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Time to Get Excited

As of this month, I will have been back home in Indiana for a year. A whole year! It's crazy how time flies.

I'm excited that I get to be home for Thanksgiving again. My mom always makes either homemade cinnamon rolls or cinnamon bread in the morning, and my sisters and I enjoy the cinnamon treat as we watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

We'll eat our Thanksgiving feast watching the National Dog Show—all of us rooting for the beagles in honor of our departed family dogs—and we spend the rest of the day playing games, catching up with one another, and preparing for Christmas. It's a wonderful feeling to be looking forward to something, whether that be a trip, a sports game, a holiday, and so on.

This fall has been an amazing season for many of the sports at Westview! It's exciting to see how far our Westview Warriors have come, and how far they'll go. Be sure to check out the sports pages to celebrate the various Sectional, Regional, and NECC winners this year. And don't forget to look at the school pages, where the elementary students have been taking exciting field trips to places like Roberts Farm and Sauder Village.

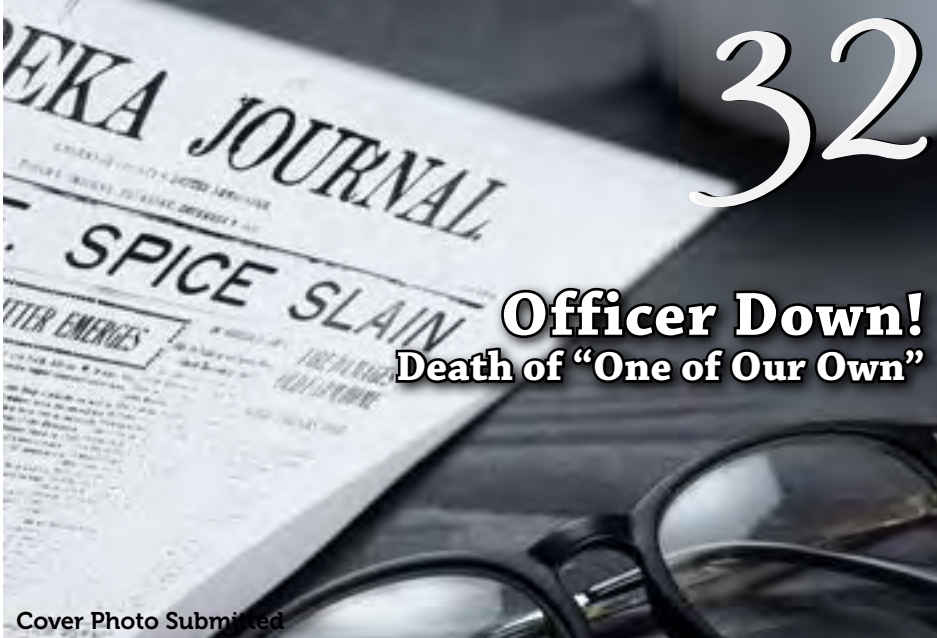
Looking forward to the rest of the year, there is so much happening in Shipshewana and the surrounding area. The countdown to Christmas officially begins this month! (After Thanksgiving, of course!) As the town prepares for the winter season, there will be an abundance of fun events and activities available for the whole family. Take a look at the Countdown to Christmas section inside to see what will be happening in town this year, with events starting as early as November 11. It's time to start getting excited about Christmas!

As always, feel free to write us to let us know what articles and content you would like to see. We love to hear from our readers and explore new topics! We'd also love to partner with area businesses to bring you editorial content that appeals to you. Please send your thoughts, comments, and recommendations to The Hometown Treasure, PO Box 70, Shipshewana IN 46565, or email them to news@lagwana.com.

Best Wishes,

Chloe Lovell
The Hometown Treasure Editor

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Remembering to Forget

I resonate with this quote from Donna VanLiere: “Half the battle in life is knowing what not to forget and forgetting what doesn’t need to be remembered.” Wow! Who can relate?

The older I get, the more things I forget. Where I laid my phone, if I took the trash out on Wednesday, an appointment or task on my to-do list. Sometimes, I can have all the reminders in the world and still forget.

But more troubling than this absentmindedness is the last part of that quote. Forgetting what doesn’t need to be remembered. The struggle is real. Have you ever experienced a hurtful situation or difficult circumstance in a relationship that took up most of your mental space and energy? An experience that leaves such a mark on your life that no matter how much time has passed, or retribution has occurred, it still surfaces in your thoughts from time to time? Guilty!

I can forget my wallet or my nephew’s birthday easily. But to forgive and forget, hmm, well, I wish I could say the same. It’s quite annoying that those nasty little thoughts surface and take root in my peaceful

little garden occasionally. Before I know it, bitter weeds are popping up and choking out any progress I’ve made toward healing.

I was contemplating this struggle while in my prayer room recently. In prayer, I asked God to free me from this struggle. My eye caught a verse I had scribbled on a note card once:


“Forget the former things; see, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness” (Isaiah 43:18-19).

It was very fitting for the moment. Coincidence? I prefer to think of it as a God wink! Some former things should be remembered. Those moments of joy and sometimes even moments of grief are essential. But thoughts that move us away from love and forgiveness should be forgotten.

Indeed, when I have gone through difficult things in my relationships, I have felt like I was walking in a dry, desolate wilderness. But according to this verse, God has made a way in the wilderness for us through this new thing he has done. The new thing Isaiah prophesied here was salvation, peace, rest, rescue, hope, mercy... The list goes on because the grace of Jesus, aka “the new thing,” never ends.

