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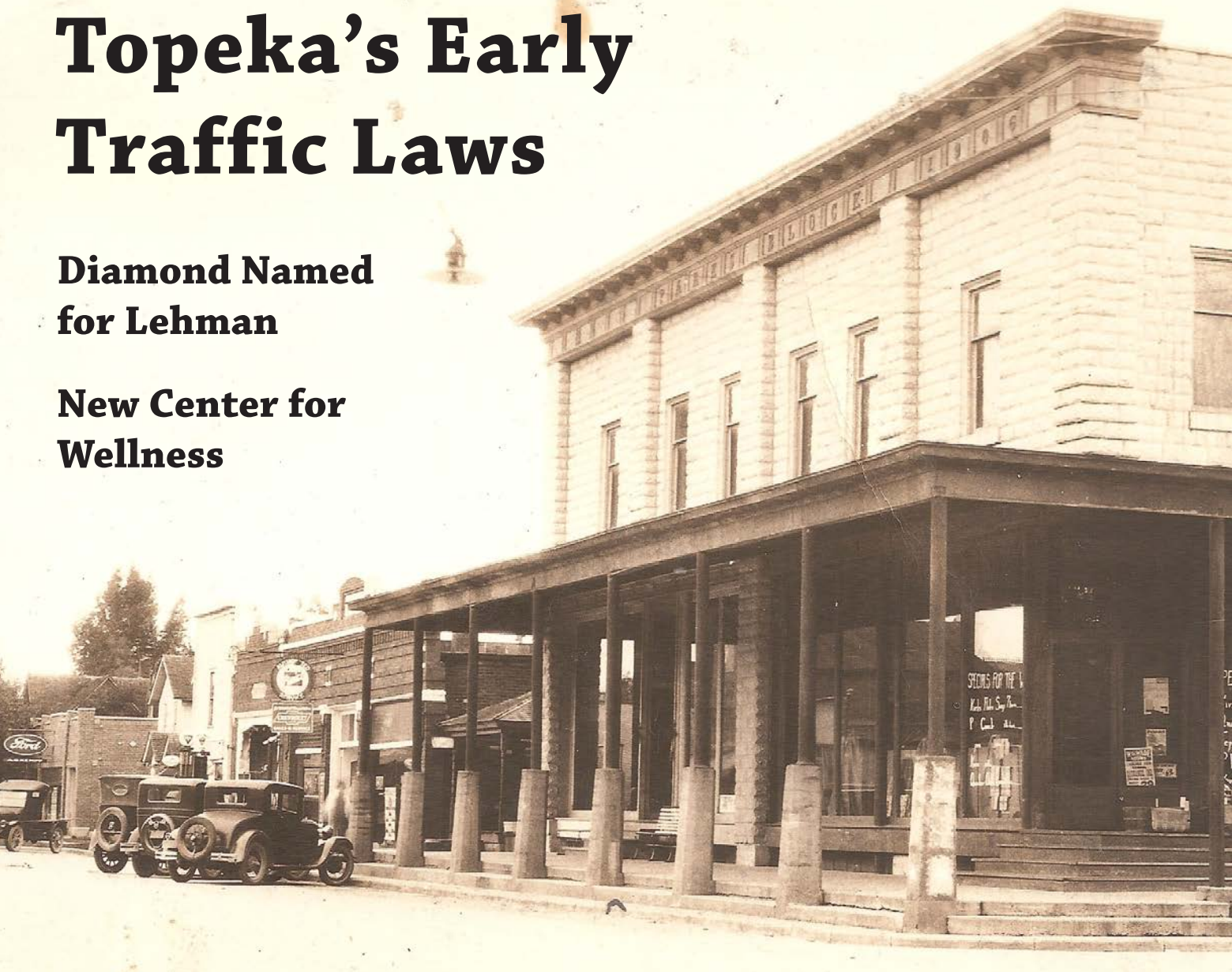
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The Balance Between Bunches & Punches

Did you ever have one of those days where everything was coming up roses? Joy abounded as you accomplished your to-do list and found time to relax in the sun. I recently had one of these dreamy days. And then the next day unfolded, and nothing went my way. The world suddenly turned from bunches of blessings to punches in the gut. Have you ever experienced this? If you're human and don't live under a rock, your answer must be yes!

I, for one, have had both good and bad days. And there are days I've had a little of both. Joy and sorrow do have the ability to walk hand in hand. It's called life.

My challenge is finding a balance between the bunches and the punches. How do I maneuver life without allowing the punches to negate all the bunches? How do I maintain joy amid trials? There is an American metaphor that says, "The squeakiest wheel gets the most grease." In other words, the things causing the most trouble in my life tend to get the most of my energy, attention, time, and mental capacity. Why is this? Why can't my every waking thought be of my grandson's giggle, how the sun feels on my face, or how hot fudge sundaes taste? Instead, I can spend an entire day focused on one negative comment made

to me! One minor thing can completely ruin my day! Please tell me I'm not the only one who does this. Why do we operate like this?

Why? Because we allow ourselves to. That's why. Let's face it, we've been seeking personal happiness and fulfillment since we left the warm confines of our mother's womb. Nobody gets up in the morning and says, "Gee, I sure hope it rains on my parade

I'm guilty of this.

So, the moment a trial comes along and crashes my fun little party, I get disgruntled. Things are no longer in sync, and I don't know how to return to my happy place with this huge hurdle blocking my path. My focus quickly shifts to the squeaking of the wheel instead of the singing of the birds around me.

James 1:2-8 NIV says, 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

According to this scripture the balance comes from embracing the punch, knowing that the lessons learned from it will grow and mature me. I need to relax and allow the trial to be my teacher. When I have learned my lesson, I will recognize that bunches and punches are equally important in life.

This Moliere quote sheds excellent perspective. We must take the good with the bad. For the good when it's good is so very good that the bad when it's bad can't be bad.

When we focus more on bunches than the punches – there is balance 📌



today!" Happiness is a daily goal from the moment I wake. I drink my favorite coffee, eat my favorite foods, and do everything I love as much as possible. I have constant reminders that life is short and that I must live it to the fullest. Although we know it's impossible, we all strive for euphoria – a state of extreme excitement or happiness. Or at least,

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Smart Choices

By Karlson Hand, Pharmacy Student at Topeka Pharmacy

Are You Ticked About Ticks?!

What are Ticks?

Ticks are small mites with flat, oval-shaped bodies and eight legs. They live off blood from people and animals. Indiana is home to about fifteen different types of ticks. The most common are the American Dog, Lone Star, and Deer Ticks.

Where Are Ticks Found?

Ticks can usually be found between the months of March and November in warm, moist areas like forests, meadows, parks, and gardens. They prefer to wait for a host to feed on in grasses and shrubs about one meter above the ground. Ticks attach to people and animals when they brush past them while the tick is waiting in a position called "questing." When a person or animal brushes by, the tick will quickly let go and climb onto the host. Once on, the tick will travel to find a feeding spot. Ticks favorite spots to bite are under the arms, around the waist, and in the groin area.

How to prevent Tick Bites:

1. Avoid the areas where ticks are found
2. Wear clothing with lots of coverage (long socks, pants, and long-sleeved shirts)
3. Use insect repellent with at least 20% deet

If there is a possibility of tick exposure, ALWAYS check yourself and family for ticks right after!


Tick Removal:

If a tick is found, it should be removed as soon as possible. Use

tweezers and grab the tick as close to the skin as you can. Next, begin pulling upwards with steady pressure and speed making sure that no twisting or jerking occurs. Once the tick has been removed, flush it down the toilet! Then, clean the bite and surrounding area thoroughly with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

Tick Bite Monitoring:

After removing a tick, it is important to keep an eye out for illnesses that can happen from tick bites. The most common is a bacterial infection called "Lyme disease," which usually produces a large, red, bullseye-looking rash at the bite site, often with excessive tiredness, feeling stiff, swollen glands, and/or pain. Lyme disease is treatable with antibiotics, but early treatment is so important to prevent long-term issues. If you are concerned you or a loved one has Lyme disease, contact a doctor immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns about Ticks, prevention, removal, or Lyme Disease treatment, please feel free to reach out to Topeka Pharmacy at (260) 593-2252, or stop by any time! 



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Are You Afraid of Outliving Your Money?

