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2024 Lilly Endowment Scholarship Recipient: Braden Rogers

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Award for LaGrange County: Braden Rogers of Westview Jr-Sr High School.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, charitability, and leadership. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years.

The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Rogers will graduate high school with academic honors and intends to pursue a degree in landscape architecture at Purdue University or Ball State University. He is the son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Rogers of LaGrange.

In his application essay, Rogers wrote: "Traveling to beautiful places around our country, I have always been drawn to landscape. I've always been the guy who notices a nicely manicured golf course or the detail

of an intricately designed walkway. It wasn't until I began looking into possible career paths that I realized I could one day bring happiness and peace to others through landscape architecture. My long-term goals are to run my own architectural firm and raise a strong and active family within a great community."

Rogers' school involvement includes being part of student government as class vice president his junior year, being a Student Council member and serving on the Prom Committee. Rogers is the goalkeeper for the Westview Boys Soccer Team and participates in school musicals. He most recently held the lead role in the musical, "Grease" and participates in show choir, jazz band, weightlifting and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Rogers also has a love of skiing. He founded the Westview Ski Club and is involved in SOLO (Special Outdoor Leisure Opportunities). SOLO provides opportunities for people with physical and mental limitations to experience downhill skiing with a friend or instructor. Rogers participates in LIFE, a youth philanthropic program of the LaGrange

County Community Foundation. He is a guitarist for the St. Joseph Church and participates in New Life Fellowship Youth Group Worship group. Additionally, Braden manages his time to work part-time jobs in the winter months and a full-time job during the summer.

In determining LaGrange County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar nominees, consideration was given to academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, commitment and motivation to succeed, employment history, extracurricular involvement, essay responses, as well as two recommendations.

"Braden demonstrates many of the qualities we seek in a leader: motivated, hardworking, and engaged in his school and community. The selection committee was impressed by his service to his community and passion for his career goals," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation.

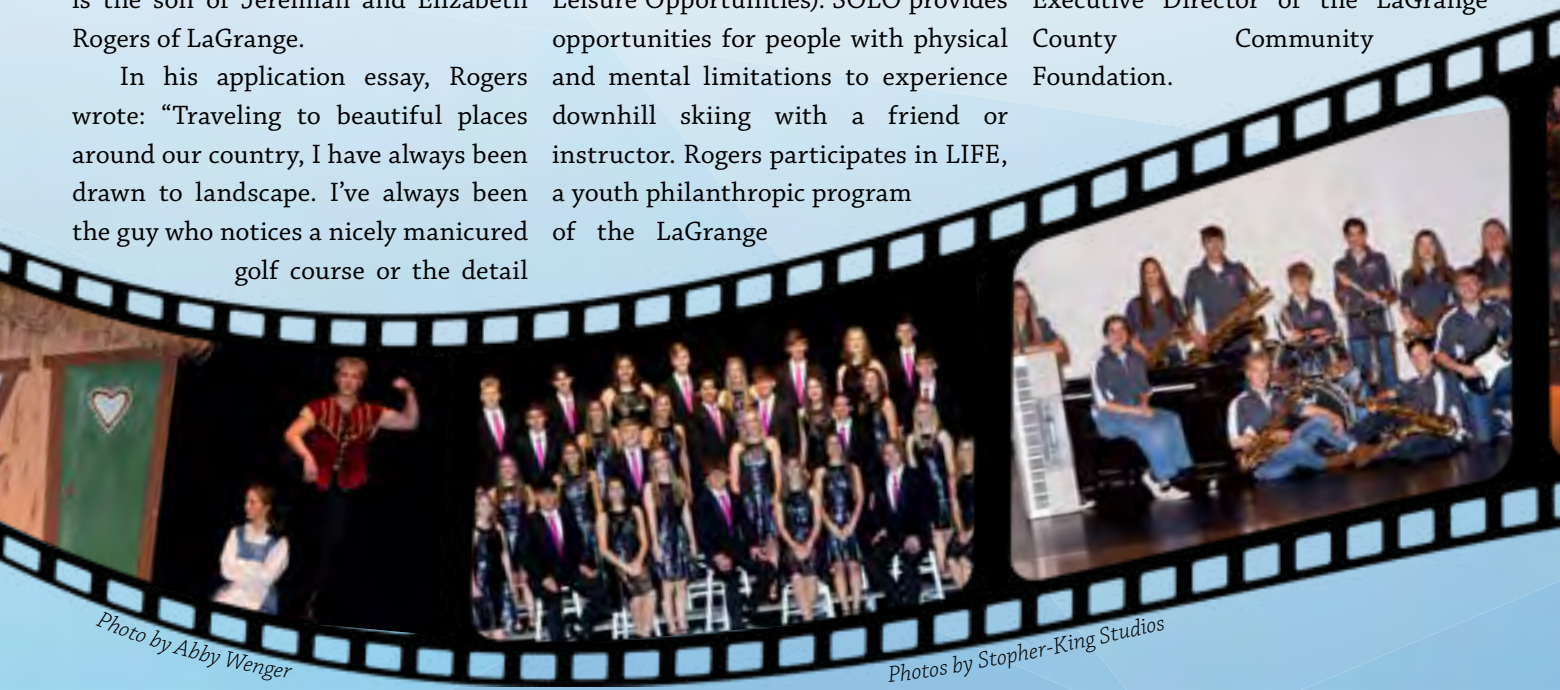


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LaGrange County Lilly Endowment Scholarship Past Recipients



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The top five students who scored highest on their application were then invited to participate in a personal interview conducted by the Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee. After the field of applicants was narrowed, nominees were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), the statewide administrator of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, which approves the final selection of

scholarship recipients.

Finalists for 2024 include Taylor Jerdon and Xia Leu of Lakeland Jr/Sr School, and Christien Noward and Jace Lang of Westview Jr-Sr High School. Each of the finalists will receive the Lambricht Leadership Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship established by Kevin and Carrie Lambricht in 2013, renewable up to three more years after the initial award for a total scholarship of \$4,000.

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Braving the Cold

I love waking up to see fresh fallen snow on the ground and in the trees. As beautiful as the snow is, however, I don't like the cold weather. If it were my choice, I would much rather stay inside than bundle up in layers upon layers to venture out into the freezing snow and gusting winds.

My dog, however, is the opposite. As a Husky mix, she enjoys being out in the snow. She loves digging around in the snow to find the perfect spot to stick her whole face in and take in all the smells. She also gets excited when I scoop up snow and throw it in the air; she thinks she can jump up and catch the dusting snow as it falls down.

