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- 1) Cole Miller fights off his Garrett opponent for control of the ball.
- 2) Spencer Lambright kicks the ball to an open teammate.
- 3) Antonio Pedroso moves up the field looking for an opportunity to pass the ball.
- 4) Levi Fisk fends off the opposite team for control of the ball.
- 5) Ilias Cherif uses a header to move the ball towards a teammate.

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High School Volleyball



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- 1) Brynn Bontrager prepares to serve to the opposing team.
- 2) Katie Martin takes her turn serving.
- 3) Kloie Yoder sets the ball for her teammates to get over the net.
- 4) Janessa Stutzman watches as the ball comes across the net.
- 5) Addison Kauffman goes up for a spike.

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Naturally Speaking

While tidying up the house on a busy day, I spotted two fat bunnies outside my bedroom window playing a rousing game of tag on the lawn. I watched them romp about for a while. They were comical as they pounced and chased each other around a tree. They scurried off, but I remained at the window with a giant smile on my face. Why? Well, the bunnies at play were a peaceful break in my otherwise chaotic day.

I pondered the peace that this little pause had created. Isn't that just what God's creation does for us? Those bunnies at play were a natural and pure display of how things are "supposed" to be. The natural order of God's creation was taking shape in its finest form. In life, I recognize that whenever I am amongst God's natural



order, there is peace. Whether it's a walk outdoors, listening to the birds sing, or rocking a baby to sleep, this is holy ground.

Genesis 1 tells us the story of how God created the world in 6 days. After each creation, God saw that it was good. God created and gave his stamp of approval that


what he had made was perfect. He created man and woman to be caretakers of all this perfection, giving them intricate minds and hearts that could experience a full range of emotions. He gifted them with the gift of free will, allowing them to make choices. He created them perfectly and set them in a perfect place. And it was good... until it wasn't. God had a plan, a natural order in which he desired

man and woman to follow. But sin entered their beautiful place. Sin teased their ability to make good choices and opened their eyes to the ugliness of temptation. The result was suffering-ever-after.

And so, the first man and woman set things in motion for generations to come to think outside of God's

perfect realities. It seems to me that ever since the faux pas in Eden, when humankind messes with the natural order of God's pure and perfect plans, there is chaos. No matter how much we justify our decisions, sugarcoat our situations, explain away the scientific reasons, or twist the scripture to support our choices, if we choose outside of God's will, there's going to be unrest.

Our world is filled with too many of these things to list. Please pause and consider the numerous controversial issues in our world today. Why are they controversial? I think it's because they do not fit into God's glorious design. Those bunnies frolicked in my yard because they were responding to life according to God's natural order. Living peacefully by His perfect plan.

What a world it would be if we all approached life according to God's natural order. No consequences, confusion, or chaos. Just peace, as He intended. As for God, his way is perfect. Ps 18:30a 

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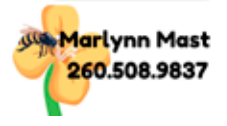
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11-7 pm

West (Pond) Park



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**Marlynn Mast
260.508.9837**

We Welcome NEW VENDORS for Farmer's Market



December 6 3-7pm
Bethlehem Walk

Topeka Livestock Auction

Happy Autumn!
Yay, my favorite time of year! Praying everyone is happy and healthy.
We have some amazing things in store for the Topeka area. We will be having a Fall Decorating Contest again. Time to get busy! Judging will be Oct. 3rd and there will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes!
Also, we will be debuting our first Bethlehem Walk on Dec. 3rd. Location will be at the Topeka Livestock Auction. Several area churches will be helping make this a memorable experience. I am SO looking forward to it!
Plus, Friday Oct. 31st will be the annual Halloween Costume Contest at Topeka Fire station. Games start at 5:00, contest at 6:00. This is not sponsored by Topeka Together, but is a great event for the town of Topeka.
Following is a letter from Marlynn Mast, the Founder & President of Topeka Together...

The good Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and an abundance on August 30th 2025 in Topeka Indiana and we are humbled by His goodness! Yesterday's Trailblazing Towards Tomorrow and Hometown Cookout for our Topeka Together Annual Fundraiser was nothing short of incredible. Less than a year ago, this was just a vision but because of the men and women who stepped up and embraced it, that vision is now reality.

We had over 300 riders on horses and wagons, served 1,770 meals, and welcomed over 250 volunteers who gave their day to make this event possible. Together, we raised funds to support Topeka Together's mission of building community, creating safe family events, and collaborating with others who share our vision of a stronger, more connected Topeka. What moved me most was the spirit of generosity, no one was turned away, all were fed, and the visitors from out of town that randomly stopped in asking what in the world was going on, left full and inspired by the heart of our HOMETOWN. Late last night, the leftovers was donated to Pleasant Haven in Goshen, extending the blessing even further. As our board gathered around the kitchen table after everything was cleaned up reflecting on the day, we were overwhelmed with gratitude. Yesterday showed us the true magnitude of community, neighbors coming together, giving freely, and celebrating what makes Topeka so special. AND WE NEVER WANT TO TAKE THIS FOR GRANTED.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who rode, ate, volunteered, donated, or simply showed up. This is only the beginning.

With gratitude,
Marlynn Mast
Founder & President, Topeka Together Inc.

Fall Decorating Contest in Topeka?

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Making the Most of Medicare Open Enrollment

When you turn 65, Medicare becomes a vital part of your health care coverage. But signing up is just the beginning. Many people don't realize that Medicare isn't a "set it and forget it" program. In fact, you have the opportunity — and often the need — to review and adjust your coverage every single year.

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 each year, is your chance to take a fresh look at your health care needs and make sure your Medicare plan still fits your life. Then you can determine whether your medical and prescription plans need to be switched or dropped.

Just like your health can change from year to year, so can Medicare plans. Insurance companies may adjust their coverage and costs or even discontinue certain plans entirely. By taking time during the open enrollment period to compare your options, you might discover a plan that saves money, offers better coverage or both.

