfelt moments, and signature Un5 shenanigans, it's a show for all ages and all humbugs. Whether you're naughty, nice, or somewhere in between, you'll leave smiling. Bring someone you love and rediscover the joy of the season—boyband style.
For tickets visit <https://www.kokomocivictheatre.org/>

Upcoming Kokomo Civic Theatre Events:

December 14 & 15 – Auditions for The Revolutionists – 6:30 pm at the KCT Warehouse, 722 N McCann St.
February 27, 28, March 1 – The Revolutionists – Havens Auditorium – 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday; 2:00 pm on Sunday

Small business development office offers opportunity for student entrepreneurs

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo celebrated a partnership that brings entrepreneurial resources to its students with a ribbon cutting for new offices for the Hoosier Heartland Indiana Small Business Development Center (HHISBDC).
Chancellor Mark Canada, along with Tim Branyan, HHISBDC coordination manager, Caitlin Sheets, Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance economic development manager, and Madi Cardenas, membership development coordinator, led the ribbon cutting outside the Kelley Student Center.
Canada said it makes sense for the ISBDC to have a presence in IU Kokomo's Innovation Hall because of its mission to help future entrepreneurs grow their small businesses.
“We really believe in innovation, and students getting hands-on learning, even before they graduate,” he said. “The idea that they can meet Tim and other members of the team right here



on campus and start thinking about how they can bring their ideas to life really excites me. It's what we're all about here: getting students' knowledge into action.”
Branyan said having an office on campus gives students easier access to free one-on-one advising, workshops, training, and connections to state and national resources.
“This ribbon cutting represents more than a new office space on campus,” he said. “It signifies a bridge or an on ramp. When done well, it will

be a link between entrepreneurs, education, ideas, and action between students who are curious and business owners who are creating real impact in Howard County and the surrounding areas. I'm super excited about what this place is going to be for the entrepreneurs that come through these doors.”
Guests toured the KEY Center for Innovation, where the ISBDC will host office hours two Thursdays per month. Alan Krabbenhoft, director of the KEY Center for Innovation, shared the space's resources, highlighting two group collaboration areas and a dedicated conference room for meeting with potential clients.
In addition to hosting the ISBDC, Krabbenhoft also connects area business owners with students who can use what they've learned in class to help with projects.
“This space represents a tremendous opportunity,” he said. “This is an opportunity for students to practice what they're doing in school and use their own work to advance an organization. We want this to become a vibrant center for our community.”
Innovation Hall is funded in part by a \$1.5 million grant from the first round of funding from the Indiana READI program and matching funds from Indiana University. Located in the west wing of the Kelley Student Center, it includes a media lab/eSports arena, a technology studio, and a business analytics lab, as well as professional offices and other training and gathering spaces for students.

Mastering Black Friday shopping

Black Friday is one of the busiest and most profitable shopping days of the entire year. According to DemandSage and National Public Radio, American consumers spent a record \$10.8 billion on online Black Friday shopping in 2024. Around \$61 billion in total sales (both online and in-person) were made over the Black Friday and Cyber Monday weekend.
Consumers can land great deals on the day after Thanksgiving, which means individuals who hone their Black Friday shopping skills can reap considerable rewards. The following tips can help shoppers master Black Friday.
• Set a budget. Even though Black Friday may feature some hard-to-beat deals, it's wise to determine how much you can afford to spend before

you begin shopping. Shopping beyond your means, even if the prices are low, can exact a financial toll.
• Make a list of recipients. Make a list of the people for whom you will be shopping and some ideas of what to give each individual. This will enable you to look out for particular deals on these items.
• Compare prices ahead of time. It's important to know how much items cost across different retailers before Black Friday arrives to understand their true value. This will enable you to determine if a Black Friday sale really is a bargain or if it's possible to get a better price at a different time. Smartphone apps like BuyVia, Shopkick and Shopular let you scan barcodes to compare prices and more.
• Shop online early. NPR says there has been a shift from



traditional in-store shopping to online platforms for Black Friday. Many deals now begin on Thanksgiving or even earlier and fall under the Black Friday promotion. Start shopping at home to avoid large crowds and secure limited time deals. In recent years, many retailers have offered more of the same promotions online as they do in stores.

