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## AREA DEATHS - inside

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# Oak Hill Times

## Rep. Goss-Reaves announces additional \$200 million in state funding to be invested in child care assistance

STATEHOUSE – State Rep. Lori Goss-Reaves (R-Marion) joined fellow members of the State Budget Committee in approving an additional \$200 million to expand access to child care for low-income families.

The State Budget Committee approved the proposal at its meeting Thursday to allocate additional funding for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) voucher program. During the 2026 legislative session, the General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 4, which Goss-Reaves supported, allowing the state to augment funds from the Financial Responsibility and Opportunity Growth (FROG) Fund for the CCDF program. This funding will help the state resume



enrollment for CCDF vouchers by an estimated 14,000 children. “Access to affordable child care is essential for family stability and for communities that depend on a strong workforce,” Goss-Reaves said. “This funding helps extend aid for families who are currently waiting for assistance while

supporting long-term economic stability.” Indiana’s CCDF is a federally supported program that currently assists about 43,000 children statewide, with eligibility based on household income and employment criteria. Additional enrollment will prioritize siblings of current voucher holders, infants, and

children between 3-5 years old. A set of exemptions will be created for children of foster and kinship families, children with special needs, homeless children, children of child care workers, and children of Ivy Tech students.

Goss-Reaves also supported House Enrolled Act 1177 this session to expand the state’s employer child care tax credit, encouraging more employers to offer child care options to employees.

According to the most recent state data, capacity at regulated child care facilities has increased over the past year, with capacity currently at 174,400 children.

Go to <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/child-care-assistance/> to learn more about state child care resources. Madison counties.



## Special Earth Day craft event at Arts Place April 29th

In honor of Earth Day, participants will learn surface design techniques to decorate a hanging wall vase/planter.

The event will take place on April 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Arts Place, Blackford County Arts Center, 107 West Washington Stree, Hartford City, IN 47348. The cost is \$20.00

per attendee and participants Must Be Pre-Registered. No Walk-Ins Accepted.

Registration Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Arts Place contact person for questions or more information and how to be involved

Call Lydia Rowles at 765-348-4154 with any questions.

## Simulated Supreme Court hearings teach constitutional law

KOKOMO, Ind. — How much power does an elected official have during a state of emergency?

Students in an Indiana University Kokomo constitutional law class argued that point in front of the Concordia Supreme Court this semester, making the case for and against actions taken by the governor of the fictional state.

Andy Tuholski, assistant professor of political science, developed the class and the political simulations students participated in, giving them hands-on experience reading a record, identifying the relevant constitutional text, briefing the case, arguing it, conferring as justices, and writing opinions.

“When I decided to offer this class, I

realized I didn’t want students to treat constitutional law as a pile of famous cases and abstract opinions,” he said. “My goal is for them to understand it as an institutional practice that impacts lives.”

During the semester, students worked through four cases, serving as the petitioners, the respondents, or as members of the nine-member supreme court.

“While they are in it, they are supposed to feel the pressure of limited time, unique sets of facts, contested rights, institutional constraints, and public consequences,” Tuholski said. “The simulation is designed to give students a chance to practice judgement instead of just recall. It makes the subject matter come alive, and students will be more likely to remember the cases and topics covered because they live through it, defend positions, absorb questions, and write decisions.”

The first three cases involved a robbery investigation built around digital evidence, which questioned protections written for an earlier era still work in a digital world. The second shifted to equality, education,



and administrative review, exploring a situation where a child was denied tuition-free public school access because her parents did not satisfy newly imposed residency and lawful-presences requirements. The third involved home rule, public safety, and preemption, highlighting a private fugitive recovery agent who mistakenly detained an 18-year-old scholarship recipient on stage at a public ceremony.

In the capstone case, petitioners and respondents argued separation of powers and emergency governance, as Concordia’s governor postponed the statewide general election by executive order during a deadly heat emergency and rolling grid outages. Petitioners also argued that he blocked legislative oversight using a Capitol access system that did not allow all legislators into

the building.

Petitioners stated that allowing an elected official to change the state of an election sets a dangerous precedent, and that the governor should have tried other solutions first. They also questioned if he was attempting to stay in power longer. The respondents stated that the case was not about expanding elected officials’ power, but the right to respond quickly when there is a credible, documented risk to public safety. They also noted the postponed election date was within constitutionally allowed dates, and that the postponement ensured elections can happen while not putting people in danger.

Each side had 20 minutes to present their arguments, followed by time for the justices to ask questions and clarify points. Within a few days after the arguments, the justices issued a written decision and

upheld the emergency order postponing the election by three months, but also stated the executive branch crossed a constitutional line when the access pass system kept voting lawmakers from entering the building to perform emergency oversight.