As a reminder, you have several options when it comes to your Medicare coverage.

- Original Medicare (Parts A and B) covers hospital stays and medical services such as doctor visits. Part A typically comes with no monthly premium if you've worked for at least 10 years. Part B requires monthly premiums — \$206.50 or more in 2026, depending on your income. There may also be copays and deductibles.

- Medicare Advantage (Part C)

offers an all-in-one alternative to Original Medicare. These plans are offered by private insurance companies. They often bundle together hospital, medical and prescription drug coverage. They may also include extra benefits like vision, dental and wellness programs that Original Medicare doesn't cover.

- Medicare Part D provides standalone prescription drug coverage for those who stick with Original Medicare.

- Medicare Supplement (Medigap) policies help cover the out-of-pocket costs that Original Medicare doesn't pay, such as copayments and deductibles.

When shopping for Medicare plans, there are several important areas you should consider to determine which options are right for you:

- Out-of-pocket costs such as monthly premiums, deductibles, copayments and any other expenses Medicare doesn't cover. Sometimes a plan with a higher premium saves you money overall because of lower copays.


- Prescription drug coverage deserves special attention. All Medicare plans for 2026 will include a \$2,100 cap on what you pay out of pocket for covered prescription drugs, up from \$2,000 in 2025. However, this cap only applies to drugs that your plan covers, making it crucial to verify your medications are included.

- Your health care needs for the coming year matter too. Do you have surgeries planned? New health conditions to manage? You'll want to

make sure your potential plan covers the care you expect to need.

- Travel plans can also influence your choice. Original Medicare typically doesn't cover services overseas, so frequent travelers might want supplemental coverage for emergencies abroad.

If you don't make any changes during open enrollment, you'll likely be automatically reenrolled in your current plan for the following year, as long as it's still available and you continue paying required premiums.

Don't let your Medicare plan run on autopilot. Take advantage of the annual open enrollment period — between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 — to ensure your coverage continues to serve you well in the year ahead. 



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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for October 2025.
All activities are **In-Person** unless noted. If you have any questions,
please call the LaGrange library for further information.

Find more information at www.lagrange.lib.in.us or call 260-463-2841.

Facebook Page - m.facebook.com/lagrangelibraryindiana

Youth Interest

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

Theme: Nocturnal Animals • LaGrange • Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays • 1 p.m. • Topeka • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes with a fun craft or activity.

Makerspace (Ages 5 & Up) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Every Wednesday in October • 2:30-7 pm

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. Drop in and stay as long as you want from 2:30-7 pm. Makerspace is a collaborative space where people can use a variety of tools and materials to create, learn, and share.

Lego Play (Ages 5 & Up) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Thursdays in October • 2:30 -7 p.m.

Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under. Drop in any time between 2:30 and 7:00. All of our Legos will be out to build anything you want, or attempt to complete the challenges for the month.

Makerspace: Special Science Central Program (All Ages) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • October 8 • 6-6:30 pm

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. Join us for a fun demonstration by Science Central that highlights the physical properties of matter with lots of shockingly cool and amazing phenomena!

Homeschool Hangout (Registration appreciated, not required)

LaGrange • Friday, Oct 10 • 10:30 - Noon p.m.

Join other homeschool families for a laid-back time to hang out, play games, relax together, share ideas and make new friends!

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, October 13 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Drop in any time and stay as long as you can. Play some larger group party type games or settle in for something longer. shift to the Pokemon club at 6:00 if interested or stay playing other games.

Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, October 13 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us to have fun playing Pokemon, trading cards, and learning strategies. Bringing cards to trade is optional. Sign up is not required but you can sign up online or call the library so we know how many are coming.

Book Clubs

Books & Banter Book Club: (Grade 7-12) (formerly Teen B.C.)

LaGrange • Monday, October 20 • 4-5 p.m.

Nox Winters and the Midnight Wolf by Rochelle Hassan

Come to the library in September to get your book for October. At each meeting we will discuss the book we read over the last month and do fun activity or craft related to the story.

Books Buddies Book Club: (Grade 1-3) (formerly Elementary B.C.)

LaGrange • Tuesday, October 21 • 4-5 p.m.

The Great Louweezie by Erica S. Perl

You will get your book at the meeting, no registration required. At each meeting we will start reading our book together and do a fun activity, then you will take the book home with you to finish reading.

Page Turners Book Club: (Grade 3-7) (formerly Mid-Grade B.C.)

LaGrange • Tuesday, October 21 • 4-5 p.m.

A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall by Jasmine Warga.

Come to the library in September to get your book for October. At each meeting we will discuss the book we read over the last month and do fun activity or craft related to the story.

Teen Video Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Oct 27 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Shipshewana Branch

250 Depot St. • 260-768-7444

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Topeka Branch

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Monday of each month for Nintendo Switch, Wii and VR. Come and go as you are able during this time. We will have snacks and TV's set up to play!

Adult Interest

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

Saturday, October 11 • 11 a.m. • at Private Location*

This month we'll discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Inspired by true events. Copies available at the LaGrange Adult Services Desk.

*Learn the location when you pick up your book.

Make & Take with Deb - Fall Pumpkin Door Decoration (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, October 15 • 6 p.m.

Participants will make a fall door decoration from a wire pumpkin form. Cost is \$20 per person. Must register with a non-refundable \$10 deposit by Oct 8 at LaGrange Library.

Culinary Adventures: Gorgeous Gourds

Thursday, October 16

Leti's Tacos • 313 S. Cavin St, Ligonier, IN

Gabriela's European Desserts & More • 204 S. Cavin St, Ligonier, IN

Fashion Farm • 1680 Lincolnway W, Ligonier, IN

Meet at Leti's at noon. Join us for lunch and dessert downtown, then carpool to Fashion Farm for a one-of-a-kind experience. A local Halloween tradition is coming to an end. You don't want to miss the very last Pumpkin Fantasyland! All food purchases will be at your own expense. Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

Archi-Trek: Columbia City (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, October 23 •

Depart & Return: LaGrange Co. Public Library

Departure 8:30 a.m. - Return approx. 5:00 p.m. Cost \$10 per person.

Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x 1030.

Columbia City's founders were part of the New England Migration in the 1830's. The central historic district has business and residence architecture of the major styles of 19th and 20th centuries. Some streets around the Bedford limestone Whitley County Courthouse are still paved with their original bricks. There will be a combination walking/riding tour to get the best view of the grand mansions, and local lunch. Food purchases at your own expense. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration required as space is limited. Register by cash or check at the Library, or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or by mailing a check to **Green Bus Tours**.

Patchwork Trails - Bonus Walk! (All Ages)

Dallas Lake Park, 050W 700S, Wolcottville • Tuesday, October 21 • 6 p.m.

Because we missed our May Dallas Lake walk due to bad weather, we've rescheduled it for October! We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, what's underfoot. No fees or registration required, just meet us at the designated starting point.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, October 25 • 11 a.m. | Families welcome.

This month's theme is *Asian & Asian-American food*. Check out the cookbook from the library, find a recipe online, or use your own favorite. Make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Cookbook Club meets the 4th Saturday of each month.

October Events

Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Oct 15 • 9–11 am
Maple Wood Nature Center

The October topic: LaGrange County Tree species. Coffee and rolls available. Donations accepted.

Quilt Class

Saturday, Oct 18 • 9 am–3 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center

Fee: \$25 payable in cash or check at class. Patterns: Shoo-fly and Crossroads. Registration is required. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

Folk Jams

Folk Jams at Maple Wood Nature Center are taking a break for the summer. Check back this fall!

Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, Oct 4 • 9 am
Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange

Every Park Every Trail Walking Club is an opportunity to walk in one of our parks at least once, improve your health, and hopefully qualify for a fun new reward at the end of the season! Check in at Trailhead by office. All walks begin at 9 am. A park representative will be present for check-in at the specified location. Walk at your own pace. Each trail is approximately 2 miles long. Dress for the weather, trail conditions, and personal comfort. Bring water. You must walk at least once at each of the five trails (2 repeat) to receive a reward. Rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.



Not So Spooky Trail

Friday, Oct 17 • 5 pm - 7:30 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center

A Fall family program designed for little ones. Nothing scary! We plan for wagon rides through the woods, crafts, games, face painting, marshmallows for roasting. Friendly costumes welcome! This is a free event. Donations appreciated.



Fall Forest School (Ages 6-12) (Free)

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 • 10 am - 12 pm
Delt Church Park
6455S 200W, Wolcottville, IN

Fall Forest School (cont.)

Great Opportunity for homeschool families and groups. Registration is appreciated to better plan supply needs. Direct questions to Dan at dschelinski@lagrangecounty.in.gov or call 260-854-2225. Rain or shine - dress for the weather. Parent must stay and participate.



Trail of Lights

Christmas in the Country

Dec 13th-14th, 20th-21st, 5:30-8:30 pm
Delt Church Park, 6455S 200 W,
Wolcottville, IN

Enjoyment Fee • Free will donation
We invite you to enjoy a walk through the wooded trail at Delt Church Park, with your family and friends, and take in the Christmas light displays!



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Thursday Nov 27 • 8 am
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Noble County Native Returns to Provide Care and Connection



Photo submitted

Aleena Brown, MD, has joined Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) – Family Medicine in Avilla and is welcoming patients at her office, 104

Nicholas Place.

“It’s always a pleasure to have Noble County natives return to practice medicine in the area,” said Jordi Disler, north market president, Parkview Health. “Dr. Brown’s passion for providing excellent care and her ability to foster wellness and build relationships with the families she serves is a true asset to our community.”

Dr. Brown completed her family medicine residency at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana, after receiving her medical degree from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

She earned her undergraduate degree in health science from Grace College and Theological Seminary. There, she earned the Outstanding Biology Award and made the Dean’s List every year. She also received academic recognition with the Biology Scholarship and the Faculty Scholarship.

Brown is board-certified and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

She served as president of Christian Medical Fellowship and student relations chair of the Medical Student Ambassadors while completing her medical degree. She was also executive director of Student-2-Student, a student-led program that brings under-


graduate and high school students in to learn about the different fields of study in medicine.

Brown is passionate about rural health, women’s health and medical education. Reflecting on her family medicine residency, she noted she enjoyed spending extra time with the families under her care.

She’s thrilled to be starting her career as a full-spectrum family medicine physician and is excited about developing and maintaining long-term relationships with patients.

Brown and her husband, Jacob, are the parents of two daughters, ages 3 and 1. High school sweethearts, Brown and her husband attended East Noble High School and Grace College together.

Dr. Brown is seeing new patients of all ages, including pregnant women and newborns. She will be providing obstetrics services at Parkview Noble Hospital.


Call 260-897-3308 for questions and appointment scheduling. 

LCCVB Awards \$50,000 Grant in Support of Hawpatch Trail

The LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau (LCCVB) has awarded a \$50,000 grant to support the Hawpatch Trail, bringing the LaGrange County Community Foundation and LaGrange County Trails closer to meeting a major fundraising milestone.

With the LCCVB’s support, the Foundation now has just 2.6% left to raise—less than \$6,000—to meet the match requirement for the trail grant. Once complete, this effort will add an additional \$450,000 toward the project, providing critical momentum to

advance development of the trail. LaGrange County Trails has played a key role in building the vision and securing the former railroad corridor that will become the future trail.

Following the historic Wabash Railroad Corridor, the Hawpatch Trail will connect communities across scenic countryside and small-town amenities. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2026. 

A light blue advertisement for Forks County Line Discount Groceries. The text is centered and includes the store name in a large, elegant font, followed by 'Discount Groceries' and a list of locations. Hours of operation are listed at the bottom.

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A dark blue advertisement for Springer Dental Care of Millersburg. It features the company logo, the names of the dentists, a phone number, website, and address. It also mentions accepting new patients and new hours.

