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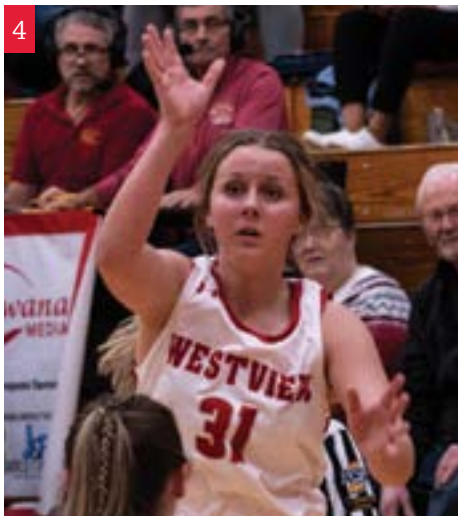
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- 3) Bre Cory goes for a layup after getting through the Lakeland opposition.
- 4) JJ Whetstone passes the ball over the heads of her Lakeland opponents.
- 5) Morgan Riegsecker looks for an open teammate.

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Varsity Boys Basketball



- 1) Wade Springer makes his way toward the Westview basket.
- 2) Kaden Grau goes for a layup after a steal.
- 3) Austin Schlabach passes the ball to an open teammate.
- 4) Luke Helmuth looks for an open teammate.
- 5) Wyatt Zepp goes for three.

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We're All in This Together

On one of the nasty snow days in January, I remember sitting on my couch next to the fireplace thinking about how cozy I was. With that, though, how much I needed to shovel my driveway. They said on the news that any snow left on driveways and roads was likely to freeze overnight so it would be best to clear it that night.

Of course, that was the last thing I wanted to do with how cold it was. As I mentioned in last issue's editorial letter, I greatly dislike cold weather.

Regardless, I bundled up and headed out to the driveway, dreading the winter elements I would need to endure. Stepping out of my house, I saw my neighbor driving away on his mower with the plow attached, and saw that my driveway was completely cleared.

It's moments like this that remind me how important it is to be kind to the people around you. You never know what struggles a person may be going through; no matter how big or small, an act of kindness can go a long way, especially in the winter time.

There are plenty of opportunities

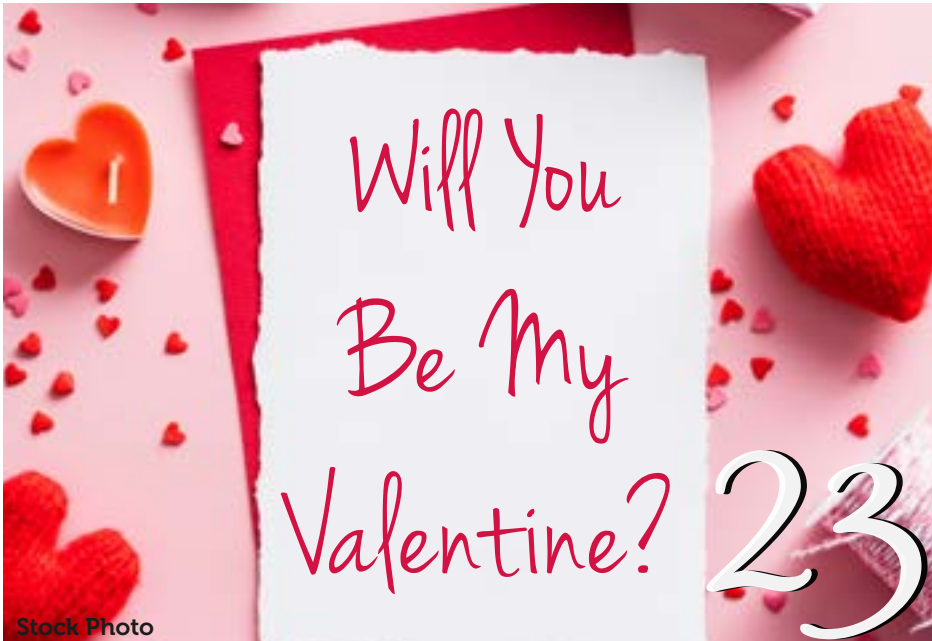
to help others in our community, whether that be through a kind word or action. Take a glance through the news articles and columns inside to see a few areas where help is needed in our community. And don't forget to check out the Pajama Sale section inside this issue to see various businesses that are offering store deals—and the pajama contest that will be held during the sale!

As always, feel free 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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Door Holder Number Three

A video made its rounds on social media over the holidays. It was a British boy named Milo, with a sweet accent. He excitedly told his mother he had received a “classic role” in the upcoming school nativity play. He asked her to guess what it was. After unsuccessfully guessing significant parts, such as Joseph and the three wise men, the mom gave up. The sweet boy enthusiastically exclaimed, “I get to be door holder number three!” His mama, not missing a beat, congratulated him on such a “classic role” and asked if he was pleased when he received the part. He replied, “Yes, I was like, I get to be a door holder. Get in there! Let’s go!”