Moriah Crawford, a senior from Springfield, Illinois, said students argued their sides passionately — even when they did not personally agree with it.

“It’s not about politics,” she said. “You have to know the facts, and you have to be able to argue them. You want to win, and the only way to win is with documented facts. You can think that something is dead wrong, but in this class, you know who you are representing, you know what they want, and that’s all that matters.”

Freshman Jennifer Anaya-Serrano, Logansport, agreed that they learned to think impartially.

“This class does a good job of getting you to disconnect from your own opinions,” she said. “I’ve learned to look at everything from an outside perspective. You have to be a zealous representative of who you are fighting for.”

Senior Brandon

Maish, who wants to be a prosecuting attorney, said he enjoyed the interactive class structure.

“It’s not like anything you would get in a standard constitutional law class,” said Maish, from Macy. “You learn from experience what the court is like. It feels a bit too real at times. That’s the greatest part about it.”

Kokomo resident Aidan Birkey, who wants to be a judge, said with more than 60 pages of documents to read to prepare for each case, the class was a lot of work.

“It’s good work, not busy work,” he said. “It’s all productive and you’re using what you learn instead of just remembering it for a test.”

Tuholski was impressed with the effort students made.

“The tenor of debate, the side eye given, the whispers within each counsel table showed they cared about the facts of the case, and the need to get it right,” he said. “Concordia is not real, but they cared about this governor on his way out, and the way he worked with the assembly, and the actual text of the state’s constitution. It was incredibly real because it mirrors things that happen in real life.”

# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## Where to find the good therapy

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If you don't like the harvest, pay attention to the seed

Teresa LeNeave  
Success and prosperity aren't just about luck or hard work. According to the Bible, they come from God. In Malachi, God promises to open the "windows of heaven" and pour out blessings if we are faithful with our tithes. (Malachi 3:10). It also says, "Every good and every perfect gift, comes from God, the "Father of lights." (paraphrase James 1:17).

My understanding of "good and perfect" includes good health, sound mind, and wholeness, but most people suffer with failing health or trouble in family or bad jobs or just trials of life. In spite of that, I still believe God desires for us to be in good health. According to Psalm 42, this wholeness is a blessing from God. No where is it clearer than



when we read about King David when he talks about how his health and wellbeing come from God, even when life is difficult.

So why is there so much adverseness going on in life? Scripture says that humans are made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. With all the disease, anger and dis-rest in the world, it's not easy

to keep those three in perfect alignment. The soul is the part of us that controls our thoughts, emotions, and actions ... those three we struggle with. Proverbs remind us to guard our hearts and minds because everything we do flows from them. What we see, hear, and think directly influences our lives, so we must be careful what we feed

our souls.

Isaiah 55 says God's word waters the earth, causing it to grow and bring forth blessings. In the same way, when we fill our souls with God's truth and guidance, we will see blessing in our lives. Prosperity, as taught in the Bible, is not a life free from pain and suffering, but it is a life filled with God's strength that's

given to sustain and get us through pain and suffering. Biblical prosperity reaches way deeper into life than money. If we get caught up on money alone, we'll miss the deeper promises of restoration and healing of body, soul, and spirit.

The Bible's message is clear: God wants us to prosper, be in good health, and have our

souls grow in wisdom and peace. As our souls are nourished and prosper in God's ways, the rest of our lives; our finances, health, and emotions will follow. (3 John 1-2).

If you're struggling, remember: "If you don't like the harvest, pay attention to the seed you're planting." What we feed our soul is what will grow in our life. A preacher recently reminded me that some things change, only by much prayer and fasting. It takes time for seed to grow and very it's hard to pull up something that's grown deep and hardened. That's one reason we need God. Like an old song said, "He can calm the troubled waters of our soul".

Three good verses to memorize are: "I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). "God gives strength to the weary" (Isa. 40:29). And, "Fear not, for I am with you" (Isa 41:10).

## The Best of Both Worlds

By Brandon Bramlett

Odysseus wanted the best of both worlds, and he paid dearly for it. His tale is told in The Odyssey, the world-famous poetic book written by Homer in the eighth century. The narrative centers on his ten-year journey back to the kingdom of Ithaca after the end of the Trojan War, and every reader of The Odyssey knows that his return-voyage was not easy. One hazardous threat he faced on his return trip were the Sirens, two ghastly monsters disguised as beautiful women who enchanted travelers with their lovely melodies in an attempt to lure and devour them. Odysseus and his crew were thus instructed to deafen their ears with wax and chain themselves to their ship so they would not be swayed by the seductive tune.

