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The Odyssey in 70mm IMAX: Worth the higher ticket price?

By: **Ciro Astarita**
KPI Writer

(NASHVILLE, TN.) – At Opry Mills Mall, The Odyssey has been playing since its release on July 17, 2026. Christopher Nolan continues to show off his directing skills following his massive breakout hit, Oppenheimer, which hilariously debuted alongside *Barbie* on its opening weekend three summers ago in 2023.

Nolan is known for directing Inception, The Dark Knight, Interstellar, and many more classic films. Throughout his career as a director, he has experimented with using IMAX film cameras. Since he began using



Exterior of IMAX Theatre at Opry Mills Mall in Nashville, TN. Photos by **Ciro Astarita**

them on The Dark Knight (2008), he has continued to shoot more and more of his movies on IMAX film. IMAX film cameras are special because they use a special type of film that is double the size of standard

35mm film and runs through the camera sideways, allowing for a much larger frame size and leading to vastly higher image quality. This image quality would be equivalent to roughly 18K. Compared to

modern 4K TVs, that’s a much clearer image! This specific Regal movie theater location has an IMAX theater and is equipped to play Christopher

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UT Martin Offers Public Health Concentration at Regional Centers

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin now offers a concentration in public health as part of its health and human performance degree at all six UT Martin regional centers beginning in the fall 2026 semester. The public health concentration has been offered at the UT Martin main campus as part of its health and

human performance degree. The Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance degree prepares students for successful careers in exercise science, public school teaching in health and physical education, public health and various pre-professional programs. Erica Bell, executive director of the Office of Regional Centers and Online Programs, said the

new concentration aligns directly with the mission and evolution of the regional centers by expanding access to high-demand, workforce-relevant programs in rural West Tennessee. “The degree advances UT Martin’s 2025–2030 Strategic Plan by increasing programmatic reach and degree completion opportunities

for place-bound students,” she said. “In addition, the program responds to critical and growing workforce needs across multiple sectors of health care, including community health, health education and preventative services. “By offering this pathway at the regional centers, UT

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Pruett Receives \$15,000 Accounting Scholarship

MARTIN, Tenn. – Carley Pruett, a rising senior accounting major at the University of Tennessee at Martin from Bradford, was selected to receive the \$15,000 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholars Program Scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year. Pruett was nominated for the scholarship by Dr. Laura Hatch, associate professor of accounting. Pruett, who is pursuing an agricultural business minor, learned that she had received the scholarship earlier this month while working a summer internship in the accounting department at Sustainable Beef, a producer-owned beef packing plant in North Platte, Nebraska. Pruett is the second UT Martin student in as many years to receive the scholarship, as Colton Bailey – a summa cum laude UT Martin graduate last May with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree – received the scholarship last year. “I plan to begin studying for and sitting for the (certified public accountant) exam as soon as possible,” Pruett said of her career plans. “I am grateful for the many connections I have made with faculty and accounting professionals during my time at UTM, and I look forward to exploring the many career opportunities those relationships have helped create.”



Pruett is one of 677 students nationwide and one of only 14 students from a Tennessee college or university to receive the merit-based PCAOB Scholars Program Scholarship for this academic year. “Carley is well-deserving of this award,” said Bethan Elam, lecturer of accounting and Pruett’s academic adviser. “She shines in and out of the classroom through her dedication to her academics, collaboration with her peers and service to the university. She has a very bright accounting career ahead of her.” The scholarship program’s overarching goals are to benefit outstanding students who are likely to become auditors and to make a difference to eligible students who might otherwise pursue a different career path. Scholarship recipients are nominated by their respective institutions, which participate in the PCAOB Scholars Program based on their accreditation and the number of students they graduate with accounting degrees each year.

250+ agriculture groups call for bipartisan Senate Farm Bill



More than 250 food and agriculture organizations joined forces to urge the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry to advance a bipartisan farm bill out of committee in a letter delivered today. The American Farm Bureau organized the letter, which notes that farmers and ranchers haven't had a new farm bill in almost ten years.

"As organizations representing a broad swath of food and agriculture, we urge

you to advance the Agricultural Act of 2026 in a bipartisan manner out of the Senate Agriculture Committee," the letter states.