The young lad’s delight over such a mundane part spoke directly to my heart. When his mother asked who he’d hold doors for, he said, “Probably Joseph or Mary.” He also noted he’d

have to wear brown! In a world where many strive to achieve the spotlight of the lead roles in life, this boy found the greatest satisfaction in simply wearing brown and holding the door for them.

It made me think about all the people in my life who have quietly served on the sidelines in perfect contentment. Thoughts of selfless deeds done behind the scenes that opened the passage for me filled my mind. Those hardworking stewards of my church where I mingle with church family on a clean floor and drink coffee made by loving hands. Their names aren’t listed in the bulletin. No shrine was erected in their honor. An award’s never been given to the gutter guy, the lawn mower, or the person who made my bed sheets so fluffy. And, sadly, I don’t know if I’ve even uttered a proper thank you.


The beautiful thing about all the folks who fit this humble category is that they don’t expect nor want accolades. They do it. Like Milo, they see themselves as performing the most grandiose role of them all... holding the door...making the way...providing comfort for... OTHERS!

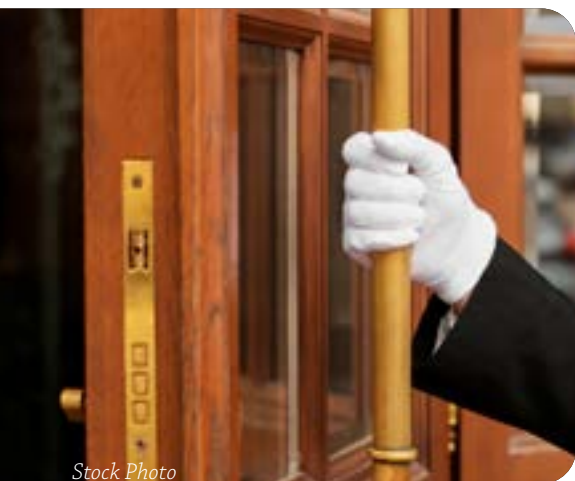
The major roles of life are essential, don’t get me wrong. **However, true success is found in the person whose shoulders you**

sit upon. I assume those who view the Taj Mahal stand in awe of the marble, jade, and crystal that makes it so magnificent as opposed to the meager foundation on which it sits. But without it, the mausoleum would have collapsed centuries ago.

Let’s face it: life’s “door holders” often go unnoticed. They may walk away feeling like they’ve performed a thankless task. But the truth remains that many things would slip through the cracks without them. Plain and simple, we can’t live life without the door holders.

As excited as Milo was for his part, what struck me most about this little guy was how he wanted to be the best door holder he could be. How often has someone fed me a meal they put a lot of thought and work into? How many times has someone shoveled the drive while humming a tune or _____ (insert a million other humble acts of kindness done with a genuine heart of service here)? Who are these people in your life? How is your attitude when asked to do the mundane and ordinary?

In my empty nest stage, I often wonder what my purpose is. Where will I go? What will I do? I’m learning, however, the greatest joy comes when I simply say, “Sign me up to be door holder number three!” 



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By Audrey Armbrecht, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

2024 Kindergarten Enrollment Notice

If your child will be 5 years old by August 1, 2024, and is not pre-enrolled, the pre-enrollment steps for kindergarten are as follows:

1. Contact school of residence to obtain a pre-enrollment form. Out of district parents should contact the school that you wish to enroll your child at.
2. Return enrollment form to the school as soon as possible
3. Parents will receive a SEEK Screening schedule in the Spring
4. SEEK Screening will be at the student's school of residence near the end of the 2023-24 school year. 

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Alphabet Soup: RSV, Arexvy, and Abrysvo

RSV, also known as respiratory syncytial virus, is a virus that causes lung infection. This infection can be especially serious in older adults and babies. RSV outbreaks occur every year during the winter months. It can be spread when someone sick coughs or sneezes, or when a healthy person touches something a sick person has handled. Luckily, preventing RSV infection is possible with new vaccines!

What are the symptoms of RSV?

People with RSV usually start having symptoms a few days after getting the virus. For most people, getting RSV feels like getting a cold—cough, fever, sore throat and all. Severe RSV is most common in older adults and babies and can cause serious symptoms like difficulty breathing, low oxygen levels and lung failure. These serious symptoms can lead to needing to go to the hospital and death. In the United States, lung infection is one of the most common causes of death for babies under one year. According to the CDC, 100 to 300 children under age five die every year from RSV in the US.

What is the RSV vaccine?


There are two vaccines available for preventing getting sick with RSV: Arexvy and Abrysvo. Both vaccines prevent infection with RSV. They help prevent spread to more sensitive people like infants and young children who can't get the vaccine.

There are no major differences between Arexvy and Abrysvo as far as which one works better or is safer. Both vaccines are very safe and effective. The most common side effects are soreness in the arm where the vaccine was given, headache, and tiredness for a few hours after getting the shot. Only a single dose of either shot is necessary—no need to come back for a second one!