But Odysseus paid no attention. He ordered his men to bind him hand and foot to their ship, but leave his ears open so he might hear the

splendid song of the Sirens without being slain. The magical melody soon danced upon the waters, and Odysseus demanded to be released immediately. Then he started straining against the chains, until they dug deeply into his skin and caused fatal bleeding. And it wasn't until their ship sailed far away from the Sirens that Odysseus understood the shameful and agonizing cost of having things both ways.

Wanting the best of both worlds might be a theme of an eighth-century poetic novel, but it is a timeless problem that exists for believers in the twenty-first century, too. The duplicitous desire to indulge in the sinful pleasures of the world while concurrently savoring the Lord's goodness is a tricky temptation that all of the Lord's saints experience. That is why the Scripture is replete with warnings about trying to hold hands with God and the wicked world at the same time. As James said, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that

the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4, KJV). And as Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other" (Matt. 6:24a).

Love for the world is simply incompatible with love for God (cf. 1 John 2:15-17). Moreover, the Lord will not settle for such divided allegiance, spiritual adultery, half-hearted worship, or the "leftovers" of our love. He detests lukewarm love and delights in wholehearted devotion (Rev. 3:15-16). And most importantly, only the Lord is worthy of all the love and worship we can give (Psalm 96:4; Rev. 4:11); that is why believers are commanded to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and not some of it (Luke 10:27). Living a best-of-both-worlds life might sound appealing, but it is simply not worth it—just ask Odysseus.

## Being an enjoying Christian not just an enduring one

The toms are gobbling all around. Their call is one of the most recognizable in all of nature. Whether one is a turkey hunter or not, everyone knows this familiar sound. And even though a tom turkey will gobble the entire year, he is especially vocal during the spring mating season. The turkey is an amazing bird.

Just a few decades ago there were so few that most hunters turned into fishermen during the spring. Now, the turkey is in every state except Alaska. And not only are they surviving,

they are also thriving. The reintroduction of the turkey has been a great success story for fish and game commissions all over the country.

There has been a concerted effort between them, some conservation groups like the NWTFF, and the turkey themselves. Yes, the turkey has really done its part in this process as well. They have adapted. It seems no matter what type of terrain the turkey is placed in, it survives. And not only does it survive, but it seems to accept its environment and make it its own.

It doesn't care if it is placed in the mountains or the flatlands, in the cold or hot temperatures. It is going to not only endure its situation; it is going to enjoy it.

That's how I want to be. I want to be an enjoying Christian and not just an enduring one. And it's really not up to anyone or anything but me.

All of my life, my circumstances have changed. I have noticed as I have gotten older that nothing stays the same. It seems just as I get a grasp on some new thing, it is

replaced by a newer thing. I could grumble, complain, long for the good ole days, refuse to change, and endure the rest of my life as a cantankerous old man. Or I can choose to relish the opportunity to learn, be thankful for the opportunity to live in this new arena, adapt, and enjoy every minute I am blessed to be here. That is an easy decision for me. I hope it will be for you. When I think about this, I'm always reminded of Apostle Paul's reminder of what the Holy Spirit is trying to produce in me. He

writes this. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." This means, if I mature in my faith, my old age will not be characterized by cranky or cantankerous, or even just enduring. It will instead be seen as one that is characterized by these nine flavors of this fruit. Because while society, culture, and circumstances change, what the Spirit wants to produce in me, will not. It will fit in every generation. This means if I'm looking

for stability, I don't need to look at what world I'm in, but what world is in me.

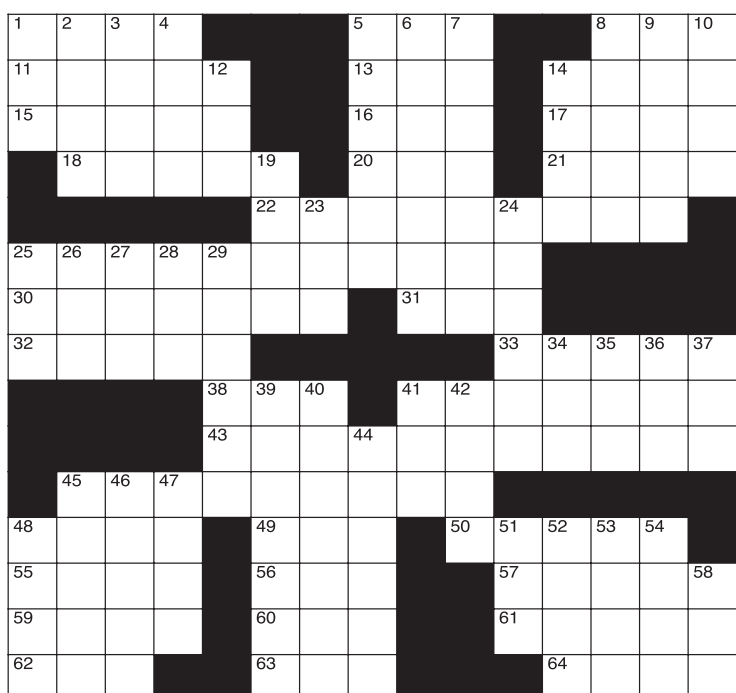
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*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

