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LAGRANGE COUNTY UNITED MARCHING BAND

Since the 1970s, Westview's summer Marching Band program has participated in the Indiana State Fair Band Day. This performance allows summer marching band programs from all over the state to travel and compete at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand in Indianapolis. This summer marks 31 consecutive years of participation for the Westview Marching Band, however, they've added a twist to this year's competition: they've joined forces with the Lakeland Marching Band to compete at state.

It is not unheard of for separate marching bands to join together at the Indiana State Fair Band Day. Nearly six years ago, groups of smaller schools participating at state began to join together and compete as one band. In this year's competition, six out of the total 37 groups are made up of multiple schools—some with as many as four schools combined into one band. Merging multiple school bands can be a helpful



strategy when competing at State, as the additional members allow the group as a whole to better present their set.

This merging strategy is a thought that Westview Band Director Mike Brown had considered for some time. However, the two other LaGrange County schools did not have summer marching band programs. It wasn't until this last year that Lakeland hired a new band director who would reinstate the summer band program. This new director is Chance Varner, a Westview alum and one of Brown's former students.

Varner is an experienced teacher looking to build the music program at Lakeland and provide the students with opportunities that they haven't had available to them in years. Lakeland's marching band had not participated in the Indiana State Fair Band Day since 1988,

but this would soon change.

In August of 2022, Varner set up a lunch with Brown to discuss the band programs. That conversation drifted towards talks of a combined summer band program and participating in the Indiana State Fair Band Day. With excitement growing at the potential to merge the bands, the two directors fine-tuned the details and created a solid plan to present to the administration team at their respective schools. Both schools supported the combined summer band proposal—the LaGrange County United Marching Band was set in motion.

As the program is completely voluntary, Brown and Varner were uncertain about the number of students who would join, or what instruments they would play. These uncertainties were resolved as students began signing up for the program; with a total of 50 members, the program's future began to look positive.

The first rehearsal for the band was held on May 30, with performances in various parades and festivals leading up to the state fair competition on August 4. These performances included the Bremen Firemen's Festival Parade (in which the combined band placed first), the North Webster Mermaid Festival Parade, the Topeka 4th of July Parade, and the Westview Band's annual Ice Cream Social Performance. With



their final performance of the season at the state fair competition, the LaGrange County United Marching Band placed 33rd out of 37 total groups participating.

The band's show, entitled "Starry Night," is comprised of original music written by Director Varner, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night* painting. The three musical numbers of the show each were composed to mimic a portion of the painting, from the dark background to the swirls in the sky above the village to the vivid yellow stars in the sky.


To unify the band as one and better represent the *Starry Night* painting, a piece of fabric with a pattern similar to the painting was sewn onto each shako, or a marching

band hat with a feather plume on top, and each member wore a plain black uniform.

The choreography for the repertoire was designed as a way to introduce the band members to numerous types of experiences within the modern marching band world. Rather than limiting the band's movements to "old school" marching forms and shapes, the choreography includes body visuals that are inspired by ballet movements.

Throughout the season, the band encountered a couple of unforeseen issues; nevertheless, both directors view the whole experience as an overwhelming success. Once the school year starts again, Westview

and Lakeland will part ways and march as two separate bands representing their own schools. The two bands will unite again, as they plan to perform the *Starry Night* show together at a Lakeland football game and a Westview soccer game later this fall.

A big congratulations to the Westview Warriors and the Lakeland Lakers for coming together this summer to represent LaGrange County at the Indiana State Fair Band Day! 



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There's No "I" in "Team"

My family and I got together for a cookout the other weekend as a "house-warming party" to celebrate the move into my house earlier this year. Typically for family cookouts, we meet at my parents' house. This time, I hosted everyone in my home. It was the first large gathering of people I've had since I moved in and I wanted it to go smoothly. I spent far more time cleaning the house than I needed to since most of the day was spent outside.

Although it was more of a relaxed family get-together than a party, I was nervous to host seven adults and two children. But I momentarily forgot how team-oriented my family is. My parents provided much of the food for the cookout, along with the outdoor seating. My sisters offered to help prepare any dishes that were unfinished and set everything out on the counter.

After a good day of catching up and enjoying the weather, everyone decided it was time to head home. Before leaving, everyone helped clean up the yard of kid's toys and lawn chairs and put away the leftover food. We were done in no time—much faster than if I were to do everything myself.

Sometimes, working with a team is much better than working alone. On a team, you can build each other up, help others, and discover the best way to reach a common goal. Working

together can make one situation better for everyone as a whole, as opposed to working alone.

As summer ends and Westview students start another school year, we already have an inside view of the ways they are exercising teamwork. Over the summer and early in the school year, we see students learning to work together in classroom activities, on a sports team, and joining forces with a fellow county band.

How exciting that we get to see what else the Westview students are up to and what lessons they'll learn now that school is back in session!

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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Heart and Soul

by Kim Ray Mishler

Keep It Up!

Allow me to recap a recent day in my life. It was a warm summer day, and my husband and I set out to run errands. I saw a shop owner at a local market who was currently on the upswing of a cancer battle. Her prognosis was optimistic. Knowing she had been going through treatment, I was glad for the opportunity to see how she was doing. We spoke briefly, but I left there marveling at her tenacity and positive attitude despite this setback in her life. Would I be as strong as her if I faced the battle she did?

From there, we made a stop at the Mercantile. On the sidewalk, we bumped into a couple whom we hadn't seen for a long time. They are in their 80's and look fabulous. It was so fun to catch up with them. We reminisced about old times, which eventually evolved into one of those "time goes so fast" conversations. The Lord has been good to them, and they weren't shy about acknowledging His blessings. Do I live a grateful life as they do, willing to proclaim it to others?