Ephesians 4 tells Christians to get rid of all bitterness, rage, and malice and to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving, just as Christ forgave us. And therein lies the most important thing to remember when those bitter thoughts surface. By focusing on remembering how Christ has forgiven us, we are humbled and reminded of his supreme example to us. He forgives our

sins and remembers them no more – and so should we forget those things we have forgiven others for.

Easier said than done, I know. It’s a matter of training our hearts and minds on what needs to be forgotten and, most importantly, what needs to be remembered. 



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By Francesca Kimera, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

The New Age of Diabetes Management

For people with diabetes, controlling blood sugar is very important to prevent complications like eye, nerve, or kidney problems. Over the past few years, there have been many advancements in technology that have made self-management of diabetes safer and more convenient. These advancements have given people with diabetes more power to improve their health and well-being. Let's talk about the most popular ones.

Monitoring advancements

Self-monitoring of blood sugar can be very helpful for a person with diabetes to better understand how their medications, diet, and lifestyle are affecting their blood sugar. For many years, people had to use small, portable meters (also called glucometers) to measure the sugar in a drop of blood. This meant patients had to prick their fingers multiple times a day! Now, we have new technology called Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs), like Freestyle Libre or Dexcom, that use a sensor placed on the skin every 10-14 days to measure the blood sugar at any time without the patient having to prick their finger. The CGM sends blood sugar results to a hand-held device or smartphone. This real-time monitoring has been shown to help patients achieve their blood sugar goals with less pain!


Insulin Delivery

Some patients with diabetes need to use an injectable medication called insulin to control their diabetes. Patients taking insulin inject it under

the skin sometimes multiple times a day. Smart insulin pens and insulin pumps have been designed to make insulin therapy easier. Smart insulin pens are reusable injector devices that can calculate and track insulin doses as well as provide reminders and alerts to users. Some can even send information to a smartphone app!

Insulin pumps are portable devices attached to the body that slowly release insulin into the skin through a tiny tube throughout the day. They can also be used to deliver mealtime insulin doses. This means patients do fewer insulin injections! The most advanced insulin pumps, like Omnipod 5, can even talk to CGMs and automatically adjust the insulin dose throughout the day for peace of mind.

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What Should You Know About RMDs?

You may spend decades contributing to various retirement accounts. But for some accounts, such as a traditional IRA and 401(k), you must start withdrawing funds at a certain point. What should you know about this requirement?

To begin with, the rules governing these withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — have changed recently. For many years, individuals had to begin taking their RMDs (which are based on the account balance and the IRS' life expectancy factor) when they turned 70½.

The original SECURE Act of 2019 raised this age to 72, and SECURE 2.0, passed in 2022, raised it to 73. (If you turned 73 in 2023, and you were 72 in 2022 when the RMD limit was still 72, you should have taken your first RMD for 2022 by April 1 of this year. You will then need to take your 2023 RMD by Dec. 31. Going forward, you'll need to take your RMDs by the end of every year.)

Not all retirement accounts are subject to RMDs. They aren't required for a Roth IRA, and, starting in 2024, won't be required for a Roth 401(k) or 403(b) plan. But if your account does call for RMDs, you do need to take them because if you don't, you could face tax penalties. Previously, this penalty was 50% of the amount you were supposed

to have taken, but SECURE 2.0 reduced it to 25%.

When you take your RMDs, you need to be aware of a key issue: *taxes*.



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RMDs are taxed as ordinary income, and, as such, they could potentially bump you into a higher tax bracket and possibly even increase your Medicare premiums, which are determined by your modified adjusted gross income. Are there any ways you could possibly reduce an RMD-related tax hike?

You might have some options. Here are two to consider:

Convert tax-deferred accounts to Roth IRA.

You could convert some, or maybe all, of your tax-deferred retirement accounts to a Roth IRA. By doing so, you could lower your RMDs in the future — while adding funds to an account you're never required to touch. So, if you don't really need all the money to live on, you could include the remainder of the Roth


IRA in your estate plans, providing an initially tax-free inheritance to your loved ones. However, converting a tax-deferred account to a Roth IRA will generate taxes in the year of conversion, so you'd need the money available to pay this tax bill.

Donate RMDs to charity.

In what's known as a qualified charitable distribution, you can move up to \$100,000 of your RMDs directly from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity, avoiding the taxes that might otherwise result if you took the RMDs yourself. After 2023, the \$100,000 limit will

be indexed to inflation.

Of course, before you start either a Roth IRA conversion or a qualified charitable distribution, you will need to consult with your tax advisor, as both these moves have issues you must consider and may not be appropriate for your situation.

But it's always a good idea to know as much as you can about the various aspects of RMDs — they could play a big part in your retirement income strategy. 

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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for November 2023.

All activities are In-Person unless noted. If you have any questions,
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Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 11 a.m.

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

Family Game Night (All Ages, Families)

LaGrange • Mondays, November 6 • 4-7 p.m.

Families are invited to come play games from the library's collection. Come whenever and stay for as long as you want. Registration appreciated but not required.

Homeschool Group (All Ages)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, November 8 • 1-2:30 p.m.