— Psalms 19:14

### Crossword Puzzle



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. Romanian monetary unit
- 8. Will Ferrell holiday film
- 11. "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- 13. Error-related negativity
- 14. Volcanic crater
- 15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
- 16. True market value
- 17. Italian term for exchange rate
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Men's fashion accessory
- 21. Children's craft supply
- 22. Extra benefits
- 25. In an early way
- 30. A judge has one
- 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 32. Tractor unit
- 33. Defunct supercomputer developer
- 38. Promotional materials
- 41. A forgetful state
- 43. One who beheads
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Small, rich sponge cake
- 49. Clergy's vestment
- 50. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 56. Zero
- 57. Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- 59. Nigerian governmental area
- 60. Mild expression of surprise
- 61. Places to hang things
- 62. Keyboard key
- 63. Make a mistake
- 64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Romanian river
- 5. Communication
- 6. Stoats
- 7. Showcases
- 8. Bird of prey
- 9. King of Thebes
- 10. Cleaving tool
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Three are particularly notable
- 19. Meet one's needs
- 23. C. European river
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Scrape a surface
- 34. Green vegetable
- 35. Pacific Standard Time
- 36. Capital of Brazilian city
- 37. Paddle
- 39. Cause to become insane
- 40. Drier and flakier
- 41. Mimic
- 42. ESPN personality Kimes
- 44. One who moves slowly
- 45. Secret political clique
- 46. Behind the stern of a ship
- 47. Supernatural force
- 48. Sanctuary
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. Engrave by coating
- 54. North Carolina university
- 58. Midway between south and southeast

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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### Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to spring sports.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 3 = E)

- A. 18 21 6 26 3 24**  
Clue: Participant
- B. 20 3 6 22**  
Clue: Group of players
- C. 17 7 12 24 3**  
Clue: Total points
- D. 10 1 2 2 3 24**  
Clue: Champion

Answers: A. player B. team C. score D. winner

### April Jokes

- Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?**  
Because then it would be a foot.
- What do you call a rabbit with fleas?**  
Bugs bunny.

### Word Search

#### SPORTS TIME WORD SEARCH

C O A C H H B V H D P N B H E E L F O N  
N B M G Y Q I Q E P O E M I T R E V O O Y  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

#### ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

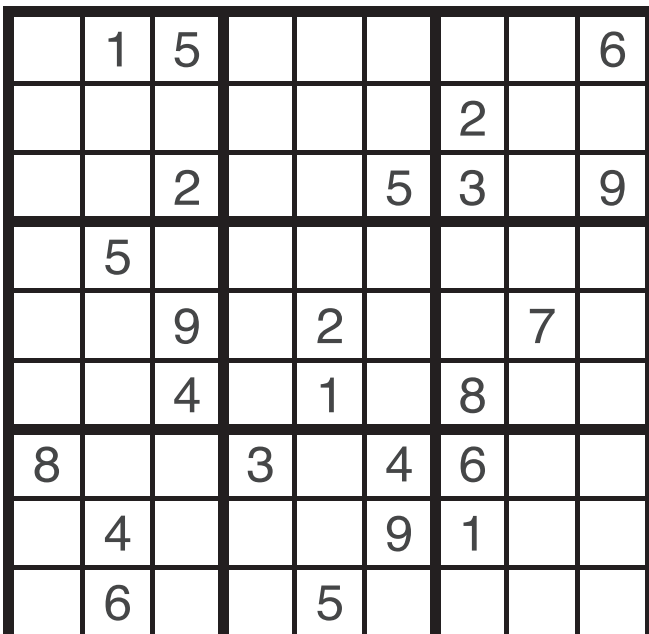
#### WORDS

- ATHLETE
- CHAMPIONSHIP
- COACH
- COMPETITION
- DEFENSE
- DRILLS
- ENDURANCE
- EQUIPMENT
- FITNESS
- HALFTIME
- LEAGUE
- MVP
- OFFENSE
- OPPONENT
- OVERTIME
- REFEREE
- ROSTER
- SCOREBOARD
- STADIUM
- TEAMMATE
- TOURNAMENT
- TRAINING
- TROPHY
- VICTORY

### Sudoku Puzzle

#### How it Works:

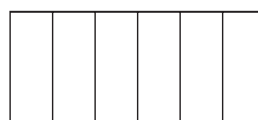
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports.