"The time is now for a full five-year farm bill. American family farms have had to rely on programs and policy that haven't been updated since 2018, resulting in continued ad hoc support. The President called on Congress to pass a farm bill, and in response, the House has taken action with

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furthest we have gotten to a full, modernized farm bill. U.S. food and agriculture, as well as American families who rely upon the food, fiber, and fuel produced from our country’s farmers, ranchers, growers, and producers, deserve a farm bill now.”

Letter:
August 6, 2026
The Honorable John Boozman The Honorable Amy Klobuchar Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Nutrition, and Forestry Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry United

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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

As organizations representing a broad swath of food and agriculture, we urge you to advance the Agricultural Act of 2026 in a bipartisan manner out of the Senate Agriculture Committee. As you know, farmers, ranchers, growers, and producers across the country are grateful for Congress’ continued commitment to American agriculture and rural communities.

U.S. agriculture is facing extreme economic pressure due to several factors. Years of sustained losses due to high inflation and low commodity prices, coupled with severe weather and natural disasters across the country, add layers of uncertainty and stress to farm families already struggling to stay afloat.

The time is now for a full five-year farm bill. American family farms have had to rely on programs and policy that haven’t been updated since 2018, resulting in continued ad hoc support. The President called on Congress to pass a farm bill, and in response, the House has taken action with

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By passing a modernized five-year farm bill - ensuring continued access to safe and nutritious food for Americans, delivering year-round E15, updating agricultural research and credit programs, taking steps to reduce input price volatility, expanding support for specialty crops, and more - Congress can help ensure the continued viability and success of American agriculture. Importantly, if the Senate Agriculture Committee fails to advance this farm bill out of

committee, America’s agricultural producers and consumers will go another year without the certainty and support of an updated farm bill. As such, we strongly encourage Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee to advance the Agricultural Act of 2026 out of committee this week in a bipartisan manner.

Thank you for your continued leadership and recognition that investments in our food security help support our nation’s security.

The list of groups can be found at <https://www.fb.org/files/8.6.26-FINAL-Senate-Ag-Farm-Bill-Coalition-Letter.pdf>

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Apple picking pointers

Visiting a local apple orchard and picking one’s fill of apples is a quintessential fall activity. Apple picking is an ideal way to spend time outdoors when the weather tends to be cool and pleasant. Gathering fresh-from-the-tree fruit to turn into favorite fall desserts like cobblers and pies is irresistible.

According to the Economic Research Service, Washington state is the leading apple producer in the United States.

It is followed very distantly by New York and Michigan. Apples were first cultivated in Canada by early French settlers, with the first trees planted in Nova Scotia’s Annapolis Valley around 1633.

Today, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia have become strong players in the apple business. While other areas may not be apple meccas, those looking to pick their own have plenty of options across

North American to enjoy this pastime.

Prior to an apple picking adventure, people can do a little preparation to ensure the afternoon is fun and fruitful.

- **Do some research.** Before individuals head out, they should do research into the available orchards and which apple varieties they specialize in. Ripening seasons vary, so certain varieties may not be available at all times. Call ahead to learn which apples are ripe and when.

- **Visit early.** The best apples are often available early in the season before the trees have been heavily picked over. It’s also a good idea to visit the orchard early in the day, which means cooler temperatures and smaller crowds.
- **Dress appropriately.** Orchards can be dusty, muddy and buggy. The ground also may be uneven. Individuals can wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get dirty.

Also, they should dress in layers, as it can be chilly early in the day and then warmer later on.

- **Pick correctly.** Instead of yanking on the apples, which can damage the tree and apples, people should gently roll or twist the apple upwards from the branch. If the apple is ripe it will detach easily with stem intact.
- **Avoid bruising.** It’s wise to inspect the apples to make sure they are firm and brightly colored.

Those with bruising or insect damage should be left behind.

- **Don’t overload.** Only pick what you need. Apples are delicate, and overloading the apples into bags can crush or bruise the ones on the bottom. Plus, over-picking means that the apples may spoil before they can be eaten.