• Be wary of sneaky sales tactics. Some stores will offer “doorbuster” exclusions that highlight slashed prices and utilize marketing tactics like countdown timers to encourage shoppers to purchase items without doing their research. This is when knowing the true value of items can help you spot a deal or inflated prices that were then

marked down.
• Limit your stores. If you choose to shop in person on Black Friday, start early in the day and don't run yourself ragged. If you're tired, you may not make the best decisions and could end up spending more than your budget allows.
Shopping smart on Black Friday comes down to employing some savvy financial strategies.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

...Consider all the worlds His hands have made

By Teresa LeNeave
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Recently, while studying the book of Revelation, the importance of praise hit me hard. Maybe because it’s Thanksgiving season. Or, maybe because I need to praise more. Expressing thanksgiving is much more than saying ‘thank you’ and naming off a long list of good things He has done for us.

In the history of the United States, George Washington was immensely popular after the Revolutionary war. Everyone was ready for him to be king or dictator. He could have taken any title he wanted, but instead he chose to share his glory and go a different route that involved giving “all the people” a voice. That was his way of showing gratitude for freedom. He had the political backing to be a dictator, but



he chose to show his thankfulness by sharing his glory. In some ways, Jesus did the same thing. By His death and resurrection, He won the victory over sin and Satan and then said we could be kings and priest with Him. Revelation 5: 9-10. In Revelation 5, a love scene is played out in the words of a

song. Heavenly beings sing with great praise, devotion and adoration to God as their voices ring in unison, “Worth are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed people, for God, from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and

priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth (Rev: 5:9 ESV). These beings sing this over and over and over. The next scene unfolds as praise pours from thousands and thousands of voices. You can almost feel the love they have for Jesus as they say: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev 5:12 ESV). The elders took their crowns and threw them at the feet of Jesus because Jesus alone deserves the praise for purchasing us by his blood on the cross. Here on earth, we sometimes forget to

praise with open and full hearts. We forget what He did. We forget the reward He promises those who overcome. Why wouldn’t we be thankful when Jesus promised us such a wonderful “pay for service”. In Revelation 22:12 we read, “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” The word “reward” simply means “a pay for service”. The more we praise and adore Him, the deeper our love for Him grows. Praise is like a sponge dipped in warm water. The more water you pour on a sponge, the more it swells. Praise is like that. The more we praise, the more joy and peace swells in our hearts. “Oh, Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder ... consider all the worlds His hands have made...”

The greatness of weakness

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

It wasn’t the hottest sermon I had ever preached, but it was certainly the hottest building I had ever preached in. I was scheduled to preach to a group of eager youngsters at a youth summer camp, but I had no idea that obstacles were also on the schedule. In the middle of the week, the air conditioning kicked off in the chapel, elevating the indoor temperature to about 90°. When it was

my time to preach, I couldn’t concentrate. I was saturated in perspiration, and the students were straining to stay cool. To make matters worse, not one student came to the altar at the end of the service. Later that evening, a student named Alex remarked, “Brother Brandon, I’m gonna be honest with you—and no offense—but I didn’t hear a single word you said.” Jeez! Talk about adding insult to injury! However, Alex repented of his sins in that very hour, and

explained to me that God was speaking so loudly to him during my sermon that he couldn’t hear me at all! To this day, that was the best post-sermon compliment I have ever received. Paul the apostle was right—the power to save souls rests not in the messenger, but in the message: “And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ

and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). God will use you despite your imperfections and inadequacies. Preach to the unsaved even when you are nervous or uncertain. Disciple the hungry souls

under your care even when your efforts appear fruitless. Encourage the despondent even when you feel that your words won’t make a difference. Pray for the wayward even when it feels like your prayers go no higher than the ceiling. Do not rely on your skills or speaking abilities; instead, rely on God’s strength and His promise to speak through you (Matthew 10:20). Do not confide in your own intelligence or wisdom; rather, trust in the Lord’s

incomprehensible power to convert souls (Romans 1:16). Do not give up if you see no success when doing the work of the Lord—depend on the sufficiency of God’s grace (2 Corinthians 9:8). Don’t forsake doing good if you think you’re not any good at doing good! D.L. Moody once said, “If you don’t go to work for the Lord because you’re afraid of making mistakes, you will probably make the greatest mistake of your life—that of doing nothing.”

