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The mural, "Greetings from Fairmount" by Alex Lomeli is now signed by Jim Davis, of Garfield fame. While in his hometown, Davis made a few other stops as well. L to R: Andrew Heald, Kathy Savage, Hunter Wolf, Jim Davis, Patryce Loftin, and David Crouse.

# Cartoonist Jim Davis visits Fairmount for a special reason; Signs two town murals

By Cathy Shouse

Recently one of Fairmount's famous native sons returned on a special mission. Jim Davis, the Garfield cartoon creator, returned to his hometown to put his signature on two murals.

The mural called
"Greetings from
Fairmount" by Alex
Lomeli and a Garfield
mural painted by MG
high schooler Lila
Morrow now have
Davis's name on them.
He painted the lettering
himself. While in town,
Davis made a few other
stops as well.

Recently, Hunter Wolf, of Main Street Fairmount, was a key player. Wolf owns Fairmount Pro Hardware on Main Street.

"I had written him a letter about a year back asking if I could use Garfield for advertising," Wolf said. "He wrote me back and included a little sketch of Garfield in the bottom corner."

Wolf and Kathy Savage got the idea to ask Davis to sign two town murals.

"He wrote back saying that he had seen our mural on Facebook and that he loved it. Before too long he reached back out with a few dates of when he could come."

The visit was kept quiet but when it was over, the organization's Facebook page shared the news.

Some locals commented on the photos. Jean Huff wrote, "Haven't seen Jim since high school," followed by a smiley face. "Looking well Jim.

Thank you for visiting."

Several other posts on Facebook mentioned going to Ball State University with Davis and experiences they had. Eric Herbst reminisced that he was a Ball State student pilot flying out of the Muncie airport in 1985 when he flew to Kokomo to pick up Davis.

Wolf said it's a day he'll always remember, since he participated as a kid in the Garfield run James Dean Festival.

"The day he came was a chilly fall morning," Wolf said. "He pulled up in a car with his brother and cousins. I had already gone over a small itinerary with Jim prior to coming. The mural signing on Helping Hands, a few photos with the muralist and MSF Board, Then a small walk downtown to the Garfield Mural located on the Thompson Building across from the Hardware, and then to finish it out I connected with Christy Berry and



Hunter Wolf of Main Street Fairmount hands paint and paintbrush to Jim Davis, Garfield creator and Fairmount native. Wolf owns Fairmount Pro Hardware and provided the materials for Davis to sign his name on the mural.



Jim Davis stands by his famous character, Garfield, featured on the mural painted by Lila Morrow, right, a Madison-Grant student.

Dorothy Schultz from The James Dean Museum about a private tour of the Garfield Exhibit. On our walk, me and Jim talked about the many changes in Fairmount since he had been last."

While Wolf appreciates all of the celebrities from Fairmount, the Garfield creator is especially dear to his heart

to his heart. "I love Garfield, I feel like he is the underdog of Fairmount, and probably doesn't get as much recognition as he should," Wolf said. "I think what made this so special to me was that someone so famous didn't forget about their roots and was so personable and down -to-earth. Jim was so pleased with everything in Fairmount and loved seeing the ways his successes are celebrated in his hometown. Basically, saying no matter how famous he became he hasn't forgotten where he came from. Had he not grown up on that farm outside of Fairmount he quite possibly could have never gotten the idea for Garfield in the first

place."
Wolf had a unique role
in the day, providing the
materials from his store,
the paint brush and paint.

"I handed him the supplies and held the pail of paint for him as he climbed up the ladder, and with every brush stroke he started to carve out the iconic signature. When he was done, it was perfect just like it looks on the comic strips."

'When he started to sign his name, his cousins joked with him on how to spell his name, giving him pointers on what the next letter would be,' Hunter continued. "He joked along shouting out a wrong letter to get our small little crowd to give out a chuckle. After he was done signing his cousins pulled out their own paint joking that it was their turn. In all Jim was a very nice man with a down-to-earth personality and quite the

sense of humor.

## Blackford County Extension Homemakers to host IEHA Spring District meeting



By Susan Lannoy

Blackford **County Extension** Homemakers Association will be hosting the IEHA **Spring District** meeting scheduled for April 14, 2026. The meeting is for the New Castle District and will be held at the Blackford County 4-H Fairgrounds. **Blackford County** is in the process of preparing for this venue. It is anticipated that 100 guests will be in attendance including **IEHA President** Cathy Willymacky. A silent auction will be held with all funds collected going to Cancer Support in Blackford County. It should be noted that we are in the Noblesville District and the farthest north and east county in our district.