LaGrange • Friday, November 10 • 10:30-Noon

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Call 260-463-2841 or register on our website. We will be using materials from Consumer Finance.gov to help learn about money.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 13 • 4-7:45 p.m.

We will be learning Dungeons & Dragons and also have some of our favorites available. Enjoy some non-electronic games, snacks, and chatting with other teens! Registration appreciated but not required.

Learn to Play Pokemon (Ages 6+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 14 • 4-5:30 p.m.

If you want to learn, or if you know the game and just want to play, this is for you! Bring any cards/supplies you have or use what we have here. Registration appreciated but not required.

Extrava'Catanzal! Game Night & Tournament (Grades 9+)

LaGrange • Monday, November 20 • 6-8:30 p.m.

A night for high-schoolers and adults to play Catan. Multiple boards will be set up. You can choose to play with beginners and learn, or to play in the tournament. Registration required and space is limited.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 21 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things," do a fun activity, and pass out next month's book.

Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 21 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Willodeen," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book.

Teen Book Chat (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 27 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will be discussing "Found" by Margaret Peterson Haddix and passing out the book for next month.

Teen Advisory Group — TAG (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 27 • 5-6:00 p.m.

Join other teens to talk about plans for the teens at the library, help choose what books we have in our YA collection, and make the teen space feel more comfortable. Registration appreciated but not required.

Teen Night Activity (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 27 • 6-7:30 p.m.

You will have two professionally decorated cupcake examples to replicate. You will be given all supplies and a limited time to "Nail it" and make the best looking cupcakes. Registration appreciated but not required.

Adult Interest

Hillsdale College Online Course: Mark Twain (Ages 12+)

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Calligraphy with Markers (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Saturday, November 4 • 10-Noon

Please register by October 28 at the LaGrange Adult Services desk or by calling 260-463-2841 x1030. Cost is \$5 per person.

Classic Cinema: Grant & Hitchcock (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 7 • 2 p.m. • FREE

To Catch a Thief—Starring Cary Grant & Grace Kelly. Rated TV-PG. 103 min. A retired jewel thief will be arrested unless he can trap the copycat burglar who is serial-stealing on the French Riviera.

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 14 • 2 p.m. • FREE

North by Northwest—Starring Cary Grant & Eva Marie Saint. Rated TV-PG. 136 min. A lethal case of mistaken identity and a nonstop game of cat-and-mouse across North America by espionage agents, the police, and our innocent subject.

Medicare Bingo

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Playing bingo and learn about Medicare during this interactive presentation. There are prizes to be won! The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will offer free and unbiased counseling about your Medicare choices.

Counted Cross Stitch for Absolute Beginners (Ages 13)

LaGrange • Monday, November 13 • 6 p.m.

Shelby Jarema will teach this fun 30-minute class. Participants will make a snowman pattern this month. All materials supplied. Cost is \$5 per class. Register at Adult Services Desk or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

Make and Take with Deb (All Ages)

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

Imagine Christmas by the seashore with a sea glass tree, decorated with starfish and shell ornaments! Cost is \$36 per person, all materials supplied. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$20 due at the Adult Services Desk by November 4.

Painting with Carl Mosher (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Friday, November 17 • 1-4 p.m.

Carl will supply all the materials. Cost is \$25 payable to Carl at class. Classes fill fast - Register at 260-463-2841 x1030.

Second Third Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange, IN • Saturday, November 18 • 11 a.m.

We'll discuss "Still Life" by Louise Penny. Inspector Gamache is called to a tiny hamlet south of Montreal to investigate the suspicious hunting "accident" that claimed the life of a local fixture in the village. *Copies of the book are available at the Adult Desk.*

Classic Cinema: Holiday Romance (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • November 28 • 2 p.m. • FREE

The Shop Around the Corner—Starring Margaret Sullavan & James Stewart. Rated TV-G. 97 min. Co-workers at a Budapest gift shop unknowingly correspond with each other, having "met" through a lonely-hearts ad, but as the pen pals grow closer on paper, their at-work bickering drives them further apart.

Honors for Parkview Noble Hospital

Parkview Noble Hospital has been recognized as a top community hospital performer in the 2023 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient, Inc.

Parkview Noble was recognized among 333 community hospitals rated by Vizient for demonstrating excellence in delivering high-quality care based on the Vizient Quality and Accountability Study, conducted annually since 2005. Parkview DeKalb Hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital and Parkview Huntington Hospital were also among the 22 hospitals recognized as top performers in Vizient's community hospitals category.

The rating measured performance on the quality of patient care in six domains: safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness and equity. The Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking helps participating hospitals and health systems understand their performance against their peers and identifies structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity. The recognition period is for work spanning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

"Parkview Noble Hospital has demonstrated high-level commitment to the continuous improvement that is necessary to succeed in today's evolving healthcare environment," said David Levine, group senior vice president, advanced analytics and data science for Vizient. "The annual ranking leverages a unique, comprehensive and timely metrics-based methodology to recognize hospitals that achieve

results on key measures that define quality patient care and delivery. Congratulations, Parkview, on this prestigious honor."

Another honor, for the second year in a row, includes Parkview Noble Hospital being ranked among the



top 10 small community hospitals in America. The hospital was once again identified as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® according to an independent quality analysis provided by PINC AI™ and reported by Fortune.