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Parkview LaGrange Hospital EMS Offering CPR Classes on Two More Dates This Year

Parkview LaGrange Hospital reminds area residents that two CPR learning opportunities are still available this year.

CPR is an easy-to-learn skill that could help save a life when medical assistance is not immediately at hand. Since 2022, Parkview LaGrange's EMS team has been offering quarterly classes of the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR, and spaces are still available for these upcoming dates:


- Thursday, Sept. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Classes are held at the EMS station, 0982 N. 00 EW, LaGrange, just west of the CVS. Participants have praised the class for providing great training, clear answers and the confidence to provide aid in a crisis.

Instructors will help participants become familiar with the technique for performing CPR on someone whose heart has stopped beating. Participants will practice on training manikins, so class size is limited to 10 people per session to ensure everyone gets to practice. In addition, basic first aid is covered in the class.

Anyone age 13 or older may participate. The cost for the class is \$20 per person. Participants will receive American Heart Association certification in the form of an official CPR card, delivered electronically.


Pre-registration is required and will close two business days prior to the class. In order to receive training, payment must be made prior to, or at the start of, the class. Please call 260-278-

0367 to register and make payment arrangements. 

Five Parkview Hospitals Recognized with Quality and Accountability Awards from Vizient

Five Parkview hospitals have been recognized as top performers in the 2025 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient, Inc.

Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC), Parkview Huntington Hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital, Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview LaGrange Hospital all received the Birnbaum Quality and Accountability Award this year. Noble, Huntington and Whitley were honored among small community hospitals, LaGrange was recognized as a critical access hospital and PRMC was awarded for its pediatrics care.


Parkview Noble has been recognized for four consecutive years; Huntington for three consecutive years; and Whitley for the third time in the last four years. PRMC and LaGrange were recognized by Vizient for the first time since 2022. 

Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet on Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 pm, in the Farver School Museum. The building is located across from the Shipshewana Post Office. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

This is our annual meeting and the last meeting for this year. We will have an election of officers and a review of this past year.

We will have a Show and Tell Time of objects that you bring into the meeting. It is always interesting to see and hear about objects that have a meaning to you and your family. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

The SAHS Museum is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 until Wednesday, Oct. 29. At that time, we will close for the winter season. 

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LaGrange County's 16th Annual Power of the Purse & Wallet Auction Fundraiser

The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the return of the 16th Annual Power of the Purse & Wallet Auction Fundraiser on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the Farmstead Inn & Conference Center in Shipshewana. This beloved community event has raised more than \$250,000 to date and continues to make a direct impact on local families and students.

All proceeds from this fundraiser support the Boomerang Backpacks and Blessings in a Backpack programs at Lakeland, Prairie Heights, and Westview schools. These vital initiatives provide food to children facing food insecurity throughout the school year, ensuring they have meals to take home during weekends and holiday breaks.

This year's event will feature two opportunities to attend:

- Lunch Session: 11:00 AM (doors open at 10:30 AM)
- Dinner Session: 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM)

Guests will enjoy a lively atmosphere, a delicious meal, and the opportunity to bid on a wide selection of purses and wallets. They can also pur-


chase raffle tickets to increase their chances of winning a prize, all while supporting a cause that directly benefits children in LaGrange County.

Tickets are \$40 per session, \$70 for

an all-day pass, or reserve a full table of 8 for your group.

"Power of the Purse & Wallet is more than just a fundraiser — it's a chance for our community to come together and ensure no child goes hungry," said [Insert Organizer/Director Quote]. "The generosity shown through this event over the past 16 years has been incredible, and we look forward to another impactful year."

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to get involved through corporate sponsorships, donations, or organization-wide employee challenges to help expand the reach of this program.

For tickets, sponsorship details, or more information, please visit www.lagrangechamber.org/POP2025 or call the chamber office at 260-463-2443. 



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- 2 Daxtyn Delagrange, Seth Miller, Jared Yoder
- 3 Gabriel Eicher, Sadie Mast, Macy Matney, Jack Miller, Maverick Turner
- 4 Kylan Beachy, Austin Fry, Maggie Fry
- 5 Aaron Miller, Bryan Miller
- 6 Braden Hochstetler, Allie Wolfe
- 7 Sage Fields, Alanna Hoyt, Sophia Lehman, Ariella Miller, Bryleigh Miller, Kenzi Schrock
- 8 Delilah Brinager, Elena Troyer
- 9 Kaylisa Schlabach, Kristopher Schlabach, Landon Stutzman, Weston Troyer
- 10 Walker Berkey, Logan Kaufman, Oliver Lancour, Timothy Miller, Avery VonGunten, Karla Yoder
- 11 Skyler Brown, Finleigh Withrow, Hannah Yoder, Nolan Yoder
- 12 Theodore Frey, Wyatt Frey
- 13 Madison Arbogast, Lane Mullet, Andrea Yoder, Seth Yoder
- 14 Derek Lehman, Sandra Miller, Ahmed Sawal, Nathaneal Wilkins
- 15 Lyndon Bontrager, Lucas Miller
- 16 Felicity Eash, Elijah Lambright, Dawson Miller



- 17 Jake Slabach, Caleb Yoder
- 18 Ezekiel Drake, Brooklyn Hochstetler, Derek Mishler, Kendall Yoder
- 19 Tameem Alrasheed, Grayson Beachey, Alayna Hershberger, Alice Miller, Ali Miller, Asher Rupert
- 20 Kaia Forbes, Adam Hershberger, Kelsey Slabach
- 21 Ryan Miller
- 22 Alaina Clark, Viviana Lopez
- 23 Zachary Bontrager, Aiden Grant, Jenna Yoder
- 24 Mason Bontrager, Knox Cripe, Serenity Lambright, Vonda Mishler
- 25 Elijah Bontrager, Robert Lehman
- 26 Hazel Bontrager, Daria Herr, Gavin Hochstetler, Dominic Young
- 27 Christian Bradley, Nicole Lehman, Myah Nordman, Lanae Yoder
- 28 Chester Bloom, Archer Glassman, Joshua Hershberger
- 29 Heidi Borntrager, Natalie Detweiler, Tarah Hostetler, June Yoder
- 30 Jeremiah Miller, Kamdyn Schlabach
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Second Graders visit Robert's Farm



Fourth Grade Trip to Sauder Village



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Lemonade Day

Did you know there is a National Lemonade Day? Well, in 4C we try to celebrate all the fun and not well-known days! We followed a recipe in our reading comprehension and made lemonade in a bag. Students could decide if their recipe needed more sugar or lemon juice.