Although I am not one for the snow, it is heartwarming to see how much my dog enjoys herself in the midst of the cold. The dark winter weather often stops people from going out—who would want to go out in the cold when you can stay comfortable, warm indoors? There are, however, plenty of reasons to step out of the house during the winter.

There are events happening all over town, at the local library and the county parks, Westview sports games, the Annual Ice Festival, and so much more. Although it may be difficult to leave the house and brave the winter elements, there are many fun events to attend and memories to make outside.

In this Hometown Treasure issue, we have many exciting memories to look back on from 2023, like Christmas programs, holiday festivities and award recipients. Thanks to Harold's article *Surviving the Blizzard of '78*, we can also look farther back in time to when winter was dangerously cold and some people couldn't leave their homes; truly an interesting account of events that unfolded during that storm! I've heard many people say that winter weather gets milder each year. I hope, for the sake of my dog, that we experience more of a winter this year—just not one that creates a dangerous environment.

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

Happy New Year & Best Wishes,

Chloe Lovell
The Hometown Treasure Editor

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Hand-Sized Cloud Filled with Hope

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah gets into a showdown with the Prophets of Baal. He challenges them to a “burnt offering” contest. Both Elijah and the Prophets were to place a bull on an altar and pray to their God to burn the offerings. The Baal Prophets danced and called out to their gods all day. Nothing happened.

At Elijah’s turn, he put the bull on the altar, dug a trench around it, filled it with water, and soaked the whole thing. He called out to the one true God who wasted no time proving to the crowd who was boss! He sent an all-consuming fire from heaven that was so great it even licked up the water. Many believed in God that day.

It’s an epic tale of truth, but the rest of the story got my attention. Afterward, Elijah told King Ahab (one of the meanest ombres to walk dusty trails of the Holy Land) to prepare his crew for heavy rain.

With no clouds in the sky, Elijah climbed to the top of Mt. Carmel with his servant. He bent down to the ground with his head between his knees and began to pray for rain. Six times Elijah sent his servant to the edge to look out toward the sea to see if there was any sign of rain. Finally, returning from his

seventh trip to the edge, his servant reported seeing a cloud as small as a man’s hand rising from the sea.

Elijah doesn’t dismiss such a small cloud or pray for a bigger one. Nope, that small hand-sized cloud gave Elijah enough hope to trust that God was



fixin’ to do something big. He sent his servant to tell evil ol’ Ahab to hitch up and head out because a storm was brewin’!


God puts on another show. The sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, and heavy rain came as Ahab’s taillights diminished on the road to Jezreel.

Lots of big miracles happened here, but the plot twist for me was that little hand-sized cloud and the big hope it gave Elijah.

Friend, how many times, like Elijah, have you taken on a posture of prayer, pleading with God for a miracle

and looking to the horizon expectantly for it to happen? I’ve got a list a mile long. But the real question is this: How many times has God given you a glimmer of hope only for you to doubt it’s happening? How often does He give you a hand-sized cloud, and you sit crouched over, praying for a bigger cloud of assurance? Oh, friend, I am relentlessly guilty of this!

Ditch the doubt and trust that God is going to do something big. Run with it as Elijah did. Literally! The scripture tells us that after Elijah told Ahab to get out of town, the power of the Lord came upon him; he tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel. The assurance in God’s plan empowered Elijah to do something seemingly impossible. So, can you do all things through Christ who strengthens you? (Philippians 4:13).

Elijah looked on that small cloud with complete confidence that GOD WOULD DO THE BIG THING ELIJAH WAS PRAYING FOR! And he ran with it—never looking back! He will do it—for you also, friend! Pray...trust...wait expectantly! Cling to every glimmer of hope! He has big things on the horizon for you! 

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By Nimita Patel, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

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There are many places we go to get medical care, like family doctors, hospitals and specialists. Each provider may give a new medication but the changes may not be shared with other providers. How do we keep track of the most accurate, up-to-date medication information? A Medication List!

What is a Medication List?

A medication list is a helpful tool to keep up-to-date changes of a person's medications. It can help people and their doctors be informed. Medication lists have important and detailed information about the person's life-saving medications.

Why is a Medication List Important?

In an emergency, a person may not be able to speak and tell the doctors accurate information about their life-saving medication. This puts the person at risk of harm or even death because they missed that important medication. Medication lists can be helpful in transitions of care. A transition of care is when a person has been moved from one care center to another, like going home from a hospital or a care facility. In these situations, people will be sent home with changes to their medications. A medication list will help keep track of all the changes to make sure the person gets the right care. Sometimes people are unable to take care of themselves. A medication list can give instructions to others on how to give that person their medications. This is especially helpful when people


take many medications. With so many pill bottles to look at, it is easy to miss medications. A Medication List can help prevent medications from being missed.

How to Make a Medication List?

There are two different parts to a medication list: important health information and the medications. Important health information includes an individual's name, date of birth, allergies and current date, as well as a list of the individual's doctors, medical conditions and emergency contacts.

Medication lists should include columns for the name and strength of drug, directions for use, and reason for use.

When making medication lists, make one section for daily medications and one for as-needed medications. It is important to include all types of medications such as prescription, over the counter, and supplements. Each medication list can have as much or as little information as the person wants.

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Here are a few to consider:

Boost your retirement savings

If you can afford it, try to increase your contributions to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. The more you put away in these accounts, the greater your chances of reaching your retirement goals. At a minimum, contribute enough to your 401(k) to earn your employer's match if one is offered. And whenever your salary goes up, consider raising the amount you put in to your 401(k)

Reduce your debts

It's not always easy to reduce your debts, but it's worth the effort. The lower your debt load, the greater your monthly cash flow. So, look for ways to consolidate debts or find other, possibly more productive, ways of using credit. And if you truly can't afford something

that's nonessential, don't go into debt for it. "Live within your means" is an old piece of advice, but it's just as valid now as ever.

Build an emergency fund

If you suddenly needed a major home or car repair, or received a large medical bill not fully covered by insurance, would you have the funds available? If not, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or other long-term investments. To avoid this possibility, try to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that's separate from the ones you use to meet your daily expenses. It can take a while to build such a fund, but if you make it a priority and contribute regular amounts each month, you can make good progress.

Avoid emotional decisions

Too many people overreact to events in the financial markets because they let their emotions get the better of them. If the market is temporarily down, it doesn't mean you need to sell investments to "cut your losses"—especially if these investments


still have good fundamentals and are still appropriate for your portfolio. It can be hard to ignore market volatility, but you'll be better off if you focus on the long term and continue following an investment strategy that's designed to meet your needs.