Parkview Noble Hospital was ranked No. 10 in the small community hospitals category and is the only Indiana hospital of any size recognized on the Fortune/PINC AI list this year. This is the second consecutive year and fifth time in the last six years that Parkview Noble has been recognized in Fortune's 100 Top Hospitals listing.


"Parkview Noble Hospital stands as a shining example of our commitment to rural healthcare and demonstrates how a hospital's size doesn't impact its ability to deliver high-quality care with an excellent experience," said Dr. Greg Johnson, MMM, regional market president, Parkview Health. "This award from Fortune/PINC AI is recognition of our co-workers' world-

class teamwork, and we commend them for making Parkview Noble a nationally ranked hospital."

Parkview Noble Hospital received five-star ratings, representing performances in the top quintile, in all four metrics scored by Fortune/PINC AI: clinical outcomes, operation efficiency, patient experience and financial health. The 100 Top Hospitals list is based on an objective, quantitative analysis of publicly available, non-biased data.

"As hospitals continue to share the nation's focus on changing healthcare for the better, hospitals and health systems are recognizing the importance of identifying areas within their walls for quality

improvement," said Leigh Anderson, Premier's chief operating officer and the leader of PINC AI. "The transparent and non-biased measures this study provides help leaders make informed decisions for change and prove that Parkview Noble Hospital excels across a range of core performance indicators, which can directly lead to significantly higher quality patient outcomes, with fewer readmissions and complications."

For more information, visit <http://www.100tophospitals.com/>. 

The PINC AI 100 Top Hospitals program focuses on short-term, acute care, non-federal U.S. hospitals that treat a broad spectrum of patients. Premier conducted the PINC AI 100 Top Hospitals program study in August 2023. Researchers evaluated 2,644 short-term, acute care, non-federal U.S. hospitals and health systems. All research was based on the following public data sets: Medicare cost reports, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review (MEDPAR) data, and data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Care Compare website.

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Descendant of Chief Shup-She-Wah-No Visits Shipshewana

by Harold Gingerich

The crowd that attended the Shipshewana Area Historical Society meeting on Monday evening of September 18 were in for a surprise. Local historian Al Yoder was slated to give a presentation on the local Potawatomi Indians (“People of Fire”). What people didn’t know was that Brian Wano, a great-great-great grandson of Chief Shipshewana would be in attendance.

Brian and his wife Cynthia came to Indiana from their home in Hughson, California (two hours from San Francisco), to take part in

the reenactment of the 1838 Trail of Death. In the Trail of Death, about 859 Potawatomi’s from across Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan were forced to walk at gun point from Rochester, Indiana, to a reservation near present day Osawatomie, Kansas.

The forced march began on November 4, 1838. It took 61 days for them to walk the 660 miles to Kansas. During the journey, more than 40 people died. Most of them were children. It was the single largest Indian removal in Indiana history. Every five years, beginning in 1988, there is a reenactment... a retracing of the Trail of Death.

The Wanos found their way to Shipshewana because someone introduced them to Norm Kauffman, the former Shipshewana town manager. Kauffman arranged to take them on a tour of the area, followed by dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant before the Shipshewana Area Historical Society meeting.

While Chief Shipshewana was forced to take the Trail of Death, one year later the broken-hearted chief was allowed to return to his campground on the banks of Shipshewana Lake. He died in 1841 and is buried in an unmarked grave. A monument was dedicated to his memory on May 30, 1931.

Chief Shipshewana (Shup-She-Wah-No) and his band lived in the area

around Shipshewana Lake. His name, which means “to have a vision of a lion,” is found with various spellings.

Brian Wano explained to the historical society crowd that “names changed because of the English language and because most of them (Potawatomi) couldn’t read or write ... so people wrote down the Indian’s names (phonetically) the way it sounded.” It is little wonder that there are variations in how Indian names are spelled.

Brian and Cynthia Wano clearly enjoyed their brief visit to the area. He told the crowd several times, “This (Shipshewana) is a special place... and everyone seems to have a smile on their face. The Potawatomi people were a loving people. I can’t help but think that if there were more Potawatomi’s here (in this world) everyone would get along just fine.”

It is worth noting that a few of the local Potawatomi did escape the Trail of Death because they were hidden by Amish Mennonites in South Michigan. Among them were members of the Collyer family who still live in the area. This is of particular interest to me because Cody Collyer, a Westview High School graduate, married our granddaughter Makai Gingerich. And as a result, we have two great-grandchildren, Madix and Lillian, who are members of the Potawatomi Band.



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Westview student Zack Fry has been a patient at the Chicago care location of Shriners Children's for eight years, being treated for Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease. This condition causes abnormalities in the nerves controlling muscle movement, which can lead to muscle weakness, numbness, and scoliosis. Zack has had multiple surgeries to alleviate the effects of the disease, his most recent being a spinal fusion to treat scoliosis. This past October, Zack had the opportunity to represent his care location at the Shriners Children's Open golf tournament in Las Vegas.

Shriners Hospital for Children first opened in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1922, to provide care to children afflicted by a polio epidemic in the late 1910s. Since then, the healthcare system more commonly referred to as Shriners Children's has grown to aid children worldwide for a variety of health issues, such as burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, craniofacial conditions, and more.

In 2007, the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization took on the responsibility of hosting the annual PGA TOUR

tournament at TPC Summerlin, a private golf course in Las Vegas. Named the Shriners Children's Open, the tournament offers a great opportunity for Shriners Children's to carry out their mission of providing "compassionate, high-quality care that improves children's lives, in a family-centered and collaborative environment," (<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/about>).

