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## **Reflecting on the Year**

this year flew by. It feels as though 2023 just started not too long ago, and now we are preparing for 2024. As the years go on, they all tend to blur together. However, despite how quickly it passed, I can recall various valuable moments and memories from the year.

For one, I started my position at LaGwana early in the year-and what a great adventure it has been! I've thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with my hometown and working with the schools to share what they are up to each month. Another significant her and my now brother-in-law.

wonderfulness I've experienced this year, from big moments like these to the small moments, like taking my dog on walks. But that's not to say there haven't been rough times throughout the year. I spent the first 2-3 weeks of the year with a back injury that lagwana.com. inhibited me from walking and I've lost close friendships with people that I thought I would never lose, to name a Year to you and yours, couple.

December is a great time to reflect on the past year, to relish the good times and to appreciate the efforts to get through the bad. This past year,

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I don't know about anyone else, but we've had many successes within the schools and in our community, from sports to education to furthering aid to those in need in the community and many more. Some of which are included in this issue. But we've also had hard times, and as a community we have felt those together—these are also included in this issue. It is my hope that as the year comes to an end and we prepare for 2024, we continue to come together as a community to celebrate our successes and to support and care for each other in difficult times.

As always, feel free to write us to memory was being a part of my sister's let us know what articles and content wedding and celebrating the union of you would like to see. We love to hear from our readers and explore new I could go on and on with the 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@

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### **Tips From a Turkey**

Three weeks before Thanksgiving, a turkey showed up in our neighborhood. I'm no expert on poultry, but since it didn't have the iconic gobbler and plumage of a tom turkey, I assumed it was a hen. So, I will refer to it as such. She seemed to be domesticated, as her right wing was clipped, and she was quite friendly. She was obviously lost. A nomad turkey trying to find her way through suburbia! Subdivision Facebook groups kept popping up with pictures of her in awkward places around the neighborhood with inquiries about whether anyone had "lost their pet turkey."

The irony of this turkey roaming aimlessly throughout our neighborhood just weeks before Thanksgiving was hilarious to me. Whenever another post about the misplaced bird came through, I just cracked up. This turkey was literally holding up traffic, sleeping recommend

under parked vehicles, and peering into windows! It was as if she knew what lay ahead and was trying to escape her impending doom.

As annoying as her presence was to those who unwillingly provided shelter and a meal for her, one couldn't help but feel sorry for this sad, confused creature.

I commiserate. Like the turkey, I have had times in my life where I have felt misplaced. Things were not right in neighbor's van but seek out people who my world, and I felt like I was aimlessly wandering through a strange land, trying to find my way back to normalcy and all things familiar.

Is this relatable to you? Have you ever felt like a turkey? Oops, let me rephrase that—have you ever felt lost? Maybe you're in a state of wandering right now. If so, there are lessons to be learned from my turkey friend as you try to find your way back.

1. Stay on the move. Keep busy. Find places to go and things to do while you seek direction. Better yet, find a way to serve others. My mother-in-law used to tell me that when she felt down or defeated, she would go help someone, visit friends at the nursing home, or find ways to take the focus off herself As I write this, I have learned that and put it on others. Sage advice.

2. Seek out safety. I sleeping under the



bring comfort and point you to the joy in life.

3. Don't let gossip get you down. Unlike Miss Turkey who didn't know she had become a viral sensation on our neighborhood social media posts, we often allow talk to get us down. We didn't realize Miss Turkey's story; they most likely don't understand yours. Like the gravy on your Thanksgiving potatoes—let it slide!

4. Stay hopeful. Be patient, prayerful, and positive. You will find solid ground again. This season is temporary.

I don't know what will become of our feathered friend. Perhaps she'll become a legend around these parts. neighbors are contacting a local zoo to don't see if she can seek refuge there. In any event, these days of romping through the neighborhood are part of her story. And this time that you are lost and wandering in unfamiliar territory is part of yours.

> No matter why you feel misplaced or out of sorts, here's a great promise from Jesus to remember. "I have told you these things so that in me, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)



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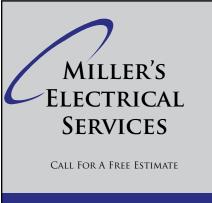
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## Let's Terminate Tetanus

has been a growing concern in our getting tetanus. community. The tetanus bacteria is **Preventing tetanus after injury** especially common on farms because of Tetanus causes initial symptoms of the chances of developing tetanus. muscle spasms, headache, and fever.

swallowing and death. Luckily, the tetanus vaccine series is 95-100% effective in preventing tetanus for tetanus, it can be very hard to treat those who complete it and stay up to and is considered a medical emergency. date! Most tetanus vaccines also protect Patients who get tetanus symptoms against diphtheria and whooping cough. should go to the hospital to receive care.

#### **Protection for kids**

for kids 6 months through 6 years old. patient with tetanus. It takes five doses to be fully protected but children who do not get the DTaP vaccine at the recommended ages are to get at the health department and able to catch up on their vaccines later some pharmacies and doctor's offices. on. Even adults who did not get the Insurance almost always covers the DTaP vaccine as a child can catch up on entire cost. Topeka Pharmacy has their vaccines later on. It is never too special programs to provide affordable late to protect against tetanus.

#### **Protection for older kids and adults** children with no insurance.

The DTaP vaccine is very effective, but it does not last forever. This is 260-593-2252 or visit the pharmacy why we have Tdap vaccines. Tdap is recommended for kids ages 7 and older, and adults! Kids who got their five doses of DTaP don't have to get a booster dose of Tdap until age 11 years old. After that, to stay protected, a booster dose of Tdap is recommended for everyone every 10 years. If adults do not stay up-to-date

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Tetanus, also known as lockjaw, on their Tdap vaccine, they can risk

If someone is injured, it is important the manure and rusted metal. Tetanus to clean any wounds with mild soap and can get into the body through a wound. water. Cleaning the wound can decrease However, some patients may still get Severe tetanus can lead to difficulty tetanus even if the wound is cleaned.

#### **Tetanus treatment**

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#### Where to get the tetanus vaccine

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Maybe not—and here's why:

#### Less money in retirement

The more money you invest in your retirement accounts, and the longer you keep it invested, the more you'll probably have when you need it most — when you're retired. Consequently, taking out sizable amounts from these accounts before you retire could be costly as it would disrupt the benefits of compounding that can be achieved by holding investments for the long term.