Review your goals

Over time, your goals may have changed. For example, while you once might have wanted to retire early, and planned for it, you may now find that you'd like to work a few more years. If that's the case, you may also need to adjust your financial and investment strategies.

Revisit your estate plans

If you've married, divorced, remarried or added children to your family within the past few years, you may need to review the account titling and beneficiary designations on your 401(k) and other retirement assets, along with your estate-planning documents, such as your will or living trust. You might also need to revise these documents in other ways.

Of course, you may not be able to tackle all these resolutions at one time, but if you can work at them throughout the year, you can potentially brighten your financial outlook in 2024—and beyond. 



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LaGrange County Library

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

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Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 • 11 a.m.

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

Winter Break Makerspace (Ages 5+)

LaGrange • Tues., Jan. 2, Noon-7:30 p.m.; Wed., Jan. 3, 11-7:30 p.m.; and

Fri., Jan. 5, 9:30-4 p.m. • Drop in and stay as long as you want.

Bring your creativity and come explore and build! Legos, Makedo cardboard building kit, Strawbees and more! Kids 5-8 years old require a parent in the room.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Jan. 8 • 4-7 p.m.

We will be finishing our Dungeons and Dragons Campaign and playing some new games with anyone not joining D&D. Registration appreciated but not required.

Homeschool Group (All Ages) - Theme: ART

Shipshewana • Wed., Jan. 10 • 1-2:30 p.m.

LaGrange • Fri., Jan. 12 • 10:30-Noon p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Call 260-463-2841 or register on our website. We will make individual pieces of art to put together for a collaborative art decoration for the children's department! Don't wear your best clothes, it might get messy!

Bilingual Story Time (Parents & Children)

LaGrange • Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Enjoy stories in Spanish and English with a fun craft or activity.

Homeschool Hangout (Ages 8+ with parents)

LaGrange • Thurs., Jan. 11 & 18 • 1-3 p.m.

This is a casual time for homeschool families to get together to play games, chat and get to know each other. We will meet in the Activity Room and use the games the library has or bring your own favorites to share!

Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss "I Survived the Children's Blizzard," do a fun activity and pass out the next book.

Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," do a fun activity and pass out the next book.

Teen Book Club & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Jan. 22 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We'll discuss the mysteries everyone chose to read and pass out the next book.

Teen Advisory Group (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Jan. 22 • 5-6 p.m.

Join other teens to talk about plans for the teens at the library, the books in our YA collection, and improve the teen space.

Teen Night Activity (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Mon., Jan. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Registration appreciated but not required.

We'll make miniature catapults, archery bows and more to launch at tiny targets.

Bring your ingenuity to create and improve designs for projectile projects.

Youth Department

STEAM Through the Seasons (Grades K-3) - Snow Spectacular

LaGrange • Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 4-5 p.m.

Join us for a snow spectacular with Miss Brittany from Purdue University Extension. Registration appreciated but not required.

Adult Interest

Classic Cinema: Comedians (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 2 p.m. • Free!

Jan. 2: *The Gold Rush*—Starring Charlie Chaplin (1925) Not Rated. 90 min.

Jan. 9: *The General*—Starring Buster Keaton (1926) Not Rated. 78 min.

Jan. 23: *Duck Soup*—Starring The Marx Brothers (1933) Not Rated. 70 min.

Jan. 30: *The Road to Morocco*—Starring Bing Crosby & Bob Hope (1942) Not Rated. 83 min.

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LaGrange • Saturday, Jan. 27 • 11 a.m.

Check out the cookbook of the month ("Tasting History" by Max Miller) 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.

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January Events

First Day Hike

Monday, January 1 • 4:30-6:30 pm
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Be a part of the national movement of First Day Hikes and begin 2024 with a step towards good health. The glow walk trail will start at the Pine Knob Clubhouse. We invite you to wear family-friendly glow in the dark clothes and accessories. Glow necklaces will be provided while supplies last and the trail will be marked with lights. Walk at your own pace; you can come anytime and stay as long as you like. Dress for the elements! Free hot beverages in the Clubhouse for participants, while supplies last. RSVP's are encouraged! Call the Park Office at 260-854-2225 by Wednesday, December 27.


Quilt Class

Saturday, January 13 • 9 am-3 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center
Fee: \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)
Star Studded Puzzle: Looks intricate, but the steps are easy to follow. The completed pattern includes up to four colors on a background and has an intertwined design, similar to an old interlocking wood puzzle. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225. For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolhuter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-463-1438.

Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, January 10 • 8 am-10 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center
Coffee, donuts and nature conversation. For all ages.

Folk Jams

Sunday, January 28 • 1:30-5 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center
Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music with other styles added in occasionally. 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. 



Welcome Daniel Schelinski!




As I watch snow fall outside of my warm office on a cold December day, I'm reminded that it's time to start my yearly read of "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold. It has become a yearly ritual to comb over the book as a reminder that the natural world around us is not distinct and separate, but interconnected with our daily lives.

Coming back to the Michiana area is a connection I wasn't expecting or planning on in my life. Leaving here for the Marine Corps six years ago, I never thought I would be coming back here to make it my home. In those six years, I have had the pleasure to see natural wonders across the world and witness the connections between those wonders and the people that surrounded them.

Returning to the region where I first discovered a love for the outdoors, I am reminded of the simple joys of walking through mixed hardwood forests and looking for the signs of white tail deer or listening for the alarm call of a black capped chickadee that saw me before I saw them. While it's not the woods that I grew up in, I am looking forward to making connections with our county's natural resources.

I encourage all of you to get out in these next few months and discover, or rediscover, the stark winter beauty that our county holds and find those connections that you may have been missing in your life.

Daniel Schelinski
Naturalist

The LaGrange County Parks Department welcomes Daniel Schelinski as the new Event Planner and Nature Interpreter. Daniel joined the park team this past November, as Leslie Arnold has left to follow a new journey. Daniel's education includes degrees in Outdoor & Environmental Recreation and Criminal Justice, working parks & recreation experience in Michigan, and service in the United States Marine Corps. Daniel has been active as a scout leader with Boy Scouts of America, a hiking trip guide, a leave-no-trace instructor, and in park conservation management. Daniel, his wife and two dogs are looking forward to joining our community. Help us welcome him to our beautiful corner of the world! 



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Lupe Troyer Wins State Hospitality Award

Longtime local resident Lupe Troyer was honored in Indianapolis on October 30 with a 2023 Hoosier Hospitality Award.