Do you worry about running out of money during your retirement years? If so, how can you help prevent this from happening?

In the first place, if you have this type of fear, you're far from alone. Consider this: 58% of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic – because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

• **Know how much you'll need during retirement.** You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others – medical expenses, in particular – will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

• **Build financial resources before retirement.** You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much

as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.


• **Maximize your Social Security payments.** You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

• **Re-enter the workforce.** Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow, and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

• **Cut costs during retirement.** Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing – are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of

reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

• **Look for more income from your investments.** As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money. 



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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for August 2024.

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

Find more information at www.lagrangelib.in.us or call 260-463-2841.

Facebook Page- m.facebook.com/lagrangelibraryindiana

Shipshewana Branch

250 Depot St. • 260-768-7444

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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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

Oculus VR, Nintendo Switch, Wii Gaming Systems

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fridays • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Switch and Wii: ages 6 & up, parent must stay with children 10 & under.

Oculus VR: ages 13 & up, MUST have waiver signed by parent on file.

Controllers at Children's desk for 1 hour use, first come, first served.

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Farm Animals

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

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

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, August 12 • 4-6 p.m. (2nd Monday each month)

Drop in any time and stay as long as you can. We will be learning some new games and helping to decide what games to add to our future circulating games for all library patrons. Enjoy some non-electronic games while snacking & chatting with other teens.

Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, August 12 • 6-7:30 p.m. (2nd Monday each month)

Join us to have fun playing Pokemon, trading cards, and learning strategies for improving your game. Bringing cards to trade is optional. Sign up is not required but you can sign up online or call the library to help us know how many are coming.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, August 12 • 6-7:30 p.m. (2nd Monday each month)

Join us to have fun playing Dungeons and Dragons. The group will decide who is Dungeon Master and how long each campaign will be. Please sign-up online.

Family Movie Night!

LaGrange • Friday, August 23 • 6 p.m. • Showing: IF • Rated PG

Free popcorn! Bring your own covered drink.

Teen Book Chat

LaGrange • Monday, August 26 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Read a book from your favorite genre, and come discuss and share your thoughts with the group.

Teen Advisory Group - TAG (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, August 26 • 5-6 p.m.

Come help plan activities for teens at the library, help choose books to purchase, and offer ideas about the teen space in the library. Pizza provided!

Friends of the Library book Sale - Downtown LaGrange Library

Wednesday, August 14 • 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - F.O.L. Members only • Thursday, August 15 • 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Open to Public

Friday, August 16 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Open to Public • Saturday, August 17 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Open to Public

Adult Interest

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

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

This month we'll discuss "Homecoming" by Kate Morton.

Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959: A local man makes a terrible discovery, and the small town of Tambilla becomes embroiled in one of the most baffling murder investigations in the history of south Australia. An epic story that spans generations, Homecoming asks what we would do for those we love, how we protect the lies we tell, and what it means to come home. *Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange's Adult Desk.*

Patchwork Trails - Dallas Lake Park (All Ages)

0505W 700S, Wolcottville, IN (Park in the office lot)

Tuesday, August 20 • 6 p.m.

Join us as we explore LaGrange County and the surrounding area.

Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each free walk showcases seasonal beauty unique to each property. No Registration, just meet at each designated park.

Make & Take with Deb - Large Sunflower Wreath (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, August 21 • 6 p.m.

Just in time for fall decorating, this month we will be making a large sunflower wreath from poly burlap mesh. Cost is \$30 per person. Must register with a non-refundable \$15 deposit by August 14 at LaGrange Library.

Archi-Trek: Auburn, Indiana (Ages 12+)

Thursday, August 22

Depart & Return: LaGrange Main Library

Departure 9:00 am - Return approx. 5:00 pm

Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

This new partnership between the Library and Green Bus Tours will take small groups on architecture tours of the surrounding area. Learn to identify and appreciate hidden treasures of our local history! On this trip we will ride to Auburn, IN and tour the Eckhart Public Library, a classic example of bungalow/American Craftsman style. Lunch is on your own at the Deli at 6th and Main. Afternoon will be a combination of walking/riding tour of the town's architectural riches. Health note: This tour requires walking and occasional stairs.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, August 24 • 11:00 a.m.

Cookbook Club is a great way to meet new people and try new things! This month's cookbook is: "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl" by Ree Drummond. Check out the book at the LaGrange Adult Services Desk, choose a recipe from the book, make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club carry-in! Families welcome. Plates, silverware, coffee & tea provided.

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August Events

Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Aug 14 • 8–10 am

Maple Wood Nature Center

Coffee, donuts and nature conversation.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, Aug 28 • 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Fee: \$5 donation for Parks

What is a UFO? If you answered an unfinished object, this is the perfect sewing group for you! Bring your sewing machine and supplies, and get help and direction with your project! This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize and share ideas with others. Please bring your own lunch/drink, and a snack to share. Please RSVP with Linda Grobis at 260-351-3609.

Folk Jams

Sunday, Aug 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 260-350-2666 or by email at reo43@aol.com.

Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, Aug 3 • 9 am

Mike Metz Fen Trail at Pine Knob Park

2825 E SR 120 Howe, IN

The fourth trail date for the 2024 Every Park Every Trail Walking Club will be August 3 at Mike Metz Fen Trail, 2825 E SR 120, Howe, IN. The walk will begin at 9am at the Pine Knob Clubhouse. Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on the LaGrange County Parks website, or on the AllTrails App. It is free to participate. Walk at your own pace; there will be a fun reward for those who participate! A Park Representative will be present for check-in. For more, visit www.lagrangecountyparks.org or call 260-854-2225.



Patchwork Trails

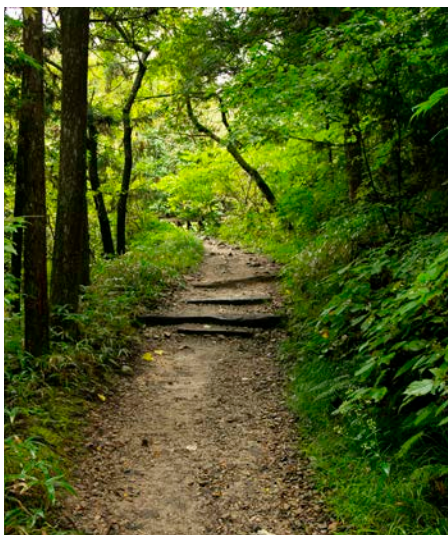
Tuesday, Aug 20 • 6 pm

Dallas Lake Park

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Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! The 2024 Patchwork Trails Walking Season shares six guided nature walks in area parks. Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot. A detailed description of each walk will be put on the Parks website calendar prior to each walk, at lagrangecountyparks.org.

No fees or registration are required, just meet at the designated starting point. Make sure to dress for the elements! Each walk lasts approximately one hour.



2024 FeNGkē 5K

Fun Run & Walk

Saturday Aug 17 •

Registration 8 am -8:45 pm

Run/Walk begins 9:00 am

FeNGkē: The phonetic spelling of "funky" & it contains the word fen! The 3.1 mile course is a combination of boardwalks and crushed limestone paths that surround the fen and meander through the woods. Walkers and runners of all ages & skill levels are welcome! Strollers are welcome. This is not a timed event.

Awards presented to the first male & female finisher in four divisions.


Child: ages 10-12, Teen: ages 13-19
Adult: ages 20-50, Masters: Ages 51 and up. Dress "FeNGkē" in a funky, fun, family-friendly costume for a chance to win best overall costume prize. Swag Bag registrations now Open!

Prairie Wildflower Season!

Delt Church Park - prairies on either side of entry drive

Dallas Lake Park - along entry drive and in restored prairie

Pine Knob Park - restored prairie savanna and Mike Metz Fen

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Joe Boggs and Ashley Kulhanek, of Ohio State's Extension Service, recently wrote some fascinating stories about fireflies, also known as lightning bugs. As a kid, I was fascinated with lightning bugs, and I am excited to pass along these interesting tidbits about one of America's favorite insects.

There are about 25 different species in our general area, with more than 2000 separate species worldwide. The family name, Lampyridae, refers to the ability of the group to produce light, also called bioluminescence. In many of these species, the larva also emits a glow. I have found glowing larva under leaf litter in my woods and near my pond.