#### Possible bump into a higher tax bracket

The money you take out from your traditional IRA and 401(k) is taxable in the year of withdrawal. So, if you withdraw a significant amount of money at once from your traditional IRA or 401(k), you could be pushed into a higher tax bracket, at least for one year.

#### **Tax penalties**

If you take money out of a 401(k) or traditional IRA before you turn 59½, you could face a 10% tax penalty, although some exceptions exist. Penalty-free withdrawals can be made for several reasons, including

for education and medical expenses, first-time purchase of a home (up to \$10,000), after the birth or adoption of a child (up to \$5,000) and more (see irs.gov/taxtopics/tc557). With a Roth IRA, which is funded with after-tax dollars, you can withdraw contributions—but not earnings—

at any time, for any purpose, without incurring penalties.

Given these issues, how can you avoid dipping into your retirement accounts when you're faced with a financial need?

One possibility is to take out a loan from your 401(k). Unlike a 401(k) withdrawal, a loan is neither taxable

nor subject to tax penalties. Also, the interest you pay on a 401(k) loan goes back into your account.

Still, a 401(k) loan has its drawbacks. If you leave your job, you'll likely have to repay the loan in a short period of time and if you don't have all the money to repay it, the loan will be considered in default, so you'll owe taxes and the 10% penalty if you're younger than 59½.

But even if you don't leave your job and you do repay the loan, you'll still have taken away money that could have potentially kept growing within your tax-deferred account. As mentioned above, as your money compounds, you'll want to minimize disruptions.

Building an emergency fund is another way to gain access to cash. Such a fund should contain at least six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, lowrisk account. It can take time to build a fund of this size, so it's never too soon



to start putting away money for it. To avoid the temptation of dipping into your emergency fund, you'd ideally keep this fund separate from your daily spending accounts.

Explore all your options before tapping into your IRA or 401(k) early. Keeping these accounts intact as long as possible is one of the best moves you can make to help build your future retirement income. ()

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#### Homeschool Group (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, December 8 • 10:30–Noon

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Christmas Around the World Geography Fair! Choose a country to research and share what you have learned! You decide how much your students are required to do and if you want them to do a presentation to the group. Each family will have a table to display their work. Please prepare a sample of food or drink from your chosen country to share. After any presentations students make, everyone is invited to walk around and look at the work other students did and sample food from around the world. MUST register so we don't have duplicate countries if possible. This group is for homeschooling families with kids of all ages. Call 260-463-2841 or register on our website.

#### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, December 11 • 4–7:30 p.m. We are going to be playing our favorites. Enjoy some non-electronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens! Registration appreciated but not required.

#### <u>Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)</u>

LaGrange • Tuesday, December 19 • 4–4:45 p.m. We will discuss "Turkey Hunt Tradition," do a fun activity, and pass out next month's book.

#### <u>Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)</u>

LaGrange • Tuesday, December 19 • 4–4:45 p.m. We will discuss "On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book.

#### <u>Winter Break Makerspace! (Ages 5+)</u>

LaGrange • Tues., January 2 • Noon-7:30 p.m. LaGrange • Wed., January 3 • 11-7:30 p.m. LaGrange • Fri., January 5 • 9:30-4 p.m. Bring your creativity and come explore and build! Legos, Makedo cardboard building kit, Strawbees and more! Drop in during the hours listed and stay as long as you want. 5-8 years old requires a parent to stay in the room.

#### No Teen Night This Month

#### No Family Movie Night This Month

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## Adult Interest

Cookbook Club: Cookie Exchange

**LaGrange** • Saturday, December 2 • 11 a.m. For this special holiday meeting, we're holding a cookie exchange! Bring a big batch of your favorite cookies for tasting and swapping! Families welcome.

#### Classic Cinema: Holiday Romance (Ages 12+)

**LaGrange** • Tuesday, December 5 • 2 p.m. • FREE *Remember the Night* — Starring Barbara Stanwyckand Fred MacMurray. Rated TV-PG. 86 min. A woman is arrested for shoplifting. As they await her trial, the cop who arrests her takes her home to his family for Christmas, where the loving atmosphere changes her outlook and they begin to fall in love.

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

LaGrange • Thursdays, Oct. 5–Dec. 7 • 9:30 a.m. • FREE! Join us at the LaGrange Main Library Computer Lab as we watch the nine 30-minute lectures together and discuss our own questions and insights after. This is a non-credit course with no prerequisites. Space is limited, please register by calling 260-463-2841 x1030.

#### Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

Millie's Market Cafe, third floor in the Davis Mercantile

225 N Harrison St, Shipshewana, IN • Sat., Dec. 9 • 11 a.m. We'll discuss "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame, one of the best-loved children's books of all time. The timeless story of Toad, Rat, Mole, and Badger has delighted readers of all ages for more than eighty years. *Copies of the book are available at LaGrange's Adult Desk*.

#### Classic Cinema: Holiday Romance (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, December 12 • 2 p.m. • FREE Holiday Affair- Starring Robert Michum & Janet Leigh. Rated TV-G. 90 min. A department-store clerk meets a war widow who's shopping at Christmastime and romance ensues, much to the displeasure of her stuffedshirt attorney boyfriend.

#### The LaGrange County Public Library Needs Bookmobile Driver.

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**Jace Lang** 



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**Christien Noward** 



**Braden Rogers** 

#### **Five LaGrange County** high school seniors have been selected as finalists for LaGrange County's 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The finalists include Taylor Jerdon (Lakeland High School), Jace Lang (Westview High School), Xai Leu (Lakeland High School), Christien Noward (Westview High School), and Braden Rogers (Westview High School).

The scholarship is awarded to one LaGrange County graduating senior who demonstrates service and leadership in their community, and a commitment to academic excellence. Among the finalists, one LaGrange County resident will be awarded the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which will pay their full tuition at any Indiana college or university, plus required fees. The recipient also will receive \$900 per year for books and required equipment.

Foundation The Community received applications from all three high schools in LaGrange County. The Community Foundation's Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates applications based on academics, community and school activities, work history, leadership and written essays. Identifying information about the student, such as name, school and gender, are removed during the application process. The finalists are then invited to a personal interview with the committee.

All finalists participated а personal interview with the Foundation's Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee on October 17. The results of the interview round are combined with the application round to determine the to Independent Colleges of Indiana for *education and religion*.

final selection of the LaGrange County recipient.

Announcement of the recipient will be made in December. The four remaining finalists will each receive the Lambright Leadership Scholarship-a \$1,000 award, renewable for up to three years. The Lambright Leadership Scholarship was established by Kevin and Carrie Lambright of Shipshewana in 2013.