Every year, Shriners Children's selects patients from the various care facilities throughout the country to represent the hospital system at the competition. These patients are known as "Standard Bearers." The Standard Bearers spend the weekend getting a behind the scenes view of the PGA TOUR tournament, getting to know other Shriners Children's patients, and sharing their stories of the struggles they've faced and how they have overcome those challenges. In addition to the Standard Bearers, International



Patient Ambassadors are also selected to represent the patients that Shriners Children's helps, and to award the trophy to the tournament champion.

This year, two patient ambassadors and 21 standard bearers were chosen to represent Shriners Children's. As one of the 21 Standard Bearers chosen, Zack got an inside view of the tournament in helping to carry the scores of the professional golfers throughout the weekend. Zack's story, along with the other standard bearers and patient ambassadors, was published in the tournament program, televised on the Golf Channel, and shared on the Shriners Children's social media pages during the competition.

Great job representing Shriners Children's Chicago, Zack! 📌

Sources: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/about> • <https://shrinerschildrensopen.com/media/> • <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/fundraiser/4857362> <https://shrinerschildrensopen.com/patient-ambassador-program/>

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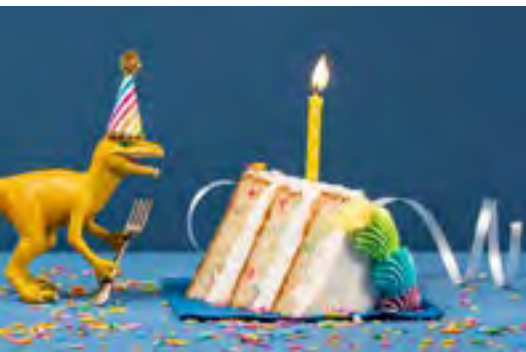
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A dinner, election, and history all in one.

The Topeka Area Historical Society will hold its annual dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, November 14 at the Carriage House (5280 S 500 W, Topeka) beginning at 6 pm. Following the family style dinner, there will be the election of officers for the coming year.

Gale Shultz from South Milford Grain and the crew of the Indiana Northeastern Railroad will be telling the story of how the old Wabash Railroad Line across LaGrange County has found new life.

“This is going to be a great evening,”

says Topeka Historical Society president Harold Gingerich. “Gale and his team have done an amazing job of saving and restoring the old Wabash line east of South Milford. Their partnership with the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society has given many people the opportunity to take a vintage train ride on board theme trains pulled by the Nickel Plate steamer #765.”

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Boys and Girls Cross Country Advances to Regionals

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Information from Westview's Facebook Page. Photos submitted.

Family Fun Night and a School Field Trip


Echoes of “BINGO!” were heard in the hallways of Meadowview Elementary on Tuesday, September 19 as students celebrated their family fun night with BINGO, food trucks, and a “big reveal.”

Each grade level focused on a literary or mathematical bingo game, with every Meadowview student winning a free book. Taco Truck, Ben’s Pretzels, Smokin’ Guns BBQ,

Party on the Patio, Ed’s Fish & More, along with Vanilla Bean Creamery were available for families to enjoy. Lastly, the “big reveal” of our new book vending machine was made, making it a memorable event for all that attended!

This evening would not have been a success without E & S Sales donating bottles of water for all that attended. Thank you, Meadowview PTO, for purchasing a Ben’s Pretzel

and dip for each Meadowview student in attendance, as well as making the book vending machine a reality for our school.

Second graders from Meadowview enjoyed a fun Fall day at Robert’s Farm. They were able to explore the goat barn, a pumpkin patch, and find their way through a story book corn maze. 

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Meadowview Elementary

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Field Trip Studies

Fall is here, and students from where they enjoyed all kinds of hands-
Shipshe-Scott have been enjoying some on activities and demonstrations.
exciting study trips! Second grade Fourth grade traveled back in time by
recently traveled to Science Central learning about what life was like long
ago at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. A big thank you to all the
parent chaperones and bus drivers
who make these trips possible! 📸

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Shipshe-Scott Elementary

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Navigating the Zoo

Topeka Elementary first graders enjoyed a beautiful day at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo on September 20. To prepare for their field trip, the teachers and students discussed different types of animals, characteristics of animals, and what different animals eat.

Students also learned how to read maps so that they could utilize the zoo's map while on their field trip. All of this learning was put into action as they explored the zoo and saw the animals that they had worked so hard to learn about in school! 



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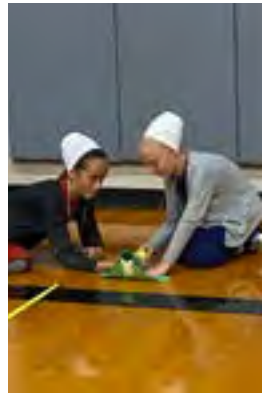
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Fundraisers and Experiments

On Friday, October 6, Westview Elementary held their annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser. This fundraiser helps to cover the cost of their Indianapolis and Chicago study trips each year.

Additional exciting news, students in Mrs. Gongwer's class created Ping Pong ball launchers and have been testing them out in the gym. 

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New Haven Classic Invitational

On September 23, the boys' and girls' cross-country teams participated in the New Haven Classic Invitational at Huntington University. On the boys' team, Noah Bontrager placed first overall in the AAA division, leading the team to a 6th place finish.