There are several species of fireflies that do not emit light at all as adults. If you have ever stumbled across a firefly in broad daylight, most likely you have encountered this version of firefly. These non-glowing adults feed on pollen and nectar, and are often found on trees. Their younger, larval stages, however, do emit a glow. Our familiar nighttime fireflies tend to hide during the heat of the day.

It's thought that the glow emitted by the larva and adults helps protect them from predators. Think of the glow as a warning that eating the lightning bug could be their last meal. They contain a toxin called bufadienolide, a steroid-like substance also found in some species of toads. In fact, there is a documented case where two bearded dragons (a lizard species from Australia) were fed fireflies at a US zoo and died within 90 minutes of the meal!

In adult fireflies, the primary reason for the flashing appears to be attracting a mate. Each firefly species that flashes has its own light pattern, including some that glow a light blue color for weeks at a time.

There are even species of fireflies that have the ability to sync their flashing. In the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, there is a species (Photinus carolinus) that has become quite famous, inspiring hundreds of visitors to the forest they inhabit. The males have developed the ability to turn off in unison, then reignite their light, giving the appearance of being in sync.

The larval form of most firefly species live 1 to 2 years in our soil, often under leaf litter in the forest or in grassy meadow-like areas, whereas adults only grace us with their presence for 4-6 weeks in June and July in Indiana. By careful sifting through soil in these locations, you might locate a glowing larva and impress your kids or grandkids!

Some observers have noted a decrease in firefly numbers in recent years, especially in areas where mosquitoes are routinely sprayed. Mosquitoes and fireflies tend to thrive in similar habitats. Leaving leaf litter undisturbed, while reducing disruptive tillage and other soil disturbances can go a long way to protecting the larva and pupa that eventually produce the adult fireflies that grace our evening sky. 

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Growing Future GENERATIONS

For the second year, Lake City Bank was presented the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Bronze Award on June 11 in Washington, D.C. The bank earned this recognition based on 1,385 volunteer hours contributed by its employees during the 2022-2023 school year, in which they shared Junior Achievement's work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy activities with thousands of young people across northern Indiana.

Created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, Lake City Bank is one of only 69 companies across the nation honored with the award. Jana Miller, Vice President, Retail Banking Officer at Lake City Bank, was in Washington, D.C. to accept the honor during the Junior Achievement national summit. Miller has volunteered with Junior Achievement for 22 years, participating in 62 classes locally.



Jana Miller, Vice President with Lake City Bank accepting the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Bronze Award on June 11. Photo Submitted

Yarian, President, Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana. "They have shared their personal experiences during JA activities in the classroom, at JA Biz-Town® and JA Finance Park®, and this year became a 3DE® Business Partner. Lake City Bank volunteers are bringing classroom learning to life, encouraging career exploration, and reinforcing the connection of education, work, and life. We are grateful for their ongoing


"Junior Achievement programming fits so well with my role at Lake City Bank and in my community," Miller said. "I'm proud to help students develop skills, set economic and career goals, and help set them on a path toward great business and work opportunities. It's simple, really—we all benefit when young people can learn and experience new concepts."

"The investment of time and talent the Lake City Bank team makes each year through its volunteer commitment to Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana is immeasurable," says Lena

support."

In addition to their participation in Junior Achievement, Lake City Bank is pleased to welcome its summer 2024 intern class, made up of 17 talented students from local high schools and universities in Indiana, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

This year's intern class includes three students returning for another summer at Lake City Bank. Interns work in areas around the bank to gain real-world experience and explore careers in financial services.

"We're thrilled to continue Lake City Bank's intern program with another great group of students this summer," said David M. Findlay, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "While we're proud to provide an in-depth learning experience for interns, our teams fully embrace the fresh perspectives of our interns. We often learn just as much from them as they learn from us." 



Kathy Madden, Assistant Vice President with Lake City Bank, volunteering with JA students. Photo Submitted

Front (left to right): Giselle Pablo, Compliance and Security Intern; Andy Deng, Credit and Commercial Banking Intern; Ryan DePew, Retail Banker Intern; Ashley Deputy, Loan Review Intern; Guinevere (Guinny) Garr, Commercial Administration Intern; Lily Waters, Retail Banker Intern; Julian Medina, Electronic Banking Intern; Emily Goon, Internal Audit Intern; and Corbin Brubaker, Information Security Intern. **Back:** Molly Winkeljohn, Wealth Advisory



Group Intern; Ross Hutton, Finance Intern; Driedyn Hernandez, Financial Analyst Intern; Dylan Neese, PC Technician Intern; Alex Gass, Credit and Commercial Banking Intern; Lily Ault, Retail Banker Intern; Shawn Hochstetler, Retail Banker Intern; and Caitlyn Patrick, Float Retail Banker Intern. Photo Submitted

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Spring Impact Grant Recipients


Seven organizations received grant funds totaling \$74,557:

- Clothes & Food Basket of LaGrange County received \$5,000 for operating funds to purchase food and emergency supplies.
- Community Harvest Food Bank received \$1,500 for the LaGrange County Farm Wagon, a free food distribution program.
- LaGrange County Hope received \$20,000 for youth food deliveries. The project delivers food to youth ages 0-18 dealing with food insecurity within LaGrange County when school is not in

session, such as spring, summer and Christmas breaks from school.

- Northeastern Indiana CASA received \$24,000 for their volunteer recruitment, training and supervision in the CASA program. They currently have 25 active volunteers and are hoping to recruit more in LaGrange County to be a voice for children in the court system.
- RespectTeam received \$3,000 for their programming in LaGrange County for 2024-2025. RespectTeam helps middle and high school students face issues and empower them with knowledge, skills and motivation they need

to achieve mental wellness, avoid destructive behaviors, and make healthy choices.

- Stroh Volunteer Fire Department received \$16,057 to purchase four replacement automated external defibrillators.
- The Salvation Army of Elkhart, LaGrange & Steuben County received \$5,000 to help provide for basic emergency services for LaGrange County, including food assistance, utility assistance, and rent assistance. 

Community Scholarship Applications Open

LaGrange County's 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application opens on July 26, 2024.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP) will provide 147 scholarships statewide and one scholarship in LaGrange County. The program, administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), is offered locally in LaGrange County through the LaGrange County Community Foundation.


The scholarship provides one full-tuition award and a \$490 annual stipend for required books for four years of full-time undergraduate study

leading to a bachelor's degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

To be eligible to apply for the LaGrange County award, students must graduate from a LaGrange County high school by 2025 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2025, intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an eligible college or university in Indiana, be a resident of LaGrange County, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

Students can learn more about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in LaGrange County and apply for

the scholarship by visiting LCCF.net/LillyScholarship. Applications must be completed and submitted by September 12, 2024, at 4 p.m. to be considered.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, motivation to succeed, employment history, extracurricular involvement, and essay responses. Two recommendations must be submitted with the application: one from a teacher and one from a community member. A personal interview will assist in determining the scholarship recipient. 

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- Richard Wurmbrand

Charting a Path to Progress:

LaGrange County's Master Trails Plan for the Future

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is teaming up with LaGrange County Trails to establish a Countywide Trails Master Plan. The Foundation received a grant from Lilly Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) Phase VIII to engage in planning activities aimed at envisioning and developing, in collaboration with community stakeholders, plans to enhance its communities' quality of life. The Foundation secured HWC Engineering to assist with this plan.

This trails master plan will help LaGrange County Trails and community leaders in devising a unified and thorough strategy for enhancing and expanding trail infrastructure and programs.

We would like to invite you to participate in one of our three open houses!

1. When: July 25, 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Garage Community Center, 111 W. Lafayette St. Lagrange, IN 46761

2. When: August 6, 3-5 p.m.


Where: Wolfe Community Building, 345 Morton St. Shipshewana, IN 46565

3. When: August 6, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Mongo United Methodist Church, 325 N State Rd. 3 Mongo, IN 46771

The open houses provide an opportunity for residents to share their voice about the development and expansion of trails. During the open houses, guests may come and go as they please.

We ask you to help spread the word and invite your neighbors.

For more information on the trails master plan, please visit Lccf.net/County-Trail-Plan or contact Jennifer Barclay with HWC Engineering at 260-475-5092 or email jbarclay@hwcengineering.com. 