MHTLEE



Answer: Helmet

### Guess Who?

#### GUESS WHO?

I am a rapper born in Texas on April 22, 1990. My parents were missionaries and we lived in various countries when I was growing up. I learned to speak Arabic before English. I gained fame with Stamp of Approval and became known for my rapid-fire lyrics, perhaps a nod to my stage name.

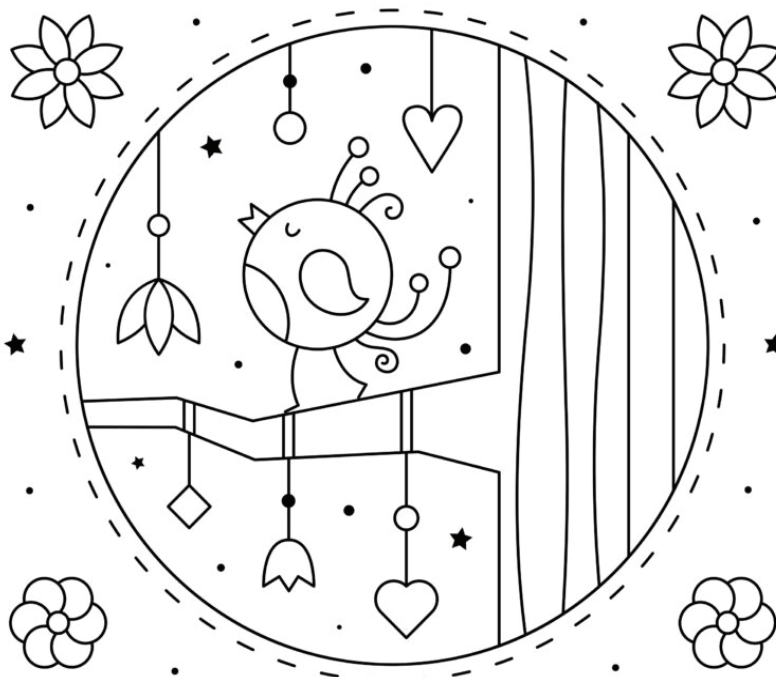
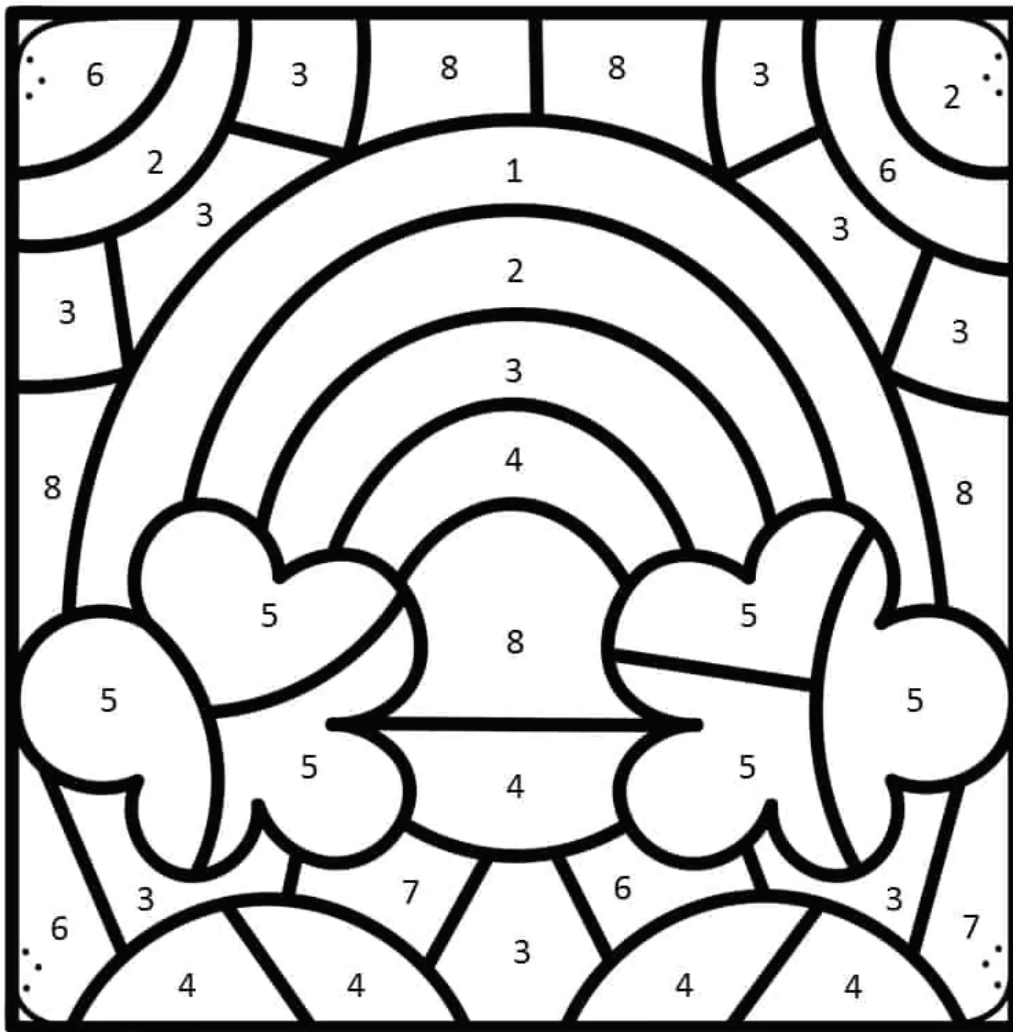
Answer: Machine Gun Kelly