On the girls' team, Addy Rainsberger led the girls to a 3rd place finish in the Single A division. Congratulations Westview Warriors! 📌



September Student Ambassadors

September Student Ambassadors: (left to right): Taylor Bryan, Chandler Johnson, Max Engle and Lauren Vanderpool. *Not pictured:* Matt Sabin. *Photo Submitted*

Westview High School has selected five students to receive "Student Ambassador of the Month" honors for September, 2023. These outstanding

students were selected by their teachers for a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displaying great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend. 📌

Ticket Sales

Boys Varsity Basketball season passes and reserved seats are on sale now. Passes may be purchased from the athletic office located at Westview High School during normal school hours. Season passes and reserved seats will also be sold during the JV Boys Basketball game on December 1, 2023.

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Parent Shadow Day

Westview Junior High parents are invited to attend "Parent Shadow Day." You may come to school with your child on Thursday, November 2, to shadow your student's classes and learn more about what really happens on a daily basis.

Information has been sent home with students. Please act quickly and return your RSVP form to Westview Junior High by Friday, October 27. Transportation will not be provided. Westview is looking forward to providing an opportunity for parents to see their children in action.

If you have any further questions, please contact Kaylee Kauffman, Junior High Guidance Counselor at (260) 768-4146. 📌

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HARRY E. SPICE.

Death of “One of Our Own” Chief Deputy Harry E. Spice

by Harold Gingerich

On Friday, December 3, 1937, the peaceful pre-Christmas calm of LaGrange County was shattered when 27-year-old Robert Shaw, a nomadic farm hand turned outlaw, gunned down Deputy Harry Spice about two miles northeast of LaGrange. That began a 22-hour manhunt, with roadblocks, which ended in both the capture of a critically wounded Shaw and the securing of approximately 225 gallons of illegal alcohol.

Newspapers across the state carried the story. The South Bend Tribune's report was front page news, continuing on to pages two and three, including numerous crime scene photos.

The Topeka Journal (December 9, 1937) reported in detail the tragic sequence of events.

On December 2, Shaw robbed an A&P grocery store in Kendallville of somewhere between fifty and seventy dollars. As Shaw was leaving the store, Earl Eulitt, a clerk, threw a heavy scale

at the robber, striking him in the head and staggering him momentarily. A struggle ensued between the two men. Shaw drew a gun and shot Eulitt in the abdomen before escaping into the night.

The following morning (December 3) Carl F. Stewart, a LaGrange plumber, saw the account of the Kendallville robbery in a local newspaper and remembered giving a ride on the previous evening to a man wearing a bandage on his head, leaving him at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Devenbaugh. The article had reported that Dr. Flannigan had bandaged the head of a stranger on Thursday evening who claimed that he had fallen out of a moving car. Stewart immediately notified the authorities.

With LaGrange County Sheriff Noah E. Slabaugh in Chicago, Chief Deputy Harry Spice (reportedly armed with a machine gun) accompanied Noble County Sheriff Irvin Cazier from Albion

ads of His Crimes.



and two Indiana State troopers to the Devenbaugh farm. At about 9 o'clock, Sheriff Cazier knocked on the front door while the other officers stationed themselves around the farmhouse to watch the back door and windows.

Mrs. Devenbaugh came to the door. When asked if she had seen Robert Shaw, she responded by saying, "No." Sheriff Cazier then entered the home to search the premise. Within seconds the sheriff staggered back out of the house with a broken arm from a bullet from Shaw's gun. Cazier drove himself back to LaGrange for medical attention and to call for reinforcements. Spice and the State troopers held their positions.

Shortly after Sheriff Cazier drove away, Shaw made his escape. Shaw told the authorities that as he came out of the house he was met by Spice. Shaw told Spice to drop his gun, but the officer continued to advance. Without warning, Shaw shot Deputy Spice who dropped to the ground mortally wounded from severed artery in his groin. Both state troopers reportedly emptied their guns in an effort to stop the fleeing Shaw, but to no avail.

With that, the 22-hour manhunt was on. According to the Topeka Journal, "emergency calls brought state troopers from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, sheriffs and deputies and policemen from neighboring towns, and volunteers, that total number from six to eight hundred... Through it all Shaw, without overcoat, socks and rubbers was wandering through and hiding in the lowlands and swamps in the Ontario-Mongo region."

Roadblocks were set up across the county. Both the South Bend Tribune and the Topeka Journal reported that the Indiana State Police were stopping all traffic on U.S. 20 when something unexpected happened seven miles

west of LaGrange. An eastbound driver abruptly made a U-turn when he saw police stopping and searching cars. A pursuit ensued. The driver eventually drove his Ford coupe into a cornfield, abandoned the car, and disappeared

Shaw was taken to the Erwin Hospital in LaGrange where he was kept under armed guard for about a week. While in the hospital he confessed to a long list of robberies, including bank holdups, and the killing of a police



into the night. Police discovered forty-five (5-gallon) cans of illegal liquor in the car. Both the alcohol and the car were placed in the custody of Sheriff Slabaugh.

officer in the south.

The end came on Saturday morning when a Michigan trooper saw Shaw hiding in a corn shock on Floyd Connelly's farm just south of Ontario. The trooper opened fire. One shot hit Shaw in the hand, shattering the bone and his useless gun fell to the ground. Another shot broke a leg below the knee. A load of buckshot from another trooper's gun brought Shaw to the ground and the manhunt was over.