Who is the vaccine for?

RSV vaccines are given to adults over age 60, and to pregnant women. It is most important for adults with lung issues, heart failure, diabetes, HIV, or cancer to get the vaccine. Pregnant mothers should get the Abrysvo vaccine in the last months of pregnancy in order to protect their babies from RSV.

Where can I get this vaccine?

RSV vaccines are available at most doctors' offices, health clinics, and pharmacies, including at your favorite hometown pharmacy in Topeka. Our pharmacists at Topeka Pharmacy can answer your questions about the vaccines and help you decide if this vaccine is right for you. Stop in or call us at 260-593-2252 for more information! 



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Consider a Family Meeting To Discuss Estate Plans

At some point, you'll want to share your estate plans with your loved ones—and the first step in this process may be to hold a family meeting.

The best time to hold this meeting is when you're still in good mental and physical shape, and the enactment of your estate plans may well be years away. But what topics should you cover?

Consider these main areas:

Your wishes, and those of your family: Use this meeting to introduce your estate plans and, in a basic sense, what you hope to accomplish with them—leave money to your family, support charitable groups and so on. You'll want to emphasize that you want to be equitable in what you leave behind, but there may be issues that affect this decision such as disparities in income between grown children or an allowance for a special-needs child. But you'll also want to listen to what your family members want; you might be surprised at what they tell you.

Consider this: More than 80% of the millennial generation would rather know their parents are financially secure throughout their retirement, even if this means that their parents will pass on less money to them, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study.

Estate planning documents: At the time of your family meeting, you may or may not have already created your estate planning documents, but in either case, this would be a good time to discuss them. These documents may include a will, a living trust, financial

power of attorney, health care power of attorney and possibly other arrangements.

At a minimum, you'd like to give a general overview of what these documents mean, but at an initial family meeting you don't necessarily have to get too detailed.

For example, you might not want to talk about specific inheritances. This is also an opportunity to inform your loved ones of the professionals involved in your estate plans, such as your attorney and your tax advisor.


Roles of everyone involved: Not only does a comprehensive estate plan involve moving parts, such as the necessary documents, but it also includes actual human beings who may need to take on different roles. You will need an executor for your will and, if you have a living trust, you'll need a trustee. Even if you choose to serve as the initial trustee, you'll still need to identify one or more successor trustees to take your place if you become incapacitated, or upon your death. Plus, you'll need to name people to act as your power of attorney for health care and finances.

Choosing the right people for these roles involves thought and sensitivity. Obviously, you want individuals who are competent and reliable, but you also need to be aware that some family members could feel slighted if others



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are assigned roles they feel they could do. By being aware of these possible conflicts, you can be better prepared to address them.

Here's one more suggestion: Let your family know that this initial meeting doesn't mean the end of communications about your estate plans. Encourage your loved ones to contact you with questions whenever they want. You may need to hold additional family meetings in the future, but by laying the initial groundwork you will have taken a big first step in establishing the legacy you'd like to leave. 

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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for February 2024.

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

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Topeka Branch

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Youth Department

Pokémon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, February 5 • 6–7 p.m.

Join us to play Pokémon, trade cards and learn strategies for improving your game! Bringing cards to trade is optional. This group will meet on the first Monday of every month.

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Pets

LaGrange • Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 11 a.m.

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

Homeschool Group (All Ages) - Theme: Sensational Senses

Shipshewana • Wednesday, February 7 • 1–2:30 p.m.

LaGrange • Friday, February 9 • 10:30–Noon p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Call 260-463-2841 or register on our website. We will visit different stations exploring our five senses and also learn what it might be like if we didn't have some of our senses by exploring braille and sign language. We will have engaging and challenging activities for all ages!

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, February 12 • 4–7 p.m.

We will be learning some new games and helping decide what to add to our future circulating games for all library patrons. Come enjoy non-electronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens! Registration appreciated but not required.

Makerspace! (Ages 5+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, February 14 • 2–5:30 p.m.

Bring your creativity and come explore and build! Legos, Makedo, Snap Circuits, Strawbees, Art supplies and more! Kids 5-8 years old require a parent in the room. Drop in any time during the hours listed and stay as long as you want.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, February 20 • 4–4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss "Inspector Flytrap," do a fun activity and pass out next month's book.

Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, February 20 • 4–4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss "Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Perfection," do a fun activity and pass out next month's book.

Teen Book Club & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, February 26 • 4–4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss our favorite genre of books that everyone has chosen to read and look at choices for our next genre, graphic novel or manga for the next month.

Teen Advisory Group (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, February 26 • 5–6 p.m.

Join other teens to talk about plans for the teens at the library, prep for future activities, help choose the books in our YA collection, and make the teen space feel more comfortable.

Adult Interest

Tai Chi (All Ages) - Free!

LaGrange • Mon. & Thurs., Feb. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29 • 11 a.m.

Learn Tai Chi with videos from International Tai Chi Master David Dorian Ross.