### COLORING FUN

## SPRING COLOR BY NUMBER

Directions: Color the picture according to the code.

- 1 - Red
- 2 - Orange
- 3 - Yellow
- 4 - Green
- 5 - Aqua
- 6 - Pink
- 7 - Purple
- 8 - Blue





*Marjorie M. Leckron*

Marjorie M. Leckron, 92, Jonesboro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at 10:04 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne. The family received visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN. Burial took place at Park Cemetery.

*Roy E. Carter*

Roy E. Carter, 65, Sweetser, passed away in his home at 6:30 am on Monday, April 13, 2026. A graveside service to celebrate Roy's life was held at 11:00 am on Friday, April 17, 2026 at Marion National Cemetery 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, IN.

*Randle E. Knight*

Randle E. Knight, 62, of Converse, Indiana, passed away in his home at 11:52 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026. The family received visitors from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

*John C. Herres*

John C. Herres, 61, of Marion, passed away at 2:59 am on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Aperion Care. At John's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

*James W. Hayes*

James W. "Jim" Hayes, age 85, of Fairmount, Indiana, died Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at Wesleyan Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion, Indiana. Life Celebration Services have been entrusted to Fairmount Chapel Armes-Hunt

Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 415 S. Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana. A Life Celebration will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM, with Pastor Chris Williams and Pastor James Sonnifield officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00-3:00 PM prior to the service.

*Mary Ruth Riley*

Mary Ruth Riley, 99, of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, passed away at 2:32 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Marshall Medical Center. A graveside service to celebrate Mary's life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 with Mark Pogue officiating, at Grant Memorial Park, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion, IN 46953.

*Anna Elizabeth Creviston Schenk*

Anna Elizabeth Creviston Schenk, a devoted nurse, loving mother, grandmother, and cherished member of her community, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Family and friends honored Anna's memory at the Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, located at 1202 West Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. The funeral service was held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m..

*Randall Wilson Dennis*

Randall "Randy" Wilson Dennis, 82, of Greenfield passed away Friday, April 10, 2026 at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Pastor Eric Bowman officiating. Burial will follow at Brick Cemetery near Hagerstown with military honors conducted by contingents from the U.S. Air Force and Wayne County Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

*William "Bill" T. Sivis*

William "Bill" T. Sivis, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, at the age of 75. Graveside services will be held in Riverside Cemetery, Gas City at 11am on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements.

*James E. Laws*

James E. Laws, 85, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2026. Visitation was held on April 20, 2026, from 4pm to 7pm at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana. The funeral was held April 21, 2026, at 10:30 am at the funeral home.

**REGIONAL CHURCHES DIRECTORY**

**Liberty Baptist Church**

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<https://www.libertyfamily.org>  
 (765) 384-7004  
 Sunday School - @ 9:00 AM  
 Worship - @ 10:00 AM  
 Sunday Evening - @ 6:00 PM  
 THURSDAYS  
 Classes @ 5:30 & 6:30 PM

**Sweetser United Methodist Church**

413 N. Main Street, Sweetser, IN 46987  
[www.sweetserumc.org](http://www.sweetserumc.org)  
 (765) 384-7354

**Swayzee United Methodist Church**

306 S Washington St, Swayzee, IN, United States, 46986  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)  
 (765) 922-7223

**Converse Church of Christ**

301 E. Wabash Street Converse, IN 46919  
 765-395-3361  
 First Hour service (traditional) @ 9am  
 Second Hour service (contemporary) @ 10:15am

**Sweetser Wesleyan Church**

(765) 384-7232  
 200 West Delphi Pike Sweetser, IN 46987  
[www. https://www.sweetserwesleyan.org](http://www.sweetserwesleyan.org)  
 Sunday Morning 10 am

**Back Creek Friends**

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**Back Creek Wesleyan**

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**Fairmount Baptist Church**

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**Fairmount Church of God**

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Fairmount Friends – 10:30 a.m.