Findlay Named to Indianapolis Business Journal's Indiana 250 List


Lake City Bank is proud to announce that David M. Findlay, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been named to the Indianapolis Business Journal's Indiana 250 list for the third consecutive year. The annual list recognizes the state's most influential and impactful leaders across business, philanthropy, the arts, government and not-for-profits.

"I'm honored to be included on this list alongside such influential leaders," Findlay said. "The depth and talent of the leaders on the list is a true testament to the strength of leadership moving Indiana forward."

Findlay serves as the Chairman of the boards of directors and Chief Executive Officer of Lakeland Financial and Lake City Bank. He also served as Pres-


ident and Chief Executive Officer from 2014-2023, President and Chief Financial Officer from 2010-2014 and Chief Financial Officer from 2000-2010.

Findlay is active as a board member with organizations including the Indiana Bankers Association, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, OrthoWorx, Accelinx, the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, Parkview Health, Centerfield Capital Partners and the Trine University Board of Trustees. He also is a member of the American Bankers Association American Bankers Council.

A full list of those included on the 2024 Indiana 250 list is available on the Indianapolis Business Journal's website at www.indiana250.com. 

Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet on Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Farver School Museum. The building is located across from the Shipshewana Post Office. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The program will be given by Lila Philbrook and Edward Hostetler. Lila will share growing up in the Shipshewana area during the 1950's and 1960's. Edward will be sharing about the Yoder Corner, south of Shipshewana on State Road 5 to 100 south, and half a mile west. They have very interesting stories to tell that you may not have heard. The public is invited to come. 



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Accredited classes for a foster license or license renewal will begin this fall! Classes will be held at Shore Church in Shipshewana, IN. Light refreshments and limited childcare will be available. We would like to invite you to come and find resources for your family and to help support one another!

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Sat, Nov 9, 2024 from 9 a.m.-noon

Sun, Jan 26, 2025 from 1-4 p.m.

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To register for classes or questions, contact Lauren Unternahrer at lbunter-nahrer@gmail.com or by phone at 260-350-9872. Or contact Christina Meiss at christina.meiss@benchmarkfs.org or by phone at 574-261-4618. 



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Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and are interested in sharing that knowledge with others, Purdue Extension has the ideal program for you.

Beginning in September, a Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training course will be offered in Noble and Whitley Counties. The Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is a volunteer training program. Through the class, participants learn about a wide variety of horticultural subjects, forming a solid foundation of knowledge with which to be effective as a volunteer. Once someone passes the class, participants provide leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities to fulfill the EMG mission, "Helping Others Grow." The group also organizes and promotes opportunities for advanced horticultural education across various topics.

Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$175.00 per participant; this covers the Extension Master Gardener manual, handouts, name badges, and other materials. The teaching resources become part of the Master Gardener's personal collection. Couples in the same household sharing one manual may attend for a rate of \$270.00 (\$135 each).


A completed application is required for all potential students by Tuesday, August 21. Applicants must present identification (driver's license) once to Extension office staff. Provided a sufficient number of students enroll, successfully screened appli-

cants will be given a link to complete enrollment and pay online by August 28.

An orientation for the Basic Training course will be held Wednesday, September 4, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Subsequent classes will be held on Monday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm from Sept. 9 through Dec. 9. Topics include soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

Classes for the first half of the bi-county training sessions will be held at the Noble County South Complex, just south of Albion. The second half of bi-county training sessions will be at the Whitley County Extension office in Columbia City.

If you'd like an application to join this league of volunteers or if you have further questions, call Noble County Extension at 260-636-2111 or Whitley County Extension at 260-244-7615. Leave your name and address to receive detailed information about the class, including the application. You may also stop by the Purdue Extension office in Noble County, 109 North York Street, Albion, or the Whitley County office at 524 Branch Court in Columbia City.

Interested persons may also access information at the local Purdue Extension websites at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/noble/anr-noble-county/sub-media1.html> or <https://purdue.link/BecomeMasterGardener>, including links to applications and additional information. 



The Hornsby Treasure · August '24



Season tickets for the 77th season of the Elkhart County Symphony went on sale Friday, July 26. For a limited time, season tickets are available to the general public at a special rate offering all five season concerts for the price of four.

Led by Conn-Selmer Endowed Musical Director Dr. Soo Han, the Elkhart Symphony begins its 2024-25 season Sept. 8 with Rhythms in Bloom at Wellfield Botanic Gardens. Featuring guest soloist Sean Imboden on saxophone, the season premiere presents a repertoire including Gershwin's Three Preludes and Brubaker's A Touch of Jazz.


Packages for the five-performance season range from \$40 for students to \$125 for mezzanine seating, with the discounted pricing, as follows, that offers five tickets for the price of four at every level:

Adult: \$27 per concert or \$100 for season tickets (\$20 per concert)

Senior: \$25 per concert or \$85 for season (\$17 per concert)

Student: \$14 per concert or \$40 for season (\$8 per concert)

Mezzanine: \$35 per concert or \$125 for season (\$25 per concert)

Beginning Friday, July 26, season ticket packages can be purchased at The Lerner Theatre Box Office—410 South Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana—or by calling the Box Office at (574) 293-4469. Starting July 26, season tickets may also be purchased from The Lerner Theatre website at <https://thelerner.com/event/elkhart-county-symphony-2024-2025-season-tickets/>. 

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- 4 Sheldon Frey, Tyler Miller, Julie Yoder
- 5 Austin Bontrager, Aryanna Case, Cynthia Osorio-Luna
- 6 Amara Eudy, Mariah Hochstetler, Travis Miller, Seth Troyer
- 7 Braelynn McLaughlin, Elyas Gaber
- 8 Emmalyn England, Millie Mishler
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- 10 Reagan Beechy
- 11 Audrey Lambright
- 12 Christina Killian, Lori Miller, Nichole Miller
- 13 Francis Baker, Kimber Mast, Ruth Miller, Melanie Troyer, Brynlee Wingard,
- 14 Marissa Miller
- 15 Avery Starkey, Donna Yoder
- 16 Gavin Bauman, Knox Fry, Lilleigh Mast, Landon Miller, Landon Nissley
- 17 Rugger Altimus, Christopher Johnson, Jolyn Yoder
- 18 Samantha Bontrager, Gibson Schwartz, Josiah Troyer
- 19 Kenlin Bontrager, Avery England, Grayson England,



ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES

Westview 7th Grade

- Allane Ferrin, Lilah Miller,
Adalena Stemm, Michael
Stemm, Obadiah Wingard
- 20 Abel Kistler, Cyrus Miller,
Eric Miller, Lyndon Wingard
- 21 Nicholas Bontrager, Jaisyn
Calvillo, Gatlin Hochstetler,
Jason Miller, Sean Williams
- 22 Andrew Helmuth, Nolan
Lambright, Addellyn
McLaughlin, Landon
Schlabach, Amber Yoder,
Nicolas Yutzy
- 23 Janae Herschberger
- 24 Reagan Diehl, Isaiah
Hershberger, Blake
Hochstetler, Jayna Miller
- 25 Braden Detweiler, Roth
Kingston, Taelyn Lambert,
Brenna Mauck, Kenady
Miller, Bryson Mullet, Travis
Ritchie, Bryson Schwartz,
- 26 Isabella Marcum, Adrian
Troyer
- 27 Kaylee Beachy, Asher
Kauffman, Maxwell Reffett,
Landon Schlabach, Angie
Slabach, Nyanchai Sornross,
Carson Stinnett
- 28 Jalayna Fry, Cameron Miller,
Makyla Schwartz
- 29 Ryan Mast, Joshua Miller,
Adelynn Raber, Bryson Roth
- 30 Caleb Miller, Dahlia Smith,
Nicolas Wilkins
- 31 Norman Jackson, Alexis
McDonald, Makynzee
McLaughlin


Westview Jr. Sr. High School will be hosting seventh grade orientation on Monday, August 5th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m with the event starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m in the Wilson Auditorium. Please come in through Door 19 (south parking lot).

Registration for grades 8-12 will be the following dates /times:

- Tuesday, August 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 7th, from 11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 8th, from 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

• Junior High lunch fees may be paid at this time. Breakfast cost is \$2.00 per day and lunch is \$3.20 per day.