These gentle workouts focus on slow movement, balance and deep breathing.

The Walking Well-Read (All Ages) - Free!

LaGrange • Mon. & Thurs., Feb. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29 • Noon

Come to the library for 30 minutes of cardio! We'll walk up and down stairs, around the book stacks, and through some behind-the-scenes areas. It's great exercise. Drop in and join us!

Loose Ends (12+) - Free!

LaGrange • Fridays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 • 10–11 a.m.

Bring a craft project you've been meaning to work on, or come for coloring and conversation!

Classic Cinema: Comedians (Ages 12+) - Free!

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 2 p.m.

Feb. 6: *The Court Jester*—A spoof of medieval England and costumed swashbucklers. Starring Danny Kaye Chaplin (1956) Not Rated. 101 min.

Feb. 13: *Some Like It Hot*—Two male musicians go on the lam posing as women in an all-girl orchestra after witnessing a gangland massacre in 1929 Chicago. Starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis & Marilyn Monroe (1929) Rated TV-PG. 105 min.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, February 10 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson. "Everyone in my family has killed someone. Some of us, the high achievers, have killed more than once. I'm not trying to be dramatic, but it is the truth. Some of us are good, others are bad, and some just unfortunate." Copies of the book are available at LaGrange's Adult Desk.

Make and Take with Deb (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, February 28 • 6 p.m.

This month, we will be making a large rope basket. The basket will be approximately 14 inches in diameter and can be made with or without handles. An example is on display at the Main Library. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration and non-refundable \$10 deposit due by Feb. 20 at LaGrange Main Library.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • February 24 • 11 a.m.

Check out the cookbook of the month ("Smitten Kitchen Keepers" by Deb Perelman) at the LaGrange Adult Services desk. Choose a recipe to make and bring it to the Cookbook Club carry-in! Plates, silverware, coffee and tea will be provided. Families welcome.

Classic Cinema: Westerns (Ages 12+) - Free!

LaGrange • Tuesday, February 27 • 2 p.m.

My Darling Clementine—Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday clean up Tombstone by taking on the Clanton clan at the O.K. Corral. Starring Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell & Victor Mature (1946) Rated TV-PG. 97 min.

All library locations will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

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February Events

Quilt Class

Saturday, February 17 • 9 am–3 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

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

Six Hour Quilt: A quick project in which you provide the top, bottom, and batting. It will take about six hours to sew, but your project will be finished. Directions will also be available for baby size and throw size. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225. For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-463-1438.



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Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, February 14 • 8 am–10 pm


Maple Wood Nature Center

Coffee, donuts and nature conversation. For all ages.

Leap Year Nature Walk

Thursday, February 29 • 4:30-5:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Park

A guided walk on the trails of Maple Wood Nature Preserve. Remember to dress for the weather! 

Folk Jams

Sunday, February 25 • 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.


Miller Takes Oath as Topeka Four

On Tuesday, January 2, reserve officer Carl Miller, accompanied by his wife Denise and their five children, took the oath of office becoming Topeka's fourth full-time police deputy.

Miller is no stranger to the law enforcement family, having been a reserve with Topeka for four years. Prior to moving to Topeka, he was a reserve for Shippshewana for 6 ½ years. Miller has also been a volunteer firefighter with both Shippshewana and Topeka.

"I am really happy to announce the promotion of Carl Miller from our reserve program to full-time officer with the Topeka Police Department," said Topeka Town Marshal Stan Strater

Jr. "I believe that he is going to be a strong asset. He lives right here in the community and did well as a reserve. I am very grateful to have him full time with our agency."

Miller will be attending the police academy later in the year. 



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The evaluation process is online and only requires a personal computer to participate. Volunteers can be professionals from any discipline or sector and must be at least 23 years of age. Volunteers should live or work in LaGrange County or have ties to the community to participate.

Volunteers should have 4-5 hours available over a two-week period beginning March 1, 2024, to March 15, 2024, and should be comfortable evaluating:

- The applicant's record of academic and personal achievement.
- The applicant's record of community service and engagement.
- The recommendation of the academic or professional contact; and
- The substance and quality of writing in the essay and application.

To volunteer, reviewers must complete the online form by February 6, 2024, at www.lccf.net/volunteer-opportunities.


All volunteers will need to complete a conflict of interest and confidentiality form that must be signed and on file before February.


Volunteer opportunities or scholarship questions should be directed to Scholarship Manager Laurie Sherck at lsherck@lccf.net, or by calling 260-463-4363. 


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Westview would love to have more bus drivers. It is a process to get your license but if you are interested, Westview will help you get it! They have a trainer that can help you learn everything you need to know to go to Fort Wayne to take your test.