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National Banana Split Day

Fourth graders were able to celebrate National Banana Split Day. Exactly where and when banana splits came from has been disputed in history for years, but they have been traced back as far as 1904! We are happy they were created! Reading comprehension has never been so fun!

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★ MIGHTY MUSTANGS ★

Each month 15 MES students are recognized during the monthly school wide Family Meeting assembly. These students have shown safety, responsibility, and respect throughout the month.

Winners receive a certificate, a Mighty Mustang medal, and get to participate in a game during the assembly. Pictured are the winners from August of the 2025-2026 school year. Go Mustangs!



Back Row (left to right): Alison Wingard (4th), Ethan Miller (4th), Felicity Wilson (4th), Lincoln Slabach (4th), Shaylene Miller (3rd). **Middle Row:** Stephen Graber (3rd), Logan Bontrager (3rd), Amanda Bontrager (3rd), Devon Bontrager (2nd), Julianna Lambright (2nd). **Front Row:** Brionna Yutzy (K), Sutton Delagrang (K), Seth Miller (1st), Leah Yoder (1st), Shelia Miller (1st).



Top Winners

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Summer Reading Celebration

All summer long, ninety-one Meadowview Elementary students turned pages, camped out with good books, and proved that the best kind of summer snack...is a story you just can't put down!

In honor of Meadowview's amazing readers that read s'more all summer long (600 minutes or more), a celebration was held on Tuesday, September 9th. Students participated in S'more Minute to Win It Games. All ninety-one students received a certificate for meeting their goal and a coupon for a free slushy donated by Shipshewana Popcorn Co...thank you for support. The top three readers that read the most minutes received prizes, as well as the top two readers in each grade level. Thank you Meadowview Elementary PTO for supporting our program by providing prizes for the top readers.

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Fairy Tale/Tall Tale Day

Second graders at Meadowview ended their Fairy Tale/Tall Tale unit with a fun celebration. Students and teachers came to school dressed as their favorite storybook character. Students enjoyed having a surprise visitor from Paul Bunyan and his blue ox Babe. It was a day filled with lots of fun, treats, and adventure!



All photos submitted



Science Experiment Stations

Mrs. Gongwer's class doing different stations of experiments in the science lab



M&M Science Experiment

Students in Mrs. Jasso's class experiment with the melting of M & Ms using the scientific method.



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Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors



Helpers Awarded

A few of Mrs. Gongwer's students were awarded for helping to clean up the cafeteria! Certificates to Topeka Pizza!

5th Graders Get Workout in Music Class

5th grade students got a workout in Music classes learning a song called "Fjaskern" from Sweden. They learned about musical form and had fun.



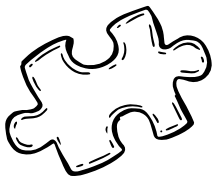
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Following Steps for Science Experiments

Mr. Yoder's class is making no bake cookies. The idea is to show how it's important to follow steps such as when conducting science experiments and following the steps of the scientific method.

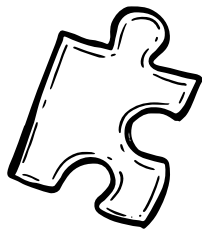
Kids & Cicadas

Kids and cicadas at lunch recess.



Building Teamwork Skills

5th grade students completed jigsaw puzzles on the first day of school to build teamwork skills.



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Topeka Fitness Classic

Topeka Elementary has had a busy start to the school year! We had our Topeka Fitness Classic. We played tug-of-war, relay races, and more! Thank you to Miss Eash for her hard work planning and preparing for the day.



Family Fun Night

We had an arctic themed Family Fun Night! There was slime, building projects and more. There were over 300 TES family members enjoying the night.

Sauder Village

Our fourth grade students took their annual trip to Sauder Village. This was connected to their Market Day that included all TES students and staff being able to “shop” at the student stores.



All photos submitted





Junior High Cross Country Teams Win Big

Boys and Girls win Central Noble Hokum Karem

The Westview boys and girls cross country team won the Central Noble Hokum Karem on August 21, beating 11 other schools and winning by 2 points. Scoring for the varsity were Kendall Lambricht, Coltin Bontrager, Tyler Mast, Travis Bontrager, Caleb Yoder, Kierra Roose, Kimber Helmuth, Kimberly Mast, Jessica Yoder and Mariah Miller. Anthony Otto was the individual champion in the boys JV race. This is the third time in four years that Westview has won this invitational.

Boys Win Prairie Heights Invite, Girls Place 7th

The Westview Jr. High boys cross country team won the Prairie Heights invite on August 30. Placing first overall out of 154 runners at the meet was Tyler Mast with a winning time of 11:05. Westview boys individually placed first, second, third and fourth at the meet.

The Westview girls placed 7th out of 15 schools at the Prairie Heights invitational. Placing for the lady warriors was Kimberly Mast in 17th place out of 122 runners.

Boys Win Manchester Invite, Girls place 5th

The Westview Jr. High boys cross country team won the Manchester Invite on September 6 beating 19 other teams. Winning individually overall in the meet was Tyler Mast with a time of 10:45. Other varsity runners for Westview in the top ten were Kendall Lambricht 4th, Anthony Otto 5th, and Caleb Yoder 7th.

The Westview Jr. High girls cross country team placed 5th out of 20 schools at the Manchester Invite on Saturday. Placing in the top 30 for the girls was Kierra Roose 12th and Kimberly Mast 25th.