By Gary Miller

When I’m bow hunting, one of the first things I do is range distances, so I don’t have to do it when(if) a deer shows up. After ranging these distances, I find a marker to remind me of what that distance is. The second thing I do (and do it throughout the hunt) is visualize where and how a deer might show up – and how I would respond. I think about angles. I look at obstacles. And I visualize how I will have to maneuver how I’m sitting in order to position myself for a shot. I will also raise my bow to simulate how it all could go down. Every hunter does this. It sounds simplistic and even immature, but what

we do is pretend. Probably the same thing we did as a kid. Yeah, I know that doesn’t sound too professional, but that’s exactly what it is. It just pretending a desired or potential situation. And the truth is, if I have visualized (pretended) it enough, when reality comes, the chances are I will be less surprised, less uncertain, and more confident. And if done repeatedly, I will drown out negative thoughts and doubts that will flood my mind during a real encounter. Visualizing or pretending is not faking it until you make it. It’s visualizing or pretending what you already know and who you already are. Because there

OUTDOOR Truths

The art of pretending

are voices and past situations that are always there to try to tell you something different. Pretending is a great tool – in life – and as a Christian. It allows us to feed our minds the truth about who we are, whose we are, and the truth about our circumstances, until the encounter comes. Let me explain. Right now, you feel like God

has forgotten about you, that He’s nowhere to be found, and even that He doesn’t care. That’s what you “feel.” But you “know” that’s not the truth. You know it from what the scriptures say and from your past experiences, and from the present and past experiences of others. Your feelings cause doubt, uncertainty, and a

loss of confidence. But because you know, you pretend. You visualize. You imagine. But not because of fantasy. Because of reality. Here’s how that looks. When you’re in the season of doubt, you pick up your Bible. You range the distance it covers and begin pretending with sentences like these. “God has not forgotten about me.” “God has never left me and will never leave me.” “God cares about my life and all that I’m going through.” “God loves me because He just can’t help it.” And say these and do these not because you’re pretending to have a hope-so possibility, but because you have been bombarded with lies that have affected how you feel. As hard as it may be right now,

start pretending what you already know is a reality. Join me every Tuesday morning on Zoom as we dig a little deeper into this article. 7:30 eastern time. Go to the website for the link. Gary Miller gary@outdoortruths.org Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men’s events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

— PSALMS 26:7

What consumers can do to support local farmers

A strong agricultural sector is vital to a healthy economy. Turbulence has affected local and national economies in recent years, and the global economy has endured its own ups and downs during that span.

Though there's no one-size-fits-all solution to economic struggles, consumers can make a difference by supporting local agricultural producers. A 2022 report from researchers at Maryville University indicated roughly 10 percent of workers across the United States were employed in the agricultural sector, which the report also noted contributes \$7 trillion annually to the national economy. Job creation and economic output are two major reasons to support local farmers, and consumers can do that in various ways.

- Shop local. The shop local movement can make a notable impact on local economies, and



it affects more businesses than brick-and-mortar stores on Main Street. Locally owned restaurants and grocers often source their foods from local farmers, so patronizing such businesses supports those who set up shop on Main Street as well as the farmers who stock their shelves and pantries.

- Purchase seasonal foods. The

organization Green America, which offers advice on how environmental sustainability produces stronger economies, notes that purchasing seasonal foods is a great way to support local farmers. Farmers grow seasonal foods throughout the year to take advantage of natural conditions. Consumers who alter their

purchasing habits with the seasons by buying foods that are in-season are likely supporting local agricultural producers. Read product labels to determine where foods are coming from. Non-seasonal foods are likely imported from far away, which has a detrimental impact on the environment and local economies.

- Buy directly from local farms. Most consumers purchase their food from grocery stores near their homes, but it might be possible to purchase directly from local farmers. Farmers may utilize e-commerce tools to sell directly to local residents, and might even offer delivery services that are more convenient than driving to the nearest

chain grocery store.

- Act as an advocate for local producers. Consumers have considerable power, and that power can be exercised in numerous ways. Supporting restaurants that source foods from local farmers is one way consumers can exercise their power. But consumers also can advocate for local farmers by supporting legislation and candidates that prioritize building and supporting a strong local agricultural sector. Consumers also can advocate for local farmers by sharing their experiences via social media, word-of-mouth recommendations or writing positive reviews through aggregators like Google Reviews.

A thriving agricultural sector benefits local economies, and consumers can do much to support the farmers who operate in their towns.

How to build stronger rural communities

Small towns and rural communities may not always get the attention they deserve, and it's easy for their needs to be eclipsed by larger cities. Small town needs are ever-changing and unique to their respective locations.