After our shopping excursion, we visited friends with a newborn baby. The baby snuggles were delightful, but we were just as blessed by our conversation with his parents. Like our family, the span

between their youngest child and their newborn is 10 years. Swapping stories and discussing how God has built our families was good for my soul. They are thankful for this new blessing in their life. Do I speak of my family with as much admiration as they did?

We rounded out our evening at a picnic held by friends. My lawn chair landed next to a man who owns businesses in our community. I don't know him well, but he knew me enough to know I had written a novel. He inquired about the book. I shared my story of God's inspiration to write a novel. He shared several of his success stories that were made possible only through God's divine intervention. He affirmed my gifts by telling me about his experiences and encouraged me to keep writing. Do I call out the gifts in others and encourage them?


These brief encounters left a lasting



impact on me. Before bed, I recounted this with Jesus and thanked him for all the people he brought into my life that day. All of them were from different walks of life. All of them were experiencing the fullness of life in unique ways. All of them encouraged me. All of them testified to the goodness of God.

A few months after the Apostle Paul left the new church in Thessalonica, he sent his friend Timothy back to check up on them. They faced much opposition, and he was concerned that their young faith would falter. Timothy found them in good spirits, serving the people well and being faithful witnesses to the gospel.

The New Testament books of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians are Paul's epistle to them. In 1 Thess. 5:11, Paul affirms them by saying, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

On that hot summer day, I felt like a Thessalonian. Those living in my community took the time to strengthen and affirm me. Shipshewana? Topeka? The Thessalonian spirit can take shape anywhere. Keep encouraging and building each other up, just as you are doing! 

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What if I'm pregnant?

Omega-3s are very important for expecting mothers. Not only do they provide benefits to the mother's

Omega-3s can be added to the diet in a variety of ways. One of the best ways is by eating fatty fish. Fish with high levels of omega-3s include salmon, mackerel, lake trout, and albacore tuna, but all fish have some level of omega-3s! Fish should be eaten twice weekly to make sure there is an adequate level of omega-3 in the body.

But I hate fish!

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Let's consider some of the advantages of downsizing:

You Could Save Money

Moving to a smaller space could lower your utility bills and upkeep costs.

You Could Save Effort

A smaller home will mean less maintenance and cleaning.

You Could De-Clutter

Over the years, most of us accumulate more possessions than we really need. Downsizing gives you a chance to de-clutter. And you can do some good along the way, too, because many charitable organizations will welcome some of your items.

You Could Make Money


If you've had your home for many years, it's certainly possible that it's worth more—perhaps a great deal more—than what you paid for

it. So, when you sell it, you could pocket a lot of money—possibly without being taxed on the gains. Generally, if you've lived in your home for at least two years in the five-year period before you sold it, you can exclude \$250,000 of capital gains, if you're single, or \$500,000 if you're married and file taxes jointly. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor, though, before selling your home, to ensure you're eligible for the exclusion, especially if you do own multiple homes. Issues can arise in connection with determining one's "primary" residence.)

While downsizing does offer some potentially big benefits, it can also entail some drawbacks. First of all, it's possible that your home might not be worth as much as you had hoped, which means you won't clear as much money from the sale as you anticipated. Also, if you still were paying off a mortgage on your bigger home, you may have been deducting the interest payments on your taxes—a deduction that might be reduced or lost to you if you purchase a less-expensive condo or become a renter. Besides these financial factors, there's the ordinary hassle of packing and moving. And if you're going to a much smaller living space, you may not have much room for family members who want to visit



or occasionally spend the night.

So, as you can see, you'll need to weigh a variety of financial, practical and emotional issues when deciding whether to downsize. And you will also want to communicate your thoughts to grown children or other family members who may someday have reason to be involved in your living space. In short, it's a big decision—so give it the attention it deserves. 

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LaGrange County Library

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Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 11 a.m.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 11 • 4-7:45 p.m.

We will be learning new board or card games and playing our favorites. Come enjoy some non-electronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens! No registration needed.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Meet Yasmin!," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book club book. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Frindle," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book club book. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

Movie and Popcorn (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, September 22 • 6 p.m.

Movie: *The Little Mermaid* (2023). No registration required. Free popcorn provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired.

Teen Book Chat & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 25 • 4-5:30 p.m.

We will be discussing "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs and making a fun craft. We will also be talking about plans for teens at the library and passing out the book for next month. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

Adult Interest

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, September 9 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss "A Tale for the Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki. A novelist is drawn into the story of a lonely Japanese teenager through objects washed ashore after the 2011 tsunami. *Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange Library's Adult Information Desk.*

Adult Interest (continued)

Counted Cross Stitch (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Second Mondays • 6 p.m.

Monday, September 11: Candy Corn; Monday, October 9: Autumn Leaf; Monday, November 13: Snowman. Shelby Jarema will teach this fun 30-minute class. Participants will make one cute seasonal pattern each month. All materials supplied. Cost is \$5 per class. Register for one class, or for all three! Register at Adult Services Desk or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

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Make and Take with Deb (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, September 20 • 6 p.m.

We will be making a Fall Gnome Door Hanger. Celebrate the fall season with this happy little gnome on your front door, or inside! Cost is \$18 per person, all materials supplied. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$10 due at the Adult Services Desk by **September 11.**

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, September 23 • 11 a.m.

Cookbook Club is a great way to meet new people and try new things! Check out the cookbook of the month at LaGrange's Adult Services Desk. Choose a recipe, cook it, and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided. Cookbook Club meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. Families welcome.

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September Events

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Wed., September 27 • 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

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Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. RSVP to Linda Grobis at 260-351-3609.