The scholarship program is offered each year by the LaGrange County Community Foundation, and other Indiana community foundations across the state to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.  $\Theta$ 

About the LaGrange County Foundation Community (LCCF): Founded in 1991, LCCF connects people to charitable causes and provides resources for donors to leave a lasting legacy.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.: Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly in and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports 2024 nominees who will be submitted the causes of community development, Photos Submitted



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# Gwen Owsley

It is with great sadness that Westview High School announces the loss of one of our eleventh grade students, Gwendolynn (Gwen) Deianara Owsley. Gwen passed away on Friday, October 27, 2023, leaving a profound void in the hearts of our school community.

Gwen Owsley was an exceptional individual who touched the lives of many with her kindness, talent, and dedication. Gwen was involved in many school activities, including track and field, soccer, cross country, FFA, student council, and choir.

The loss of any student is a tragic event that deeply affects our students, staff, and community. Westview has grief counselors available to assist students and staff in coping with this loss and offer a safe space for them to share their feelings and memories of Gwen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gwen's family and friends as they navigate this painful journey.



## **Outstanding Early Childhood Educator Named**

Thrive by 5 has named the newest Outstanding Early Childhood Educator in LaGrange/Noble Counties.

Conner Duzan of Rainbow Years Learning Ministry in Shipshewana received the award recently. She was given a commemorative plaque and a \$100 Gift Card.

Conner's nominator shared this: "Conner is so creative, organized and patient. She is now co-director and I never see her get frazzled or upset. She has three children, pregnant with number four and seems to have tireless energy. She cares deeply about the children. She treats parents fairly and never passes judgment on anyone. She is calm with the kids and engages them in creative activities, establishes clever themes and gets the staff on board in carrying out the curriculum, spurring on their individual creativity. She works diligently at finding ways to keep staff morale high and is encouraging and supportive to her staff!"



Other nominees were, in no particular order:

- Erica Moser from Ruth Stultz Preschool
- Stephanie Sanders from Ruth Stultz Preschool
- Brooke Leupp from Rainbow Years Learning Ministry
- Annie Ringger from Rainbow Years Learning Ministry (two nominations)
- · Ashley Gray from Rainbow Years Learning Ministry (two nominations)
- Kaylee Johnston from Rainbow Years Learning Ministry
- Tabitha Chupp from Lighthouse Childcare and Learning Service

The next round of Outstanding Early Childhood Educator nominations will open in January 2024 and details will be available at *www.thriveby5coalition.org*. The awards are sponsored by Black and Ramer Insurance. **()** 

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## Parkview Hospitals Grades **From The Leapfrog Group**

Five Parkview hospitals received "A" grades in the fall 2023 Hospital Safety Grades released by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit focused on patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

received "A" grades for the fall report card, with Parkview Regional Medical Center & Affiliates, Parkview DeKalb Parkview Huntington Hospital, Hospital, Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview Whitley Hospital all receiving quality care at all of our facilities." top marks in the biannual safety rating.

general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in

place to prevent harm.

"Parkview's consistently high marks from Leapfrog demonstrate our commitment to safety and quality, which supports positive outcomes and an excellent patient experience," said Parkview's Indiana hospitals all Dr. Greg Johnson, MMM, regional market president, Parkview Health. "While we are proud of each hospital individually, we are also proud of Founded in 2000 by large employers and Parkview's systemwide culture of safety that helps ensure patients receive high

Parkview LaGrange Hospital Leapfrog assigns an A-F grade to was not graded because the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade does not assess critical access hospitals due to limitations on publicly available data from those smaller facilities.

Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections and injuries. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated semiannually in the fall and spring. 🕕

About The Leapfrog Group: other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information The Leapfrog Hospital Safety they need to make informed decisions.



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# LaGrange County Community Foundation Awards \$92,000 in Fall Grant Cycle

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the fall Community Impact Grants cycle.

The Foundation recently awarded \$92,000 in grants to eleven nonprofit organizations. The Community Impact Grants support nonprofits in six areas: arts and culture, health and human services, recreation, environment, community development and education.

The Community Impact Grants are made possible by the generosity of donors who give to the unrestricted and field of interest funds at the Foundation.

For over 30 years, the Community Foundation has remained committed to its mission of "inspiring and sustaining generosity, leadership and service in LaGrange County."

"Through our grantmaking program we are able to ensure a lasting legacy for our funders who have made a longterm commitment to support positive growth of our nonprofit community in LaGrange County," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director. "We are honored to support many deserving nonprofit organizations who are improving the quality of life in LaGrange County and helping meet important and unmet community needs."

Each year, the Community Foundation seeks proposals for charitable projects and programs that help local nonprofit organizations provide services in LaGrange County. The Grants Advisory Committee reviews submitted grant applications the makes recommendations and to the Board of Directors who approve the grant awards. To learn more, visit lccf.net/grants. 🔒

The 2023 fall Community Impact Grant recipients include:

- LaGrange County Department of Parks & Recreation, Tetrick property, \$20,000;
- LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District, Long-term strategic water quality monitoring program in LaGrange County, \$11,500;
- LaGrange Baseball League, Score board installation at Spreuer Park, \$8,000;
- Coffee & Cream of South Milford, Coffee & Cream equipment, \$12,500;
- Agape Child Care Ministry, Program materials, \$2,500;
- Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana, Client advocate program for LaGrange County, \$2,500;
- Clothes & Food Basket of LaGrange County, Operating support, \$15,000;
- Junior Achievement of LaGrange County, Junior Achievement Biztown Fieldtrips 2023-2024, \$5,000;
- Boomerang Backpacks, 2023-2024 school year weekend feeding program at Westview and Prairie Heights schools, \$10,000;
- Youth for Christ Northern Indiana, Westview Campus Life, \$2,500; and
- Kate's Kart, Book Distribution at Parkview LaGrange, \$2,500.



The LaGrange Soil & Water Conservation Disctrict was one of the recipients of the fall grant cycle,receiving funds to further the water quality monitoring program.Photo Submitted

The LaGrange County Community Foundation's mission is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service. Founded in 1991, the Community Foundation connects people to charitable causes and provides resources to nonprofits to make a positive impact.