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and members of the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) presented 15 Hoosier Hospitality awards during a ceremony at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis on October 30, for their high level of service in tourism-related jobs at hotels, restaurants, attractions and other destinations.

“Hoosier hospitality is at the core of this ceremony,” said Elaine Bedel, IDDC Secretary and CEO. “We see it and feel it every day in Indiana. In hospitality and tourism, we take great pride in our communities and recognize the importance of going the extra mile and how much it makes a difference.”

Lupe Troyer works as an Information Specialist at the Shipshewana Visitor’s Center, meaning she’s usually the first to

greet newcomers. Lupe does her best to answer questions, give advice, and find whatever information visitors are searching for, all with a positive outlook and an outgoing, friendly personality. Not only is she a well-known face in the community, but she possesses an impressive wealth of knowledge about its people, culture, history, and destinations.

“We had an Italian man who didn’t speak any English who was traveling alone,” says VB Administrative Assistant Sandy Mast. “He needed to get to South Bend to meet up with his daughter, but had gotten his bus schedule mixed-up. He would’ve had to find somewhere to stay overnight, but instead Lupe found someone who spoke Italian and then got him a ride to South Bend that same day. She’s very resourceful!”

It’s well known that outstanding service is a significant factor in determining whether a person returns to an individual

business or destination, and Lupe is always outstanding.

“We couldn’t be prouder and more pleased that Lupe joined our staff this year as our Information Specialist,” says Sonya Nash, Executive Director of the Shipshewana/LaGrange County Visitor’s Bureau. “She excels at making newcomers feel welcome, and goes above and beyond to assist everyone that comes through our doors.”



Hoosier Hospitality Award recipient Lupe Troyer (right) with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (left). Photo Submitted

Parkview Hospitals Seeking Volunteers

Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange hospitals are seeking new volunteers to help in various positions around the campus.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange is seeking six to eight new volunteers who could support the front entrance information desk or assist around the radiology department and operating rooms.

Parkview LaGrange is also seeking a therapy dog handler to bring their dog into facilities to boost the spirits of patients and visitors. Interested volunteers and their dog would need to complete training through one of Parkview’s approved pet therapy programs: Three Rivers Visiting Dogs,

PAWS, Alliance of Therapy Dogs or Pet Partners.

Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville is seeking eight to ten volunteers to support the front information desk or gift shop. Volunteers should commit to at least one four-hour shift per week.

“Our volunteers play an important role in ensuring all patients and visitors to our hospital have the best experience possible,” said Christina Blaskie, manager for patient experience and volunteers at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. All volunteers are required to complete a physical through Parkview

Occupational Health, including a drug screen and tuberculosis test, as well as a background check. Volunteers can select their availability and will be assigned jobs as needed by the hospital’s volunteer coordinator.

“We’re looking for a group of dedicated and caring volunteers to help at Parkview Noble Hospital,” said Taylor Yoder, community health improvement manager at Parkview Noble Hospital. “If that’s you, please reach out to find out how you can contribute.”

For more information, contact Blaskie at 260-463-9389 or via email at christina.blaskie@parkview.com, or Yoder at 260-347-8126 or by email at taylor.yoder@parkview.com.

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Frigid Cold Weather


by Amos Miller

My parents moved to Iowa into the Buchanan County area from Indiana. The closest towns were Fairbank and Oelwein Area. My twin, Andy, and I were five years old at that time. Twelve of our youth years were spent growing up in Iowa.

When I was sixteen, my oldest brother asked if I would do his chores for two weeks because they were going to Indiana for a wedding and to visit. I told him that I would, and I agreed to stay at their place to do their chores. Their house was an old schoolhouse with very little insulation; there were only curtains to make up the rooms.

One morning I woke up with a cold nose and the house plants were hanging their heads with black tips on the leaves. I got up and put more wood into the stove because the fire had died down. I checked the temperature in the house, and it was down to 32 degrees. When I checked the outside temperature, it was 32 degrees below zero. Then I found out there was no water in the house and when I checked the barn, those lines were frozen too.

I took the horse and buggy and went eight miles to my parent's home to get a blow torch to thaw out the water lines. When I got there, my horse was covered in white frost. I went into the house and mother made me some hot chocolate and I warmed up.

I spent most of the day thawing out water lines and doing chores. The temperature stayed at 32 degrees below zero for a week. I was glad when my brother came home again. Makes me cold just thinking about it. 



Topeka Honors 2023

Firefighters

The Topeka Volunteer Fire Department honored several members at the department's annual Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 1, at the Sylvan Cellars banquet hall in Rome City.

Length of service plaques were given to Galen Bontrager and Michael Turner for 5 years; Cory Hoopengardner for 10 years; and Brian Miller and Pat Martin for 15 years. Gary Lambright was honored for 30 years of service, and Greg Strawser, who is retiring, was recognized for his 21 years with the department.


First Responder of the Year for the second year in a row was Kevin Wright.

Devon Bontrager was the recipient of 2023 Red Haggard Fireman of the Year.

The department's top annual award is given in memory of the late Red Haggard, who served with the Topeka

Volunteer Fire Department for more than 40 years. The award was presented by Red's wife, Doris Haggard.

Officers for 2024 will be: Stewart Bender, Chief; Adam Lambright,

Assistant Chief; Brian Miller, Captain; Devon Bontrager, Rescue Captain; Barry McDonald, Lieutenant; Harley Miller, Lieutenant; and Pat Martin, Safety Officer. 



Chief Bender (left) presenting Gary Lambright (right) an award for 30 years of service.



Chief Stewart Bender (left) presenting award to retiring fireman Greg Strawser (right) for 21 years of service to the department. Photos Submitted

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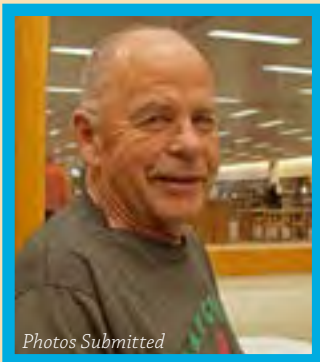
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Fisher next traveled to the University of Wisconsin and completed his graduate degree. He then moved to Alaska in the 1960s to teach U.S. history to high school students and do academic research.

The Rex Fisher History Scholarship supports a LaGrange County high school senior pursuing a degree in education with an emphasis on teaching history. The scholarship is \$10,000 per year, renewable up to three years with a maximum award of \$40,000.

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Community Scholarships

New Awards Offered

LaGrange County Community Foundation is accepting applications to the Community Scholarship Program through February 15, 2024.

The Community Scholarship Program provides 47 unique scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors who are planning to pursue full-time education at a college, university, technical or trade school.