Folk Jams

Sunday, September 24 • 1:30–5 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music with other styles occasionally added. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. For more information, contact Erv Troyer at 260-463-2247 or by email at reo43@aol.com.

Patchwork Trails

Tuesday, September 19 • 6 pm

Mike Metz Fen • Pine Knob Clubhouse

2825 E SR 120, Howe, IN

Ending the Patchwork Trail season at the fen is becoming tradition. Join us to walk the newly dedicated Mike Metz Fen boardwalk trail. We will plan to walk roughly one mile of the trail. Participants can walk the full two mile trail on their own if they choose. The trail is ADA accessible. This trail is full exposure to the elements, so check the weather and dress accordingly. 📍



Growing Up WILD Virtual Training

Every Trail Fitness Walking Club

Saturday, September 2 • 9 am

Park Office • Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

Park Staff will be present to record participation and answer any questions. Walk at your own pace and choose your distance. Dress for the weather and bring water. Insect repellent, sunscreen, sunglasses or a hat are recommended. Walking may improve your strength, mood, sleep, and heart health.

Delt Church Playground Craft

Saturday, September 9 • 11 am

Delt Church Playground

6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN

A Naturalist will have a free craft table set up at the Delt Church Playground. The crafts will be fun for all ages and are designed to be a simple make and take activity. If there is rain or storms, the free craft table will be canceled.

Quilt Class

Saturday, September 9 • 9 am–3 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN

Fee: \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

Huckleberry: This pattern is a split block. Half of the diagonal is a star and the other half is up to you. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225. For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolhete at 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson at 260-367-1438. Please bring a sack lunch and/or potluck contribution. 📍

For Preschool and Lower Elementary Teachers & Nature Educators, the Growing Up WILD virtual training will take place on **Thursday, October 5 from 6–8 pm.** Registration is required. The training, hosted in partnership with the Forest School Teacher Institute, involves an online discussion of activities and adaptations, indoor vs. outdoor challenges and opportunities, and the benefits of kinder forest.

Participants will be given “homework” activities to try prior to the virtual training. The “homework” must be completed and emailed/mailed to the Naturalist before the training. Call the Park Office at 260-854-2225 to register.

The first 20 to register may receive a FREE copy of the Growing Up WILD guidebook. The guidebook must be picked up between September 1-22 at the Park Office. The guidebook may also be purchased online at Acorn Naturalists or www.fishwildlife.org/products. Certifications will be mailed to participants who completed the “homework” and attended the online portion. Check out the Forest School Teacher Institute’s classes at www.forestteacher.org. 📍

18-Hole Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 14 • Delt Church Park

6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN

This event is geared for experienced tournament players. If you are a beginning level player or are interested in learning how to play, this event would be fun to watch and pick up tips! Watch the Parks Dept. website and social media for more information as tournament details are finalized, or call the Park Office at 260-854-2225. 📍

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LaGrange County Students Receive Healthcare Scholarships

LaGrange County students seeking healthcare careers received a boost this year from the Parkview LaGrange Foundation's annual scholarship program. High school seniors Skye Growcock and Mallory Mynhier and college freshman Katelyn Eash were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship fund is supported by income from the Parkview LaGrange Hospital gift shop and the generosity of donors and is managed through the Parkview LaGrange Foundation.

"These students show that the future of healthcare remains bright," said Jennifer Ledger, grateful patient coordinator at Parkview Foundation. "All three recipients this year are already providing care to others, exemplifying the heart and spirit of service we look for in future co-workers in the industry."



Skye Growcock graduated ninth overall in the Class of 2023 at Westview Junior/Senior High School and is attending Indiana University South Bend with a focus on radiology and health sciences. On top of academics, she was a four-year cheerleader, played volleyball, sang in the school choir, served on Student Council and in National Honor Society, and was a 4-H Dog Club exhibitor.

Growcock had an unofficial start in healthcare by helping to take care of her mother, who suffered a severe stroke in the fall of 2020. That event sparked a desire to pursue healthcare as a career and after shadowing with clinicians at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, Growcock became interested in X-ray and ultrasound technology.



Katelyn Eash has been a Parkview co-worker since starting as a patient care technician at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in December 2021 and is now serving as a student nurse assistant. During high school, she was enrolled in the Health Occupations Education program through Impact Institute before graduating with an academic honors and technical honors diploma from Prairie Heights Junior/Senior High School in the Class of 2022.

Eash has completed her freshman year at Indiana Wesleyan University, where she is pursuing a bachelor's in nursing as well as a child advocacy certificate. She enjoys working alongside nurses now and aims to join their ranks as an oncology or obstetrics nurse at Parkview upon completion of her degree.




Mallory Mynhier has already started her healthcare career prior to graduation while working part-time as both a home health aide and a nursing home aide. She will be attending Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to pursue a nursing degree and hopes to work in pediatrics.

Mynhier finished 11th overall in her class at Lakeland Junior/Senior High School, where she was a captain of the cheer team and involved with numerous extracurriculars including National Honor Society, Interact Club, Spirit Club, and Night to Shine, among others.



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Applications for the 2024 scholarship cycle will open at the beginning of the year. Up to four scholarships are available each year for three high school students and one adult learner.

If you are interested in supporting this fund, please visit www.parkview.com/GiveToPLH then select "Parkview LaGrange Hospital Scholarship Fund" in the drop-down box under "Gift Designation." 



The LaGrange County Health Department is excited to announce our partnership with The Community Health Clinic to offer vaccinations at their new office located



at 730 E North St. Shpshewana, IN 46565
on Monday, September 11th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

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2. Permission forms must be completed each time you visit the Clinic.
3. Child's immunization history is required every visit.
4. The VFC Program is a federally funded program and your child must fall into one of the following categories to qualify.
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*The child has medical insurance which does not cover immunizations.
*The child is of Native American/Alaskan Indian descent.
5. Have Private insurance that the LCHD has a contract with; currently Anthem BC/BS, Cigna, Sagamore, CareSource, Ambetter, Medicaid, Signature Care and UMR - United Health Care. This is ever changing, so please call our office to ensure that we take your insurance.