Boys Finish Second at West Noble Invite

The Westview Jr. High boys cross

country team placed 2nd at the West Noble Invitational on Saturday out of 38 schools. Taking the top spots for Westview were Tyler Mast (9th), Kendall Lambricht (10th), Caleb Yoder (15th), Anthony Otto (19th), Coltin Bontrager (30th), Travis Bontrager (47th) and Tyson Yoder (52nd). Taking the top spot in the boys JV race was Adrian Bontrager (6th). Great job warriors!

The Westview Jr. High girls cross country team placed 16th out of 38 schools at the West Noble Invitational on Saturday. Taking the top spot for the lady warriors were Kimber Helmuth (63rd), Alicia Bontrager (82nd), Hailey Miller (87th), Jessica Hostetler (97th), Aubrey Young (104th), Jessica Yoder (120th) and Kim Mast (132nd). There were approximately 400 girls running in the West Noble Invitational. Taking the top spot in the girls JV race was Mariah Miller (20th place). Great job lady warriors!

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2025 JH Girls Cross Country: Back (left to right): Coach Don Williams, Lisa Troyer, Hailey Miller, Jessica Hostetler, Jessica Yoder, and Coach Erica Mohr. Third: Layla Lambright, Ashlin Rockey, Ellie Bostain, and Alicia Bontrager. Second: Kim Mast, Aubrey Young, Treva Miller, Mariah Miller, Kara Yoder, and Kierra Roose. Front: Kimber Helmuth, JJ Warrener, Val Mendoza, Bryleigh Bailey, and Kate Mauck. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



2025 JH Boys Cross Country: Back (left to right): Damon Lambright, Michael Manns, Aaron Hochstetler, Cody Hill, Josiah Radcliff, Tyler Mast, and Coach Don Williams. Third: Travis Bontrager, Caleb Yoder, Jaylin Lehman, Julian Mast, Nicolas Yutzy, and Coach Erica Mohr. Second: Ethan Rainsberger, Ryan Bontrager, Elijah Wingard, Anthony Otto, Tyler Wingard, Karl Lehman, and Coltin Bontrager. Front: Kendall Lambright, Jacob Miller, Jamin Yoder, Tyson Yoder, Ethan Bontrager, and Gavin Miller. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

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2025 7th Grade Volleyball: Back (left to right): Jemeila Reed, Kalaya Hostetler, Brynnley Scheuneman, Rylan Spencer, and Coach Cortney Spencer. Middle: Ashleayn Blackburn, Mia Stemm, Ryleigh Weimer, Raigen Bryant, and Lillian Bechtel. Front: Reagan Diehl, Grace Miller, Adelynn Raber, and Layla Hostetler.
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8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

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2025 8th Grade Volleyball: Back (left to right): Ashby Yoder, Kayla Schwartz, Lexi Olwean, Marsha Miller, and Ava Hufnagle. Middle: Coach Toni Devers, Kennedy Stutzman, Genesis Perillo, Maci Miller, and Asst. Coach Haley Brassell. Front: Layla Lengacher, Cindy Schwartz, Marissa Childers, and Calista Bollinger.
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JH BOYS SOCCER (A)

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2025 JH Boys Soccer - A Team: Back (left to right): Coach Jamie Martin, Coach Bodie Martin, Malachi Lambright, Harrison Bontreger, and Beckham Misner. Third: Ryan Mast, Andrew Martin, Alex Stutzman, Colton Bender, and Emmett Niccum. Second: Brigham Rhan, Adam Alamari, Asher Kauffman, Erikson Mullet, Cash Miller, and Kaleb Liechty. Front: Austin Martin, Luke Bontrager, Blake Miller, Trenton Vilardo, and Griffin Brohm.

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2025 JH Boys Soccer - B Team: Back (left to right): Coach Jamie Martin, Raiden Huggins, Malachi Lambright, Wes Steider, Asst. Coach Richard Mullet, and Coach Bodie Martin. Third: Asst. Coach Rusty Niccum, Lycon Ferrera, Logan Troxel, Nathan Martin, Lucas Raber, and Evan Byroad. Second: Javon Whetstone, Gasmar Munoz, and Carson Tyler. Front: James Bailey, Lyric Miller, Travis Ritchie, Mason Grossman, and Austin Yoder.

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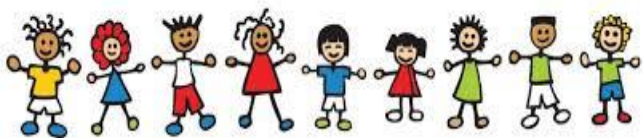


JH GIRLS SOCCER

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2025 JH Girls Soccer: Back (left to right): Natalie McDonald, Mallory Antal, Chandler Engle, Harper Yoder, Kierra Roose, Coach Ryan Kraft, and Coach Shad Gingerich. Third: Brinley Kraft, Heidi Miller, Adelyn Vandergriff, Sadie Hostetler, Ava Bontrager, River Rheinheimer, and Kennedy Miller. Second: Nimna Neely, Trinity Antal, Avery Myers, Yaritzi Munoz, Paisley Brandenberger, and Akhila Reed. Front: Felicity Eash, Ariel Miller, Sofia Martinez-Diaz, Reese Yoder, Hadley Yoder, Finley Gingerich, and Serena Miller.

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A Forgotten Soldier

By Harold D. Gingerich



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His passing went largely unnoticed by residents of LaGrange County. And his memory has faded with time, leaving him all but forgotten. It calls to mind the words of General Douglas McArthur who said, “Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.” But when this old soldier died unexpectedly in his hotel room one hundred and twenty-five years ago on October 20, 1900, he was a local hero to the residents of Nogales, Arizona. His name was William Roy – “Lt. Colonel William Roy.”