Harry Ellsworth Spice was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1892 to English born John S. and Charlotte Ann Faux Spice. In 1901, he



moved to South Milford with his parents. On February 2, 1915, he married Jesse Ruth Hammond. Spice worked in the lumber and coal business until he was appointed a deputy sheriff in 1935 by Sheriff Noah E. Slabaugh.



Dr. Harry G. Erwin, acting as the coroner, conducted an autopsy and signed Spice's death certificate. The Canton Brothers of LaGrange were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred D. Wilde of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South Milford with hundreds in attendance. Charles Mattingly, the editor of the Topeka Journal, reported that, "Burial was

made in the South Milford cemetery, where in a chill winter wind that swept across the neighboring fields, and the air whitened by fitfully falling snowflakes hundreds of tear-dimmed eyes upon the tragic scene."


Harry Spice left behind a grieving widow, two children, (daughter Mrs. Mildred Treesh and a son, Robert, who was a senior at LaGrange High School), a granddaughter Geraldine Treesh, his father John, four sisters, and three brothers.



Mildred Treesh was expecting a child at the time of her father's murder. She later gave birth to a son, Ronald. Ronald Treesh is currently living in Anderson, Indiana. In May of this year, he attended the Lagrange County Police Memorial where his grandfather's

memory was honored.

On Monday, December 20, 1937, Glenn J. Eash from Emmatown was appointed by Sheriff Slabaugh to take Harry Spice's place as Chief Deputy beginning January 1st. Eash and his father, J.J. Eash, owned and operated the Emmatown Store for four or five years. Sometime around 1930, they gave up the store and began operating a feed mill in Emma.

On June 28, 1938, Frederick Robert Shaw (Inmate # 19364), who was originally from England, died in the electric chair. He was buried in the Indiana State Prison Cemetery in Michigan City. 

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Taken at a Lagrange county road intersection, this picture shows more than two-score citizens, state police and sheriff's officers who joined themselves into the hunt which resulted Saturday in the killing and capture of Robert Shaw, wanted for the murder of Harry Spice, 45-year-old Lagrange county deputy sheriff. Shaw was taken to hospital, Lagrange, in critical condition Saturday night. —Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer.

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The only audience better than the one at the regional competition is the one at our state conference every year. A thousand or so enthusiastic theatre kids is an overwhelming but amazing amount of energy. **i** Solution on page 61.

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- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **November 14, 2023.** Please allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. Next month's winner will receive a 25\$ Gift Certificate to Tiffany's Restaurant and more!
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Harley & Lorraine Bontrager of 900 W, Topeka correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Sam & Linda Miller, 7635 W 600 S, Topeka.**

Congratulations! They won a 1 Year Subscription from The Connection, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **David & Darla Bontrager of County Line Rd, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Jesse Yoder of St Rd 5, Topeka.**



There were 53 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Derck Lyn Miller, Jaron & Colleen Miller, Mervin & Martha Hochstetler, John & Sara Wingard, Mel & Carol Miller, Danny & Ina Miller, Perry & Rosanna Fry, Harley & Wilma Schlabach, Devon & Colleen Fry, David & Lorene Mishler, Dennis & Amy Fry, Lavon & Ruth Jones, Dave & Lorene Beechy, Marvin & Marilyn Helmuth, Marion Nisley, Eugene & Ruth Yoder, Orla & Diana Yoder, Wilbur & Kathy Miller, Floyd & Sharon Lambright, John & LeAnna Kurtz, Floyd & Loretta Lehman, Dan & Loretta Miller, Carolyn Otto, Joe & Doretta Hostetler, Steven & Liz Troyer, Laura Yoder, Darin & Amy Troyer, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Jerold & Esther Mast, Larry & Neoma Miller, Wayne Miller, LaWayne & Marie Lambright, Jerry & Loretta Nisley, LaVerda Miller, Nate & Wanda Lehman, Lyle & Katie Yoder, Paul Hochstetler, Brian & Karen Bontrager, Dean & Julie Yoder, Richard & Elva Lehman, Matt & Dora Hostetler, Joas & LuAnn Lehman, Harley & Etta Fry, Rose Yoder, LeRoy Fry, Sam & Loretta Schrock, Alton & Susie Miller, Matt & Cristina Troyer, Oneita Hochstetler, Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler.

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Coloring Contest Winners

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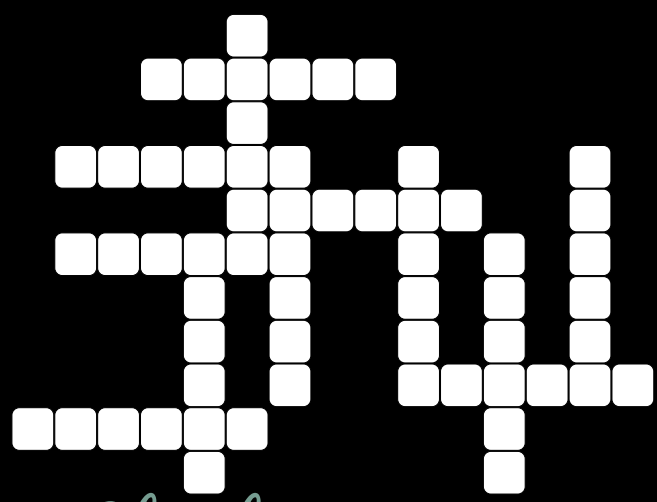
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by The Dutch Kernel for a free treat through November.