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- Complete a CDL Physical
- Complete New Hire Drug Screen
- Pass the CDL BMV Tests to Obtain Permit

LEVEL 3   

- Attend the Three-Day Indiana DOE Transportation Theory Training (*Trainee can attend anytime during levels 1, 2, or 3*)
- Complete and Document Road and Range Training

LEVEL 4    

- District must report completed training using Federal Website within 48 hours of training completion
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Parkview Noble Hospital Recognized for Excellence In Infant and Maternal Health

Parkview Noble Hospital was recently recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association, in partnership with Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Dr. Lindsay Weaver, for their commitment to infant and maternal health at the fourth annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health's Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

"Welcoming new life into the world is one of the most exciting things that occurs at our hospital," said Jordi Disler, market president, Parkview Health North. "Making sure that new moms and their babies are healthy is critically important, and Parkview continues to

make strides to provide the best care before, during and after birth. I'm proud of the work our dedicated and talented staff does to provide this important service to our local communities."

Parkview Noble Hospital earned the Hospital of Distinction recognition—achieved by exceeding criteria in at least four or more categories—based on implementing best practices in seven key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, maternal hypertension and social determinants of health.

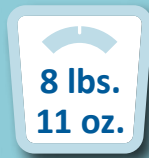
"This recognition reflects Parkview's unwavering commitment to healthy moms and babies," said Dr. Thomas Miller, physician executive, Women's and Children's service line, Parkview Health. "We strive to provide the highest quality of care to our communities, and we will continue

to follow best practices that ensure mothers receive the care and support they need, while infants are given the best possible start in life."

Parkview Huntington Hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital and Parkview Hospital Randallia also received the Hospital of Distinction honor, while Parkview Regional Medical Center was honored in the Category of Excellence.

"Our birthing hospitals work tremendously hard to make sure all babies born in Indiana have the best start at life, while caring for the mothers who delivered them," Dr. Weaver said. "Reducing infant and maternal mortality requires a continued, multi-pronged approach over the course of many years to see impactful change. It is heartening to see the progress we've made, but we must continue to adopt best practices so that we can celebrate more first birthdays in Indiana."

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The cold winter blast is finally upon us. While it's easy to think about how miserable it is for us humans, just remember our livestock and pets need water and shelter too. Water is critical to the survival of all outdoor animals, whether the temperature is 100 °F or 0 °F.

The water needs of animals during the winter depends on the animal size, their level of activity and whether they are lactating. The average size horse drinks 10-12 gallons of water per day. Draft horses may drink up to 15-20 gallons of water a day. A lactating beef cow may require 12 gallons of water, while a lactating dairy cow may need 35-45 gallons of water per day. Lactating sheep and goats need three gallons of water per day.


A heated water bucket, a heater in water troughs and a heated automatic waterer are options to provide unfrozen water. Without heaters, make sure the ice is broken on the water supply. You could encourage the animals to drink by providing lukewarm water or water between 40 °F and 60 °F.

A few years ago, I spoke to a person whose horses stopped drinking water, even with an electric water heater in the trough. He said when he placed his hand in the water trough, it felt fine, but the horses refused to drink. However, when he brought them water in a bucket, they drank freely. Most likely, the old water heater he was using released a small current that the horses felt but it was

not enough to sense with his own hand. He replaced the heater and the horses started drinking again. Dairy cows, too, are very sensitive to small amounts of stray voltage that you and I cannot feel. Careful observation of the drinking habits of the animals is the best way to discover these issues.

Winter hydration is important for people too. One sign of dehydration in people is an inability to detect thirst, and cold weather affects that sense. The average person should consume the equivalent of 10-13 cups of water daily, along with the water that is in your food. People who work outdoors, have physical jobs, or work out in the gym will have higher requirements.

Don't forget about your water supply. In buildings lacking insulation, it is common to have pipes freeze when temperatures approach single digits. Pipes located near exterior walls are most vulnerable. Opening cabinet doors to let heat in, or allowing the faucet to trickle when temperatures are dropping are two techniques that can help.

Heat tape, when installed properly, can help with situations in homes and barns. However, safety must be at the top of your mind. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are 2000 heat tape related fires each year, resulting in 10 deaths in the US. They recommend replacing heat tapes more than three years old with new tape, and using only heat tapes with grounded three prong plugs. 

Projects GALORE

Students at Westview Elementary have been keeping busy! Throughout the building, students have been working on constructing pinatas, working on science projects, and participating in Westview Elementary's whole school intervention time where they have the opportunity to move classrooms and engage in content that is specifically designed for what they need.

5F spent December learning about economics while earning money to help others. Through a T-shirt fundraiser and a business project, they were able to earn funds to support adopted families as well as supporting the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket. They would especially like to thank Extreme Graphics for their generous donation of shirts and other items to sell in their Santa's Village store. They would also like to thank Jordan Younce of Farmer's State Bank for his lesson on financial management. He taught the class how to keep a check register, track debits and how to write a check. This lesson was utilized in managing the funds for their business project.

With hard work comes time to play! Students played Rock Paper Scissors Hula Hoop during their indoor lunch recess, and Mrs. Jasso's class enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate Christmas. 🍕



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Will You Be My Valentine?