**Fairmount Wesleyan**

– 9:30 a.m. Fairmount United Methodist – 9:30 a.m.

**Fowlerton United Methodist**

– 10:45 a.m. Grant Church (Global Methodist) 11018 S 300 E Fairmount 9:00 a.m.

**Jones Chapel**

– 10:30 a.m., Sunday School – 9 a.m. MorningStar Ministries, 11:00 a.m. (Jonesboro)

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

– 9 a.m. (Hartford City)

**One of Ten Ministries and Church**

– 10:30 a.m. Pilgrim Holiness – 6 p.m.

**Real Community Covenant Church**

– 10 a.m. – 1240 S. Adams in Marion

**Westview Wesleyan,**

11 a.m. (Jonesboro) Women of Hope Bible Study – Tuesday – 10 a.m.

(Located at One of Ten on SR 26 in Fairmount. Open to all women in Grant County)

**Fairmount UMC**

– Monday – 7 p.m. – Campus Life

**Fairmount UMC**

– Wednesday – 10 a.m., Men and Women's Bible Study

**Upcoming Events**

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.

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

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

**Epworth Church to hold annual Chicken Noodle Fundraiser**

Epworth Church at 105 W 8th St. in Matthews, Indiana will have their annual Chicken Noodle Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Epworth is known for their noodles served at Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival and this is an opportunity to enjoy a delicious homemade chicken and noodle dinner prepared in the same tradition.

Serving will be from 11:45 am – 1:30 pm, and the community is invited to dine-in or carry out. We welcome other church congregations to join us following their services. Dinners include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Free will donations for the meal will be gratefully accepted for the Epworth Concert Outreach Ministry Fund. This outreach provides an opportunity to experience Christ through the power of music by accomplished, nationally known gospel artists.

**Community School of the Arts announces CSA Theatre Company Production of The Spongebob Musical**

Marion, IN — The CSA Theatre Company at the Community School of the Arts (CSA) invites audiences of all ages to dive into an unforgettable theatrical adventure with The SpongeBob Musical, coming to the stage this May. Bursting with color, energy, and heart, this vibrant production celebrates friendship, resilience, and the power of community.

Performances will take place at the F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center at Marion High School on:

Friday, May 8 at 7:00 PM  
 Saturday, May 9 at

7:00 PM  
 Sunday, May 10 at 2:00 PM

Based on the beloved characters from Bikini Bottom, The SpongeBob Musical follows SpongeBob and friends as they work together to save their home from disaster—reminding audiences that unity and hope can overcome even the biggest challenges. With imaginative staging, lively choreography, and a high-energy score, this production offers a joyful theatrical experience for longtime fans and newcomers alike.

“This musical is the perfect blend of theatre magic and

spectacle combined with an important story about the power of coming together in adversity instead of allowing it to separate us,” said Shelly Inskeep, Executive Director of CSA. “It’s an energetic and playful story that is perfect for families—whether you grew up loving the characters of SpongeBob or are discovering them for the first time.”

CSA is especially excited to offer a special \$5 student ticket opportunity for Marion High School students. These discounted tickets must be purchased in person at CSA and require a valid

Marion High School student ID. This offer is not available for online purchases.

Tickets for The SpongeBob Musical are available:

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## Senior Care

# Injury recovery tips for seniors

There is no escaping the fact that the human body changes as it ages. Some changes associated with aging are beneficial, such as increased wisdom and knowledge from past experiences. Others, particularly changes to health and wellness, can be disconcerting.

Generally speaking, recovering from any injury can be a time-consuming process. For those over the age of 60, the process of recovering from injury can be especially lengthy.

According to Restorative Strength, a fitness and personal training service for seniors, elderly adults generally heal from injuries slower than young people. Caring Senior Services says there are a few reasons why healing can be delayed:

- Having diabetes is one of the most common reasons why seniors have delayed healing. The disease can negatively impact wound healing



because elevated glucose levels narrow the blood vessels and harden the arteries.

- The inflammatory response in seniors drastically slows down as people age. This response is the first phase when blood vessels expand to let white blood cells and nutrients reach wounds. When delayed, the wounds heal much more

slowly.

- Reduced skin elasticity and diminished collagen fibers in seniors can contribute to the body's tissues not being able to return to a normal state after injury.

- Sedentary seniors may have lost muscle mass and flexibility, which help physically active individuals

regain mobility after an injury. Bones also may be more brittle, particularly if osteoporosis is present.