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- 1 Jennica Hershberger, Cody Hill, Gusmar Munoz Huerta, Lucas Riehl, Christopher Yoder
- 2 Brantley Miller, Marsha Miller, Dallas Stemm
- 3 Noelle Amsden, Cindy Schwartz
- 4 Karl Hershberger, Elijah Kemp
- 5 Abigail Hershberger, Fares Hussein, Kate Mauck
- 6 Kayla Kurtz, Abigail Lehmer, Lindsey Stutzman
- Jared Beechy,
   Miranda Carmona,
   Jazzlynn Duran-Hall,
   Mazie Siples
- 8 Lydia Bloom, Ray Goff, Dawson Williams
- 9 Austin Miller
- 10 Ava Hostetler, Savannah Lambright, Ina Miller
- 11 Jace Amsden, Quade Kaufman, Madelyn Miller
- 12 Zachary Mullins, Sarah Omar
- 13 Nolan Miller, Breann Riehl, Maicee Witham
- 14 Derek Bontrager,Bryleigh Bailey,Graesin Lambright,Landon Miller, Karson Plank
- 15 Peyton Raber, Hallie Stults, Julian Warrener, Sarah Yoder
- 16 Angie Al Yahiri, Ava Bontrager, Kenlyn Miller, Kylan Yoder

Birthdays for children in the area up through sixth grade may be submitted free of charge. Hometown Treasure, Kids' Birthday List, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565

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- 17 Dena Lambright, Memphis Raines
- 18 Brooklyn Yoder
- 19 Logan Troxel, Isaac Yoder
- 20 Steven Alves, Zarien Campos, Sadie Miller
- 21 Jayda Kaufman, Jalen Yoder
- 22 Aiden Hilyard, Adrian Miller
- 23 Landon Hochstetler, Kadrian Miller, Sharon Miller, Braydon Sargent, Krystal Schlabach, Micah Schrock
- 24 Jayni Drake, Beverly Foulk, Colin Miller, Sydney Yoquelet
- 25 Analeya Garcia
- 27 Melanie Beechy, GraceAnn Gingerich, Samantha Lehman, Malachi Miller, Nolan Miller, Benson Schlabach, Jace Wingard, Bryce Yoder
- 28 Hannah Miller, Kenlin Miller, Matthew Stutzman
- 29 Andrea Barkman, Xayne Mercer, Jordan Miller
- 30 Allison Bontrager, Austin Bontrager, Sara Chupp, Derek Frey, Michael Stutzman, James Wingard
- 31 Cora Cripe, Kaiden Hostetler, Kole Moon, Serena Miller, Joshua Otto

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## **Enjoying Fall**

Fourth graders at Meadowview participate in the Harvest of the Month, a program sponsored by Parkview Health. The program gets fresh veggies and fruit into the hands of students. Students get to taste test produce from local farms and orchards. October's harvest was apples. Students enjoyed the crisp, tartness of the apples and it was the perfect fall snack.

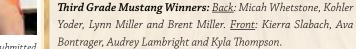
Fourth graders in 4C enjoyed bubbles, noise makers and tasty snacks as we celebrated fall in our classroom.





Kindergarten Mustang Winners: Back (left to right): Elijah Otto, Austin Miller, Benson Schlabach and Derek Miller. Front: Halle Stutzman, Olivia Schlabach, Allison Slabaugh and Millie Mishler. Not Pictured: Adrian Yoder.





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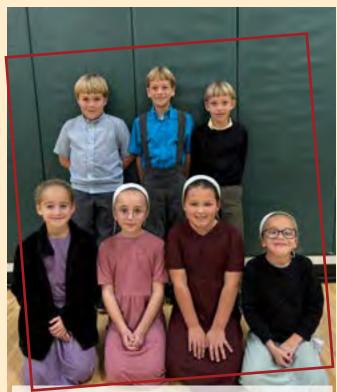
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*First Grade Mustang Winners: <u>Back</u>: Jay Miller, Kobe Dameron and Austin Bontrager. <u>Front</u>: Kara Troyer, Jillian Schlabach and Jenna Miller.* 



Fourth Grade Mustang Winners: <u>Back</u>: Aaron Miller, Aaron Hershberger and Zachary Detweiler. <u>Front</u>: Sariah Detweiler, Nora Yoder and Kylah Miller. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Liam Ditson.



Second Grade Mustang Winners: <u>Back</u>: Ethan Miller, Kenton Yoder and Devon Miller. <u>Front</u>: Kara Miller, Ava Miller, Allison Yoder and Adriana Wingard.



## **Q1** Mustang Award Winners

A maximum of two students are chosen by the classroom teacher every nine weeks. Winners are chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect and responsibility. Winners receive a Mighty Mustang tag on a chain, spend the afternoon playing a game with Principal Helmuth, and a sweet treat from Resource Officer Conwell. Pictured are the winners for the 1st quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. Go Mustangs!



Kindergarten Shining Citizens: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Micah Beechy, Josiah Jones, Micheal Stemm, Knox Fry and Zachary Miller. <u>Front</u>: Andrea Miller, Melissa Bontrager, Leah Williams, Janice Miller and Emersyn Wingard.

# First Quarter Award Celebration

Shipshe-Scott celebrated the end of the first quarter by handing out some well-deserved awards! Each classroom gave Shining Citizen certificates to students who exhibited positive behaviors in the classroom and amongst their peers during the first nine weeks. Teachers also chose one boy and one girl from each class to receive a Caring Award for thinking of others and showing kindness to their peers. Congrats to all the award winners and thanks for being great examples!



**First Grade Shining Citizens:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Elijah Bontrager, Dawson Williams, Bryson Schwartz, Jayden Yoder and Michael Stutzman. <u>Front</u>: Savannah Bontrager, Taya Yoder, Madison Arbogast and Ava Miller.



Third Grade Shining Citizens: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Samuel Ruiz, Ryan Schwartz and Jared Yoder. <u>Front</u>: Samantha Bontrager, Kylie Wingardt and Arianna Lehman.



Second Grade Shining Citizens: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Tyler Miller, Ethan Mast and Wyatt Hooley. <u>Front</u>: Ina Miller, Caroline Schlabach, Kianna Yoder and Lanae Slabach.



**Fourth Grade Shining Citizens:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Caleb Yoder, Bryson Mullet and Jariah Lehman. <u>Front</u>: Melanie Slabach, Preslee Rahn and Kinley Yoder.







**Kindergarten Caring Award Winners:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Kaylee Marner, Karter Dimos, Kendra Hochstetler and Cora Cripe. <u>Front</u>: Kevin Miller, Everett Lewton and Bowen Short.