While some rural communities have experienced a downward trend between 2010 and 2020, the numbers are complex and not universally applicable. Still, many of these areas can use help, as they are facing steep population declines, according to FWD.us. This bipartisan political organization says in the last 20 years departures from rural counties outweighed new arrivals by 700,000 people.

Empowering rural communities and helping them grow comes down to some key areas of focus.

- Create a walkable Main Street. Planning boards can carefully consider where well-thought-out development should go. While it's important to maintain the integrity of the rural community without too much



building, having a walkable and attractive town center where businesses can thrive is key. Families can live close by to daily destinations, and this may encourage more people to relocate to or stay in these areas, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Help for farmers. Government officials need to hear more about the challenges farmers face. Tom Vilsack, former Iowa governor and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture during the Obama and Biden administrations, says programs like the Climate Smart Commodities Program

can help farmers. This program pays farmers a premium for using sustainable agriculture tools, or practices that make use of innovative farm products that produce renewable energy. Farms that work efficiently and lower the burden of labor on farmers are a boon for rural communities. U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics indicate the majority of farmers in the United States have to supplement their incomes with off-farm jobs because smaller farms simply can't keep up to make ends meet. Fighting for policies that keep more money going

to small farms can strengthen rural communities.

- Improve infrastructure and resources. Rural communities need access to the right resources in order to thrive. Improving access to high-speed internet, for example, can bring new business and educational initiatives to rural areas and small towns. Lenders can be more receptive to local entrepreneurs to help stimulate economic growth and job creation in these communities, according to the professional development group StrengthenND.

Priority also should be given to improving roadways so residents can safely get to and from homes, stores and businesses.

- Protect open spaces. Rural communities can rally to protect the landscape and help preserve open spaces. Focus also should be placed on providing places for recreation,

and not only for local residents. Such features can make smaller towns more appealing to tourists, which in turn can increase investments in the local economy.

Small towns and rural communities can use certain strategies to foster growth and sustainability.

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Host a memorable Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a cherished holiday across much of North America. Canadians enjoy this day of gratitude, gathering and savory feasts in early October, while Americans celebrate Thanksgiving near the end of November.

According to Pew Research, 74 percent of survey respondents plan to attend Thanksgiving dinners with others, while 34 percent will host from their own homes. For those preparing to welcome guests this year, blending planning with heartwarming traditions can create a truly memorable Thanksgiving experience.

Start planning early

Menu and guest list planning can take more than two weeks, followed by a few days allotted to do some meal prep. The New York Post reports many people spend five hours actively cooking on Thanksgiving Day. AllRecipes.com indicates most Thanksgiving hosts spend around seven



hours in the kitchen overall. By drafting a clear timeline for shopping, prep, cooking, and cleanup and delegating various tasks to others, Thanksgiving hosts can enjoy the holiday more.

Create a smart and masterful menu

Americans consume about 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving, according to Electro IQ. Naturally, turkey remains a focal point of Thanksgiving dinners. Many other side dishes can round out the meal, but hosts are urged to stick to familiar recipes or test new ones

in advance to reduce stress. Simple, elegant offerings that are tried and true will be well received.

Set the tone with decorating

Outfitting a home in beautiful fall decor can help create the mood for Thanksgiving.

Hosts can incorporate rich, autumnal hues in browns, golds and reds. A floral centerpiece or cornucopia in fall-toned flowers is fitting. Small pumpkins or gourds outfitted with tags can be used for name cards to help seat people at the table accordingly, separating anyone who

may clash.

Foster inclusivity

Thanksgiving is about food, but it also is about warmth and connection with others. Having guests share things they are thankful for or offering a pre-meal prayer helps set a thankful tone. Pew Research Center indicates that 65 percent of Thanksgiving dinners include a prayer or a blessing.

Set aside extras

Thanksgiving may be a holiday of excess, with many holiday hosts cooking up more than everyone can possibly consume. Inviting extra people to dinner who may no longer have extended families may ensure that food will be finished; otherwise, having plenty of to-go containers at the ready enables guests to take home leftovers so they don't go to waste.

Hosting a memorable Thanksgiving holiday is about the joy of sharing moments with friends and family and enjoying delicious food.