**The Strange Evolution From Honoring a
Martyr to Wooing Your Sweetheart**

by Harold D. Gingerich



Growing up giving your classmates valentines on Valentine's Day as a third-grade boy was pretty much, "Gee Mom, do I have to?" By the time seventh and eighth grade rolled around it was, "Ok, everybody in my class in school gets the cheap corny ones, but for this one girl..." And then came the high school years.

Now, you are expected to buy your girlfriend flowers and a heart-shaped box of chocolates. Of course, we didn't mind too much because you were "in love" and you didn't want to come across as an insensitive, uncaring cheapskate. But who came up with this idea of valentines, chocolate, flowers, and an evening out at some overpriced restaurant anyway!? Has all this hoopla over Valentine's Day just been a Hallmark invention to find a way to make men buy cheesy sentimental cards that get read maybe once before ending up in some box in the basement or closet where they will never again see the light of day? Whose idea was this!?

Ok, have I got your attention, or have you stopped reading? For the record, I like Valentine's Day! I like buying gifts for my wife. I like taking her out to a nice restaurant for dinner. Truth be told, I may be (I'm protecting myself here) more of a romantic than my wife Janice. After all, she has put up with me for going on 56 years.

The history of Valentine's Day is a fascinating story. What began as a day to honor the memory of a Christian martyr in the 14th century has evolved into a major commercial holiday. It is estimated that every year, Americans spend more than \$20 billion on Valentine's Day cards, gifts, and romantic dinners.

One of the legends associated with St. Valentine is that he performed secret marriages in spite of the fact that Emperor Claudius II had outlawed

the practice. Claudius believed that single men made better soldiers. I found another legend claiming that the imprisoned and smitten Valentine sent a letter to his jailer's daughter which he signed "From your Valentine." Who really knows? But you have to admit that it makes for a great story.

There are conflicting claims regarding who was the real St. Valentine. According to the official biography of the Diocese of Terni, Bishop Valentine was born in 226 AD in Terni, Italy, and lived in Interamna. While on a "temporary" stay in Rome he was imprisoned, tortured, and martyred there February 14, 269. His body was hastily buried at a nearby cemetery and a few nights later, his disciples retrieved his body and returned him to his home. It is worth noting that members of the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrate on July 6 rather than on February 14.

It is the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who had nothing to do with the 3rd century martyr, that we have to thank for linking romance to the day of remembrance. Chaucer is best known for his *The Tales of Canterbury*. Literary scholars point to Chaucer's *Parlement of Foules* as one of the earliest known writings to associate lovers with Valentine's Day. Websites like Wikipedia suggest that Chaucer most likely started writing the poem in late 1382 in time for its release on February 14, 1383.

The 699 lines of the poem tells the story of three male eagles who vie for the love of a single female. Some have suggested that it was written to honor the grand marriage of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia which was only consummated after five years of negotiations. Chaucer appears to have used poetic license to invent the romance associated with our

modern holiday.

In the poem, the female eagle refuses to choose any of her suitors. Instead, she asks Mother Nature to give her a year to decide. Her wish is granted, and Mother Nature comforts the three suitors by saying, "A year is not too long to endure." The poem expresses an idealized version of love in the Middle Ages and the increasing power of women in the affairs of the heart.

Shortly following the release of Chaucer's poem, real life lovers began sending each other love poems on February 14. While Chaucer's poem was written more than 600 years ago, its message still resonates today with lovers young and old alike. Take for example the opening lines of his poem:

"So short our lives, so hard the lessons, so difficult the test, so sudden the final victory, so tenuous the hope of joy that so easily evaporates into fear—this is what I mean by Love."

Then again, for those of us in northeastern Indiana, this is probably not how we would express it but you get

the picture.

The celebration of Valentine's Day began its rise to new heights of popularity following World War II. The war was over, and husbands and lovers had come home. Romance was in the air—shortly to be followed by the generation known as Baby Boomers.

My first memories of Valentine's Day go back to when I was a third grader living in Oregon with my grandparents. It was a rather conservative Mennonite home, but back then almost everyone was conservative even if you were on the other side of the political aisle.

My grandmother bought us valentines to give to our classmates at Price School, the two-room public school I attended with my two uncles. But there was a problem! The valentines had words on them like "Dang," "Doggone," and "Darn" which we were not allowed to say because they were substitute swear words.

Mama's (which is what I call my grandmother) solution was to pull out the Scotch tape and use a piece of tape to lift off the offensive words. The valentines didn't look the greatest, but our spiritual integrity was preserved. Besides, if you were a third-grade boy back in 1955, who really cared!



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Happy Valentine's Day!