The first day of school for all students will be Tuesday, August 13th, starting at 8:10 a.m. Students will report to assigned rooms where they will receive their schedules, student handbooks and other pertinent information.

School picture day for Westview Jr.-Sr. High School this year will be Wednesday, August 21st. 

Topeka Elementary School

Topeka Elementary School's Open House is on Monday, August 5 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.


Last names A-M should come from

5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and last names N-Z should come from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

We are excited for another wonderful year of school! 

Meadowview Elementary School


Meadowview Elementary School's Open House is on Tuesday, August 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We are excited to see everyone! 



Shipshe-Scott Elementary School

Shipshe-Scott Elementary School's Open House is on Monday, August 12 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Come see your students classrooms and teachers and check out the updates made during this summer's renovation projects. 

Online registration is open for returning students.

NAVIGATING HIGH SCHOOL

Whether you are entering high school or a parent of a child entering high school, it is easy to become confused by all the requirements and offerings at the high school level, especially as legislation changes often in the world of education. This article is an attempt to clarify those options and expand on what Westview has to offer. For high school students, there are 3 parts to successfully meeting graduation criteria: 1) choose a diploma type, 2) choose a pathway, and 3) prove postsecondary readiness.

The good news is, even if the following information still feels like a lot, Westview has a team of people able to ensure your child receives the highest quality education while making certain each of

these requirements is met. We have school counselors, teachers, coaches, and administrators ready to help along the way, and we are continuously on the lookout for ways to improve.

In the words of Mr. Eric Yordy, one of the school counselors at Westview, “We

are a small, rural school with MANY, MANY options for our students. If students want to prepare for a successful experience at college, we have high level classes available. If they want to enter the workforce, they can spend half days as a Junior and Senior in the real world. They can choose to work and earn money (Work-Based Learning) or they can choose to go to IMPACT and learn entry level skills and earn dual credits / certifications in fourteen unique programs. If students want

to serve our country, we administer the ASVAB test and have access to military recruiters. We really are the best of all worlds. A small, tight-knit community with MANY opportunities for our students.”

CHOOSE A DIPLOMA TYPE

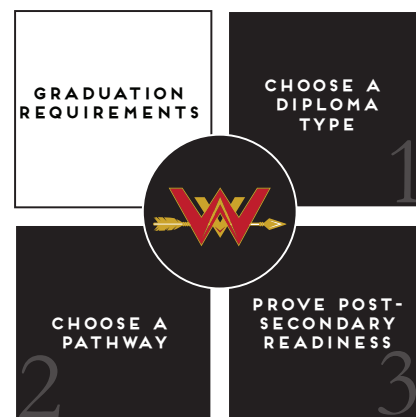
In Indiana, there are currently 5 different diploma types: General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors (AHD), Core 40 with Technical Honors (THD), or Alternate Diploma. In the early turn of the century, Indiana legislators determined students were best suited for their post-secondary work or continued education if they had a minimum of 40 credits. As such, the three Core 40 diploma types are the diplomas the vast majority of students work toward

achieving. A general diploma would come into play if a student has unsuccessfully completed at least 3 courses required for Core 40 or is unable to score above the 25th percentile on the graduation exam. The Alternate Diploma is a standards-based diploma available to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Westview offers courses that meet the diploma requirements for the Academic Honors Diploma and the Technical Honors Diploma, thereby ensuring any diploma type is possible through Westview.

CHOOSE A PATHWAY

The goal of this graduation requirement set by the State is to make sure students have the opportunity to prove they are competent in four employability categories: mindset, learning strategies, social and



emotional skills, and work ethic. Students can fulfill this requirement through project-based, service based, or work-based learning.

Westview offers 6 graduation pathways, including Ag Mechanical, Agri-Science Animals, Digital Design, Civic Arts, Marketing and Sales, and SMART Manufacturing. By completing 3 years in a chosen pathway, students will develop the four employability skills required by the State and therefore meet the second State requirement.

In addition to the pathways, Westview also offers work-based learning and education professions. For work-based learning, students find a job in their desired field and use that work experience to complete the assignments for the course. For education professions, students are able to gain experience as student-teachers within Westview classrooms



We really are the best of all worlds. A small, tight-knit community with MANY opportunities for our students.

—Eric Yordy, School Counselor

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in their desired grade level.

PROVE POSTSECONDARY READINESS

The third and final piece of graduation requirements from the State of Indiana is to prove postsecondary (after high school) abilities. There are multiple ways to reach this requirement: choose either one of the two honors diplomas mentioned above, score above the State's benchmark on the ACT, score above the State's benchmark on the SAT, score 31 or higher on the military ASVAB exam, acquire State and Industry-recognized certification, participate in a federally recognized apprenticeship, choose a CTE concentrator, or take Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit classes in order to take the CLEP exam.

Westview students have a multitude of options in this category. Westview offers 88 college credits within 28 dual credit and AP courses.

Additionally, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, Westview will be offering the Indiana College Core, which guarantees that any Indiana public college or university, and sometimes private colleges, will accept the 30 credits obtained through the program. Without Indiana College Core, colleges and universities had the option to deny allowing credits from dual credit high school classes

to transfer to their college/university. Implementing Indiana College Core will result in fewer obstacles for students who wish to use those credits in higher education, including vastly reducing the cost of college due to the lower tuition rate given to high school students.

Westview also offers CTE (career and technical education) concentrators in manufacturing, business, and digital design. These courses are taught in an effort to prepare students for the workforce in those industries by teachers who have professional experience in the content area.

MORE THAN REQUIREMENTS

While State requirements can seem daunting, there are also a multitude of electives (classes based on interest,

rather than requirements), as well as clubs, organizations, and teams, that allow Westview to offer an experience that results in well-rounded members of our community and the ability for students to enjoy the time they

have at Westview Jr-Sr High School. Westview offers robust fine arts opportunities in the musicals, plays, band, choir, ceramics, printmaking, drawing, and photography, as well as agriculture and technology courses.

Students can also choose to participate in National Art Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, FFA, Archery Club, Student Council,

Partners Linking Understanding with Success (PLUS - an extremely successful mentorship program pairing high school students with elementary students), LIFE group (a philanthropic group partnered with the LaGrange County Community Foundation), Prom committee, jump rope team, yearbook, peer tutoring, class officers in each grade level, cheer, chess club, ski club, and garden club. Sports teams include cross country, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, wrestling, basketball, track and field, softball, and baseball, each of which have seen their program successes at Westview.

These opportunities, paired with parents, teachers, and a community that wants the best for our children creates a culture of excellence and a promising future for our area.

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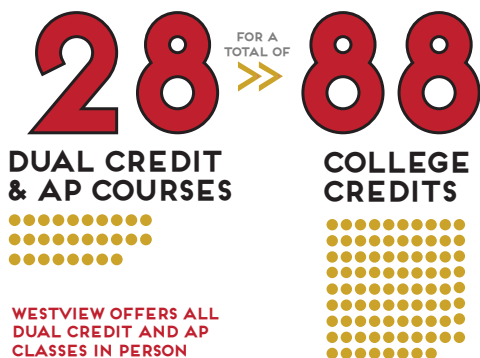
To learn more details about high school requirements, there are multiple resources available. Here are a few sites to help start your search for information: Diploma Types: <https://www.in.gov/doe/students/graduation-pathways/diploma-requirements/>

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Enrolling at Westview: <https://www.westview.k12.in.us/page/student-enrollment>

As always, if you have any questions or would prefer having a conversation about your (or your child's) high school plans, feel free to reach out to Mr. Yordy at Westview Jr-Sr High School by calling 260-768-4146.



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DIAMOND NAMED FOR Lehman



When Devon "Butch" Lehman started dragging diamonds and mowing the outfields at Topeka's softball fields on the east side of town in 1984, he never imagined that one day one of those diamonds would be named in his honor. But on July 4th of this year that is what happened.

At 4 pm play was stopped at Topeka's annual 4th of July softball tournament to honor the man that put Topeka softball on the map. Town officials, former teammates and officials were on hand for the Diamond 1 renaming ceremony.

One of the former officials who participated in the ceremony was DeWayne "Millie" Miller. Millie officiated at Topeka for many years. In 2021, Diamond 2 was named in his honor.