TB tests are given on Mondays and Tuesdays and read on Wednesdays and Thursdays in LaGrange, appointments only, and there is a \$20 charge for them.



Natalie Kauffman Memorial Nursing Scholarship Recipient

LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 2023 recipient of the Natalie Kauffman Memorial Nursing Scholarship, Olivia Mettert.

The \$1,000 scholarship supports college students and non-traditional students pursuing a degree in nursing. The scholarship is open to students who have graduated from a LaGrange County high school or adults currently working in the healthcare field in LaGrange County. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited nursing program to be eligible.

Olivia is a 2020 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and is entering her senior year of nursing school at Purdue University in West Lafayette. While at home

the last two summers on break, she has worked for Parkview Health in their student nurse program. Most recently, she worked in the Packnett Family Cancer Institute located on Parkview's main campus in the infusion clinic.

Olivia Mettert said on her scholarship application, "My hope and reasoning is to be a nurse that provides individualized and compassionate care for all individuals regardless of what their situation may be. By providing

this compassionate and individualized care for all patients, their care will not only be optimal, but their lives may be changed by the experience that they have had."

The scholarship honors Natalie Kauffman, a 2010 Lakeland High School graduate. Natalie passed away on October 18, 2013, while a junior in the nursing program at IPFW. She had 14 months left of her education.

Natalie demonstrated love, respect, and compassion for others, and carried the belief that people are on earth to help each other. The Kauffman family established the scholarship to promote those ideals, support aspiring nurses, and continue Natalie's legacy of helping others.

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SAHS Presents: Potawatomi Tribe in Shipshewana

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, in the Farver School Museum at 315N Morton St., Shipshewana.

The program will be presented by Al Yoder, our area historian. He will be sharing a power point about the Potawatomi Tribe that lived in the Shipshewana area. He will review how they lived, and where they were relocated to. Where are they now? How did we, the English settlers, influence the Native Americans?

The second part of Yoder's program on the area of Shipshewana will be presented in the month of October.

Make sure to bring a friend to enjoy this program. ⓘ

Homeschooling Help

Melany Weaver, an experienced homeschool teacher would love to share her experience with others. After homeschooling all seven of her children from kindergarten to 12th grade, with her youngest just graduating last year, she wants to encourage new homeschool teachers as they begin the process. Overall, Melany wants parents to know that God gave you your children and you are more than qualified to teach them. For questions or more information, you can contact Melany at 260-350-9776. ⓘ

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Disler Leads Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange Hospitals

Parkview Health leaders have announced that Jordi Disler has taken on a new role within the health system. She is now serving as Parkview Health North market president, providing leadership for both Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Disler succeeds Gary Adkins, who has retired after eight and a half years with Parkview Health and a long career in hospital executive leadership at Parkview Noble and, previously, Paulding County Hospital in Ohio.

Disler, the former president of Parkview LaGrange, has been serving as senior vice president and leader of the Neurosciences service line for the health system, a position she assumed in January this year. She had previously been at the helm of Parkview LaGrange Hospital for nearly seven years.

“As we considered a new leader to fill the North market president role, we could think of no one better suited than Jordi,” said Greg Johnson, DO, MMM, CPE, regional market president for Parkview Health. “Jordi has been with Parkview nearly 22 years, and we are honored that she has chosen to continue her leadership journey in our North market. While she has done a fantastic job leading the Neuro service line, I have no doubt that her breadth of experience in this market will benefit co-workers at Parkview LaGrange and Parkview Noble hospitals, as well as the communities they serve.”

In her new role, Disler will direct the efforts of some 460 hospital co-workers at

Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange as well as foster a greater connection between providers and the community. In addition, she will focus on enhancing business and employer relationships and helping to create synergies that improve local quality of life.

“I am so very honored to be serving Parkview Health’s North market,” said Disler. “I truly appreciate and look forward to working with the outstanding care teams at both hospitals as they continue their laser focus on providing exceptional care to their communities. I’m pleased to have built some enduring relationships over time, and I anticipate more wonderful opportunities to forge new relationships in both communities.”


A lifelong resident of northwest Allen County, Disler has been married to her husband, Chris, for 28 years. He is the owner and president of Grabill Financial, a financial services firm in Fort Wayne. Their 13-year-old Norwegian Elkhound, Loki, completes their family. In her leisure time, Disler enjoys traveling, snorkeling, hiking and other outdoor activities, and reading. 




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Westview’s 2023-24 All Sport Passes

Westview All Sport Passes for the upcoming 2023-24 school year will be sold at the Westview Athletic Office during school hours—8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.—beginning Tuesday, August 1. Passes will also be available during registration hours.

All Sport Passes will allow entrance into fifth and sixth grade sporting events at Westview Elementary, and Jr. High and High School home sporting events. **Passes may not be used at any jamboree, tourney, invitational, NECC, or sectional games that are held at Westview.** The All Sport Pass is non-transferable. It may only be used by the person to whom it was issued.

A Family Pass may be purchased for \$195 for parents and their children attending Westview in kindergarten through twelfth grades. Adult passes are \$75, passes for college students under twenty-five years old or senior citizens over sixty-five are \$45, and student passes are \$30.

Boys basketball game passes will be available at a later date. 



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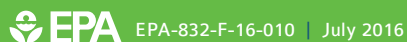


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KZ RV Donates to Teachers

KZ RV, a manufacturer of recreational vehicles based in Shipshewana, proudly continues its tradition of community support and education by delivering a donation to Meadowview Elementary School.