In addition, it should be noted there are five active clubs in Blackford County: Sew Happy Club's main interest is quilting! Sewing, crocheting and knitting are interests as well. Sew Happy meets twice a month in Hartford City. There is an open sew day for anyone who knows the basics of sewing; they have a meeting once a month and work on their projects the same day.

The Kitchen
Kemists has a wide
variety of interests
including contributing
time and needed items
to the VA Medical
Center in Marion.
They also help the
Gideons fill Christmas
gift bags for cancer
patients. Additionally,
they donate time by
visiting nursing home
patients, have a plant

sale in the spring and many other activities. They meet once a month on the southwest side of the Blackford County near Shamrock Lakes.

Redkey Town & Country Club are actively helping the communities of Jay County as well as participating in and contributing to Blackford County activities. They have worked with recycling for Jay County and made donations to projects as well.

Jolly Workers Club meets in Montpelier on the north side of Blackford County. They have donated items, worked at Montpelier Jamboree, and helped with the Blackford County Fair Board sale of sausage sandwiches and pork chops.

Just-A-Mere Club usually meets in Montpelier as well. This is our oldest club in Blackford County and was started in 1926. This club meets once a month for a business meeting and socializing. They donate to our county projects and help wherever they can.

There are extension clubs in Grant County, and Blackford County is open to visitors and welcomes you to visit. If you would like to know more about Blackford **County Extension** Homemakers Association, you can find us on Facebook at: Blackford County **Indiana Extension** Homemakers Association or contact our Purdue Extension Office at 766-348-3213, or through messenger on Facebook. Let's share information and ideas!

**Happy Halloween!** 

# VICTORIOUS Juving ... in a troubled world

# One moment changes everything

By Teresa LeNeave leneave2@comcast.net

There are countless Bible stories that could have been written just yesterday. They are still as relevant as the 5:00 news. One such individual emerges from the pages in the Bible: the woman at the well. She lived a life of passion. Since she had already been married and divorced five times, she was not a young woman when she met Jesus, but she still had not changed her sinful lifestyle.

Obviously, she was the type that needed a man. Had she been abused? Had she been an orphan without a father in her life? Or, had she been a rebellious child? The Bible doesn't tell us much about her past, but a few things were pretty obvious, one being that she was co-dependent. She needed a man to feel secure. Being alone

was not something she could face. After five husbands, she now was in a live-in relationship.

I imagine her dealing with feelings of rejection. Normally, women went to the well early in the morning before the dessert sun was miserably hot, but not this woman. She went at noon, at meal time when very few, if anyone, would be there. Perhaps she was coming at noon to avoid the sneers and whispers of the other women who were so quick to judge her.

Five husbands, in any generation or culture, is not something a woman is proud of. There were periods of history when men could have all the wives he wanted, but never a time when women had that luxury. From the beginning of time women were expect to be chaste, to love her husband and her

family. If you wonder how an unchaste woman was thought of, you have only to read Proverbs chapter two. Solomon said her ways lead to death and total destruction. In Proverbs 5:3,4 he says, "For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as worm wood" (which is poison).

That's the kind of culture she had to face, daily. She was the "immoral woman". The one people whispered about. She knew what public rejection felt like. Life had not been good to her. Her life was empty, but she continued to search.

And that is where Jesus finds her.

To her, He is a "Jew" which was not good news and when she saw Him sitting on the well something in her stomach probably began to sink. "Oh, no" she must have

thought. Because Jews did not associate with Samaritans, she was surprised that He spoke much less ask her for a drink of water! Her immediate response came from a life of rejection when she spit out words of pain. "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" (John 4:9 KJV).

Jesus said, "I'll give you water that you will never thirst again". Her entire life she had been searching for something to satisfy and now Jesus was offering to end the search.

One intimate moment with Jesus Christ solved two very big problems for her: She was instantly transformed by the Spirit of God and secondly, her words turned an entire city to Christ. One moment



with Jesus changed her life forever. She went from seeing Him as the prejudice Jew; to the honorable "Sir"; to a revered "Prophet"; and finally she concluded by acknowledging Him as

the Most High King, "the Messiah".