**First Grade Caring Award Winners:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Adra Miller, Aliyah Bunton, Gwendolyn Burgi and Renee Yoder. <u>Front</u>: Richard Brinager, Mikey Kline, Ray Goff and Zayne Yoder.



**Third Grade Caring Award Winners:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Finley Berkey, Sadie Mast and Abigail Abney. <u>Front</u>: Landry Miller, Colin Troyer and Jared Yoder.



**Second Grade Caring Award Winners:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Ava Miller, Brooklyn Miller, Jenna Beechy and Mia Goff. <u>Front</u>: Axle Pairan, Brant Lambright, Dallas Stemm and Darian Baldwin.



**Fourth Grade Caring Award Winners:** <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Ashley Miller and Avery VonGunten. <u>Front</u>: Maciah Miller, Carson Miller and Kurtis Miller.

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# Awards, Connections, and Bears

On Friday, October 16, Topeka held their first quarterly award ceremony of the school year! The Quarter 1 Awards ceremony recognized students who have worked hard in the areas of reading, math, and having a positive attitude during our first nine weeks of school. Congratulations to the students selected for these awards and thanks to all students and staff for a wonderful start to the year!

On November 2. Topeka Elementary School held their annual Cub Connection Night, an event that brings students, parents, staff, and community organizations together to connect and collaborate. This year's camping theme provided students with plenty of fun activities throughout the school. Students could craft their own fishing poles and mini tents, view constellations with flashlights, and enjoy s'mores in the cafeteria. Various community resources, such as Meals of Hope, Parkview Health, and the Bowen Center, were set up in the gym, handing out small treats to kids and information to parents.

Finally, Smokey Bear came to visit the kindergarten classes at Topeka Elementary. Smokey reminded each one of us to DO our part in taking care of our forest: "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!" **1** 

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### Outstanding Citizens

Students at Westview Elementary had their first awards ceremony to celebrate their accomplishments for the first nine weeks.

The outstanding citizens are chosen based on the following: They are responsible for their behavior. They are responsible for their assignments. They show respect for adults and peers. They serve as role models for other students. They respect the property and rights of others. They display good manners. They participate in the classroom and other school activities. They are honest and trustworthy. They are courteous and cooperative.

The PTO provided coupons to JoJo's Pretzels and Topeka Pizza along with various food treats. Congratulations to the winners for this grading period! **0** 

### **Carni-FALL & More**

Our students were invited to a night of fun and learning while their parents attended the parent-teacher conference this fall. The gym was set up with stations for math and reading games, creating a book mark, and face painting. When they were done, they were able to get a token for a free taco from Lupitas Taco Truck, which was parked on site. Our Carni-FALL was so much fun!

While at school, fifth grade students were busy using their imaginations to create movement with a group to perform in Music class. Kids counted coins for a penny project! And, students from Mrs. Sheets and Ms. Huyvaert's classes playing Spikeball in PE. •

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**1st Grading Period Outstanding Citizens**: (*in no particular order*): Angie Slabach, 5A; Jasmine Graber, 5B; Travis Bontrager, 5C; Makynzee McLaughlin, 5D; James Bailey, 5E; Mia Stemm, 5F; Zienna Yoder, 5G; Kyle Hershberger, 5H; Jerel Bontrager, 6A; Jennifer Miller, 6B; Abigail Hershberger, 6C; Austin Martin, 6D; Chandler Engle, 6E; Melody Yoder, 6G; Hailey Miller, 6H; and Amy Miller, 6I.

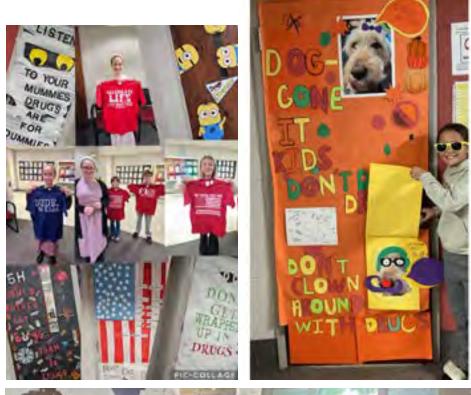


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### **Red Ribbon Week**

Westview Elementarv School celebrated Red Ribbon Week in the three days before fall break. Our theme was: "Be kind to your mind, live drugfree." Students who found a sticker or a ribbon on their lunch tray throughout the week were rewarded with various prizes and t-shirts. Classrooms also had the choice to decorate their door with a drug free message. The winning door was Mr. Stump's class with a drug free message from Dixie, the class mascot and therapy dog! The winning decorated door encourages students to "leave those drugs alone!" They enjoyed working together and the final rewards of their labor, receiving a special treat for their creativity. 🚺

## Applying Knowledge Through Trade Activities

To model their knowledge of Native American culture, the students in Mrs. Rodriguez's class made a Native American village that represented each of the regions in the U.S. The students created shelters out of large, colored paper and suspended the paper from the ceiling for a 3D effect. The most engaging activity that day was when students modeled a trade network system. The goal of the activity was to be the surviving tribe that made reasonable trades/exchanges and collected enough goods to survive the coming winter. The purpose of the activity was to show students what an economy system is (without monetary value.) The activity also helped students to see how difficult it can be to trade when there are not enough trade networks. 🕕

All photos submitted.

## Bontrager Goes to State

On October 21, Noah Bontrager ran in the Cross Country Regionals at New Prairie and qualified for State. The

Cross-Country IHSAA Finals State took place on October 28 in Terre Haute. Noah placed 13th in 5K run the with a time of 15:28, receiving All-State honors for a second time. During the run, Bontrager wore a black ribbon pinned to his uniform in honor of Gwen Owsley, fellow а Westview student and cross-country runner that passed away the morning before the state finals. Congratulations Noah on your State run and for representing Westview! 😶



Girls Cross Country Awards: (left to right): Bailey Manns, MVR; Annigail Warrener, Highest Mileage (550 miles in 100 days) and Mental Attitude Award; Adelyn Rainsberger, Most Improved (6.25% improvement from last year); and Emilia Mendoza, Coaches Award. Photo Submitted



Boys Cross Country Awards: (left to right): Nick Bontrager, Most Improved (6.72% improvement from last year) and Most Mileage (625 miles in 100 days); Noah Bontrager, MVR; Cole Bontrager, Mental Attitude; and Christien Noward, Coaches Award. Photo Submitted

## **Boys Soccer Awards**

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With the end of soccer season, the varsity boys' soccer team held an awards ceremony on October 24. Teague Misner, Carson Brown, Caleb Bontrager, Braden Kauffman, and Ibrahem Alrasheed received individual awards for their work this season. Teague

Misner additionally received recognition for setting three Westview school records and for several additional accomplishments. Congratulations to the boys' soccer team for a great season! 🕚

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## **Pin Design Winner**

For the last 16 years, the ice festival pin has been designed by a Westview Jr. High School student, and this year's winner is Payton Hargrove.