Let's talk turkey

Thanksgiving is a time for celebrants to express gratitude for all that they have. Thanksgiving presents an opportunity for friends and loved ones to gather around a dinner table and enjoy a delicious meal together. Turkey frequently is at the centerpiece of Thanksgiving feasts. Many may be surprised to learn how turkey and other foods came to be such integral components of the Thanksgiving meal. Here are 12 facts about turkey and more, courtesy of Foodprint, Kansas Farm Food Connection, AgHires, and Business Insider.

1. When talking about turkey, getting the names for these birds right is necessary. Many people say "Tom Turkey" at Thanksgiving, but hens (female) birds are more commonly found at the table than a Tom (male) turkey. Poults are young turkeys. Toms

- are more likely used for deli meats, cutlets and ground meat because they are so much larger.
2. Americans eat roughly 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving.
3. As many as 2,500 to 4,500 calories may be consumed by a single person during the Thanksgiving meal. That's more than the recommended calorie intake for an entire day for most healthy adults.
4. The "Turkey Talk-Line" is sponsored by Butterball. Turkey experts are on call during the holiday season to answer questions.
5. It typically takes 14 to 18 weeks for a turkey to reach maturity. Heritage breeds descended from wild flocks will take longer to mature.
6. It is not confirmed that turkey was at any "first Thanksgiving" meal. Accounts vary and only allude to "fowl" being consumed.



7. Despite being more inclined to run, turkeys, particularly wild ones, are able to fly. Domesticated

turkeys may not be able to fly because they are bred to be heavy for more breast meat.

8. Dark meat in poultry is associated with muscle use because working muscles require

- extra blood vessels to deliver oxygen, making meat darker. Turkey predominantly run, so their thighs are known for being rich with dark meat.
9. Around 88 percent of Americans will eat turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.
10. Television dinners were born from turkey leftovers in 1953. The meat was packaged in aluminum trays with various side dishes.
11. Jellyed cranberry sauce is a common complement to turkey. Ocean Spray indicates more than five million gallons' worth of jellyed cranberry sauce is purchased for Thanksgiving.
12. Despite eating all this extra food, the average holiday weight gain is only about four-fifths of a pound, according to the New England Journal of Medicine.

These turkey facts can make for good Thanksgiving dinner table conversation this year.

Tips to simplify your Thanksgiving dinner menu

Thanksgiving is a much anticipated and beloved holiday. Celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada and the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, Thanksgiving in each country offers families and friends an opportunity to gather and break bread together.

Food is indeed a focus of Thanksgiving in both Canada and the United States, and that can be a little overwhelming if not intimidating for those tasked with hosting the celebration. Guests might come to expect certain Thanksgiving staples,

including turkey and mashed potatoes. Such expectations can make it easier to plan a Thanksgiving menu, and sticking to Turkey Day standard bearers is not the only way to simplify meal planning on this beloved holiday.

- Accept help, but keep it limited. It's customary for loved ones invited to Thanksgiving celebrations to offer to bring a dish to dinner, and that can alleviate some of the work hosts are tasked with managing. However, hosts can keep things simple by asking only a small handful of guests to prepare a side

dish. Once the quota is filled, politely decline any additional offers to bring food. It can be hard to find space on the table if too many guests bring dishes from home, and that can lead to hurt feelings if certain sides are ignored or left on the kitchen counter due to a lack of real estate.

- Explain your desire to reduce food waste. Another way to simplify the meal is to avoid succumbing to the temptation to cook too much food. Guests may expect to go home with full bellies. Indeed, the Calorie Control Council notes that Americans

consume between 3,000 and 4,500 calories during Thanksgiving celebrations. Such consumption is not only unhealthy for humans, but the planet as well. The U.S.-based nonprofit ReFED, which is devoted to stopping food waste, estimated that Americans would waste 312 million pounds of food on Thanksgiving 2023. Hosts who want to avoid cooking excessive amounts of food, much of which may eventually end up in the trash can, can simplify meal prep by cooking less and explaining to guests that they aspire to

reduce food waste this Thanksgiving.

- Keep table settings simple. Unless you're planning to post photos of the family meal on Instagram this Thanksgiving, you can skip the more elaborate formal table settings in favor of a simple setup you might use on most nights when dining at home. Polishing the fancy silver and folding cloth napkins in a way that would impress a seasoned maitre d' is a time-consuming task that can complicate meal preparation. Keep it simple with less formal settings, which will allow guests to direct their focus to the

task at hand: eating a delicious, homecooked holiday meal.