The Good News is: He will do the same for any of us. Just one sincere moment with Jesus has the power to turn around a life forever.

## **Knowing God through His word**

By Dr. Billy Holland

Even with something as simple as praying and reading the Bible every day, it's a challenge even to those who are determined and sincerely seeking God's divine guidance. As a Christian writer and teacher, I encourage everyone to make time and find the secret place of God's presence where they can spend quality moments alone with Him. I've noticed a huge difference between reading non-religious books and reading the Bible. There is no resistance when reading novels and ordinary books, but when we read and study the Bible, alarms sound, and the atmosphere changes as it draws the attention of dark spiritual forces.

I realize some believe this is silly and there is no such thing as invisible entities trying to hinder us, but when we make a vow to obey Christ, we not only face hostility from our carnal nature, but also aggressive attacks from demonic enemies who oppose God. I'm not condemning those who read secular

books, watch movies, or play video games, etc.., but would you be surprised if I told you that I know church members who have confessed they never read the Bible? How can a Christian know God personally or understand what He requires if we refuse to read or study His word? What about passages such as Matthew 4:4? "But Jesus answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Are there individuals who can spend significant amounts of time entertaining themselves while also being devoted to daily prayer and Bible study? The concern comes when the hours people spend on their phones, internet, and television add up to be significantly more than the time they spend in prayer and absorbing God's instructions. There was a time when statements like this were respected as truth and brought conviction to the listener. However, as compromising is more popular today than



ever, lame excuses are now justified as legitimate reasons. As the religious continue to fall into the snare traps of rebellion, denial, and deception, we now commonly hear people declare how they do not want anyone meddling in their personal business.

Lately, we've been talking about our responsibility to engage in intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare, and we cannot overemphasize how critical this is to those who have a passion to be an overcomer for Christ. Since God has explained the symbolism of our spiritual

armor mentioned in Ephesians chapter six, we are left to ponder why a person who says they are a servant of God would ignore it. Why is it that some church-goers assume the pastor and elders do the work of the ministry while the average pew sitter is exempt? Many believe that if they contribute money to the church, this is all they need to do. However, if a person is truly saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, they also have ears to hear what God's Spirit is telling them to do. Every Christian has been given the gifts, talents, anointing,

fruits of the Holy Spirit, which means we are commanded to walk, work, and obey His voice. We read in I Corinthians 12:4-6, Matthew 28:15-20, Acts 1:8, and II Corinthians 3:5-6, that as the Lord's disciples, we are responsible for doing the work of ministry, and be constantly aware of His presence.

Every thought and deed should be a reflection of God's love and grace, and if it is not, we are guilty of the sins of omission. I Peter 4:10 is not a suggestion. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's

grace in its various forms." Choosing to live in denial and only think happy thoughts does not mean the spiritual war between light and darkness is not raging all around us. Thomas Gray, an eighteenth-century poet, declared, "What you don't know can't hurt you," but we know this reveals the immaturity and deception of those who take comfort in false security. It's probable the devil would not need to waste his time hindering lukewarm religious individuals, as they are no real threat to his agenda. In fact, they are helping promote Satan's twisted and distorted philosophies. It's the devoted and obedient follower of Jesus who reads their Bibles and intercedes, and are engaged on the front-lines of spiritual combat. The dark side fears the children of God as demons know that greater is He that lives in us than he that is in the world. Dr. Holland is an

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## The bitter cup of legalism

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist
Church

Coffee was once considered the devil's drink of choice. Because coffee was popular among Muslims who drank it to stay awake during their evening worship services, Roman Catholic Church leaders during the 16th century claimed that it was a demonic concoction "of Islamic infidels." That is, until Pope Clement VIII gave it a taste—and it didn't take long for him to bless the bean. "This Satan's drink is so

delicious," he remarked, "it would be a pity to let the infidels have exclusive use of it. We shall fool Satan by baptizing it." And immediately, coffee conquered the continent and flowed all the way to the mugs we fill every morning.

morning.
Coffee-hating legalists
nearly missed out on one
of God's greatest gifts to
mankind, and legalism
continues to rob believers
of God's gifts of joy, grace,
peace, and Christian
liberty. Legalism, if you
didn't know, is when we
add man-made rules and
religious traditions to