Although it's impossible to reverse the hands of time, there are steps seniors can take to recover from injuries more quickly, and potentially avoid them as well.

- Slow and steady physical activity:

Exercise, including routine strength-training activities, helps strengthen muscles and bones. According to Pioneer Trace Healthcare & Rehabilitation, when complete bed rest is not advised after an injury, getting up and moving even just a little each day can jump-start recovery. Regular activity prior to any injury also may make the body stronger and more flexible to help reduce the likelihood of injuries.

- Maintain a positive mindset. The mind has a role to play in injury recovery. Minimizing stress levels through meditation, and engaging in positive thinking techniques, can make healing and therapies more successful. Reducing stress can boost the

immune system, which also will offer healing benefits.

- Improve diet. The body needs certain vitamins and minerals to function properly. Eating a well-rounded, healthy diet can provide fuel that facilitates healing.

- Work with a qualified professional. Seniors should not take on exercise or recovery efforts on their own. Exercising the right way and following prescribed guidelines can speed up recovery and potentially prevent future injuries.

Recovery from injury could take longer for seniors. But with exercise, positive thinking and guidance from health professionals, there are ways to speed up the injury recovery process.

## The different types of dementia care professionals

The World Health Organization describes dementia as a syndrome that causes a deterioration of cognitive function beyond what is typical of biological aging. Around the world, more than 55 million people live with dementia, and there are around 10 million new cases each year. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, but there are others, including Dementia with Lewy Bodies, vascular dementia and frontotemporal dementia, according to WebMD.

People diagnosed with dementia may need to rely on a vast care network to help them through every stage of their condition. Here is a brief rundown of the various professionals individuals may interact with as they navigate life with dementia.

**First responders**  
People with dementia may

become confused and disoriented, and it's common for them to get lost not far from home. Others may forget a reason for going to a store or may be unable to find their way back to a vehicle. First responders, such as emergency personnel, often step in to provide immediate assistance to someone who is lost or had an accident related to his or her dementia.

**Primary care physician**

A primary care physician likely will be the first person, apart from family, to recognize signs and symptoms of dementia. Primary care physicians may even help develop an initial care plan.

**Speech-language pathologists**

Dementia can affect a person's ability to communicate. Speech-language pathologists will work with their patients with language fluency, remembering

words, cognitive communication, and feeding and swallowing therapies.

**In-home aides**

An individual with dementia may need assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs). Professionals can help dementia patients with ADLs, which may include bathing, dressing, and taking medications.

**Professional care providers**

Professionals who have undergone specialized training and certification in dementias will have the most current, evidenced-based care practices information, according to the Alzheimer's Association. They can work with individuals to provide the best care and quality of life.

**Researchers**

Scientists continue to investigate the causes of Alzheimer's

disease and other dementias in an effort to reduce rates and find a cure.

In addition to these individuals, nurses, dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, and others may assist individuals diagnosed with dementia.

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KillBros Seed Tender w/plastic auger, \$2,000 1985 M & W 375 Wagon \$2,200 309-275-0524. (tfn)

2007 Geringhoff Rotadisc, 8 row head, w/ rotacone corn savers, this head is very good and had very little use, needs no work on it before fall season, always shedded \$29,000 815-761-2531. (tfn)

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

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# Motorists: stay alert and share the road with farm equipment this spring

INDIANAPOLIS — Planting season has officially arrived for Hoosier farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana’s rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Transportation, and the Indiana State Police want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on roadways this spring.

“Ensuring a safe planting season is a shared responsibility for all motorists,” said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. “As a farmer, I know firsthand the dangers of transporting farm equipment on roads, and I encourage all Hoosiers to be patient while approaching large farm equipment so we all can get home safely to our families.”

From 2020-2023, 20 occupants were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in six deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration\*.

“Safety remains top priority at INDOT, and we are proud



to partner with the Department of Agriculture this planting season,” said INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist. “I encourage all drivers to buckle up, put the phone down, and share the road as you encounter farm equipment over the next several months. We all have jobs to do and places to be, and we want everyone to reach their destinations safely.”

While the term “farm equipment” encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will

encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

“With the onset of warmer weather, we will begin to see more and more farm machinery on our rural roads and highways,” said Anthony Scott, Indiana State Police Superintendent. “

Patience, courtesy, undivided attention, and understanding will help everyone get to where they need to be safely. Let’s all do our part to ensure our farmers enjoy a safe planting season.”

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated “No Passing Zone” or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a vehicle to pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the

farmer.

Additionally, avoid tailgating as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road. Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

For a list of safety tips, click here or visit [www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/planting-season-safety/](http://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/planting-season-safety/)

\*2020-2023 data from the National Highway Traffic Administration is the latest available.

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The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reports to Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.



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