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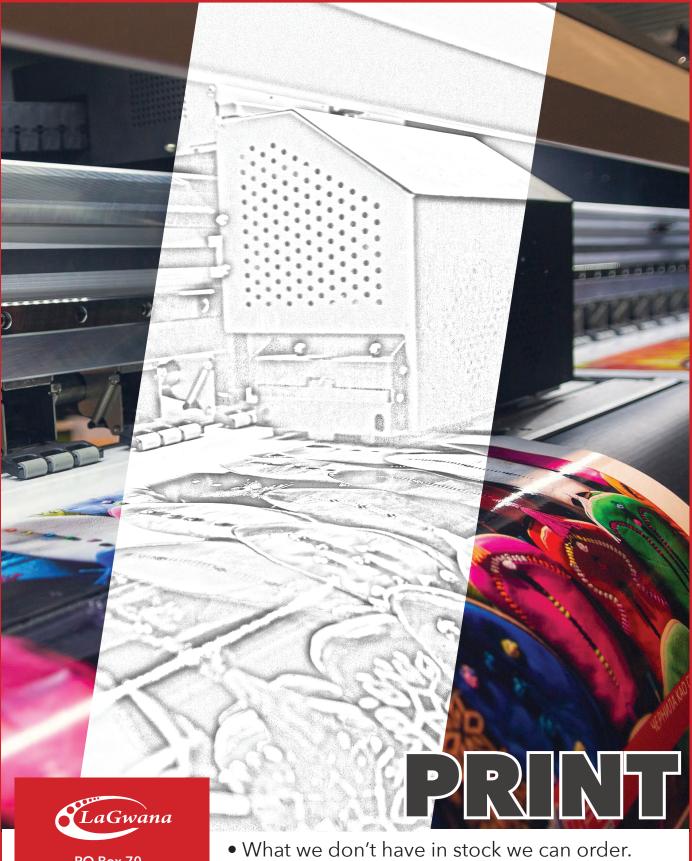
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Meet the Intern

Beginning high school can be terrifying. For the first time in your life, you are truly separated from your friends, there are teachers you hear bone-chilling rumors about, and there seems to be so much ahead of you. But nobody ever talks about the true fear that comes with the ending of high school, and the beginning of your future. Entering your senior year has a lot of what ifs? What if I can't graduate? What if I despise my future career? What if I become unsure? Luckily enough for me, I secured a position at LaGwana Printing as an intern that helped squash those negative thoughts.

My name is Arlene Thompson, a Lakeland senior set to graduate in June of 2025. A passion of mine has always been to better myself and the people around me, which getting involved in extracurriculars allowed me to do. I am a three-sport athlete, competing in volleyball, basketball, and track and field. As the first chair alto saxophone in Lakeland's band, I could spend forever playing music. Not to brag, but I am a two-time-state-qualifier on my saxophone-whose name is Barbara. I have a ginormous amount of school pride as my class' vice president and am very involved in student council.

I recently started my school's first online athletic newsletter, which highlights our sports teams and athletes' hard work.

I am honestly the biggest cat person
I know, seriously.
My three cats at home – Khan,
Mowgli, and
Bagheera – are treated

as if they are my own children. I could read all day if I'm in a good enough mood, or I can spend it watching all 15 seasons of Supernatural. Even though I can pretend to be outgoing, I am truly a homebody at heart. My parents, Keith and Amy Thompson, both teach at Lakeland High School, forcing me to be an all-around A student.

My dream is to become a political broadcaster and journalist. I hope to attend Ball State University in the fall with a double major in media and journalism while minoring in political science. I have always had an interest in politics that excelled beyond my peers and wish to use that fire to help unite our country. With the knowledge I learn here at LaGwana, I hope to bring an aspect of professionalism and experience into college, so I can gain a head start on achieving my dreams. One day, I will hopefully move to Washington D.C. to work in the heart of our country.