So, gentlemen, if you are looking for just the right Valentine's Day gift for the love of your life, you have lots of commercial options. If you decide you want to try your hand at writing a "love note," here is a word of caution. Your choice of words is very important; no,

it is **critical**. If you write to her and say, "Darling, when I look into your eyes, time stands still," things will probably go pretty well for you. On the other hand, if you say, "Dear, you have a face that would stop a clock," you are in deep trouble. **i**



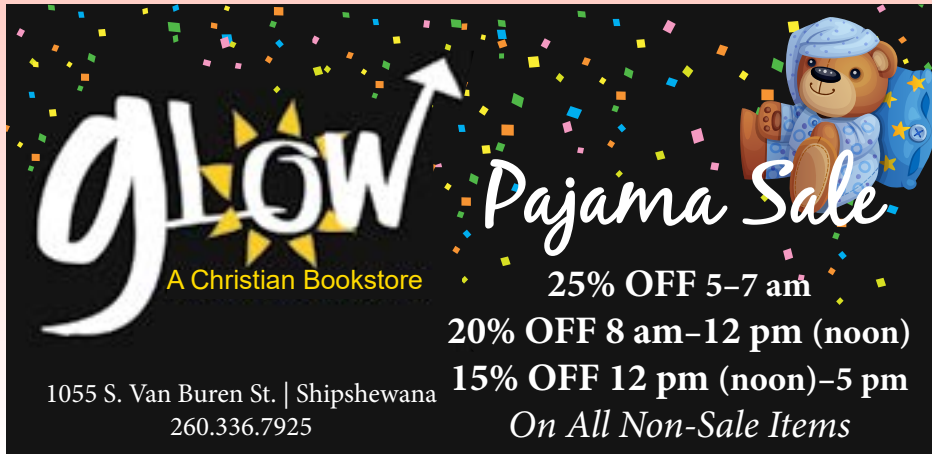
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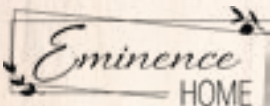
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Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

We are gearing up for our winter play and decided to do things a little bit differently this time. Usually, the students come in to audition on one night, they cold-read through several parts, then the director and I spend a few hours trying to fit everyone into the best possible role.

This year, we decided to forgo that process and instead spent a week mixing and matching the kids in a series of readthroughs, and then ended the week by assigning them official parts. As it turns out, it's much easier to cast a production when both you and the actors have a chance to really get to know the whole show! 📌

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- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **February 20, 2024.** Please allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. Next month's winner will receive a 1 year subscription to *The Connection* and more!
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Duane & Alisa Lambright of 200 S, Topeka

correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Kenny & Ruby Fry and Karl & Doretta Lehman, 6655 S 400 W, Topeka.**

Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Way I See It* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Reuben & Dorothy Miller of 600 S, Topeka.** Third prize went to **Floyd & Waneta Miller of 450 W, Shipshewana.**



There were 26 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Perry & Betty Miller, David & Naomi Miller, Wilbur Yoder, Fritz & Norma Bontrager, Kyle & Delores Yutz, John & LeAnna Kurtz, Darin & Kristine Yoder, Ervin Miller, Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler, Junior & Mabel Miller, Kenny & Wilma Miller, Andrew & Julia Royal, Amos & Ida Miller, Sam Bontrager, Daniel & Irene Yoder, Matt & Brenda Slabach, Richard & Carolyn Lambright, Wilbur & Ida Eash, Harvey Miller, Dan & Loretta Miller, Jaron & Colleen Miller, Wayne & Lena Fry, and Junior & Mary Sue Lehman.

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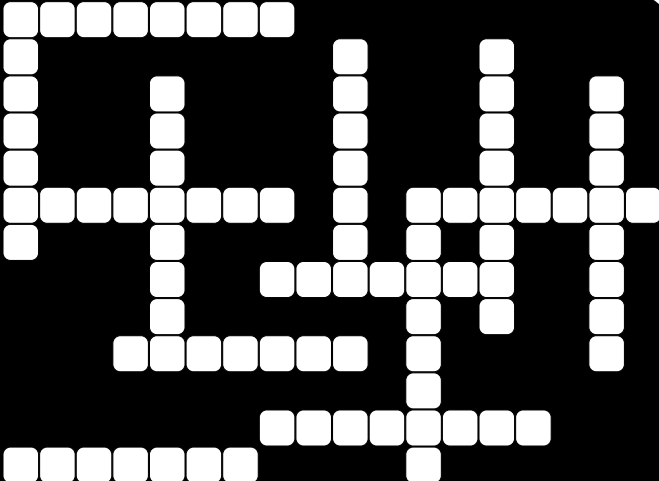
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's Restaurant for a free small ice cream cone through February.