- Purchase a premade dessert. It might be tempting to try your hand at a homemade dessert, but it's far easier to purchase pies and ice cream from a local farmer's market in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. This approach ensures hosts have it a little easier once the main course has been served and consumed.

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner is no small task. However, hosts can take various steps to simplify Thanksgiving meal planning this year.

UPCOMING



Submitted by Catherine Lamb

Community Breakfast – Masonic Lodge #635, Saturday, (biweekly), freewill donation

Hope Center – Every Friday, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fairmount Town Council – Biweekly at 6 p.m.

Eagles Nest Food Pantry – November 20th, December 18th at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Additional dates on Fairmount Wesleyan Church website. Click events)

Feeding Fairmount Ministry – 2nd Monday of month – Fairmount UMC, freewill donation, 12 noon

Upland Winter Market starts November 7th, 4-7 p.m. on the first and third Fridays through April. No market Good Friday.

Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday. No mail delivery.

Madison-Grant Thanksgiving Break – November 26th – 28th

Hometown Holiday Celebration – November 30th – 4 – 6 p.m. in front of trustee’s office

First Friday – The Branch – December 5th from 7 – 8 p.m. - Fairmount

Madison-Grant Christmas Break – December 22nd – January 2, 2026

Fairmount Wesleyan Church Christmas Eve Services – December 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas – December 25th - Federal Holiday. No mail delivery.

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February 13: Election of County Officers

April 14: April District Meeting in Hartford City, “As American As Apple Pie”

May 7: Achievement Day which includes recognition of perfect attendance, membership milestones, new members & Memorial for deceased members.

Fairmount Public Library
Painting with LouRae - November 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Take and make crafting available – November 4th

Chair Yoga – 1 p.m. – November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Storytime – 10 a.m. – November 13th

Book Club – 6 p.m. – November 11th

Chair Yoga – 10 a.m. – November 7th, 14th and 21st

Board Meeting – 6 p.m. – November 12th

Crafting Circle – 6 p.m. – November 18th

Your Story – 7 p.m. – November 25th

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Local Church Services

Submitted by Catherine Lamb	Fairmount Friends – 10:30 a.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 9 a.m. (Hartford City)	Women of Hope Bible Study – Tuesday – 10 a.m.
Back Creek Friends – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	Fairmount Wesleyan – 9:30 a.m.	One of Ten Ministries and Church – 10:30 a.m.	(Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)
Back Creek Wesleyan – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	Fairmount United Methodist – 9:30 a.m.	Pilgrim Holiness – 6 p.m.	Fairmount UMC – Monday – 7 p.m. – Campus Life
Fairmount Baptist Church – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	Fowlerton United Methodist – 10:45 a.m.	Real Community Covenant Church – 10 a.m. – 1240 S. Adams in Marion	Fairmount UMC – Wednesday – 10 a.m., Men and Women’s Bible Study
Fairmount Church of God – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.	Jones Chapel – 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9 a.m.	Westview Wesleyan, 11 a.m. (Jonesboro)	
	MorningStar Ministries, 11:00 a.m. (Jonesboro)		



Arts Place announces new Board of Directors

Arts Place is excited to welcome the following to the Arts Place Corporate Board of Directors: Isaac Gorrell Isaac is earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is currently a Business Banker with First	Bank of Berne serving Adams, Jay, Wells, Miami, and Van Wert counties. Isaac is also a Rotarian in the Portland club. Attorney Jim Forcum Jim previously served on the board of directors and was instrumental in establishing Arts Place’s Hartford	City location. Jim practices law at Forcum Law Office and currently serves as the attorney for the Blackford County Commissioners. Jon Creek Jon previously served on an Arts Place community board. He previously served on the Blackford County	Community Foundation, as grants chair, and the Blackford Development Corporation. For the past 17 years Jon has been part of Build A Better Blackford for whom he currently serves as their chair. All three gentlemen will begin their 3-year terms in January.
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Mead making class at Arts Center