God's word, grading our holiness and that of others based on restrictions God never gave us in the Scripture. Legalism turns us into spiritual hall monitors who police piety based on personal preferences. And legalism rears its ugly head when we measure spirituality by clothing choices, denominational traditions, worship music styles, and strict abstinence from activities not explicitly prohibited in the Bible things like watching secular movies, wearing blue jeans to church, or enjoying classic rock

music. The Pharisees of Jesus' time were steeped in legalism, demonstrated by their indignant insinuation that His disciples were heathenlike sinners because they didn't ceremonially wash their hands before eating (Mark 7:1-5).

authority, and the

The apostle Paul warned believers about the danger of legalism in Colossians 2:20-23, "You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, "Don't handle! Don't

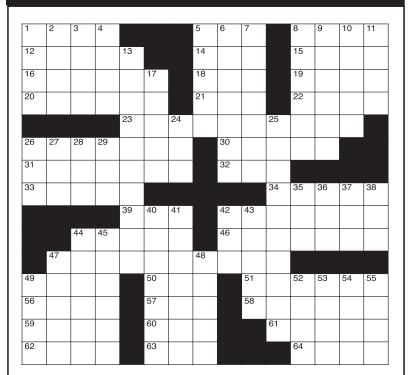
taste! Don't touch!"? Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires" (NLT). Simply put, legalism may appear holy, but it does not make you holy. It may keep your hands clean, but it cannot

keep your heart pure.

However, the remedy for legalism is not swerving to the opposite extreme and indulging in unrestrained

and careless conduct. The solution is also not more rules—the answer is more Jesus (Col. 2:6). And we must obey the Lord out of gratitude for His saving grace (cf. 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-12), and carefully assess our obedience according to what God has clearly written in His word. Additionally, we ought to enjoy and embrace the good gifts of God's creation without guilt, and exercise wisdom while doing so. Otherwise, we will dilute the sweet cup of God's grace and drink the bitter cup of legalism.

## Crossword Puzzle



### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. El , Texas town
- 5. Rocker's tool
- 8. A lot
- 12. Traveling by ground 14. Spelling competition
- 15. Two-toed sloth
- 16. Small perfumed bag 18. "Much \_\_ about nothing"
- 19. Tough-skinned mollusk 20. Removes from record
- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green 23. Quality of arriving favorably
- 26. Living thing
- 30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders

- 39. Fugitives are on it 42. Samson's influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport 62. Sleep in a rough place
- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Selfs

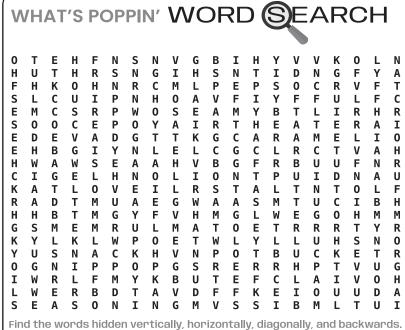
## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong 29. Make a mistake

- 35. Indicates location
- 36. Boxing's "GOAT" 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town 41. Suggesting the horror of death and
- decay 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
- 49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 52. CIA officer and writer
- 53. Hoodlum 54. Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
- 55. Woolen rugs

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## **Word Search**



## **WORDS**

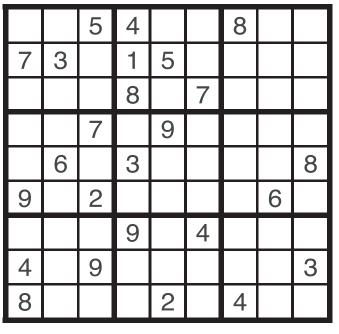
AIR BAG BUCKET CARAMEL CHEESE CORN GARLAND HULL KERNEL KETTLE MICROWAVE MOVIE NIGHT POPPING SALT SEASONING SNACK STOVETOP THEATER

Answers on Classified Page

## Sudoku Puzzle

### **How it Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are fomatted 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 Classified Page.



## Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to popcorn.

EHTTARE

Answer:Pack

## Guess Who?

I am a fashion designer and reality show star born in England on October 26, 1984. As the daughter of the "Prince of Darkness," I've traveled around the world during his music tours. I appeared on a TV show about my family, and became a mom three years ago.