Scholarship opportunities vary according to residency, career fields, current high school attendance, anticipated college enrollment, extracurricular involvement, and academic performance. Students complete a common application and are matched to scholarship opportunities. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 and may be used for educational expenses.

The Community Foundation partners with families, businesses, and organizations who want to help LaGrange County students succeed in obtaining higher education. New this year are two scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees in the field of education.

“We are thrilled to offer these new scholarship opportunities in the field of education,” said LaGrange County Community Foundation Executive Director Octavia Yoder. “They provide options for students in our county to make college more affordable and encourages more students to pursue a path in education.”

Students can apply for the Community Scholarships at LCCF.net/Scholarships. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2024, at 4 p.m.

A full list of scholarships, criteria, and their award amounts is available at Lccf.net/AvailableScholarships.

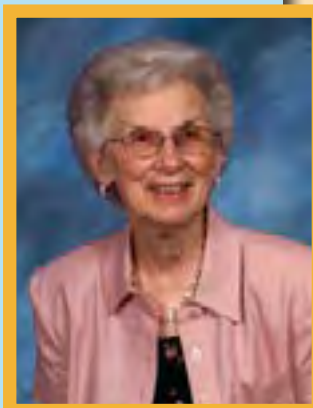
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Jean Seagly Crouse

The Jean Seagly Crouse
Memorial Scholarship

The Jean Seagly Crouse Memorial Scholarship supports a LaGrange County student planning to pursue a degree in education. The scholarship is a one-time award in the amount of \$1,000 awarded annually to a graduating senior.

Crouse grew up in Topeka, graduating from Topeka High School as valedictorian of the class of 1944. She attended the University of Michigan for two years before getting married in 1946. After raising four children, Crouse completed her education degree at Goshen College in 1963. She was hired by Westview School Corp. and taught fifth grade at Topeka Elementary for 25 years, retiring in 1988.



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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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SHIPSHEWANA RANKS IN TOP "7 CHRISTMAS TOWNS IN INDIANA"

Only In Your State, a website that finds quality travel destinations in each US state, has recognized Shipshewana as one of the top seven Christmas towns in Indiana. The article, written by Tori Jane, placed Shipshewana high on the list, rated second only to Santa Claus, Indiana. The Christmas displays and events are only a portion of what makes our town so notable: the site recognized Shipshewana for the "stunning light displays, long-time Amish traditions, shops, events, and... the ridiculously amazing restaurants."



Ophelia Linder (left) and Cooper Sherman (right) outside of the Blue Gate Restaurant in downtown Shipshewana. Photo by Bella Slone.

Thank you and congratulations to all those in Shipshewana for your efforts in making this town an amazing place to be during Christmastime!


For more information, visit: www.onlyinyourstate.com/indiana/best-christmas-towns-in/. 

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On Friday, December 8, all of the Westview Applied Skills Classes had a special Grinch Day at Meadowview Elementary. The 2nd Annual Applied Skills Christmas event was again sponsored and made possible by Miller's

Food and Drug in LaGrange with their \$1000 sponsorship contribution. Westview School Corporation houses six Applied Skills Classrooms with students from preschool age to 22 years old, and features students from

Westview, Lakeland and Prairie Heights school districts. The day focused on grouping older applied skills students with younger applied skills students and completing a morning full of Grinch themed rotations, including a photo opportunity, crafts, and snacks, and finishing the day watching The Grinch as an Applied Skills group. Part of the day's festivities also included a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and even the Grinch himself! In total, 55 applied skills students and 30 school and applied skills staff received Grinch Day t-shirts and were able to participate and celebrate the Christmas season together in this fun Grinch themed day. Thanks again to Miller's Food and Drug for making the day possible! 

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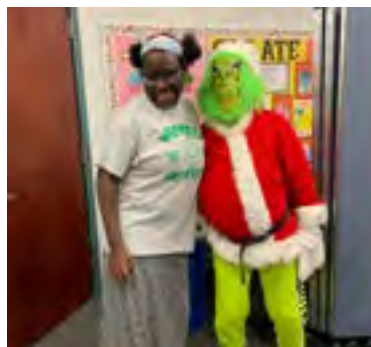


Meadowview Elementary

Home of the Mustangs




**Away
in a Mango**
Meadowview's 3rd and 4th graders performed their Christmas program, "Away in a Mango," to celebrate the Christmas season. ①



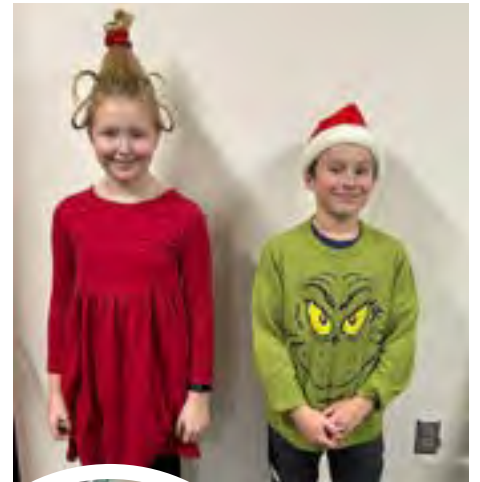


A Trial and Festivities

Holiday activities are in full swing at Shipshe-Scott! Buddy the Elf has made daily appearances (including during book club), bringing all kinds of fun for students and staff. Fourth grade classrooms recently held a trial for the Grinch in which guest judges heard the questioning of prosecutors and defense lawyers, expert testimony from witness Cindy Lou Who, and a recommendation from a jury after intense deliberation. Staff would like to thank parents and the PTO who have generously helped make this time of year so special!

The third and fourth graders of Shipshe-Scott also performed a Christmas program, "Away in a Mango." What a great way to celebrate the season! 

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Shipshe-Scott Elementary

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A Topeka Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving in Ms. Sharon Mast's kindergarten class was a gathering of the "Pilgrims and Native Americans." Thank you to family and friends for the feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, homemade bread and rolls, cinnamon butter, strawberry jam, pumpkin desserts, chocolate chip cookies, and lots of love!

Thank you from KA! Happy Thanksgiving! 🍂



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Learning, Creating and Celebrating



Students from 5H are enjoying a "cheers" along with their lunch!



Mrs. Jasso and Ms. Hayes' classes celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast of their own.



5th graders created a short performance for "The Little Pine Tree." They learned a song on the xylophones and created movement to bring the story to life.

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Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors



Students and staff had twin day for one of their "Fun Friday's" at Westview Elementary.