Spearheaded by newly appointed KZ RV president Ryan Juday, along with several executives from KZ, this initiative underscores the company's unwavering commitment to local educators and students.

On Tuesday, August 8, KZ RV's leadership team visited Meadowview Elementary to distribute 74 packages brimming with essential classroom supplies, including colored markers, pencils, glue, scissors, erasers, and more.

Each package also contained a \$200 Visa gift card, acknowledging teachers' financial hurdles in delivering quality education and empowering them to enrich the learning experience at Meadowview Elementary.

"Education is the cornerstone of society, and at KZ RV, we are honored to contribute for the second year in a row," said Juday. "By providing essential supplies and gift cards, we aim to ease the load for educators and support the growth of impactful learning environments."


Juday emphasized the company's ongoing dedication. "Our commitment to giving back remains steadfast. At KZ RV, we are honored to contribute to this great community."

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Community Health Clinic Hosts 5K Fun Run/Walk

The Community Health Clinic is hosting its first 5k fun run/walk on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m. The event will take place on the Pumpkinvine Trail, starting at the new clinic location, 730 E North St in Shipshewana.


There will be a 200-meter dash for kids 8 years old and younger with an entry fee of \$10. The 5K Fun Run/Walk has an entry fee of \$35, which includes a t-shirt. All proceeds from the two events will go towards supporting and expanding patient care.

Registration for the race will close on September 22. To register, call the clinic at 260-593-0108, or mail the following information to 730 E North St, PO Box 329, Shipshewana IN 46565. If paying by check, please make payable to "CHC". 



(Left to right): Superintendent Randy Miller, Shipshewana Principal Amy Garber, Meadowview Principal Nikki Helmuth, Topeka Principal Alissa McDonald, KZ RV Controller Brent Cramer, KZ RV VP of Service Operations Sean Andrews, KZ RV President Ryan Juday, KZ RV Executive Assistant Christen Heerschop, KZ RV VP of Sales and Marketing Marlene Snyder, KZ RV Accounting Specialist Stephanie Weber and KZ RV VP of Administration Susan Thomas.

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While the genus Brassica is a large group by itself, I will focus on three particular species of this genus that provide much of our food:

- *B. oleracea* (e.g., kale, collard greens, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, broccoli, cauliflower),
- *B. napus* (e.g. rutabaga, rapeseed)
- *B. rapa* (e.g., turnip, Chinese cabbage, bok choy)

All of these plants can potentially cross-pollinate within their species. For example, kale, kohlrabi, and Brussels sprouts can cross-pollinate with each other because they are all *oleracea* species. Turnips and Chinese cabbage can cross-pollinate with each other, too. However, kale cannot cross-pollinate with rutabagas or turnips because they are different species. The fact some plants can cross-pollinate does not affect the taste or the look of this year's plant. If the seeds were saved, the offspring would be some odd combination of the two parents and may or may not be very desirable.

The development of these plants is an incredible story. Just look at Brassica *oleracea*, a single plant that humans have been modifying through artificial selection for over one thousand years. In its original form, it is a weedy little plant growing between rocks in the Mediterranean. By selecting and breeding the plant for bigger leaves, larger buds, or better taste, at least seven different-looking plants sharing the same scientific name, Brassica *oleracea*, are fed to people all over the world.

Kale and collard greens were the first to be domesticated, probably before 300 B.C. In the 1200s, red and green cabbage was selected from kale plants for its large terminal bud. Brussels sprouts appeared at the same


time, bred for their tiny cabbage-like buds that grow along the stem.

Kohlrabi, the odd-looking plant that looks amazingly like the little green men in the "Toy Story" movie, first appeared in the 1400s, selectively bred from kale for its thick round stalk. Broccoli came along in the 1500s, again from kale, and was selected for its larger flower stalk which is harvested before the plant flowers. A hundred years later, cauliflower was developed from some broccoli varieties, focusing on the flower buds once again.

This fascinating story, spanning more than two thousand years, shows that humans have been tinkering with the genetics of our food for a long time. While some people are very concerned about genetically modified organisms (GMOs), I will contend these new lab techniques like CRISPR are just a way for us to do the same thing our ancestors did, but in a more precise, direct, and faster way.

In fact, if you really think about it, even plants that are labeled "non-GMO" really are GMOs, even so-called heirloom varieties. The popular tomato, Brandywine, is the product of years of selected breeding, not natural selection. No plant we cultivate in 2023 has avoided human tinkering. The term GMO is not a very accurate label.

The other issue that can keep plants of the same species from crossing with each other is simply the timing of flowering and pollen drops. Broccoli and cauliflower may be able to cross-pollinate, but if the flowers emerge at different times the physical transfer of the pollen is not going to happen. Plant breeders need to take into account planting dates if they wish to force pollination between two similar but off-timing species.

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Saving Fred Through Teamwork

Working together started early for the 2023-2024 school year in fourth grade. Students worked with their table groups to save Fred.

Fred is a gummy worm that fell out of his boat and needed to get his life jacket on (the peach ring) and get back into his boat. However, students could only use paperclips to complete the task.

A great way to start teamwork! 



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Back to School and the Rules

There were smiles on the faces of both students and staff at Westview Elementary and they were all excited to kick off the 2023-24 school year. They commemorated the event with a first day of school picture.

Mrs. McCoy's class participated in another important back to school event: the reviewing of the rules for Gaga Ball. Mrs. Miller taught the class the rules, good sportsmanship, and how the game keeps its players physically active all at the same time! 📌



Trinity Antal taking a shot at eliminating one of her classmates from the pit.



Beckham Misner and Miles Yoder practicing this week's life skill of friendship.