Answer: Kelly Osbourne

ers: A. buttery B. kernel C. microwave

D. pop

## Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to popcorn. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = E)

**26 19** 19 Α.

Clue: Tasty quality

24 **17** 9 5 В. **17** 

Clue: Inner part of a seed

18 21 **12 25** 3 C. 9

Clue: Cooking device

16 D. **12 16** 

Clue: Explode

## Coloring Fun - Happy Halloween!!! - Be Safe!!





## Teresa E. Rigney

Teresa E. Rigney, 66, Marion, passed away at 2:07 pm on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in her home. The family will received visitors from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Teresa's life will began at 6:00 pm with Pastor Bill Nichols officiating. Following the service for a time of fellowship and remembrance, dinner was served at Georgie's Cafe and Family Restaurant, 1030 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

Charles CA. Landis Charles A. Landis, age 67, of Marion, Indiana, passed away at 4:10 am on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at University Nursing Center in Upland. The family received visitors from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Charles' life began at 1:00 pm with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

## Robert E. Gardner

Robert E. Gardner, 51, of Marion, passed away at 4:20 am on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

At Robert's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Shirley CA. Small Shirley A. Small, 88, Marion, passed away at 11:43 pm on Friday, October 17, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital and Health Services in Indianapolis. The family received visitors from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Shirley's life was held at 6:00 pm with Pastor David Fincher officiating

## Frances Flossie Crader

Frances Flossie (Bates) Crader, 83, Marion, peacefully and quietly passed away at 2:23 am on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Marion Health with family by her side.

The family received visitors from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Frances' life began at 12:00 noon with Pastor Todd Graham officiating. Entombment will take place at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Bonnie L. Lake, 85, Swayzee, passed away at 7:29 am on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Marion Health. The family will receive visitors from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Bonnie's life will begin at 2:00 pm with Joe Shaver officiating. Burial will take place at a later time.

Carl Allen Cooper, from Marion, Indiana, born May 25, 1957, passed away peacefully on October

The family received visitors from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Carl's life was held at 12:00 noon with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial will take place at Estates of Serenity.

## Laurie Virginia Knight

Laurie Virginia Knight, 75, of Marion, passed away in her home at 3:19 pm on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

The family received visitors from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952. A light buffet was provided for guests during visitation hours.

Immediately following the time of visitation. a memorial service to celebrate Laurie's life was held at 6:00 pm. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Marion National Cemetery.

Edna M. Snyder Edna M. Snyder, born on December 11, 1932, in Warsaw, Indiana, passed away peacefully on October 18, 2025, in La Fontaine, Indiana. She was 92 years old.

The family received friends during visitation at Unity Christian Church in Marion, Indiana, on October 23, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by her funeral service at 12:00 PM, concluded at 1:00 PM.

## Theresa Morris

Theresa Morris, 76, of Marion, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Aperion Care in Marion, Indiana. Arrangements for Theresa have been entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 South Western Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953. Honoring Theresa's wishes, cremation will take place..

Truddie Spaulding
Truddie Spaulding, 85, of Marion, passed away

peacefully on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, with her family by her side.

Visitation was held at 12:00 p.m. on October 28, 2025 at Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, College Park Chapel, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, Indiana

A graveside service followed at 1:00 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery.

Becky J. Wood, 87, of Fairmount, Indiana, peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Suite Living.

Services celebrating Becky's life we held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery, located in Gas City. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

## Martin A. Russell

Martin "Marty" Alan Russell, 75, passed away on October 24, 2025 at his residence. Keplinger Funeral Home is in charge of

arrangements.

Marty will be cremated and a graveside service will be at a later date.

Tohnny Franklin Austin, Tr. Johnny "John" Franklin Austin, Jr., 89, passed

away on October 22, 2025 at IU Health Ball Hospital.

Funeral service was held at 1 PM Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City and with Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast before the service starts. Burial will follow at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery, with the Dunkirk American Legion presenting Military Honors. Visitation was from 11 AM to 1 PM Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at the funeral home.

# Taylor University public relations class wins gold in International MarCom Awards

By Kylie Roggie

Taylor University's Public Relations (PR) Cases & Campaigns class earned a Gold Award from the MarCom Awards for their innovative public relations campaign with Main Street Fairmount (MSF). The recognition from 6,000 entries from throughout the United States, Canada, and 41 other countries honors the class's creativity, strategy, and impact in connecting with the local community.

In fall 2024, students in Professor Donna Downs' class partnered with MSF to develop an 18-month campaign promoting the organization

to residents and businesses of Fairmount, a town nearby campus. The goal was to increase visibility and engagement, especially among younger generations, while celebrating the town's historic charm.