Runners-up were Andrea Yoder, age 6; Sarena Lambright, age 5; Haley Barkman, age 4; Gabe Yoder, age 3; and Drew Nissley, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Jenna Fry, age 6; Andrew Nisley, age 6; Ava Nicole Herschberger, age 6; Joyce Barkman, age 6; Erika Miller, age 4; and Angie Bontrager, 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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Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 37.
by Chloe Lovell

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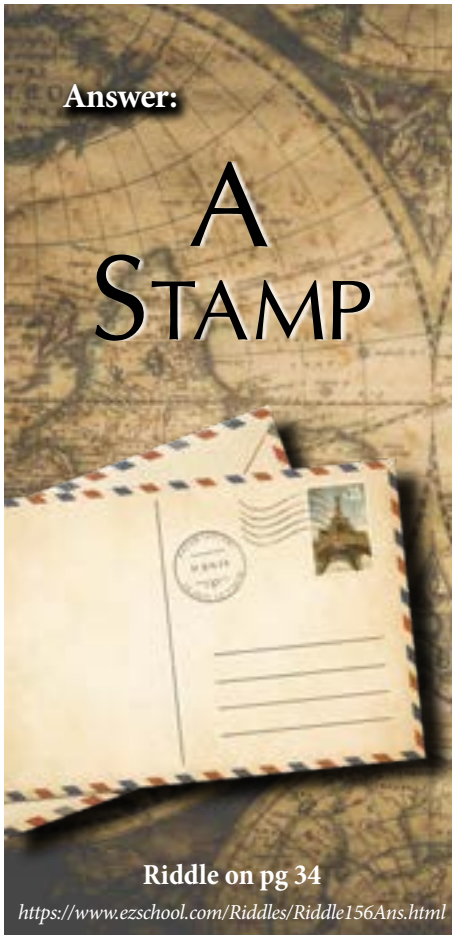
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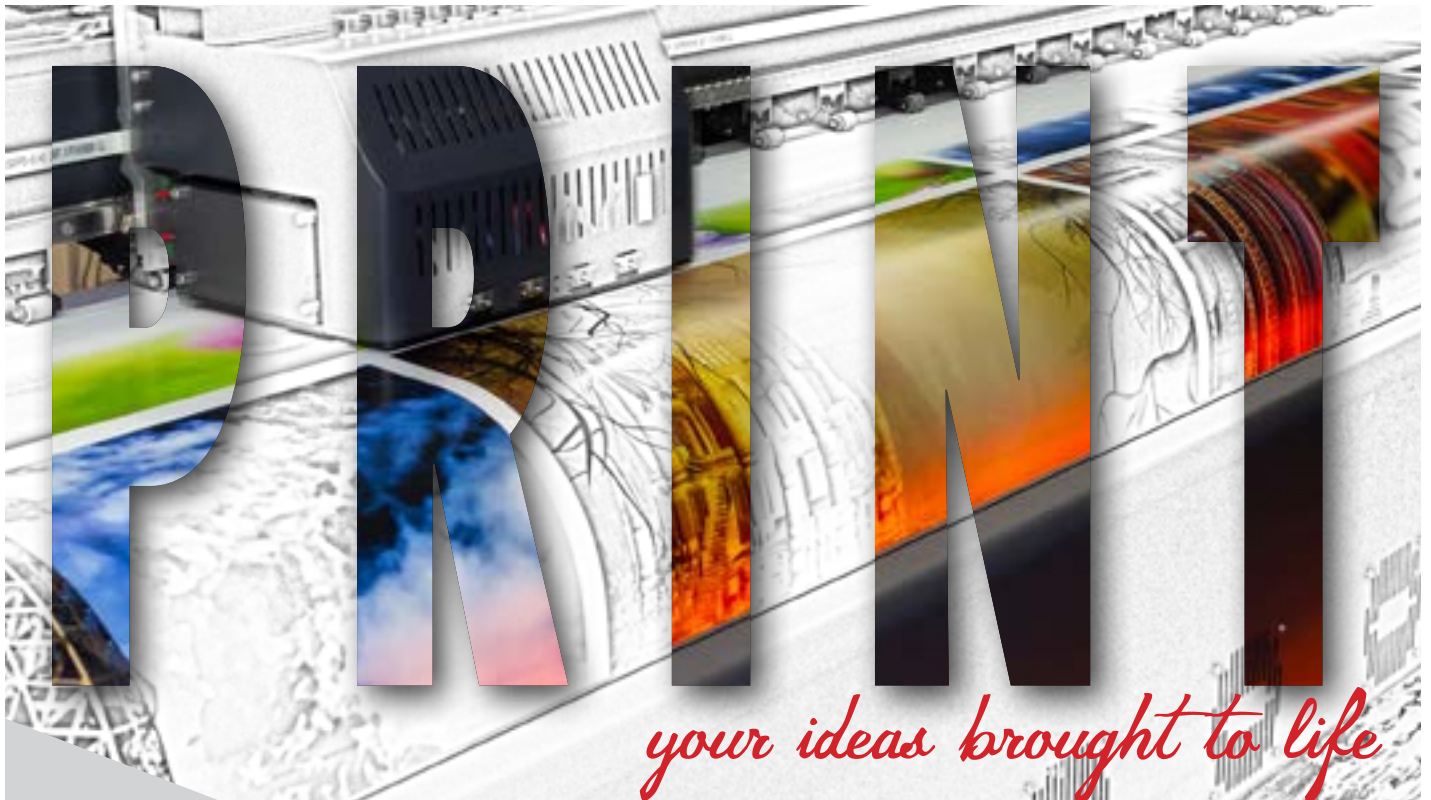
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