Mrs. Gongwer's 6C students are taking time during their lunch recess to work on their piñatas.



Students from 5F put together a store called "Santa's Village" with items that were handmade as well as store bought. All of the proceeds go to support a family in the community.



The Healthy Living Program came to Westview Elementary! Students participated in a nutrition activity and made their own smoothie during their PE time.



During Club 56, students were tasked with building their own movie theater. Students practiced division skills based on how many movie items they would need for each theater room.

Christmas Card Boards



Students from the Junior High Art Club and the Seventh Grade Art Classes designed and painted Christmas Card Boards that went on display at the LaGrange County Courthouse in mid December. The cards were on display alongside others made by other schools and artists in LaGrange County for the community to enjoy. **i**

**Information and photos from the Westview Jr-Sr High School website.*



November Student Ambassadors: Back: (left to right) Christien Noward, Brandon Palmer, Braden Rogers and Lauren Vanderpool. Front: McKenna Feipel, Gabbie Duran-Hall and Brina Williams.

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Student Ambassadors

Westview High School has selected seven students to receive “Student Ambassador of the Month” honors for November 2023. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for making 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. **i**

Auction & Flea Market

2024 Event Calendar

JANUARY

27Standardbred Horse Sale

MARCH

4-6March Madness Makers Event

23Standardbred Horse Sale

29Good Friday Horse Sale

APRIL

20Ship-Chic Craft & Vintage Show

24Antique Toy Auction

27Swap Meet

30Flea Market Opens (Tue/Wed May-Sept)

MAY

18Swap Meet

22Signs & Advertising Auction

27-29Memorial Day Flea Market

JUNE

14-15Weekend Flea Market

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2-4Independence Day Flea Market

AUGUST

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3Swap Meet

SEPTEMBER

2-4Labor Day Flea Market

21Swap Meet

25Last Flea Market Day for Season

28Standardbred Horse Sale

OCTOBER

19Swap Meet

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26Ship-Chic Fall Craft & Vintage Show

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2023 7th Boys Basketball A Team: Back (left to right): Coach Michael Christner, Evan Roth, Lucas Lambright, Lucas Swanson and Avery Christner. Middle: Asher Sandquist, Justin Wallace and Bryce Yoder. Front: Grady Yoder, Jakoby Whetstone, Cooper Schwartz and Blake Hostetler.

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2023 7th Boys Basketball B Team: Back (left to right): Coach Mike Bowen, Noah Cleveland and Tyrone Baccol. Middle: Jaxon Christner, Tanner Trittipio, Seth Hochstetler, Kohbey VanHoozer and Caleb Mullet. Front: Durrel Frey, Spencer Lambright, Josh Slabach and Micah Miller. Photo by Abby Wenger



8TH A BOYS BASKETBALL

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2023 8th Boys Basketball A Team: Back (left to right): Jacob Lambright, Laban Bontrager, Hudson Yoder and Brent Miller. Middle: Assistant Coach Jethro Hostetler, Kasen Yoder, Noah Chupp and Head Coach Jeremiah Hostetler. Front: Jackson Miller, Nicholas Miller, Liam Brill and Brendan Miller.
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V BOYS BASKETBALL

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2023 8th Grade Cheer Team: Back (left to right): Zuriah Reed, Laine Bortner, Madilyn Miller, Janae Yoder and Rylee Watson. Front: Alexis Diehl, Alana Donat, Emma Cummins, Bayli Smith and Grace Yoder. Not Pictured: Kya Roose.

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2023 Varsity Cheer Team: Back (left to right): Hailey Lambright, Amelie Schilt and Brina Williams. Middle: Lilly Mullet and Mackenzie Smith. Front: Karlie Schrock, Danika Yoder and Jennifer Osorio. Not Pictured: Victoria Sandquist.

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2023 Junior Varsity Cheer Team: Back (left to right): Kendra White, Brylee White and Lilly Bontrager. Front: Becky Moore, Erica Lambright and Mackenzie Smith.

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2023 Wrestling Team: *Back (left to right):* Chris Terrones, Keegan Hershberger, Taven Schrock, Jacob McCoy and Asst. Coach Tyler Prater. *Front:* Sage Mercer, TJ Mitchell, Josh Heidorn, Colin Yoder and Head Coach Jonathan Fennell.

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7th Boys Basketball NECC Champs!



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SURVIVING

the Blizzard of '78

by Harold Gingerich



It was a January to remember!

More accurately, one that many of us will never forget. Today, 46 years later, it's those memories that make for great stories. But at the time when the snow was falling, the winds were howling, and all the roads were drifted shut, we just prayed for a warm place out of the weather and that our furnaces

wouldn't fail. There was no place to go even if we had wanted to because everything was closed. But when the storm passed and the wind died down, the men of the community sprang into action to open the roads and plow people's driveways.

Winter storm warnings started being issued late Tuesday and early Wednesday, January 25, 1978. Three low-pressure systems from the Gulf Coast, the Southwest, and Canada were converging over Indiana. That convergence created the perfect storm. It was the first time the National Weather Service issued a Blizzard Warning in the state of Indiana – and they had a very good reason. Snow was falling at 1-2" per hour and winds were gusting up to 55 mph. By Wednesday evening, the blizzard had hit Michiana with all its fury. Roads quickly became impassable, counties declared emergencies, and everything came to a stop.

Depending on the location, 17 to 24 inches of snow fell across northeast Indiana on that Wednesday and Thursday. But it was the 35 mph winds, with gusts over 50 mph, that created behemoth snow drifts. Some drifts were reported to be as high as 20 feet, paralyzing the area and most of Indiana for five days. The once in a lifetime storm broke snowfall records that had stood since 1918.

Area residents were fortunate in that, for the most part, no one lost

electrical power or telephone service. So long as people had plenty of food in the house, they were fine. There were a handful of emergencies, but that was when the superheroes on snowmobiles came to the rescue.

There are numerous stories of food and medicine being delivered by snowmobile. Doctors were given a ride to make house calls. The only way some expectant mothers made it to the hospital in time was by snowmobile. But let's be honest, as much as the snowmobilers enjoyed helping people out, the real fun was just getting





out of the house and playing in the snow.

One of those baby stories involved Maynard and Nancy Mast, who are currently living in Glendale, Arizona. In 1978, they were living in an apartment above their shoe store on the east side of North Main Street in Topeka. Nancy remembers what happened very well:

“On Friday, January 27, our daughter was making her way into the world; however, traveling to a hospital was not an option. After several phone calls, Maynard was able to talk to Dr. Lehman. He agreed to help us, but needed time to reach our apartment. What was known then as “Civil Defense” tried to bring him to our door, but the snow was simply too deep. Dr. Lehman walked several blocks to our apartment.