Throughout the semester, students conducted extensive research to create clear goals, objectives, strategies, and tactics for the campaign. Once the semester ended, the class handed the project to MSF to continue implementation and track results.

"Working with a real client motivated us as a class to think outside the box to work





around the wants and goals of Fairmount," Olivia Nairn, senior PR major said. "I hope it helps bring the community together and strengthens their ability to communicate, collaborate, and support one another, ultimately creating a lasting impact."

The Marcom Awards is an international creative competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by marketing and

communication professionals. Administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP), the awards honor work that exceeds industry standards in creativity, execution, and impact. Taylor University's Gold Award distinguishes the class as leaders in innovative, applied public relations practice.

## **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 are on Fairmount Wesleyan Church website. Click events)

Community Block Party – November 1st, Main Street closes at 3 p.m.

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

Bliss Barn Holiday Market – November 8th at 11 a.m.

Veteran's Day – November 11th – Federal holiday. No mail delivery

Hometown Holiday Market – November 15th, 201 S. Vine at 10 a.m., Fairmount

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

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

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

Fairmount Public Library

Take and make crafting available – October 7th

Chair Yoga – 1 p.m. – October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Storytime – 10 a.m. – October 16th and 30th

Book Club – 6 p.m. – October

Chair Yoga – 10 a.m. – October 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st

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## Submitted by Catherine Lamb

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Fowlerton United Methodist – 10:45 a.m.

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

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Pilgrim Holiness – 6 p.m.

Real Community Covenant Church – 10 a.m. – 1240 S. Adams in Marion

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# Tribute Quartet with Devin and Camille Cunningham in concert at Epworth Church

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce Tribute Quartet with Devin and Camille Cunningham in concert on Saturday, November 8, 2025! Doors open at 6 PM, Concert starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15. Also, a love offering will be received. Limited seating, To guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance online at www. epworthworship.com/ tribute or call/text 765-667-0842.

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## **Keep pets safe this Halloween**

Halloween is an annual celebration that many children and adults look forward to each October. From the mysterious and the macabre to the goofy and gregarious, Halloween speaks to people in many different ways. And with the opportunity to accumulate several pounds of sugary treasure after a few hours of trick-ortreating, is it any wonder celebrants love Halloween?

While Halloween hijinks may be ideal fun for plenty of ghosts and ghouls, companion animals may not be so enthusiastic come October 31. In fact, Halloween can be a source of stress and even dangerous for many pets. Here are some things pet parents should keep in mind prior to Halloween.

## Costumes

Pet costumes are popular and can help owners and their pets coordinate for Halloween. Some pets may find costumes

uncomfortable or frightening. For those with a mind toward creative costume coordination, introducing the costume to the pet slowly and gradually can help ease the transition. Allow the pet to sniff the costume and put treats nearby to indicate it is no threat. If the pet simply will not warm to the idea of a costume, it's best not to force the issue.

#### **Glow sticks** Glow sticks are a

safe way for children to enjoy some spooky fun on Halloween night and become more visible when the sun sets. But those glow sticks may be attractive to pets and they can bite them, ingesting the liquid. The ASPCA **Animal Poison Control** Center says typically pets experience a mild and self-limiting taste reaction to glow stick liquid. Wiping off the excess with a damp cloth to help prevent the pet from licking again and having another reaction can help.

Accessibility to candy



One of the biggest Halloween dangers for pets is the accessibility of candy, especially chocolate. Chocolate is toxic and particularly dangerous to dogs. Chocolate with high amounts of cacao is especially dangerous. Raisins and gum with the artificial sweetener xylitol also are problematic. Candy wrappers can get stuck in the intestinal tract and cause a lifethreatening blockage. Lock candy away so pets can't get into it.

## Nerves

Many youngsters will ring the door bell on Halloween. Anxious pets, and even those that normally aren't nervous with visitors, may be overwhelmed. Keep pets in a dark, calm room away from the door to reduce anxiety and make it less likely skittish pets will escape the home and get lost.