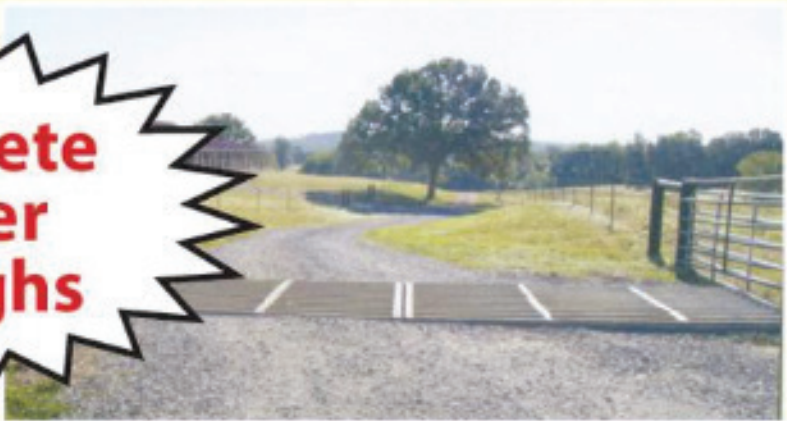
After a day at the orchard, apples can be stored unwashed in a cool, dark place, which will help them stay fresher, longer.

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USDA asks partners to develop AI solutions to accelerate crop innovation

(Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking steps to speed up progress in plant science by calling on universities and stakeholders to help build new AI tools that can translate the huge amount of germplasm data the agency collects.

Through the Genesis Mission and the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA), USDA is expected to launch an Agricultural National Science & Technology Challenge later this year. The Challenge will ask innovators to create practical solutions that pull together different types of information—like images, field data, and lab results—so scientists can quickly spot important plant and seed traits and develop crops that are more resilient and productive.

“USDA is taking concrete steps to give scientists the modern tools they need to innovate agricultural solutions from the vast plant data that they collect,” said REE Under Secretary and USDA Chief Scientist Dr. Scott Hutchins. “When our partners help us to solve agricultural challenges by using AI tools, we’ll unlock faster discoveries with germplasm data and grow better crops that strengthen our food system for many future generations.”

The Genesis Mission, launched in November 2025, is a national effort coordinated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to leverage artificial intelligence to accelerate scientific discovery. The Mission will bring together America’s scientists, top innovative businesses, world-renowned universities; and data repositories, production plants, and national security sites — to use AI tools to solve the nation’s most complex science and technological challenges. Challenge teams will have access to the American Science and Security

Platform, DOE-built shared infrastructure that will connect datasets, scientific instrumentation, and AI tools to accelerate discovery.

More details on the Challenge are forthcoming. Proposing teams are encouraged to read the full Genesis Mission Executive Order and bring their best ideas to advance America’s future in germplasm innovation.





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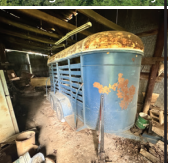
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MOVIE,
from Front Page

Nolan’s modern masterpiece in 70mm IMAX film.

Almost all modern movie theaters use digital projectors, including most IMAX theaters. However, there are only 41 IMAX theaters globally, and only 24 in the U.S., that can play this movie on IMAX 70mm film—including this theater. IMAX theaters have massive screens towering seven stories tall, so only large cities can provide the crowds necessary to fund these expensive facilities.

This film was shot entirely on IMAX film and is the first feature-length film ever to be shot

this way. Typically, when Hollywood allows directors to use IMAX film, it’s only for certain shots because the process of filming this way is very expensive and time-consuming. Most of the time, filmmakers use digital IMAX cameras, so the fact that this movie was shot entirely on a physical format is groundbreaking.

Nolan has proven to his producers that this seemingly cumbersome and antiquated technology has potential uses in the future.

That’s the background on the film format... so how is the actual movie?

The Odyssey features a star-studded cast, with Matt Damon playing the lead role of Odysseus, along with Anne Hathaway, Tom Holland, Zendaya, Robert

Pattinson, and more.

Much like how the film was shot, almost all of the scenes in this movie were made using practical effects, with little use of computer-generated imagery. They created detailed sets rather than following the modern movie approach of adding backgrounds digitally with computer-generated images (CGI) in post-production. They even used real sailboats, and the cast had to learn how to row!

The film is close to three hours long, but it certainly doesn’t feel like it. The pacing is consistent and doesn’t let you get bored.

The nonchronological plot allows the viewer to stay intrigued while peeling back the layers of the story. The main event that the movie centers around is the invasion of Troy, which you learn more about as the movie shows us different perspectives of the same events.

In terms of the performances, they were simply fantastic. While some may find the American accents to be somewhat jarring given the Shakespearean nature of the content and the fact that much of the cast is English, others may find Nolan’s choice to be quite friendly for the average U.S.

moviegoer.

Visually, the movie is beautiful. All the scenes in this film were shot on location, giving everything a more realistic-than-real quality.