Even after four decades, his willingness to help us is remembered with a profound gratitude. His kindness is what we needed in an unplanned home birth. He assured us that our daughter was healthy, and that he would return to check on us.

What began

as a scary morning, is reason for celebrating—a healthy daughter, and a doctor’s willingness to wade through deep snow to help us.”

Many travelers, including our family, found themselves stranded by the storm. Janice and I were in a full-time traveling ministry, singing and preaching across the country. We were scheduled to hold weekend services in a Mennonite church in Kentucky before going on to Ashton Mennonite Church in Sarasota, Florida. From there Janice and I were scheduled to fly on to Central America for ministry in three countries. Mel and Bonita Miller, who owned Topeka Hardware for many years, were to fly down to drive our two boys and our 27-foot motorhome back to Topeka.

The plan was for us to leave Topeka on Wednesday afternoon and beat the storm. My dad, Joe, advised us not to go, but I had my mind made up. Bottom line: I should have listened to Dad! The roads to Ft. Wayne were not good, but we thought that if we could get to I-69, the road would be better. We were listening to the weather on the radio the whole way and shortly before we reached Anderson, IN, we heard that schools were being opened for travelers to stay out the storm. That did not sound like a good place to be for who knows how many days with two little boys.

We stopped at a Holiday Inn that was full, so we backtracked a couple of miles to Exit 34, just north of Anderson, Indiana. We were fortunate to get a room in a motel that many truckers used. We weren’t there long when the State Police closed the highway. That was where we stayed until mid-Sunday morning, but we were safe, warm, and out of the storm. The worst part was calling my dad to tell him where we were and that we were safe; I knew that

I was going to hear, “I tried to tell you.”

Doc & Gen Lehman



To Dad's credit, he didn't do that.

Being at that motel turned out to be a tremendous blessing and adventure. Those truckers took us under their wings. They made sure that the four to five feet of snow blocking our door was shoveled out so we could get out of our room. At mealtime, they would knock on our door and carry our boys to the little restaurant that was about 100 yards from the motel. They took amazing care of us. The restaurant only had one worker who had slept there overnight because he couldn't get home. He contacted the owner who said to make anything that was in the freezer to feed the people in the motel. So, every meal we all got together and ate whatever the worker, with the help of a couple of truck drivers, cooked and sat there visiting for a while before heading back to our rooms. Our boys (Matt, almost 4, and Jason, a little over a year and a half) were the only children in the motel. They definitely enjoyed all the attention.


While the services in Kentucky had to be canceled, we did make it to Florida in time for all the services planned there. After about 10 days, Mel and Bonita flew to Sarasota to pick up our boys, and Janice and I went to Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica for 10 days of ministry.

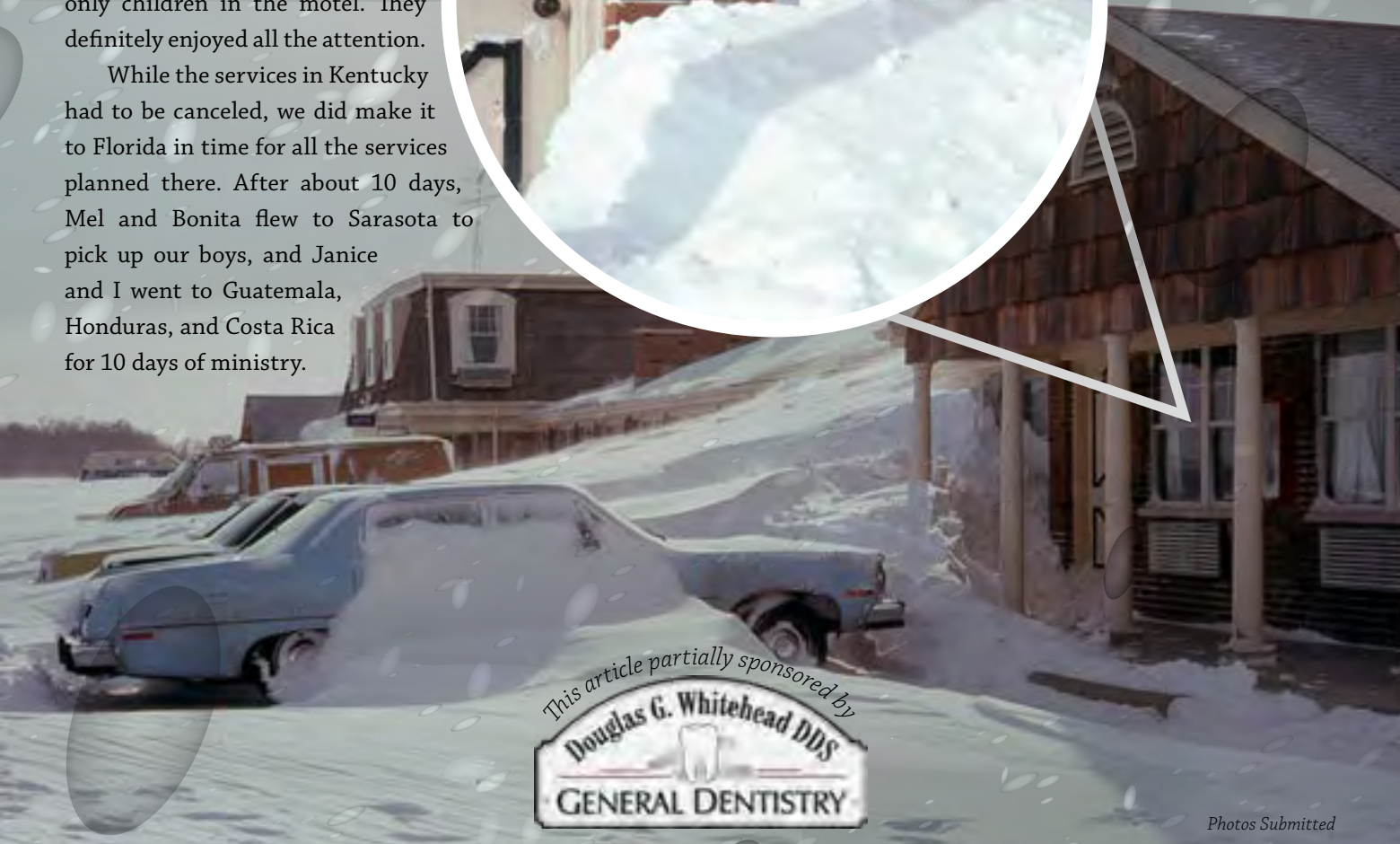
In true community fashion, when the storm passed in communities across the area, people started digging out. Neighbors helped neighbors. Schools were closed so kids with snow shovels started clearing the sidewalks. Many farmers used their tractors and loaders to open country roads so they could get to town. When they got to town, whether it was Shipshewana or Topeka, they opened streets and driveways.