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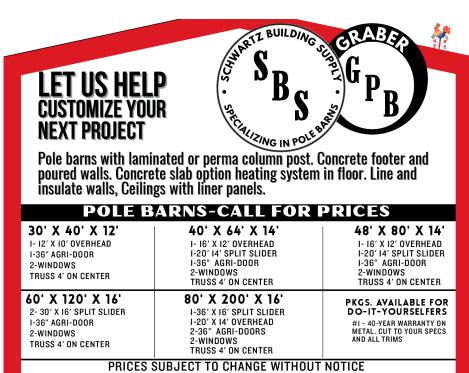
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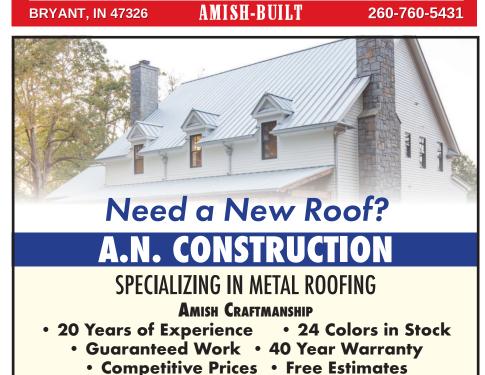
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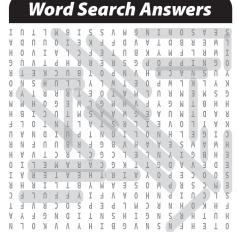
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Sudoku Answers



## **Marion Giant Boys** basketball tickets on sale next week

**Marion Giant Boys** Basketball Season tickets will go on sale on Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4 for Marion High School Athletic Booster Members.

Season ticket holders from 2024-2025 may purchase their tickets on Wednesday Nov. 5 through Friday, Nov. 14. The remaining tickets will be on sale for the general public beginning on Monday, Nov. 17.

The Marion High School ticket office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am and 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The hours on Friday are 9:00 am until Noon.

Season tickets are \$75 (That's a \$14

savings off of the regular price at the gate) for all 12 home games and also the scrimmage game at the Bill Green Athletic Arena vs Tindley on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

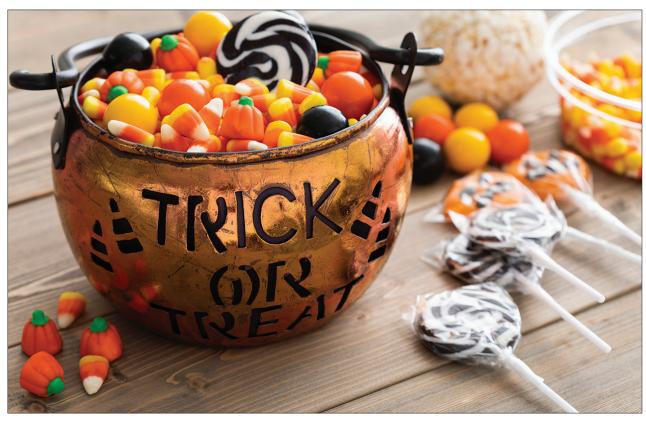
Regular season single game tickets are \$7 and the November 19 scrimmage is \$5.

Giant passes will not allow you entry to a boy's basketball game, you must come to the Marion High School Athletic Office with your Giant Pass and pick up your season tickets.

Boys basketball Parking Passes (East parking lot) are available while they last for \$25.

Marion High students, grades 9-12 are admitted free with a valid MCS Student ID.

Time



# What to do with leftover Halloween candy

What can be better than spending a day with friends, decked out in costume as you accumulate a mountain of sweet treats? That's what trick-or-treaters do every Halloween, and sometimes the cache of candy is more than a person can consume in a lifetime. When October rolls into November and Thanksgiving is on the horizon, few people want to be staring at a witch's cauldron full of chocolate bars. Rather than be wasteful and throw it away, they can utilize that candy in many different ways.

• S'mores cookie: Turn miniature chocolate bars into a campfire treat with a cookie twist. Press premade cookie dough into a round cast iron skillet and bake until cooked throughout.

Add chopped up pieces of chocolate and marshmallows on top, and place under the broiler a few minutes until melted and gooey. Slice up to serve or dig in with spoons.

 Confectionary pizza: Purchase premade pizza dough or make your own. Bake the dough on a pan with no toppings. Afterwards, spread a layer of peanut butter or hazelnut spread on top. Then set up a fixings bar with various candies that others can add to their pizza slices. Options include chocolate candies, miniature pretzels, marshmallows, or

· Stained glass cookies: Turn hard candies (like Jolly Ranchers®) into works of art. Fill sugar cookie

gummy candies.

cutouts with hard candies in the middle. When the cookies bake, the candies will melt and then turn soft after cooling.