Whether or not the movie is worth watching on IMAX 70mm film depends on how much of a film buff you are. Because 70mm IMAX film has a unique aspect ratio, all other versions of the film will be cropped versions of the movie. Most people won’t care, and you can enjoy the movie on a normal movie theater screen.

However, if you want a premium viewing experience with the unmatched image quality of IMAX film, you have



no other option than to get a ticket. Tickets are extremely limited and were sold out for the first month, but many locations, including the Opry Mills Regal, have extended showtimes for The Odyssey as much as a month past its intended departure from theaters.



HEALTH,
from Front Page

Martin is not only broadening academic access but also strengthening regional economic and community health outcomes through the development of a locally-trained, workforce-ready talent pipeline.” Dr. Richard West, chair of the Department of Health and Human Performance, said he was excited for what the new concentration provides to area students. “The concentration in public health within the health and human performance degree creates meaningful opportunities for students interested in health promotion, prevention and community wellness,” he said. “Graduates will be prepared for careers in areas such as community health, health education, wellness programming, nonprofit health organizations, public health outreach and other roles focused on improving health outcomes at the individual and population levels. “The concentration is especially relevant for students who want to make an impact in rural and underserved communities where preventive health services and community-

based programming are critically needed.”West added that the new concentration provides a strong background for those seeking a master’s degree in a public health-related field. “The program not only meets current workforce needs but also helps students build a pathway toward advanced study and long-term professional growth,” he said. “From an academic standpoint, this is an exciting development because it expands access to a field that continues to grow in importance. “Public health is a natural fit within health and human performance because it helps students understand health not only at the individual level, but also at the broader community and systems level. It gives students the opportunity to connect health education, prevention and service in ways that are practical and highly relevant to today’s workforce.” UT Martin has regional centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer, Somerville and Springfield, expanding access to a university education throughout West and Middle Tennessee. For more information about UT Martin, visit www.utm.edu or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).

TN Joins U.S. Soybean Export Council and U.S. Grains Council to Expand Markets

From: Department of Agriculture

NASHVILLE — One of Tennessee’s leading agricultural commodities is getting a boost in global market access as the TN Department of Agriculture (TDA) joins the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) to expand domestic and international opportunities for soybean farmers and processors. TDA is also a new member of the U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council (USGBC). The memberships position TN to play a more active role in developing export markets, building relationships with international buyers and advancing sustainable soybean and corn production. TDA will collaborate with industry partners to promote U.S. soybeans, soybean products, corn and grains around the world while supporting market growth that benefits TN

agriculture. “TN farmers produce high-quality crops that are in demand around the world,” Agriculture Commissioner Andy Holt said. “Joining USSEC and USGBC ensures Tennessee has a seat at the table as markets are developed and strengthened. This investment supports our producers, processors and commodity organizations by helping connect TS products with customers at home and abroad” TS’s decision to join USSEC follows increased engagement with international soybean buyers. In fall 2025, the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council hosted a delegation of international buyers, giving participants a firsthand look at Tennessee soybean production, sustainability practices and the state’s transportation advantages along the MS River. “TN’s commitment to joining USSEC reflects

a shared vision of building long-term demand for U.S. soybeans through collaboration, innovation and sustainability” Jim Sutter, CEO of the U.S. Soybean Export Council, said. “We welcome TS as a partner in advancing market development and look forward to working together to create new opportunities for soybean growers and the entire value chain.” “Hosting international buyers in TS gave them the opportunity to see firsthand the quality of our soybeans, the sustainability practices our farmers use and the advantages of our transportation network,” Stefan Maupin, executive director of the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council, said “We’re excited to see TDA join USSEC because it builds on those relationships and demonstrates TN’s commitment to expanding markets for our soybean industry”

TN Dept. of AG Names Matthew McClanahan General Counsel

From: Department of Agriculture

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) has named Matthew McClanahan as the department’s general

counsel, effective Aug. 3, 2026. McClanahan brings extensive experience in agricultural law, regulatory compliance, administrative law and litigation management. As

general counsel, he will provide legal counsel to the department, support agency leadership, oversee legal matters and help ensure the department fulfills its mission of serving, supporting, and promoting agriculture and forestry.

“Matthew’s legal experience and understanding of Tennessee agriculture make him an outstanding addition to our leadership team,” Commissioner Andy Holt said. “His knowledge of agricultural law and commitment to public service will help strengthen the department as we continue working to protect our state’s agricultural resources and support farmers and agribusinesses.”