William Roy was born on December 3, 1835, the eighth child of James L. (1782-1848) and Delilah Davis (1796-1861) Roy, in Galen, Wayne County, New York near the shores of Lake Ontario west of Syracuse. Sometime after 1842 the family moved to a farm in Clearspring Township here in LaGrange County. What prompted the family’s

move to Indiana is not known at this time. However, we do know that both James and Delilah stayed in this area as they are both buried in Sloan Cemetery in LaGrange County.

William had an older brother Charles (1814-1888) who, according to the 1874 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Lagrange County, Indiana, owned land in Section 22 of Clearspring Township. Today it would be in the area near CRs 300 W and 500 S. It is noteworthy that the first school in Clearspring Township was a log cabin on Charles Roy’s property. Most of the Roy descendants in the area trace their lineage through Charles.

There are several references to Lt. Colonel Roy in the 1882 History LaGrange County Indiana (F.A. Battery & CO). On page 86 it reads, “About the 1st of May (1861), William Roy,

a young man who had just finished a five years’ service in the regular army, came to LaGrange to visit his relatives, and being fresh in military tactics and discipline, at once became the most important personage in the community. As soon as the volunteers heard of his presence in town, he was sent for and requested to give the boys a touch of the “regular’s” drill. With form erect and the quick, firm step of the trained soldier, he was soon at their front, and at the first command of “front face”, the humble regular private, William Roy, was transferred into a Captain of volunteers. Spectators and volunteers were alike elated, but hardly any more so than the drill-master, Mr. Bingham, who immediately tendered his cane, then the only instrument of authority, and turned the command over to the new-comer.”

Several pages later (page 89) it notes that, “Capt. Roy remained at Indianapolis a few weeks, assisting in the drilling of the troops assembled and returned to this county and commenced the organization of a company

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for the three years' service. A large number of those who first enlisted rallied around him at once, and the balance necessary of the company were obtained at Ligonier and Goshen. This new company reached Indianapolis July 2, 1861, and was mustered in as Company A of the Twenty-first Indiana Regiment July 20." The 21st Indiana was nicknamed the "Jackass Regiment" because of their frequent use of mules to transport supplies from ports to inland battlefields. The regiment was later converted to the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery, but they kept the nickname.

From the Saturday, October 27, 1900 edition (page 3) *The Boarder Vidette*, Nogales, Arizona, two column report on the death of Lt. Col. Roy we learn a number of fascinating details about his early military career.

His first army enlistment was served primarily in Utah, New Mexico, and California. He served under Col. Albert Sidney Johnston in what was known as the Utah War (also known as the Utah Expedition, Buchanan's Blunder, the Mormon War, or the Mormon Rebellion) which lasted from May of 1857 to July of 1858. The conflict arose from Mormon leaders claiming autonomy within the Utah Territory and defying the federal government. While there were no major military battles, there was the Mountain Meadows Massacre, where the Mormon militia murdered 120 settlers who were traveling to California. Col. Johnston later became a Confederate general and was killed at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6,



1862.

Roy's military service included numerous armed engagements with Indians. In one of those engagements, he received an arrow wound in one of his knees. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War.

Having been discharged as a sergeant, means that the 1882 History Lagrange County Indiana incorrectly referred to him as "the humble regular private". From enlistment records we know that William Roy had blue eyes, brown hair, and stood approximately 5' 10".

The news article of his life in *The Boarder Vidette* reported that he was commissioned at the beginning of the Civil War as a Captain by Indiana governor Oliver P. Morton "on whose staff he served for some time." It is interesting to note that Morton was the first "Indiana born" man to hold the office of governor (1861-1867).

We know from other records that Roy enlisted on July 24, 1861. Commissioning took place on July 26th with A Company of 21st Indiana Infantry. On February 1, 1863, he was transferred to Field & Staff of the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery. One month later, on March 10, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of Major following the capture of New Orleans. His units served under General Nathaniel Banks who commanded the Army of the Gulf and Maj. General Benjamin Butler. In August of 1864 he commanded artillery forces in the Battle of Mobile Bay where, despite navel losses, was a significant victory for Union forces. On February 3rd of 1865, Roy was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He resigned his commission on July 11, 1865, having been wounded five times in battle.

It was while he was in Louisiana that William Roy met and married Ju-

HISTORICAL FEATURE



View of Indiana Artillery Port Hudson, La.

Monday afternoon when his funeral was conducted by U.S. Chaplain Orville J. Nave. Nave's complete address was also printed in the paper.

While William Roy only lived in Nogales for two years, his place in the community was significant. He was clearly loved and respected as is demonstrated by the fact that the newspaper devoted two full columns to his passing. There is one sentence

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Holmes (1840-1884)
in 1865. The couple would have three daughters Harriet "Hattie" Roy Hogan (1866-1936), Fannie Roy Plunkett (1872-1957), and Emily Roy who was born in February of 1874 and died in May of the same year. Juliette died on July 13, 1884, but I have been unable to find either the cause of death or where she was buried. William never remarried.

Following the war, William took up farming. Later, he went to work for the departments of the Interior and the Treasury as a special agent. He then became the U. S. Shipping Commissioner for the Port of New Orleans, a position he held until 1884, when he moved to New Mexico to take up mining. In March of 1888, he moved to Nogales, Arizona, where he was a partner in a mining and equipment business of Roy & Titcomb.

The circumstances surrounding his

were described in detail by The Boarder Vidette. "Col. Roy returned from Europe where he had been to recuperate his health. He was greatly benefited and arrived home the picture of grand and noble manhood. The day before he died while in conversation with the writer he said, 'never in my life have I felt so well,' and the next night the entire community was dumbfounded by the announcement 'Col. Roy is dead'. Until a few minutes before he died, about 10 o'clock Saturday night, he was with a party of friends and in good health and excellent spirits. Being a man of exemplary habits and according to a long established custom, he said good night to his friends and went to his room in the Montezuma hotel and prepared to retire. A short time after going to his room parties in adjoining rooms heard him fall and before medical aid could be called he expired."