Every year, the Intro to 2D Art class taught by Jesse Martin at Westview High School is invited to submit designs for that year's Ice Festival Pin. The students begin working on their designs Festival Committee later in the month. Of the total 26 designs submitted, the Ice Festival Committee chose the design of Payton Hargrove, an eighth grader, the winner. as



Design winner Payton Hargrove (left) with Ice Festival Chairperson Levi King. As first-place winner, Payton had the opportunity to be honored at the Light Parade on November 11.

Eighth grader Grace Yoder of Wolcottville was awarded second place, and ninth grader Jillian Bontrager of Shipshewana was awarded third. All three winners received an envelope with gift certificates to JoJo's Pretzels and the Kitchen Cupboard coffee shop, and a coin for the carousel at Davis Mercantile.

This year's new pin will be available in early October to be assessed by the Ice for \$15 after December 1, 2023, at the Shipshewana Visitor's Center and at the Kitchen Cupboard coffee house in the Davis Mercantile. Pins make you eligible for all kinds of deals and discounts from Shipshewana restaurants and merchants throughout the entire month of January.

> Ice Festival Committee member and LaGrange County Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Sonva Nash said. "We applaud the creativity of the Westview students who entered this annual competition. The 2024 winning design is fun and festive and something that will delight collectors from all over the Midwest. We encourage people to purchase their pin early to maximize their shopping discounts in January."



Payton's original design for the 2024 Ice Festival pin. The Ice Festival Committee chose Payton's design for the unique cloud shape and the use of the 2024 Ice Festival theme: Winter Wonderland.



The 2024 Ice Festival pin design based off of Payton's original design.



Pin Design Runner-ups (left to right): Grace Yoder, 2nd place and Jillian Bontrager, third place.

## **Oct. Student** Ambassadors

Westview High School has selected eight students to receive "Student Ambassador of the Month" honors for October 2023. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing 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. 😶



October Student Ambassadors: Left to right: Gabe Wolfe, Skye Stump, Jacob Watts, Dylan Shrock, Daniel Yoder, Pierce Yoder, Austin Schlabach and Wyatt Zepp. Photo Submitted

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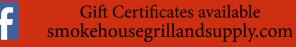




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2023-24 Junior High Choin: Back (left to right): Lexi Sweet, Hadleigh Bontreger, Kim Linn, Noah Cleveland, Hudson Yoder, Cole Wanamaker, Fisher Oakley, AJ Martin, Lucas Swanson, Tyrone Baccol, Faith Stump, Katie Weimer and Mari Jo Mast. <u>Bourth</u>: Madi Yoder, Mabel Tretheway, Breanna Garrett, Elijah Watts, Evan Roth, Mason Walz, Gavin Rainsberger, Justin Miler, Baylor Atra, Alayah Hostetler, Savannah Nelson, Deni Whan and Katie Martin. Third: Laine Bortner, Jada Mauck, Sam Bontrager, Richard Meyers, Avery Christner, Cole Miller, Thomas Bryan, Carter Cranor, Micah Lambright, Blake Hostetler, Tennley Amsden, Chloe Briggs and Josie Ryall. <u>Second</u>: Chayenne Daniels, Merrill Warrener, Tori Taylor, Kasen Yoder, Lance Mullett, Grady Yoder, Justin Wallace, Javon Miller, Spencer Lambright, Asher Sandquist, Tanner Trittipo, Maggie Mast, Kya Roose, Machema Curtis and Kylie Mast. Front: Bryndle Bontrager, Paige McDonald, Destiny Mercer, Brynn Bontrager, Alana Donat, Keeva Hustetler, Madalyn Evenge, Hope Brandenberger, Kailen Myers, Grate Yoder, Shaylee Heintzehnam, Lymbra Schrock and Belle Williams.



2023-24 Junior High Band: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Ayden Kloth, Dalton Brown, Katie Miller, Sara Bontrager, Tyler Stutzman and Karson Mast. <u>Third</u>: William Yoder, Jada Mauck, Lex Thompson, Logan Miller, Noah Cleveland, Evan Roth, Carter Cranor, Tyrone Baccol, Holden Reinheimer and Caydon Miller. <u>Second</u>: Garin Rainsberger, Malarie Stieder, Kylie Mast, Alana Donat, Kylin Meadows, Cole Donat, Thomas Harlow, Durrel Frey, Destiny Mercer, Chloe Briggs, Paige McDonald, Mila Geyer and Merrill Warnener. <u>Front</u>: Avionna Duke, Cyota Ferrera, Madilyn Miller, Kaylee Nuzum and Faith Stump. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Logan Cruz.

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2023-24 Concert Choir: Back (left to right): Josie Eash, Camryn Christmer, Bailey Manns, Luke Haarer, Pierce Yoder, Austin Schlabach, Carver Stumm Jarrett Danker, Sorcha Stewart, Addie Kauffman, Lakota Everitt and Victoria Grise. Third: Lilly Mullett, MJ Canturk, Alyssa Hooley, Sage Merzer, Luke Stults, Isaac Yater, Gavin Yeip, Eden Mauck, Brina Williams, Janel Lambright and Lexy Bennett. Second: Abigail Ponce. Emilia Mendosa, Lucas Mullett, Carson Niccum, Ethan Miller, Kaden Hostetler, Chayenne Diaz, Emily Bontrager, Ariel Owens and Karleen Bender. Front: Memphis Bontrager, Stephanie Earnshaw, Makenna Helman, Graci Engle, Angela Miller, Tetiana Jones, Ara Hostetler and Peyton Miller. Not Pictured: Karli Miller

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2023-24 Dynamic Singeations: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Kaleb Iddings, Dylan Shrock, Miley Mast, Wade Springer, Jacob Watts, Braden Rogers, Kaitlin Nuzum, Gavin Engle and Silas Haarer. <u>Third</u>: Asher Kennedy, Ella Williams, Annagail Warrener, Morgan Riegsecker, Lanita Mast, Maddie Stults, Lindsey Schwartz and Bentley Ryall. <u>Second</u>: Brett Springer, Grace Heyerly, Ava Williams, Aiden Norberg, Olivia Jasso, Adelyn Rainsberger and Hunter Egli. <u>Front</u>: Morgan Rich, Lexi Warren, Noah Bontrager, Cole Bontrager, Hope Miller and Lilyan Bennett. Photo by Stopher-King Studio