Before joining TDA, McClanahan was a managing partner at his law firm in

Crossville, focusing on government relations, civil litigation, agricultural and environmental matters, and business matters. He was the executive director of the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts, where he worked closely with conservation leaders and agricultural stakeholders across the state to conserve and enhance Tennessee’s natural resources.

“It is a privilege to join the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and serve the people of our state,” McClanahan said. “Agriculture is the backbone of Tennessee’s economy and heritage, and I am committed to providing sound legal guidance that supports TDA’s important work on behalf of our farmers,

rural communities, and all Tennesseans.”

McClanahan earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law. He graduated magna cum laude from Tennessee Tech University with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture and a minor in History.

McClanahan serves as the Public Policy Chair for the Cumberland

County Chamber and is active in his local community. A third-generation Tennessean, he was raised on his family’s farm in Cumberland County. He and his wife, Lauren, have a son, Adam Claude.

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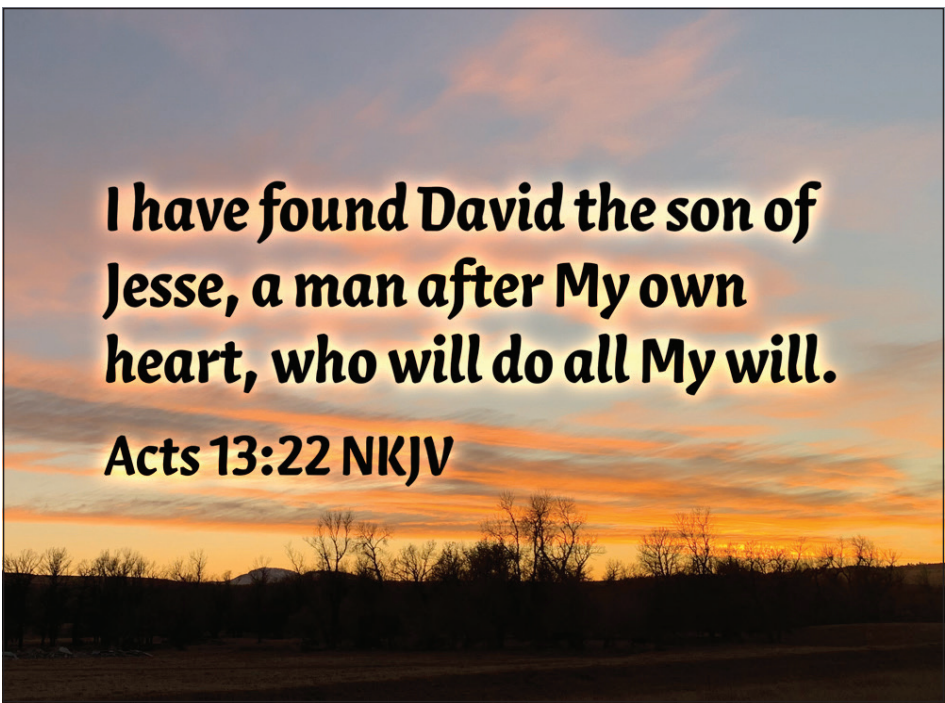
Mercy and Forgiveness

Eight defining moments reveal secrets to David’s heart

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The biblical life of King David is often remembered for military victories, political leadership, and personal failures. Very often his personal failures are what preachers choose to teach from the pulpit. Yet a closer examination of Scripture reveals another defining characteristic—his remarkable capacity for forgiveness and mercy, even toward those who sought his life.

David’s relationship with King Saul illustrates this theme. Although Saul repeatedly pursued David with the intent to kill him, David consistently refused to retaliate. On two occasions, he had the opportunity to take Saul’s life but instead chose re-



straint, declaring that he would not harm “the Lord’s anointed” (1 Samuel 24). Even cutting a corner from Saul’s robe troubled David’s conscience, demonstrating his deep respect for God’s authority.

David’s mercy continued after Saul’s death. Rather than celebrating the fall of his greatest enemy, he mourned both Saul and Jonathan, composing the famous “Song of the Bow” (2 Samuel 1). Significantly, David’s lament praised Saul’s strengths and never mentioned his failures, offering a striking example of honoring an opponent instead of dwelling on past wrongs.

The same response appeared when Saul’s son, Ish-bosheth, was murdered. Expecting praise, the assassins presented David with the victim’s severed head. Instead, David condemned their actions and ordered their execution, refusing to endorse revenge disguised as

justice.