Barb Hochstetler told me a great story about her late husband James. James spent a day or two with the big payload er f r o m

Hochstetler & Sons, plowing snow and clearing the streets of Topeka. Barb said with a chuckle, "Yeah, James was out opening up the streets and people's driveways, but he never cleared ours!"

The days following the storm, many dairy farmers had to dump their milk because the milk trucks couldn't get to their farms. LaGrange County highway crews, under the direction of Highway Superintendent Robert Thompson, worked around the clock to clear the 800 miles of county roads.

One interesting thing that did not happen following the Blizzard of '78 was reported in the Tuesday edition of the October 17th South Bend Tribune (page 14): unlike the New York blackout in July of 1977, there was no spike in the birthrate—no "Blizzard Baby Boom." 




Photos Submitted

Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

Enter remaining letters starting at the top and going left to right.

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I've spent the past few months wondering why my coffee at home is so much more potent (in flavor & caffeination) than when I make coffee at work. I use the same kind of coffee both places, so I thought maybe my coffee maker at home needed cleaned. Running vinegar through my machine didn't help, and that wouldn't explain how quick the jitters set in anyway!

I just figured out the mystery yesterday. Sometime this past summer, I swapped from using my 8 cup french press to my 4 cup percolator. I guess at some point since then, I have accidentally reverted to the same measurements I used for my french press, which means I'm using twice the amount of coffee grounds that I need for my little coffee maker! No wonder my coffee packs a punch!  Solution on page 45.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **January 16, 2024.** *Please allow time for mail delivery.*
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. *Next month's winner will receive a 25\$ Gift Certificate to Tiffany's Restaurant and more!*
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

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LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Regina Mast of 500 S, Topeka correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Christy & Lydia Eash, 5995 W 400 S, Topeka.** Congratulations!

They won a 1 Year Subscription from **The Connection**, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler of 300 S, Topeka.** Third prize went to **Edward & Ruby Herschberger of 500 W, Topeka.**




There were 70 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Omer Miller, Joni & Ruby Bontrager, Lavon & Ruth Jones, Jaron & Colleen Miller, DeWayne & Wilma Lehman, Paul & Mary Yutz, Floyd & Sharon Lambright, Vernon & Ruby Mullet, Dave & Treva Lambright, LaVern & Wanita Borkholder, Glen & Erma Bontrager, Amos & Leora Hochstetler, Daryle & JoAlice Yoder, Ervin & Karen Miller, Ida Lehman, Manas & Mary Lehman, Alton & Katie Bontrager, Marvin & Vera Gingerich, Sammy Eash, Wilma & Susie Kurtz, Martha Beachy, Matt Slabach, David & Susan Eash, Dan & Sue Miller, Calvin & Susan Miller, Jr & Marilyn Bontrager, Steven & Gertie Yoder, Ben & Wilma Borntrager, David & Marilyn Lehman, Samuel & LorEtta Schrock, Ernest & Clara Mac Bontrager, Harley & Ella Schrock, David & Alta Schrock, Wilbur & Wanda Fry, Daniel & Erma Miller, Ernie & Velma Mishler, Lawayne & Anita Yoder, Ernie & Lorene Eash, Wilbur & LaVera Hochstetler, Larry & Erma Miller, Paul & Oneita Hochstetler, Dave & Lorene Beechy, Daniel & Treva Miller, Sam & Alice Lambright, Vernon & Edna Bontrager, Fritz & Norma Bontrager, Kyle & Lily Lehman, Matt & Dora Hostetler, Lyle & Katie Yoder, Harley Miller, Leroy Miller, Ora & Alma Schrock, Crist & Sara Miller, Dean & Julie Yoder, Pete & Mary Barkman, Wilbur & Mary Herschberger, Eli & Wilma Miller, Elmer & Loretta Lehman, Lonnie & Ruby Yoder, Delmar & Dora Farmwald, Dave & Loretta Yoder, Howard & Edna Miller, Michael & Rosanna Lambright, John & Lorene Kurtz, Vernon & Pollyanna Bontrager, LaVern & Lorene Lambright and LaVerda Miller.

Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Deborah Petersheim of 450 N, Shipshewana was our winner for the December Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Wana-Cup in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Wana-Cup for a free small ice cream cone through January.

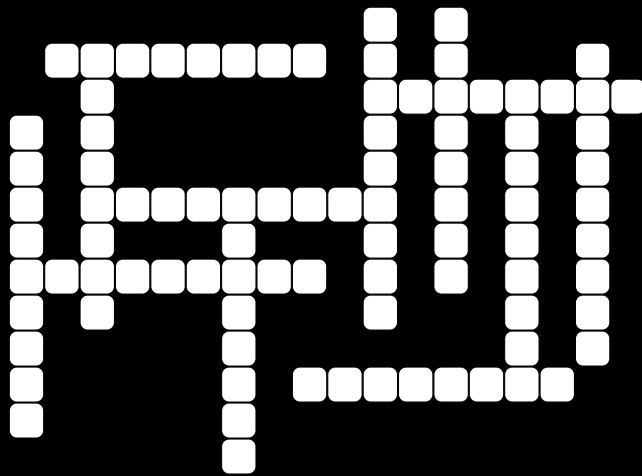
Runners-up were Nathan Miller, age 6; Sarena Lambright, age 5; Melanie Rose Yoder, age 4; and Ava Lorraine Yoder, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Angie Bontrager, age 6; Janie Alyse Miller, age 6; Kiana Faith Wingard, age 5; Julie Petersheim, age 5; Morgan Brooke Lehman, age 5; and Megan Joy Yoder, age 5.

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. 



Name: Deborah Petersheim Age: 6

- Blustery
- Equality
- Evergreen
- Fireplace
- Frostbite
- Graceful
- Hibernate
- New Years
- Sledding
- Snowball
- Snowflake
- Tradition



Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 45.
by Chloe Lovell

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Clueless CROSSWORD Solution

By Chloe Lovell

to the puzzle on page 42.

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Answer:

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Riddle on Page 42

<https://www.ezschool.com/Riddles/Riddle38Ans.html>

Solution to puzzle on page 41

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