A mead making class will be held at the Blackford County Arts Center In this 21 and up class you will learn how to make mead which is a honey based wine. Participants	can choose from traditional, black cherry, or apple flavored mead. There will be samples of pre-made mead to try as well as various meats and cheeses! Class taught by Leroy Brown and Stephanie	Fields. Event Date/Time: December 16, 2025 6-8pm Event Location: Blackford County Arts Center, 107 West Washington St. Hartford City, IN 47348 Cost: \$25.00 per	person Arts Place contact person for questions or more information and how to be involved Call Lydia Rowles at 765-348-4154 with any questions.
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Congratulations to Coach Jorge Berry on being honored as the 2025 Above & Beyond Award winner by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association. Photo provided by ISCA

Marion girls basketball schedule change

The Marion Lady Giants Basketball game vs Lapel originally scheduled for Friday, November 21 has been rescheduled. The game will now be played on Thursday, November	20. The JV game will start at 6:00 pm and will only be 2 quarters. The varsity will follow with a tipoff time of approximately 6:45 pm. The games will be played at the Bill Green Athletic Arena.
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Neighborhood Association Coordinator, City Development Dept.

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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists announced

Grant County, IN — The Community Foundation of Grant County is pleased to recognize six local high school seniors as Grant County finalists for the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Two of the finalists will be selected as 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars. The two scholars will each receive a full-tuition scholarship to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university and an annual book and equipment stipend. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program has provided

approximately \$6 million in tuition and book stipends to benefit 54 Grant County students since 1998. “These six remarkable students represent the very best of Grant County. Their drive, compassion, and commitment to excellence give us every confidence that the future is bright. Being named a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalist is an extraordinary achievement, and we are honored to support them as they take the next step in their educational journeys,” said Dawn Brown, President/CEO of the Community Foundation. “These six seniors have

shown what it looks like to lead with purpose, serve with heart, and dream big for their future. We couldn’t be prouder and hope everyone reading this will join us in celebrating their remarkable accomplishments.” The finalists and respective schools are: Alexis Nuber - Oak Hill High School Ciaran Moeschberger - Eastbrook High School Elijah Inskeep - Marion High School Grace Carpenter - Marion High School Josiah Watkins - Oak Hill High School Keagan Hallis - Eastbrook High School A committee of local volunteers

reviewed the dozens of applications in a blind process. Finalists were selected based on their academic achievement, service to others, extracurricular activities, and essays. The committee then interviewed each of the finalists. Nominees and alternate names will be submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc., the statewide administrator of the program, for the final selection – which will be announced in December. The primary purposes of the program are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to

increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit, and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state. About Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. The Community Foundation of Grant County is an advocate for local philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the lives

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Prepare for Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday® occurs on the Saturday following American Thanksgiving. Nestled between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is an opportunity for holiday shoppers to patronize local businesses on a weekend when national chains and online retailers tend to dominate shoppers’ itineraries. Founded in 2010 by American Express and co-sponsored by

the Small Business Administration, Small Business Saturday is now an international initiative that encourages consumers to visit local stores, restaurants and other independent establishments to help bolster local economies. Small businesses are essential to the country, and employ a significant percentage of the American and Canadian workforce.

Since 2010, the total reported U.S. spending at small businesses during the annual Small Business Saturday is an estimated \$201 billion. Communities can prepare for the arrival of SBS this holiday season in the following ways. • Promote participation. Participating businesses should alert the public that they will be involved in SBS through local outreach, social media posts, marketing emails, and other avenues to generate excitement and exposure. Businesses also can download free marketing materials from <https://www.americanexpress.com/us/merchant/shop-small/materials.html>, including the Shop Small® logo. • Offer incentives and deals. Small businesses can offer special discounts and incentives that are exclusive to SBS, which may include BOGO deals or gift-with-purchase incentives to further entice shoppers. • Create specialized

bundles. Business owners can group complementary products or services together into holiday bundles to increase the perceived value and encourage shoppers to spend more. Beauty supply retailers, for example, can put together a specialized hair care bundle that may include shampoo, conditioner, heat protectant, and finishing spray. • Enhance the business atmosphere. This is the time

to make sure the business is inviting and in good repair. Decorating the storefront with festive items is only part of the package. It is key for business owners to ensure that the space is clean, welcoming and well-stocked. Investing in small event features, such as free snacks or live music, can engage customers and keep them in the business longer. • Prepare your business operations. This is the time for

businesses to have plenty of staff on hand to handle large crowds. Choosing customer service personnel who are outgoing and friendly can help drive sales and make a great first impression on new customers. Small Business Saturday is an important time for local business owners to establish their footing in the community and drive sales at the start of the holiday season.



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