David’s compassion extended even to his own rebellious son, Absalom. After Absalom’s death, David openly grieved, crying, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son!” His sorrow overshadowed any sense of political victory, revealing a father’s heart rather than a conqueror’s.

His loyalty also endured beyond Jonathan’s death. Honoring a covenant made years earlier, David sought out Jonathan’s disabled son, Mephibosheth, restoring Saul’s estate to him and welcoming him to the king’s table. Later, when conflicting reports arose concerning Mephibosheth’s loyalty during Absalom’s rebellion, David chose a measured response instead of acting out of anger.

David’s final recorded example of selflessness came after his sinful census brought judgment upon Israel. As the nation suffered, David accepted full responsibility and pleaded with God to spare the people, describing them as “these sheep” and offering himself in their place.

Although David’s life included serious moral failures which include adultery, deceit, and the arranged death of Uriah, scripture consistently portrays him as a man whose heart sought after God. As a result, even God called David “a man after His own heart”. The secret: A heart of mercy and forgiveness which is the same kind of heart God has.

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We never saw him again. Even when we hid, we barely caught a glimpse of him. But before we parted ways, he smiled and said, “And that concludes our tour of Marvel Cave, ladies and gentlemen.” Our tour guide was off to lead another party of curious cavers after escorting us through the winding passages, and dripping cavernous chambers within his historic cave which lies 500 feet beneath Silver Dollar City. His only job was to direct us through a cave—not back to our cars, hotels, or other attractions in Branson, Missouri. While our guide knew every-

thing about caves, he wasn’t an expert in everything—he could only take us as far as his knowledge would take him.

There is, however, a Guide whose knowledge is limitless—and therefore, whose guidance is limitless. “For this God is our God for ever and ever,” wrote the psalmist, “he will be our guide even unto death” (Psalm 48:14, KJV). The Lord leads His people through every season of life and His guidance does not end until He brings them to their heavenly home. The great Shepherd steers His saints through life and toward life everlasting: “Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory” (Ps. 73:23-24).

He can straighten the most winding paths with His wisdom, brighten the darkest valleys by His illuminating light, and carry His people through the most tempestuous of life’s storms. No matter how heavy the burden, how confusing the decision, or how uncertain tomorrow may be, the God who knows the end from the beginning promises, “the LORD will guide you continually” (Isa. 58:11a). Even if you rode to the edge of the galaxy on the rays of the sun or descended to the floor of the ocean, the Lord would be there to lead the way: “If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me” (Ps. 139:9-10). And while every tour guide eventually says goodbye, the Lord says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5). Moreover, He doesn’t merely tell believers where to go—He goes with them: “It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you” (Deut. 31:8a).

It is no wonder why generations of believers have prayed and found comfort in singing the words of “He Leadeth Me” by J. H. Gilmore (1834—1918), which says, “He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s flowers bloom, by waters calm o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.”



Salvation

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ABC

A - Admit to God That You Are A Sinner
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23 Repent, turn away from your sin. - Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9

B - Believe Jesus Died for Your Sins
For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that WHOEVER believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

C - Confess Jesus is Lord
If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bleated

6. Snakelike fish

9. Database management system

13. Social evolution anthropologist Service

14. American rocker Grohl

15. Greek personification of compassion

16. Negatives

17. Rescued

18. Self-immolation by fire ritual

19. Assigns tasks

21. Popular type of cigar

22. Discounts

23. The whole quantity

24. New York Giants legend

25. Indicates before

28. Lentils

29. Extremely angry

31. Body part

33. “North Star State”