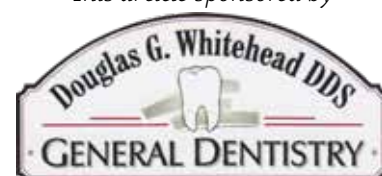
The body of Lt. Colonel William Roy laid in state in the Masonic Hall until

death on
October 20, 1900,

that stands out as to the level of prominence and respect with which he was viewed. "The deceased's remains were taken to the Masonic Hall where they lay until Monday afternoon, when they were escorted to the Nogales cemetery by the largest number of citizens that ever attended a funeral in Nogales."



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Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

Its finally autumn! I always enjoy the fall, so I'm excited for the season. I would love for the weather to get on board, though. We are looking at another couple of days in the eighties this weekend! But today it is perfect jacket weather for those of us who prefer to bundle up.

There's still a lovely blanket of fog hanging around this morning, and there's just a touch of crisp to the air. Last night I saw a few maples already starting to turn. It has been especially nice to throw the windows wide open and let some fresh breezes clear the air in our house.

The cats have also really enjoyed the new smells coming in from outside, though it does make them more eager to try to sneak outdoors for adventures!  Solution on page 39.

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RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **October 21, 2025.** *Please allow time for mail delivery.*
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. *Next month's winner will receive a 1 year subscription to *The Connection* and more!*
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

DeWayne & Wilma Lehman of 600 W, Topeka correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Wade & Ruth Otto and Aaron**

& Julia Otto, 300 S, Topeka. Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Way I See It* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Galen & Wilma Yoder of 1000 W, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Ida Lehman of 600 W, Topeka**



There were 42 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Wilbur & Edna Bontrager, Freeman & Wanita Miller, Orla & Sally Bontrager, Glenn & Polly Anna Bontrager, Robert & Martha Bontrager, Nate & Linda Yoder, Carl & Maria Yoder, Marlin & Mary Yoder, David & Becky Yoder, Steve & Dorothy Raber, Chris Jr. & Norma Lambright, Jesse & JoElla Lambright, Lavern & Leah Eash, Mervin & Naomi Lehman, Alton & Katie Bontrager, James Otto, Jannaka Lambright, LaVern & Erma Hershberger, Verlin & Mary Bontrager, Lavon & Doris Eash, Dean & SuElla Lambright, Norman & Rosanna Miller, Steven & Darla Weaver, Dennis & Rosetta Lambright, John & Dorothy Beechy, David & Polly Miller, Gene & Wanda Yoder, Kenny & LeAnna Otto, Leroy & Doreen Miller, Mark & Miriam Mast, Aaron & Brenda Yoder, Michael & Ruth Schrock, Norman & Wanda Otto, Daniel & Carolyn Otto, Leon & Kaylene Bontrager, Kenny & Ruby Slabach, Vernon & Marietta Miller, Samuel & LorEita Schrock, Joe Otto

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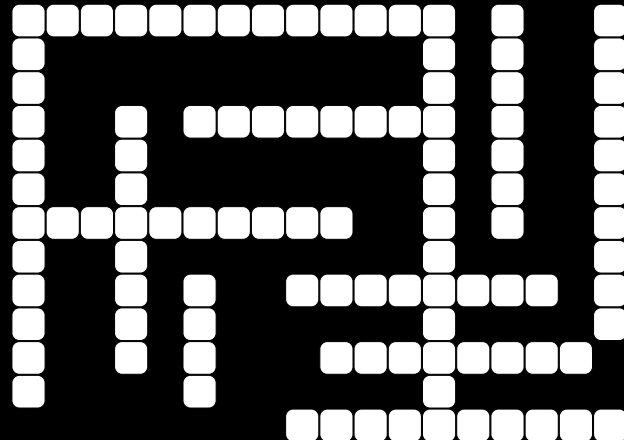
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free small ice cream cone through October.

Runners-up were Julie Petersheim, age 6; Ha-ley Barkman, age 5; Maddelyn Byler, age 4; Han-nah Bontrager, age 3; Julia Hostetler, age 2; Asher Grant Lehman, age 1. Honorable Mentions: Josh-ua Hershberger, age 6; Madison Lambricht, age 6; Pearl Schwartz, age 6; Bailey Hochstetler, age 6; Ella Grace Miller, age 5; and Melanie Miller, age 6. Check out page 38 for this month's coloring page.

Be SURE to include all your information on the coloring page, even your age! ... we do not want you to miss out! Remember, the contest is only for children up to six years old. 



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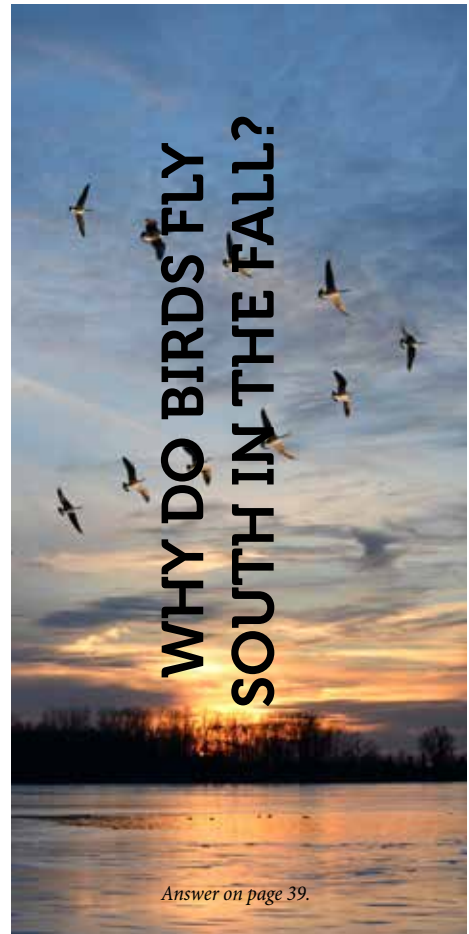
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Crossword

Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 39.
by Marsha Patrick

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!
(Might be backwards)

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