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2023-24 Concert Band: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Keegan Hershberger, Josie Eash, Dallas Yoder, Thomas Hoover, Brody Barton, Christien Noward, Noah Bontrager, Eake Hall and Kaitlin Nucum. Third: Aaron Roth, Mearl Miller, Ryan Hunsberger, Matthew Bibbee, Carver Stump, Makenna Feipel, Lilyan Bennett, Caedinon Gates, Isaac Yater and Sage Mener. <u>Second</u>: Chris Terrones, Isaiah Radoliff. Emily Bontrager, Japán Browning, Braden Rogers, Nick Bontrager, Lexi Warren, Kiana Mast, Audri Martin and Jonathan Roth. <u>Front</u>: Kaleb Iddings, Sorcha Stewart, Lexy Bennett and Lanita Mast. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Lauryn Bontrager.



2023-24 Jazz Band: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Lanita Mast, Chris Terrones, Isaiah Radcliff, Dallas Yoder, Luke Hall, Noah Bontrager, Isaac Yater, Caedmon Gates, Sage Mercer and Matthew Bibbee. <u>Middle</u>: Kaitlin Nuzum and Micah Geyer. <u>Front</u>: Emily Bontrager, Braden Rogers, Kiana Mast, Audri Martin, Nick Bontrager, Lilyan Bennett and Kaleb Iddings. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



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Over wonder what Christmas when it comes to a December 1923

In rural areas such as ours, there that much over the years? People talk were two centers of community life one about "an old-fashioned Christmas," hundred years ago: the church and the but what was it like? How much have school. The front page of the Thursday, things really changed over the last December 20th, 1923, edition of the one hundred years? Inquiring minds Topeka Journal was dominated by wonder about such things. Fortunately detailed church announcements for for us, we have the internet with online the coming Sunday evening Christmas access to local newspapers from one programs. The names of many of the hundred years ago that give us a glimpse participants, while prominent at the into how people in this community time, have long been forgotten except celebrated the birth of the Savior. What for their inscription on a local cemetery we found will surprise you, especially headstone. Journal editor Charles

Mattingly had

a front-page column entitled "Getting and Giving," but more about that later.

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The 7 o'clock Christmas program at the Methodist Church would feature a song by the Primary Class, solos by Josephine Strang, Martha Lee Richardson, Mrs. Kieth Hostetler, and recitations by Louanna Simpson, Savilla Fell, George Simpson, Wilbur Kakin, and Elizabeth Cole. Nedra Hildebrand would be playing a violin solo. There was also to be a piano duet and a vocal duet by Eloine Ecker and Catherin Coldren.

Over at the Baptist Church, the 7 pm

be followed by welcomes from both Elmer Fought and David Hooley. Numerous recitations would be given by Erma Augspurger, Rosemary Roy, Elizabeth Wemple, Luther Essick, and Rosalind Essick. The Baptists would also have lots of music in their service. The Ever-Ready Class (we are not told the age range of the group) would be

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service was set to begin with would be a duet by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. be at the store Saturday Afternoon, Dec. the congregation singing Joy Hostetler (no first names were given), To The World. That would Victor Phillips would sing a solo, and Louise Hoverstock's class would be singing Old Santa Claus. It would be interesting to know how that song fits ad, including a graphic, near the top into the Christmas story from Luke chapter two.

Local business owners were doing their best to both extend Christmas Greetings and at the same time entice last-minute shoppers. Gay's Drug Store (now the Topeka Pharmacy) announced that "We Just Got Word From Old Santa Claus telling us to have every little Boy singing Silent Night, there and Girl that had written him a letter to



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22, from 2 to 4 o'clock. We are not sure that Santa can be with us, but he has a present for each one. SANTA AGENT."

The Topeka Roller Mill had a large of page three to thank people for their patronage. In bold wording the greeting said, "Upon the Glad Tides of Cordial Greetings and Best Christmas Wishes, the Topeka Roller Mill Thanks its Friends For Their Patronage During the Past Year." The wording seems a little strange to us in 2023, but it must have been appropriate 100 years ago. The Roller

Mill offered a free "Handsome and Valuable Broom Holder to those who will call at the mill."

J.J. Kempp & Son wanted people to know that "It is not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift." (Author's note: A "Fordor" Sedan was a four-door automobile, as opposed to a "Tudor" two-door.) Oh, and the price was only \$685.00! Seagly Bros and J.W. Priest & Son reminded folks to make sure they had enough coal to heat their houses. And the State Bank of Topeka advertisement encouraged people to join the bank's Christmas Savings Club. Membership could be started with as little as "10 cents to as much more as you can save per week."

Like today, Christmas in 1923 was a popular time for new movies. It was in December that Cecil B. De Mille released his 2 hour and 15-minute silent epic, The Ten Commandments. Most people today only know of the 1956 version starring Yul Brenner, Edward G. Robinson, and Charlton Heston as Moses. What makes the 1923 film unique is that: first, it was silent; and second, following the

opening credits there was a remarkable hundred years, and not for the better. two screen prologue:

"Our modern world defined God as a 'religious complex' and laughed at the Ten Commandments as OLD FASHIONED. Then, through the laughter came the shattering thunder of the World War. And now a blood-drenched, bitter world - no longer laughing - cries for a way out. There is but one way. It existed before it was engraven upon Tablets of Stone. It will exist when the stone has crumbled. The Ten Commandments are not rules to obey as a personal favor to God. They are the fundamental principles without which mankind cannot live together. They are not laws - they are the LAW."

It is hard to imagine in today's secular society a Hollywood production opening with a call for movie-goers to return to their faith in God. Times really have changed over the last one



Now back to Charles Mattingly's call to his 1923 readers of the Topeka Journal regarding "Getting and Giving." What he wrote still applies to us today. Here are the four principles he called Topeka residents to observe:

American life is thoroughly aroused to the need of getting. The country resounds with incitement to production and efficiency, and everybody is calling for "Go Getters."

But it is a law of life that for all there should be a corresponding amount of giving. That is not so popular. Yet this law is fairly well understood in business life, where people realize that if they are to get rewards, they must give correspondingly good service.