Runners-up were Amy Diane Mast, age 6; Jenna Kate Wagler, age 5; Madison Kate Lambricht, age 4; and Audrey Bontrager, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Hadassah Grace Yoder, age 6; Heidi Slabach, age 5; Alice Miller, age 6; Keri Petersheim, age 4; Kielynn Warrenner, age 6; and Andrea Yoder, age 6.

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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Copper
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Gather
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Squash
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Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless Crossword is on pg 61.
by Chloe Lovell

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!

It has cities
but no houses,
it has oceans
but no water,
it has forests
but no trees,
it has deserts
but no sand.

What is it?

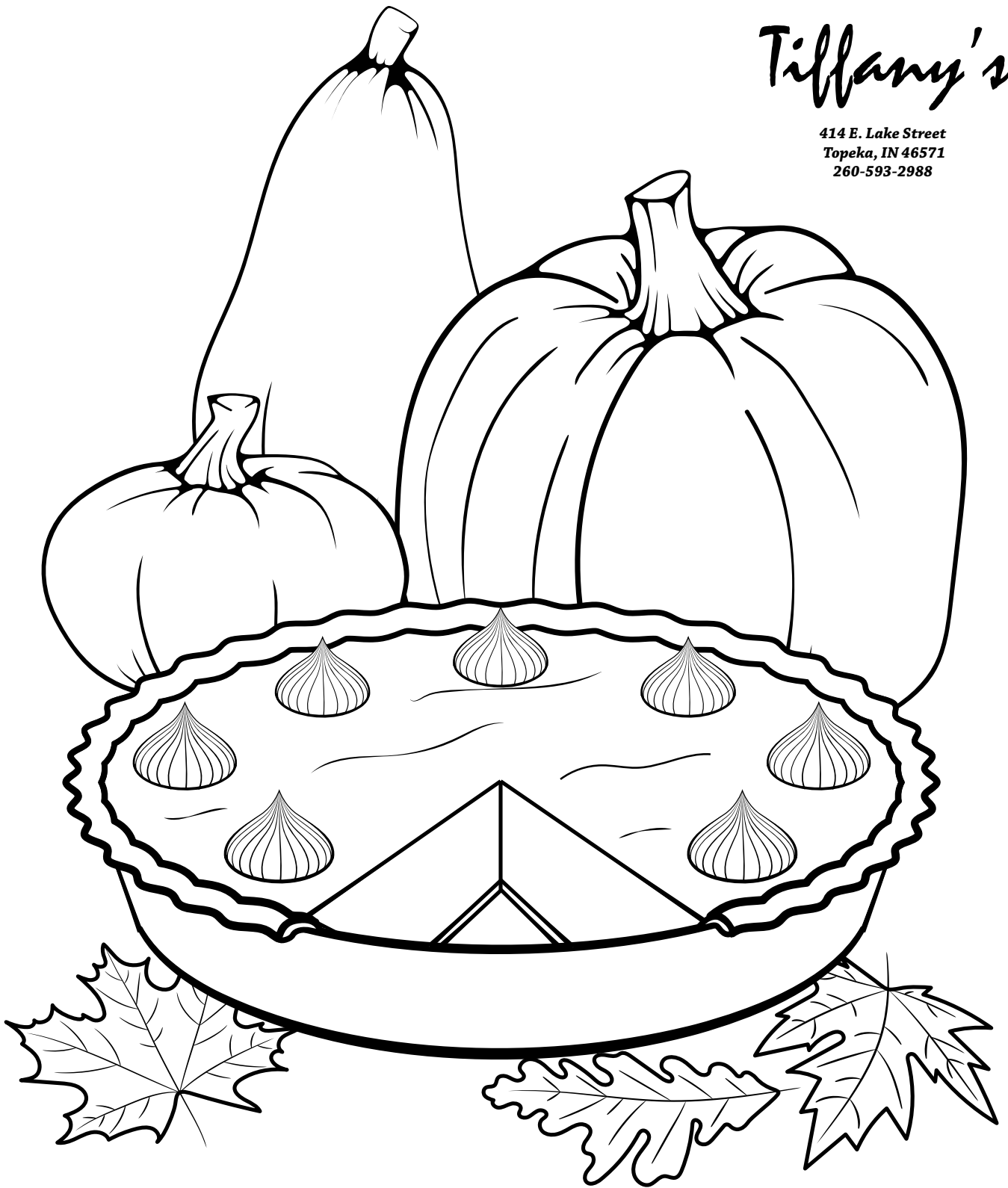
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Answer:
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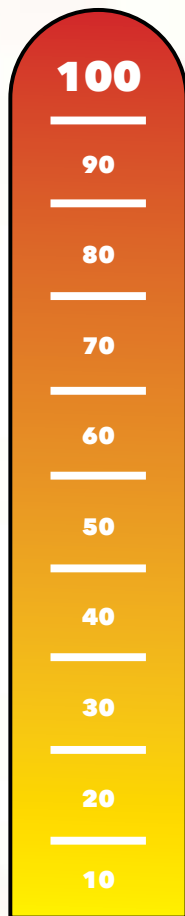
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