Mrs. Leeper is "all eyes" when preparing for student dismissal on the first day! Photos Submitted



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JV Volleyball Team: Back (left to right): Amelie Schilt, Janessa Miller, Addy Kauffman, Camryn Christner and Coach Taylor Eash. Middle: Graci Engle, Hailey Lambright, Karleen Bender and Kylie Singleton. Front: Manager Rayna Jackson, Jasmine Litton, Liliana Terrones and Memphis Bontrager.

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Varsity Volleyball Team: Back (left to right): Mia Bontrager, Maddie Grossman, Addy Kauffman and Head Coach Heidi Brohm. Middle: Kloie Yoder, Camryn Christner and Bri Kaufman. Front: Kirsten Schumacher and Kylie Yoder. Not Pictured: Asst Coach Allyse Yoder.

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Boys Cross Country Team: Back (left to right): Noah Bontrager, Nick Bontrager, Christian Noward, Alex Yoder, Mearl Miller and Head Coach Lyle Bontrager. Front: Manager Abigail Poncé, Lucas Mullet, Cole Bontrager, Evan Beechy and Manager Dena Miller. Not Pictured: Asst Coach Richmond Stoltzfus.

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Christian Aid Ministries: Providing Global Aid From Shipshewana

by Chloe Lovell

One of LaGrange County's many wonderful features, and strongest suits, is the caring and serving nature of the people.

Whether it be a family member or a stranger, near or far, the county residents are willing and driven to aid those who need it. But when those in need are too far to reach, opportunities to help seem slim.

One place that offers a solution is the Indiana Clothing Center in Shipshewana, located directly behind the Community Chiropractic & Wellness Center on State Road 5. The building can be easily missed by

passersby; however, this building holds one of the greatest tools our county can use to impact those in need around the world.

The Indiana Clothing Center is an outpost of the overarching organization Christian Aid Ministries (CAM), based out of Berlin, Ohio. The non-profit organization utilizes numerous programs to evangelize and provide aid to countries in need around the globe through collection branches in the United States. Created in 1981, CAM began with the goal of enabling Amish and Mennonite communities to help others outside of their direct location.

Today, CAM has branches across the U.S. in states like Kentucky, Wisconsin,

Indiana, and
more.
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organization offers a multitude of programs (including, but not limited to Support-A-Widow, Potatoes for the Poor, or Send-A-Comforter) that allow the general public to assist countries in need through several approaches. For example, donating money allows an individual to provide the means for a family in need to start a business, supply a family with livestock, help CAM to spread the gospel, and much more.

There are other ways to help besides donating money. Several of the CAM outposts, like the Indiana Clothing Center, will receive clothing donations for the Clothing Bundle Project. This program entails collecting good-quality used clothing through donations to distribute among families in need around the world.

To process these clothing donations, workers and volunteers filter through bags of received items to categorize them by clothes, shoes, or other items like comforters or fabric. The shoes and the comforters are sorted into separate tubs to be examined as the clothes are sent down chutes to the

sorting belts. At the belts, workers will determine what clothes are suitable to be sent to other countries, according to guidelines posted in the room.

The accepted clothes are sorted depending on who would wear the clothes, between girls, boys, women, and men. Where women's clothes go to the center of the belt, the rest are sorted into the appropriate bins, for either boys, girls, men, or miscellaneous items, like reusable baby diapers.

As these bins fill up, the contents get placed into bags labeled "IN" for Indiana; this helps the countries know which center sent the clothes and allows them to send feedback. These bags are compressed in the industrial baler to create bundles, which are then placed on pallets to await shipment.

There are times when the Indiana Clothing Center receives bags of clothes that are unsuitable to be sent to another country. Rather than throwing out these pieces of rejected clothing to the landfill, the center will process them and sell them to be recycled. By doing so, the center earns revenue to help offset the costs of processing, transporting, and distributing clothes and supplies to other countries.

In some cases though, the center will receive clothing that may not be suitable for distribution to other countries but can still serve a purpose before being recycled. For example, if a t-shirt is rejected due to a large pattern





or graphic on the fabric, the Indiana Clothing Center will use it as a dust rag. Once there are enough “dust rags” to fill a box, the center will sell the box to help fund shipping suitable clothes and kits to countries in need.

Where a large portion of the donations that the Indiana Clothing Center receives are clothes, the center also receives other types of donations from the public.

For one, the center accepts comforters that donors have made or bought new. These comforters not only keep those in need warm as they experience cold or damp weather, but they also aid those who don't have a bed and need extra padding to sleep. Each year, CAM can distribute up to 100,000 comforters to those in need; this past year, CAM received over 85,000 comforters to distribute. The center will accept all comforter sizes and most fabric patterns; however, they are selective with fabrics that have sports athletes or movie characters on them.

CAM centers will also accept fabric bolt donations, as the organization will help supply sewing centers in various countries around the world like Romania and Ukraine. At these sewing centers, women learn to sew and produce their own comforters for their families.

CAM also offers a variety of kits that donors can choose from to donate to families in need. These kit options vary from hygiene kits to brand-new clothes for a child to layette bundles and more; all items in each kit must be brand new. Each kit must include

certain items to ensure that those who need the kit receive the same product, although there may be some variation. For example, a young boy's care pack calls for a matchbox-size car or truck and three tennis balls. The type of car or brand of tennis balls may change, but the specified item remains the same.

Keeping the items the same in all kits not only ensures all recipients will receive equal packs but also makes getting the shipment through customs easier. The customs force in the receiving country will compare the contents of each pack to the overall container list that CAM makes of everything on that shipment. If the contents of even one pack deviate from the list, the whole container of supplies may be rejected.