Lehman says that he started working part-time at the ball diamonds just to earn a little extra money after his regular job. By

1988 he was put in charge of running the men's league. Before long Butch was asked to also oversee the church league.

When asked about the biggest changes that he has seen over the years, the response was immediate. "Oh, my goodness, the equipment! I moved home plate back twice. The fences used to be 280 (feet), now they are 290. Obviously, you don't move the fences, you just move the bases."

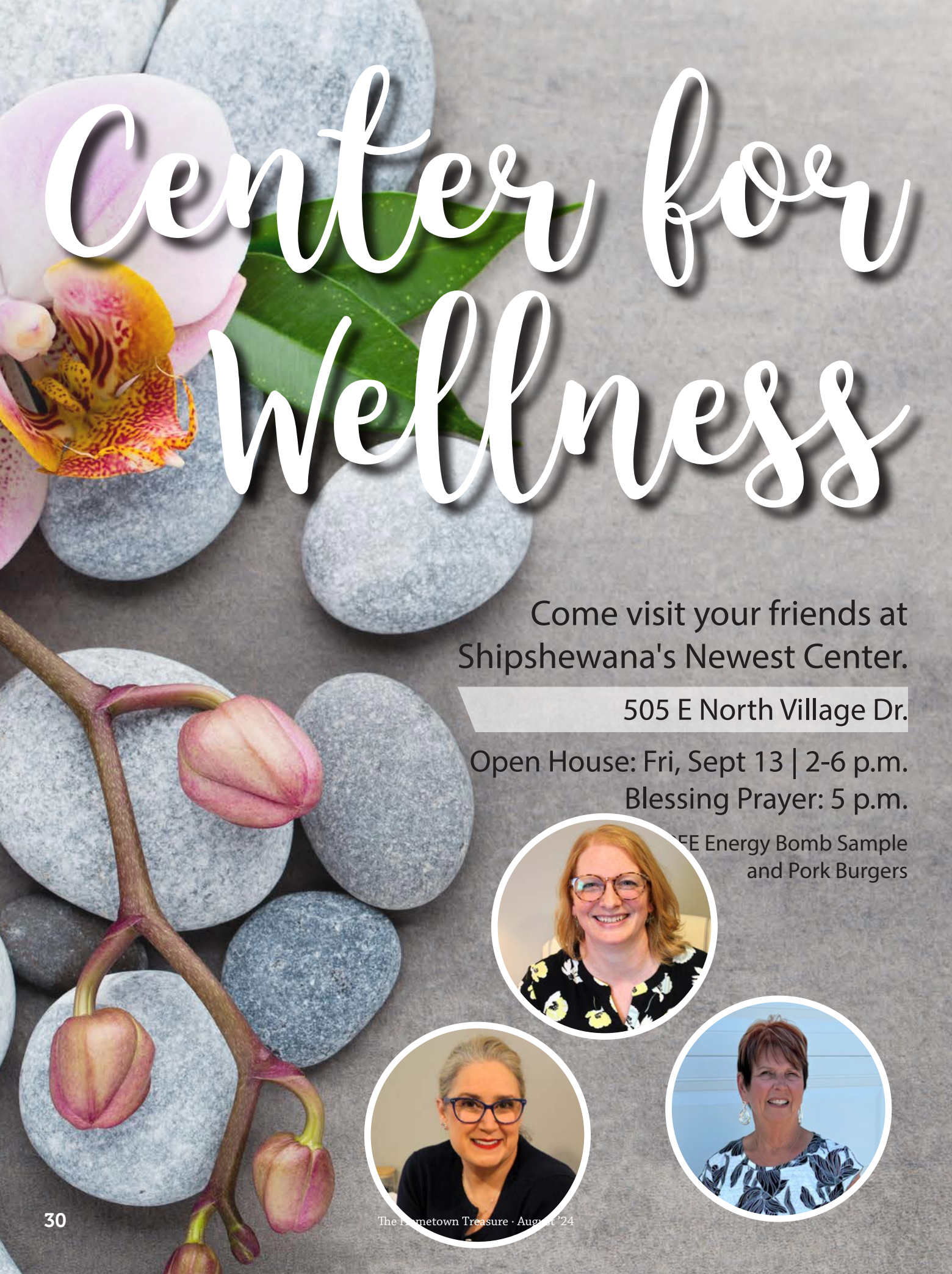
This was not the first honor to come Lehman's way. As a player, Butch's teams won the Topeka July 4th Tournament eight times. In 2011 his team, West Questar/Lewis Quality Homes, was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame.

Looking back over his 38 years with the park Lehman says that his fondest memories will be "the people..., the people I played with, played against, and then after they retired, it was their kids and grand kids who started showing up to play." ¹



Former Teammates

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Many of you know this building to be the home of the Shipshewana Fitness Center. It now houses Mindful and Well Mental health counseling and Infinite Grace medication services also!

Shipshewana Fitness Center (SFC) and Mindful and Well wish to celebrate the blessing of creating a happy, healthy community. All are invited to join us, Friday, September 13th from 2-6 p.m.

Come explore the options and take advantage of this time to ask questions about our services. While you are there enjoy a free sample energy bomb and pork burger on us!


It is our desire to pray over the services we provide for all who cross our threshold; we will offer a blessing over the building at 5 p.m. Please join us for this special time.

Now here's a little about us: **SFC** is celebrating 20 years of being a community partner in physical health. Not only do they offer a friendly place to work out, without feeling judged, they have expanded what they offer. Did you know SFC offers healthy meal replacement shakes, tasty energy bombs, tanning, infrared sauna and a hydro massage table? They are also providing cardio drumming classes three days a week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment, along with all their other state of the art exercise machines! Personalized support is available for your exercise level to assist in your fitness goals.

Mindful and Well houses therapeutic services for your mental wellbeing. Jean Martin offers hypnotherapy to address weight loss and healthy lifestyle management including treatment

to assist in quitting smoking. Jennifer Dickey, a licensed nurse practitioner, offers functional wellness. This is a holistic approach that addresses the physical and mental health needs in a way that optimizes the body's natural ability to heal. She can also utilize traditional psychiatric services in situations that may be necessary.

Dora Martin-Eash offers licensed mental health therapy services for adults, adolescents and couples, to address a number of difficulties that may interfere with your ability to stay on top. Dora is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) which is beneficial in treating trauma. Dora is also trained in methods that assist in managing anxiety, depression, overthinking, and relationship skills. She also enjoys working with those in addiction recovery to help them maintain, or begin, their sober living journey.

Our open house is a way to thank the community for all the support and to welcome those curious about the services we offer. We sure do hope to see you all Friday, September 13. 

Give us a call with any questions you may have.

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Topeka's

Early Traffic Laws

by Harold Gingerich

With so many cars and trucks on the road these days, we forget about what it was like one hundred years ago when many working families were just beginning to be able to afford a family car. Motorized traffic was not much of a problem in most small rural communities. But when Henry Ford introduced the Model T in 1908, traffic and parking became an issue. By the 1920s every city and town across America was adopting traffic ordinances to address the problem. Some of the language in those ordinances, while necessary, is humorous by modern standards.

The city fathers of Topeka evidently felt there was an immediate need for a traffic ordinance because on August 4,

1924, they adopted General Ordinance No. 1. The August 28, 1924, edition of the Topeka Journal (page six) printed the ordinance in its entirety. The last two paragraphs read, "There being an emergency for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, same will be in full force and effect from and after its passage. Approved, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Topeka, Indiana this 4th day of August 1924." We are not told the exact nature of the "emergency," but the ordinance was enacted into law and signed by S.S. Lantz, President and A.L. Gerber, Clerk.

Following World War I and with the prosperity of the Roaring 20s, Americans found the cost of a motorized

vehicle to be \$850. But with greater efficiency in assembly line process, the price of the Ford Model T dropped dramatically. By 1924, the cost had dipped to \$260, making it affordable for the average American. On average, depending on the model, prices in the 1920s ranged from \$395 to \$500.

Gasoline prices didn't seem unreasonable either, that is if you had money. Throughout the decade of the 1920s gas prices averaged 21 to 30 cents a gallon. As the Great Depression deepened across the nation, demand began to fall dramatically which only intensified the competition for customers. By 1930, gas was down to 20 cents a gallon. Prices would continue to fall in the years

that followed. In many areas gas prices fell to less than 10 cents a gallon.