36. David __, US playwright
38. Lower and raise one’s head

39. Private rendezvous

41. In a way, improved

44. A place to play

45. Astronomical period of 18 years

46. Automobile

48. Something you can take

49. A radio band

51. Jaws of a voracious animal

52. Short-billed rails

54. Chinese province

56. Shameless

60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine

61. Indian respectful titles

62. Fail to entertain

63. Dried-up

64. Central Utah city

65. Southern U.S.

66. German river

67. Necessary for breathing

68. Put into play

CLUES DOWN

1. Curved segment

2. Wings

3. Yellowish volatile liquid

4. Makes less severe

5. Debit note

6. Overhang

7. The nights before

8. Type of light

9. Lacking enthusiasm

10. Tattle

11. Some is “heavy”

12. One who is canonized

14. Indicates date and place of writing

17. “Peace” in Arabic

20. “Olaf” actor Josh

21. Fragmented rock

23. They __

25. Advanced degree

26. Backside

27. Influential architect and design couple

29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived

32. 10 meters

34. Neither

35. Fungal sacs

37. The law of God revealed to Moses

40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

42. A promise

43. Challenges

47. British Air Aces

49. Large bank

50. Served as an omen

52. Cavalry sword

53. Vaccine developer

55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules

56. Italian Seaport

57. Hip joint

58. __ Clapton, musician

59. Insect repellent

61. Constrictor snake

65 “The First State” (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION

B	A	A	E	D			E	E	L		D	B	M	S
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Word Search

FAIR DAYS

WORD SEARCH

U I K C O T S E V I L Z C T T R B S D S
E G X H D Q U G B B F X H M X U N K C W
I R E T S A O C U T J I U K L X V Z L B
V N Q Y C A R N I V A L R Y G Y B E X S
T Q X D C B W N L K F G R Q D W S Q T E
P X P N K C W W A W P M O G B U K A L G
Z G T A R C O N C E R T R N O Q Z P I D
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O C S E Y H B T R A C I N G H R C M N S
G V J K F M U T R A C T O R B P W D W P

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

ANSWERS IN B SECTION

WORDS

- APPLES
- BLUE RIBBON
- CARNIVAL
- CAROUSEL
- CHURRO
- COASTER
- CONCERT
- CORNDOG
- COTTON CANDY
- EXHIBIT
- FERRIS WHEEL
- FRIES
- FUNNEL CAKE
- GAMES
- GRAND STAND
- JUDGES
- LEMONADE
- LIVESTOCK
- MIDWAY
- POPCORN
- PRIZE
- QUILT
- RACING
- TRACTOR

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 IN B SECTION

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



USDA, HHS, EPA join forces to bolster consumer protections

(Washington, D.C., — Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin announced an updated Memorandum of Understanding (PDF, 2.3 MB) to reaffirm their shared commitment to protecting consumers from heavy metals and other contaminants in food.

For decades, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have coordinated through the National Residue

Program to monitor and regulate meat, poultry, and egg products. This updated MOU strengthens collaboration under this program and adopts new methods to better detect and address potential risks.

“American farmers, ranchers, and producers grow and raise the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world. Together with our partners at HHS and EPA, we are strengthening the health of American families and giving consumers confidence in the safety of our food supply,” said Secretary Rollins. “This new MOU modernizes how our agencies work together and streamlines the way

we share information, coordinates scientific expertise, and improves how we detect and address potential risks. This is the Trump Administration improving the way our government works so we can better protect the American people and ensure the safety of our food supply, which is truly a national security and health priority.”

“Protecting Americans from harmful contaminants in food is a core priority of the Trump Administration,” said HHS Secretary Kennedy. “We are strengthening oversight, improving detection, and coordinating across the federal government to reduce exposure to heavy

metals and other toxins. I appreciate Secretary Rollins and Administrator Zeldin for their leadership as we work together to protect American families and Make America Healthy Again.”

“At the Trump EPA, we are excited to help advance new policies to Make America Healthy Again. Today’s announcement ensures a safer food supply by supporting new testing methods to reduce metal residues in produce, meat, and, for the first time ever, processed foods,” said Administrator Zeldin. “We want Americans to feel confident the food on their plate has been held to the highest standards of safety. It’s an honor to serve on the MAHA Commission,

led by Secretary Kennedy, working with great partners like Secretary Rollins to pave the way for a healthier nation for generations to come.”

As part of this effort, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has already taken steps to modernize monitoring for heavy metals in foods by implementing a new, streamlined laboratory method to measure the quantity of 18 heavy metals at extremely low levels. If elevated or unusual levels are detected, FSIS conducts science-based assessments to determine when the agency should take action to keep risky products out of the food supply. Additionally, FSIS will also expand its surveillance for

heavy metals to include processed foods, such as sausages and ready-to-eat meals, which combine ingredients from multiple sources.

The data collected by FSIS shows heavy metal contamination of raw meat and poultry products is extremely rare and FSIS will continue to publish results of this surveillance testing online, ensuring transparency for industry and consumers.

This updated MOU further advances efforts to Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) and builds on the MAHA Report’s goal of reducing children’s exposure to heavy metals, PFAS, and other harmful contaminants.