The law is not so well understood in community life. We give taxes to be sure, in return for certain municipal services, but we get many things not paid for by those taxes. We get the benefit of all the unpaid service of the people who went before us, all the faithful effort of our business men to meet the needs of the community, all the public spirit of unselfish community workers. And then many of us sit back and fail

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to realize the necessity of giving anything in return for this getting.

To carry out the Get and Give spirit in Topeka, at least four principles should be observed:

1. Back up the home town business men. Some of them are doing their best to serve you.

2. Join good civic organizations, and help carry on the good work for our home town, to which others have devoted and are giving so much effort.

3. Make some personal addition to the neatness and beauty of your town by improving your home place.

4. Help support the home newspaper, which is working in every issue to get good things for your community.

We all need to be reminded of Mattingly's call to civic pride and service. Our world in 2023 is every bit as uncertain as it was one hundred years ago, perhaps even more so considering the war in the Mideast and the divisions within our own nation.

As we celebrate the Christmas Season and the birth of Christ, we need to take to heart the opening words of DeMille's 1923 movie: "The Ten Commandments are not rules to obey as a personal favor to God. They

> are the fundamental principles without which mankind cannot live together."

Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King. Merry Christmas everyone and God's richest blessings for the coming New Year. 🕖

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# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

This month's puzzle is a thank you letter to a friend. <u>While</u> <u>driving</u> out to Illinois for an event, I and four friends were <u>suddenly</u> stranded an hour from our <u>destination</u> as the bolts on the front <u>passenger</u> tire started <u>shearing</u> off. We were <u>eventually</u> able to get a tow truck to come our way, but there were too many of us, and at least <u>three</u> of us would be <u>stranded</u> on the side of the <u>highway</u> while we tried to find a ride to the site.

A friend who was <u>heading</u> to the same event <u>happened</u> to hear of our plight on the phone, and less than a minute <u>later</u>, <u>recognized</u> our minivan on the side of the road. We <u>loaded</u> up and she was able to <u>shuttle</u> us to our site; so here's a huge thanks to Sarah, her minivan, and <u>incredible</u> timing.

Solution on page 61.

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Daniel & Betty Bontrager of 500 W, Shipshewana correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by John & Elaine Bontrager and Wayne & Katie Bontrager, 7650 W 450



N, Shipshewana. Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to David & LeAnn Raber of 675 W, Shipshewana. Third prize went to Myron & Jenean Miller of 400 S, Topeka.

There were 56 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Bryan & Ruth Miller, Devon & Nettie Miller, Leonard & Becky Schwartz, Lavern & Leona Raber, Dale Kuhns, Perry & Wilma Miller, Dennis & Regina Lambright, Dale & JoEllen Yoder, Glen & Marlene Miller, Nelson & Doris Miller, Dan & Sue Miller, Joseph & Edna Yoder, Dwayne & Barbara Bontrager, Enos & Polly Mullet, Junior & LeEtta Yutzy, Ezra & Mary Ellen Yoder, Christy & Martha Raber, Lavern & Katie Miller, Lavon & Marla Lambright, Vernon Jr & Lynette Miller, Dale & Betty Frey, Gerald & Marlene Troyer, Dan & Lisa Beechy, Jaron & Colleen Miller, Paul & Mary Yutzy, Elmer & Loretta Lehman, Darin & Eva Beechy, Orla & Sally Bontrager, Vernon & Edna Bontrager, Junior & Christina Raber, Homer & Wilma Miller, Kevin & Kayla Yoder, Marlin & Marilyn Mullet, Willard & Linda Raber, Floyd & Christine Hostetler, Raymond & LaVera Miller, Zachary & Sara Troyer, Dave & Wilma Chupp, Lyle & Jolene Miller, Ivan & Doreen Mast, James & Cheryl Raber, Neal & Marilyn Miller, Jake & Loretta Jones, Lonnie & JoAnn Bontrager, Kevin & Sarah Miller, Kyle & Delores Yutzy, Glenn & Ruth Lambright, Freeman & LeAnna Miller, Leroy Miller, Ernie & Sue Miller, Delmar & Dora Farmwald, Steven & Wanda Miller and Jr. & Ruby Schlabach.

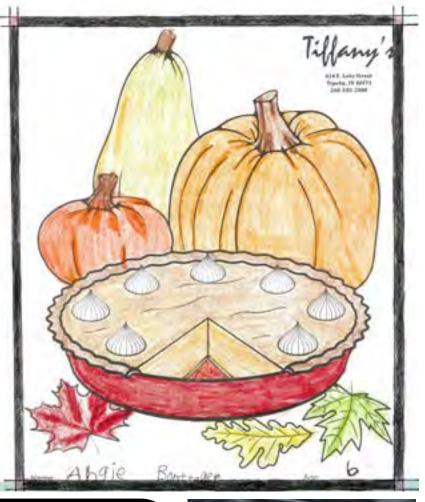
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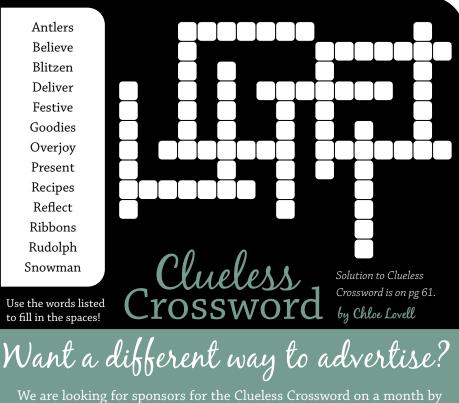
Six-year-old Angie Bontrager of 200 S, Topeka was our winner for the November Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka.

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

Runners-up were Deborah Petersheim, age 6; Halle Stutzman, age 5; Grace Yoder, age 4; and Kendra Yoder, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Hadassah Grace Yoder, age 6; Amy Diane Mast, age 6; Savannah Yoder, age 6; Brandon Bontrager, age 6; Allison Nicole Wingard, age 5; and Morgan Brooke Lehman, age 5.

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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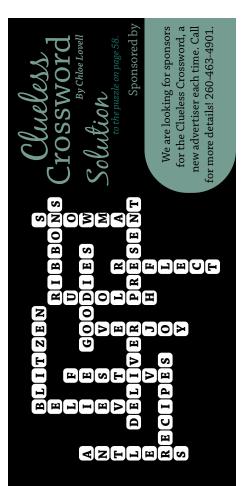


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