"Tin Lizzie" is a name that is foreign to most of the younger generation. Now, if you talk about "Nellybelle" which was Pat Brady's temperamental jeep in the Saturday morning Roy Rogers Show, we know what you are talking about. But many of us in my generation do remember our parents or grandparents using it in reference to the family car. No one is quite sure who coined the nickname, but there are several theories.

One legend holds that "Lizzie" was a popular generic name given to horses. When the Ford Model T came along the term somehow carried over to the car. There is another one about a San

Antonio, Texas, car dealer who complained to the factory about the car's ill-fitting doors. His solution was to ship the cars without doors and include a tool kit (reminiscent of a tin can opener) for the purchaser to cut the openings and fit the doors themselves. Fortunately, the car dealer's idea never caught on.

Maybe the most interesting explanation, and my favorite, involves a 1922 car race to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado. Supposedly one of racers, Noel Bullock, had named this Model T "Old Liz". But the car's unkept condition led to people referring to it

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as a tin can. No doubt as people repeated the reference to the car the name evolved into "Tin Lizzie". Unexpectedly, Bullock's Model T "tin can" won the race and from then on, the nickname "Tin Lizzie" came to be associated with the Model T. To be honest no one knows for sure, but it does make for an interesting story.

On the same page of the Topeka Journal that reprinted the new traffic ordinance, J. J. Kempp & Son of Topeka had a large ad offering a Ford Touring Car for only \$295. In 2024 dollars that would amount to around \$5,231.00 today. Kempp's also offered a Roundabout for \$265, a Coupe for \$528, a Tudor Sedan for \$590, and a Fordor Sedan (original spelling) for only \$685.

Kempp & Son was located on South Main Street in a building built by John J. Kempp (1873-1960). Kempp opened the father-son partnership with son Alvin in 1922. When Alvin moved his family to Detroit in 1934, the building and Ford dealership was purchased by Thomas O. Nelson (1902-1984), John's son-in-law, who had married his daughter Edna. The building is still standing. Today it is the home of Northern Nutrition and Topeka Family Market.

The adoption of a traffic ordinance may have been fueled in part by the March 1924 arrest of a Kempp employee for speeding. Here is the news item just as it appeared in the March 27th

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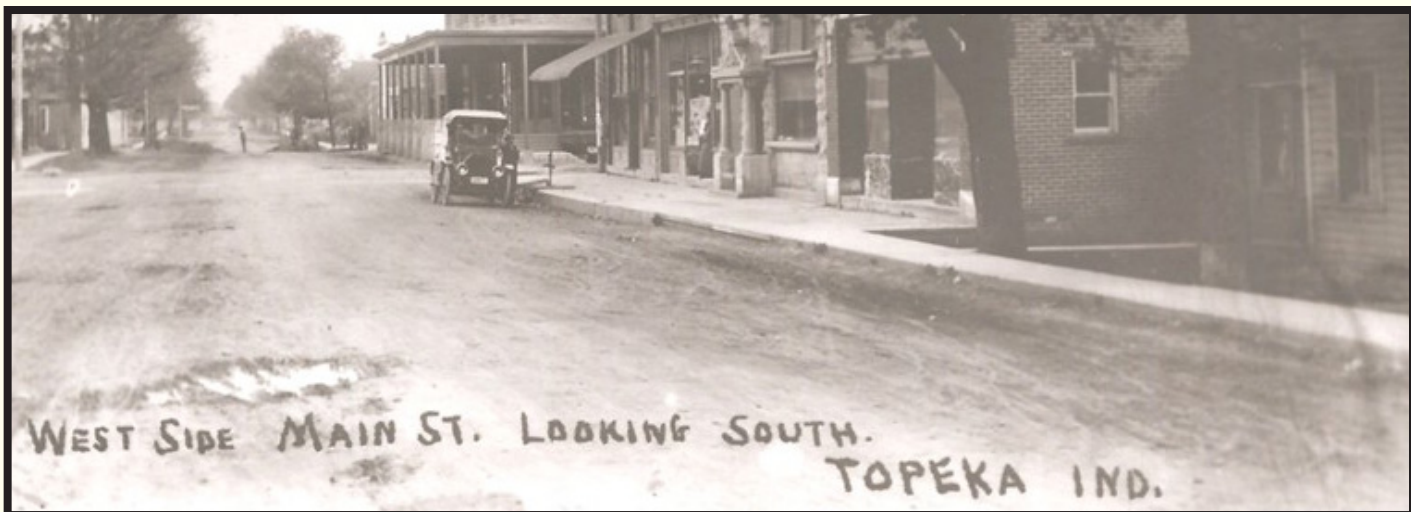
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edition of the Topeka Journal. "Edwin D. Miller, an employee of Kempp's Garage was arrested Tuesday morning by Marshal Westby for automobile speeding. He was taken before Justice Nellie Patten, and fined \$5.85. Marshal Westby promises more arrests unless speed and traffic laws and ordinances are not obeyed."

The Journal actually had the marshal's last name spelled wrong. It was Westbay not Westby. Keep in mind that this was back in the days when news type was set by hand, so it is easy to understand how one letter could have been left out.

George Washington Westbay (1851-1926) was also a section hand with the

Wabash Railroad. Following the death of his first two wives, he married Clara Goldring Eiman (1860-1941) on February 27, 1907. As of this writing it is not clear when Westbay was appointed Town Marshal nor how long he served in that office. He died on December 4, 1926. Greenawalt Brothers of Topeka were the undertakers and burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Clara died in 1941 and is buried in the Eden Cemetery west of Topeka.

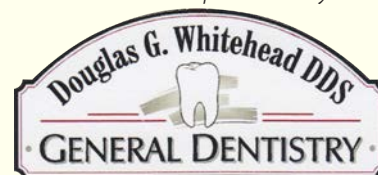
Reading the 1924 Topeka traffic ordinance you find many things you might expect in such a document. There are short paragraphs, each defining the meaning of the words being used: a "Silent Policeman" (a post, standard

or sign placed within a street or public place), a "Vehicle" (every vehicle on wheels, automotive or equestrian), "Horses" (Which I thought was funny because is there anybody living in Topeka who doesn't know what a horse is?), "Driver", and what is a "Slow Moving Vehicle" (one moving less than 10 miles per hour). There is even a section that addresses taxicabs.

One of my favorite sections is Section 10 which references Hanging on Vehicles. Here is how the section reads: "No one shall ride upon, hold to or hang upon any vehicle in such manner that his body or any part of it, shall protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle."

So, when I was working parade traffic for the Topeka Police Department on July 4, 2022, and assuming this ordinance is still on the books, maybe I should have arrested and fined the Amish kids who were riding on top of a buggy packed with other teenagers at the Topeka Sale Barn. But wait, I'm not a sworn officer ... I'm just the volunteer police chaplain! Just saying; it might have been fun.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Winners

1ST

BOYS 13-15

All the Single Ladies - (L-R) Micah Wingard, Ryan Miller, Seth Bontrager, and Kevin Miller.



2ND

BOYS 13-15

Little Guys- (L-R) Brent Miller, Jeremy Troyer, Jared Miller, and Justin Slabach.



1ST

BOYS 10-12

Minutemen - (L-R) Gavin Miller, Carter Mast, Curtis Graber, and Jason Miller.



2ND

BOYS 10-12

Cheesy Cheetos- (L-R) Gabe Chupp, Jake Chupp, Sammy Miller, and Carson Yoder.



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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Well, hopefully nobody blew away in the storms just a day or two ago (as I'm writing this). I knew we were due some storms that evening, but I didn't anticipate hearing tornado sirens at nearly midnight!

Thankfully, the only damage we sustained was a few scratches from trying to get our three cats into the basement. We had to let two of them wander free once we got down there, because we only have one small cat carrier, and they fiercely objected to being held.