 Candy-topped brownies: Brownies are delicious on their own, but they're even better with some embellishments. Mix chopped caramels into the batter, or add other candies for flavor and fun.

• Candy bark: Melt down any chocolate you may have and spread it on a baking sheet. Sprinkle chopped up leftover candy on top and allow to cool. Break into pieces for a homemade chocolate bark.

 Gingerbread house: Save the candy in a ziptop bag for freshness and reserve for decorating gingerbread houses around the

· Birthday piñata: If there is a birthday on the horizon, use the Halloween candy to stuff the piñata.

• Parade route: Veteran's Day parades are held each November. Start a new tradition in town where donated candy will be tossed out to the crowd by those marching in the parade.

• Donate: Various organizations will gather and ship leftover candy to troops stationed overseas or donate the goods to first responders, veterans and others.

It's fun to gather treats on Halloween. But when the collected candy is simply too much to eat, there are various ways to put it to good use.

## **Marion Recaps**

#### **Football**

Muncie Central 48 Giants 21

Marion finishes the season 2-8.

**Marion Giants scoring:** 

Tim Jones 6-yd TD pass to Logan Barnes Jayden Johnson 8-yard TD run Tim Jones 1-yard TD run Ethan Fain - 3 PAT's

#### **XC** Regional

**GIRLS** 

The Marion Giants XC team wrapped up a successful season at the IHSAA Regional on Saturday morning. The boys team finished 21st led by Elijah McGruder with a time of 17:07.70. The girls team finished 23rd led by Elizabeth Morgan with a time of 21:06.10.

Elizabeth Morgan	21:06.10
Kenzie Larson	21:50.50
Livia Beck	23:33.70
Gracie Dixon	23:43.00
Alexa Ortiz	25:15.00
Litzy Noriega	26:01.10
BOYS	Time
Elijah McGruder	17:07.70
Elijah McGruder Caiden Daniel	17:07.70 17:16.80
Caiden Daniel	17:16.80
Caiden Daniel  Albert Tucker	17:16.80 17:50.00
Caiden Daniel  Albert Tucker  Gaige Mitchell	17:16.80 17:50.00 18:41.91



## Safe trick-or-treating tips

Halloween is enjoyed by people of all ages, but few get a bigger kick out of the holiday than children. There are costumes to be worn, time spent with friends and the opportunity to collect free candy and other treats.

Although Halloween can be a fun time. the Children's Safety Network warns that it's also a time when accidents can happen. According to the CSN, the most dangerous day for child pedestrians is Halloween, with two times as many child pedestrians dying on Halloween compared

to other days. It is essential to prioritize safety on Halloween, and following these guidelines can help.

• Make sure costumes are short. Costumes that drag on the floor are tripping hazards, which can lead to injury. Be sure that costumes do not cover the feet or drag

on the ground. Trick-or-treat in groups. Children are safer in numbers due to the increased visibility of a crowd and because, if something happens, others can call for help. Parents can use their discretion on what age they feel is mature

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enough to let children go out alone. Until then, children should be accompanied by adults.

• Improve visibility. It's important to be seen while trick-ortreating, and that can be achieved by making sure costumes and trickor-treat bags feature reflective tape. Trick-ortreaters also can carry flashlights or glow sticks to improve visibility, and stick to areas with streetlights if going out after dark.

· Stay on sidewalks. Whenever possible, trick-or-treaters should stick to the sidewalks and avoid walking on the roads. This may not always be possible in neighborhoods without sidewalks, where parents and youngsters must be especially

about. All candy and other treats should be inspected by an adult before it is eaten.

 Keep pets locked away. Animals can become skittish when there are many people loitering outside of homes or ringing doorbells. Keep pets in a quiet room away from the action to prevent them from getting loose, injured or scared enough to bite or scratch someone.

· Avoid masks that obstruct vision. It can be hard to see peripherally with a mask on, so avoid costumes with masks that compromise vision.

 Test out makeup beforehand. All makeup used for costumes should be tested for allergic reactions prior to use. Heed the warnings on packaging and avoid putting makeup too close to the eyes or lips.

These are some safety strategies designed to keep Halloween fun and incident-free this year.