To counter this issue, CAM outlines the specific items needed for each pack and offers an easy solution to get these items by coordinating with Relief Aid Resource Supply LLC., a company that sells care pack items in bulk for a discounted price. Any individual or group can purchase supplies in bulk from Relief Aid to pack into kits and drop off at the Indiana Clothing Center. For convenience, the supplies can be shipped directly to the center where groups can come in and pack the kits there. Since the kits are at the center, CAM can easily fumigate and load the supplies into the shipment containers to transport them to the port.

In addition to the donations they receive locally, the Shipshewana location also receives shipments of pre-sorted clothes from other CAM locations across the U.S. Unlike the



other CAM collection centers, the Shishewana location is one of two centers authorized to fully process donated clothing. This involves fumigating the clothes and supplies to be sent to countries in need and loading the decontaminated bundles onto a sea container on a semi-trailer. This container will be directly transported from the Shishewana location to the port where they will be shipped to those countries.

Where it only takes roughly an hour to load the trailer container, the shipment could take anywhere from six to eight weeks to reach the final destination due to the size of the load, the location of the country, and the time spent going through customs. So far this year, the Indiana Clothing Center has shipped thirteen containers full of clothes, comforters, and supplies to countries in need.

For those who would like to support the center, there are a few ways to help. To start, the clothing center welcomes volunteers to help with a variety of programs. From sorting through the clothing donations they receive to knotting quilts for the comforter program, the center will gladly accept help from individuals and groups both big and small.


The CAM outpost is also happy to receive donations of clothes, comforters, and packed kits for those

in need. These items can be dropped off at any time of day; the CAM workers will help unload donations they receive during business hours, but there is also a drop box in front of the building for those who can only make it after hours.

Even if you only have clothes that need to be recycled, the center will gladly take these donations as selling the rejected clothing is largely how they fund shipping quality clothing and kits.

Finally, the Indiana Clothing Center will also accept monetary donations to fund CAM's goal to be a channel to connect those who want to help with those who need help. Your support will help provide aid and teaching to those who need it the most.

Although those in need may be far away, it is possible to help them. Thanks to Christian Aid Ministries' Shishewana center, there are multiple ways to provide aid from thousands of miles away. From donating to volunteering, every little bit helps provide comfort to others around the world.

For more information about the types of kits needed and ways to volunteer at the Shishewana outpost, feel free to stop in at the Indiana Clothing Center at 660B. S. Van Buren St., Shishewana, IN 46565, or call the office at 260-768-4855. For more information on the programs Christian Aid Ministries offers, you can visit www.christianaidministries.org. 



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WOLFE FIELD:

shipshewana's airstrip...at tourist destination?

by Harold D. Gingerich

Well, it may not be an international airstrip, but its opening was front page news in the Sunday, Aug. 7th, 1960, edition of the South Bend Tribune. Imagine Shipshewana, with a population of only several hundred people at the time, dedicating a 2,600-foot-long grass airstrip. The Tribune featured two large photos and a lengthy news story. The airstrip came into service in 1959, but the formal dedication did not take place until Aug. 6, 1960.

The South Bend Tribune reported that the dedication on the previous day had drawn an audience of several hundred people, including a group of pilots who had flown in from nearby fields for the ceremonies. A group of officials from the Indiana State Aeronautics Commission were slated to be in attendance, but ironically their flight from Indianapolis was forced to land in Kokomo because of inclement weather making it impossible for them to attend.

The principal speaker at the

dedication was Edward A. Wolfe, for whom the field was named. Wolfe, who was 70 years old at the time, was also being honored that Saturday in Shipshewana as "Mr. Citizen" because of his significant contributions to the development and well-being of the community. In his comments, Wolfe is quoted as saying that all must sacrifice if a community is to have modern benefits, "such as airstrips."

According to the Tribune article, the airstrip project was initiated by the Shipshewana Lions Club to provide a public landing field for the community. Lions Club members Gordon Smith, president; Dr. B.V. Heaton, vice president; Brice Diehl, secretary; Paul Hostetler, treasurer; and directors Fred Lambright and Ora M. Yoder were featured in one of the photos. The field was managed by the Shipshewana Air Associates, a non-profit corporation comprised of civic-minded residents from the Shipshewana area.

Ralph

The Hometown Treasure September

and Melba Lutes who have operated Lutes Flying Service, Inc. at Wolfe Field since 1976, remember that originally the 13-acre site was divided into shares and sold to investors. The Luteses, who were raised in Elkhart County, found their way to Shipshewana because of men like Elsworth Fanning and Ed Swartzentruber (Edd's Supplies). Lutes Flying Service is a crop-dusting service for the agricultural community. Melba says, "They told Ralph that if he would come to Shipshewana they would supply the chemicals."

Ralph and Melba have a family history in aviation; a legacy that is being passed down. Ralph's grandfather, Orville (1895-1976), was an aviation mechanic in World War I. His father, Bob, has his private pilot's license. Ralph and Melba have two daughters and two grandchildren.



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Their daughter Stacy is a pilot with American Airlines.

Grandpa Orville had an interesting military career. He shipped out of New York for France on Feb. 26, 1918, as a member of the 152nd Aero Service Squadron, Aviation Section, Signal Corp. It was only after World War II that the U.S. Air Force came into being. The ship's manifest lists him as a corporal. On June 25, 1919, this time aboard the U.S.S. Seattle, he departed from Brest, France, to come home.

Ralph has a long and distinguished career as a pilot. In October of 2021, Ralph was honored with the Wright Brothers Award by the FAA for 50 years of dedicated service in aviation safety. He was also recognized with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Truman Miller, who celebrated his 100th birthday on August 20, doesn't remember being at the airstrip dedication. "I have forgotten a few of those things over the years," Truman chuckled, "and that was a long time ago." He does remember owning several land shares. "I don't remember how much it was ... not very much at the time. I just told Ed Wolfe (who was also the president of Shippshewana State Bank), 'You just take care of it for me.' Ed and I were really good friends."