I think Ophelia is still a bit grey from exploring the dust and dirt, instead of her usual white. Eriana is already grey, so she looks fine. Felicia, I'm sure, thinks she got the raw end of the deal: she was in the carrier! 🐾 Solution on page 41.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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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: **August 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

Marion & Waneta Miller of 700 S, Topeka correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Alton Bontrager & Daniel**

Miller, 5865 W 200 S, 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 **Brenda Yoder of 925 W, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Lyle Troyer of 050 N, LaGrange.**



There were 20 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Marlin & Alma Bontrager, Ruth Weaver, Amos Jay & Ida Anna Miller, Leroy & Sara Fry, Larry & Erma Miller, Dennis & Waneta Yoder, Vernon & Katie Nisley, Richard & Wilma Schlabach, Jr & Esther Beechy, Lester & Marlene Mullett, Norman & Edna Miller, Elroy & Marlene Bontrager, Becky Schwartz, Joe & Deann Fry, Kevin & Cheryl Mullett, Jr & Marilyn Bontrager, Jr & Edith Lambright

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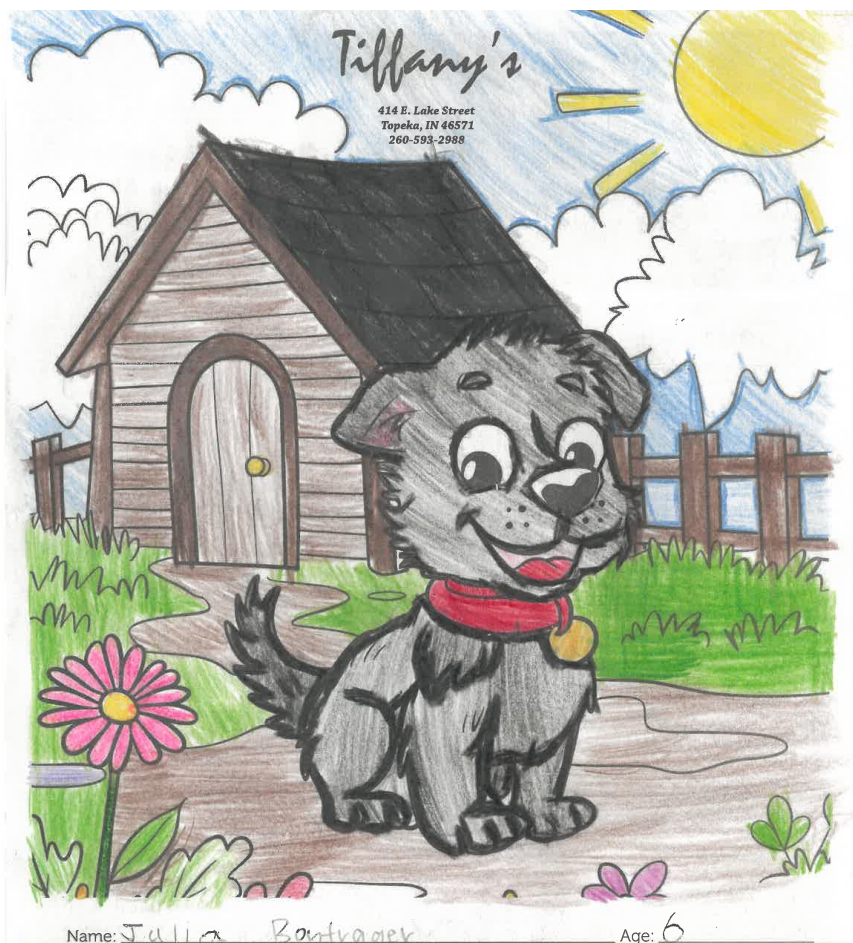
Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Julia Bontrager of 600 S, Topeka was our winner for the July Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka.

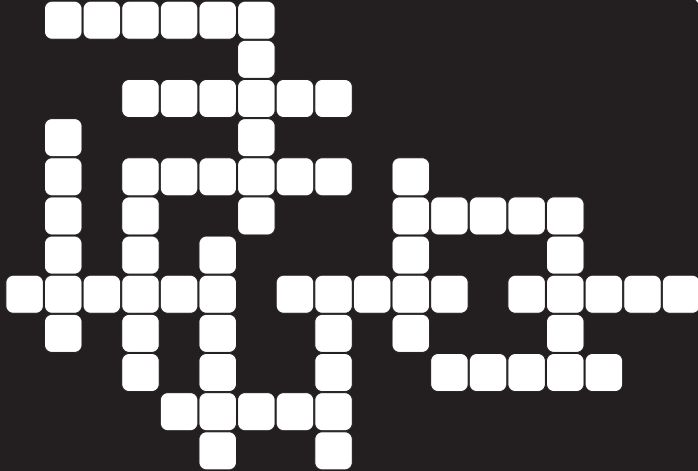
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free ice cream cone through August.

Runners-up were Halle Stutzman, age 6; Joshua Hershberger, age 5; Jeremy Hostetler, age 4; and Leah Joy Miller, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Faith Abigail Farmwald, age 6; Maria Knepp, age 5; Lance Nissley, age 6; Jolene Hostetler, age 5; Melanie Rose Yoder, age 4; and Logan Lambright, 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. 



Apple
Award
Behave
Buses
Color
Folder
Grade
Learns
Marker
Paper
Pencil
Recess
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Clueless
Crossword

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!
Forwards AND Backwards!

Solution to Clueless Crossword is on pg 42.
by Chloe Lovell

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Answer on page 41.

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Name: _____ Age: _____

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Solution to puzzle on page 37.



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*Enter remaining letters starting at
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**W E H A V E
B O U G H T A
B I G G E R
C A R R I E R N O S E H C T A R C S W**

Answer:

**A TIME
TABLE**



Riddle on page 38.

<https://www.ezschooll.com/Riddles/Riddle54Ans.html>



LaGrange County Sheriffs Office 9th Annual

Honor Motorcycle Ride and Classic Car Show

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Every year, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Office holds an Annual Honor Ride to help support their Specialty teams that are not able to be covered by county funds. These specialty teams include the K9 Division, Honor Guard, and Critical Response Team.

The Honor Ride consists of a Police Escorted Motorcycle Ride throughout LaGrange County, door prizes, food, and a t-shirt for all riders. This year there will also be a Classic Car Show.

The event will take place at the

LaGrange County 4H Fairgrounds. Registration will be from 9-11 a.m. Kickstands up at 11 a.m. for the ride to start.

Register early at 0875 S State Road 9 in LaGrange. Cost to participate is \$25 per bike or \$35 for bike with passenger. The Classic Car entry fee is \$25.

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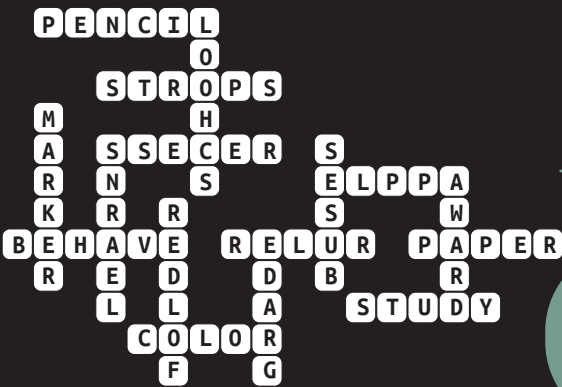
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- 11:00-11:45 "Insulin Resistance & Its Influence on Systemic Health" Kevin Diener, ND
- 11:00-2:00 Lunch Line Open Deluxe Salad Bar & Grilled Chicken
- 2:00-2:45 "Emotional Health and Its Scientific Connection to Physical Health" Jerry Christner, ND
- 2:45-3:15 "Five Things I've Learned in 50 Years of Medical Practice" Cal Streeter, DO
- 3:30-4:30 "Lymes Disease, Chronic Fatigue, and Immune Health" Teresa Holler, MS, PA-C

4:30-6:30 Supper Line Open
Shredded Beef, Baked Potato and Cole Slaw

Keynote Presentation

6:30-8:00 "Long Haul COVID Recovery with Homeopathy, Copper, Silver, and Nitric Oxide" Robert Scott Bell, Host of Robert Scott Bell Radio Show

Saturday, August 24

9:00-9:45 "Maintaining a Healing Mindset Through Times of Physical Illness"
Willy Christner, ND - Founder of Northern Nutrition

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10:00-11:30 "The Four Horsemen of the Inflammation Apocalypse, Plus One" Robert Scott Bell, Host of Robert Scott Bell Radio Show

11:00-1:00 Lunch Line Open Deluxe Salad Bar & Grilled Chicken

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