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Athletes are ready for action during fall sports

Scores of student athletes participate in scholastic sports each year. Next College Student Athlete (NCSA), an organization that connects young athletes with college coaches, says high school sports in particular provide competitive experiences for nearly eight million student athletes each year.

Schools follow seasons that determine when certain sports are played in a school year. Sports seasons are largely consistent across the country, though there are some exceptions. It is always best for potential student athletes to understand how their schools break down seasons so the opportunity to participate in a sport of choice in any given year is not missed.

Generally speaking, here is a list of the sports student athletes can expect to encounter once school begins (or shortly before) as part of the fall season, courtesy of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Field hockey
A field hockey season typically begins in mid- to late-August. Field hockey is similar to ice hockey but is played on grass or a turf field. It also uses a hard ball instead of a puck. Each goal scored in field hockey is worth a single point. Although both boys and girls can play field hockey, on the high school and collegiate levels in the United States, field hockey is traditionally a girl's sport.

Cross country
USA Track &



Field indicates cross country is a sport in which teams and individuals run races on outdoor courses over natural terrain. Cross country courses may be set up in parks, open country, fields, golf courses, and grasslands. The runners are known as harriers, and the goal is to come in at the lowest time for the set course.

Football
American football is one of the most popular fall sports

across North America among athletes and fans. NCSA says football attracts more than one million players each year. The object of the game is to score more points than the opponents in the allotted time. Each team gets four downs to move the ball 10 yards forward. There are 11 players from each team on the field for each play.

Gymnastics
Gymnastics requirements

vary depending on location, and competitions feature a specific number of skills to be displayed in routines. Gymnasts will compete on different equipment, including bars, beam, floor, and vault. Chalk Bucket Gymnastics Community says skills are valued at medium, superior, high superior, and bonus high superior.

Soccer
Both boys and girls play soccer during the fall season. Each team consists of 11 players, and games are split into two halves. Games are shorter at the youth soccer level than professional play and the game may run two 40-minute halves.

Tennis
Girls participate in tennis in the fall while boys do so in the spring. Players

will be assigned as singles and doubles and some schools may restrict singles play to varsity teams. Sherwood Tennis says match lengths vary by varsity and JV. Sets must be won by two games.

Volleyball
Girls play volleyball in the fall while boys play in the spring. Generally speaking, volleyball consists of six players per team on the court at a time, designating “front row” and “back row” positions, says USAVolleyball. All players rotate clockwise through the six positions on the court. To win a game, a team must earn 25 points with a two-point difference.

Sports can be a big part of students’ lives, and the fall season can be an especially exciting time for young athletes.

Keeping young football players safe

As youth football season gets underway, parents, coaches and players are preparing for practices, games and plenty of excitement. While football provides children with opportunities to build teamwork, discipline and confidence, safety should always be the top priority.

One of the most

important steps in youth football safety is making sure players use properly fitted protective equipment. Helmets, shoulder pads, mouthguards and other equipment should fit correctly and be checked regularly for damage. Coaches should also teach players proper tackling and blocking techniques and

emphasize following the rules of the game. Recognizing possible concussions is another important part of keeping young athletes safe. Players who experience symptoms such as headache, dizziness, confusion, nausea or unusual sensitivity to light should be removed from play and evaluated by a qualified medical

professional. A player should never be pressured to return to the field before it is safe to do so.

Heat safety is especially important during late-summer practices. Coaches should schedule regular water breaks, provide opportunities for athletes to cool down and watch for signs of heat illness. Players

should also tell an adult when they are feeling unwell rather than trying to push through symptoms.

Adequate rest, proper hydration, good nutrition and gradual conditioning can help young athletes prepare for the demands of the sport. Coaches and parents should work together to create an environment

where players feel comfortable speaking up about injuries or concerns.

Youth football should be about learning, growing and having fun. With proper preparation, supervision and attention to safety, young athletes can enjoy the game while reducing unnecessary risks.

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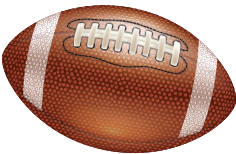
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8/28	@ Dyer County	7 PM	A
9/4	Riverside (Decaturville)	7 PM	H
9/18*	@ Halls	7 PM	A
9/25*	Peabody	7 PM	H
10/2*	@ Milan	7 PM	A
10/16*	@ Gibson County	7 PM	A
10/23*	Jackson Central Merry	7 PM	H
10/30*	Huntingdon	7 PM	H
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