Truman certainly has not forgotten his love of flying. He logged hundreds

of hours in the air and has the logbooks to prove it. One of his favorite memories was giving airplane rides to Shippshewana schoolchildren. "For a number of years, I don't remember how many years, we gave plane rides to the children," Truman said. "They just loved it ... and so did we."

Among the dignitaries who spoke at the dedication were Clair W. Aishe, a lifelong



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friend of Ed Wolfe, and former Indiana Governor Ralph F. Gates. Clair also served as chairman of the dedication committee. The Tribune reporter noted that "the dedication ceremonies were enhanced by the performance of the


Shippshewana-Scott High School Band which played between speeches."

Following the ceremonies, Russel Miller delighted the crowd with a helicopter demonstration. Helicopters would have still been a novelty in the early '60s. Miller was the manager of the airport in Goshen and a helicopter instructor.

Today, Wolfe Field is the home of Lutes Flying Service, Inc. Shippshewana Lake area residents often see Ralph and his crop-dusting pilots in a yellow or white Grumman Ag-Cat taking off and landing.

We seldom think of Shippshewana as an aviation destination, but Melba says that every year they get phone calls from people who want to fly their private planes to Shippshewana and land at the airstrip before visiting the flea market and other area attractions.

One Shippshewana Lake resident (my son, Matt, just in case you are wondering) told me that periodically he sees vintage World War II airplanes around Wolfe Field. He said, "There are times when it looks like they are having a dogfight ... and it is really fun to watch."

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When we first arrived, she wanted to spend the whole evening hiding under the bed, but I coaxed her out, and eventually she decided my lap was the place to be.

She was still very relieved when her people came home. That evening, however, our friend sent a picture of her waiting by the door, like she was waiting for us to come back! 

Solution on page 45.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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There were 8 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Lonnie & Maria Bontrager, Delbert & Lena Miller, Jaryl Bontrager, Wilbur & LaVera Hochstetler, and Mel & Marla Lehman.

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Sadie Yoder of 1075 W, Shippshewana was our winner for the August Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Vanilla Bean Creamery in Shippshewana.

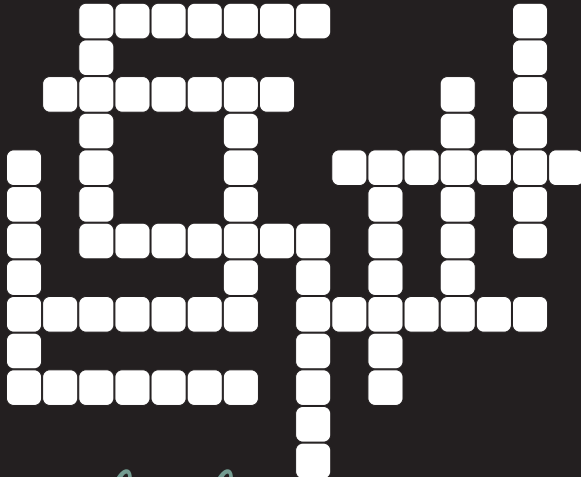
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Vanilla Bean Creamery for a free small ice cream cone through September.

Runners-up were Annalea Schlabach, age 6; Sarena Lambright, age 5; Esther Louise Miller, age 4; Audrey Bontrager, age 3; Kendra Miller, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Brooklyn Jolie Yoder, age 6; Deborah Petersheim, age 6; Seth Kuhns, age 6; Alayna Bontrager, age 4; Dahlia Smith, age 5; 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. 



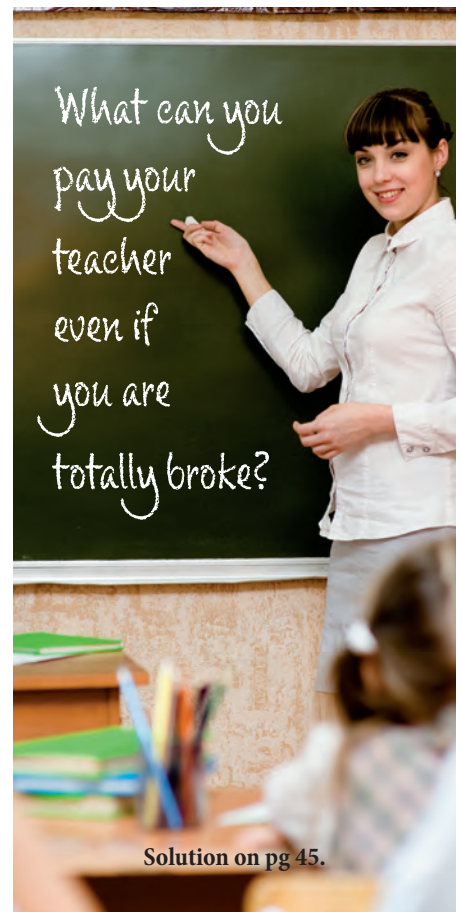
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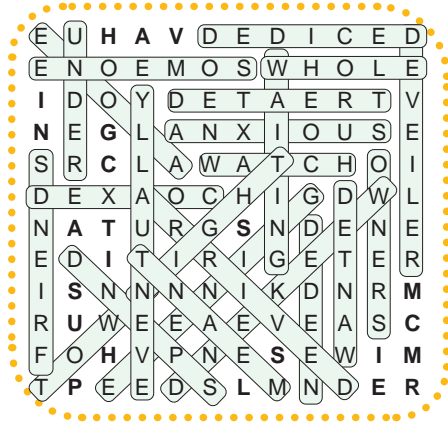
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