I could not be more grateful to get the opportunity to share a piece of myself here. I only just started, but I have gained so many opportunities to embrace my creative side and begin a hopeful and wonderous journey. With that being said, I am anticipating the

comprehension and exposure to a side of journalism I have never experienced. Stay tuned to experience that journey with me in my column *Through My Eves*.

Best Wishes, Arlene Thompson, *Intern*

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Witnessing Your Thoughts

At eight years old, I overheard my Wisdom is knowing whether to say aunt describing my sister and me to a it or not. King Solomon must've been friend. Speaking of my sister, she said, "Janie's so sweet, and you hardly hear a peep out of her." Pointing at me, she knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit said, "But that one right there; she can is a man of understanding." Proverbs talk a mile a minute!"

Was I offended? Nope! I was wildly impressed. Seriously? A mile a minute? For a kid who didn't have an athletic bone in her body, the fact that I could go a mile in a minute, in anything, was remarkable! And so, my track record began.

My junior high teacher changed my seat twice in hopes that moving me by kids I didn't know as well would quiet me. I just made new friends. Some would say that's being overly talkative; I call it being friendly.

Eventually, as an adult, I realized how annoying my talkative behavior was and learned to patiently wait my meaningful, or was I just spewing them out to get in my word quota for the day? assure you!

their impact on others.

I recently saw this Knowledge is knowing what to say. relationships.

thinking along those lines when he said, "Whoever restrains his words has



Although I try desperately to use caution when expressing my thoughts, turn to speak. And speak I did, but I have failed miserably too many times. were my words always measured and I have come away from conversations with great conviction over how my words were perceived or how they may Ask my husband; he has this answer, I travel. I've often wished I could take those words back, but once they are As I age, I attempt to be more said, it's too late. Unlike social media, contemplative about my words and where you can delete a post you wish you hadn't shared, words spoken quote: without consideration can damage

I read a devotion about "Witnessing Your Thoughts" several years ago, and it's a good practice to follow. Witnessing your thoughts is the practice of stepping aside from your thoughts and thinking about what they will sound like once they exit your brain and come off your tongue (or are posted on social media for all to see). Are my thoughts helpful or harmful? Do I want to say this out of anger, retaliation, or defense? First, witness how your words will be received by those listening. Take the situation, the person you're speaking to or about, and your own emotions into account. Do these thoughts tear down or build up? This principle applies to all conversations; texting, posting, and around the coffee table.

You may think, "Geesh, by the time I do all that, I've missed my opportunity to speak my mind." Well, then, point taken. Sometimes, things are better left unsaid. Silence can speak louder than words. However, taking the time to process doesn't necessarily mean we won't say what's on our mind. Taking the time to witness our thoughts gives us the time to speak to them as intended, which should always be to build each other up.

Psalm 19:14 NASB

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. 🕕

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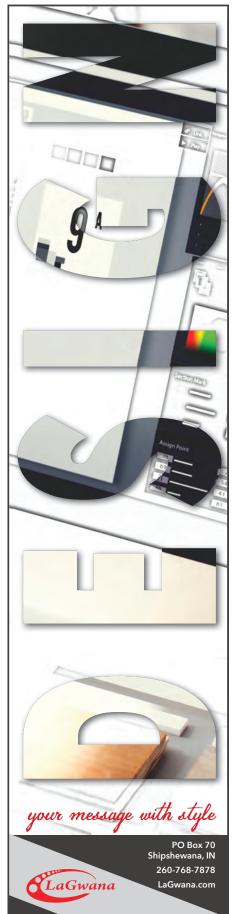
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Smart Choices

By: Logan Pratt, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

Hypertension: "A Silent Danger"

What is Hypertension?

for having high blood pressure. cause the heart to become damaged and Hypertension can produce stress among have to work harder. Hypertension that the body's arteries and organs. A healthy is left uncontrolled can cause: heart blood pressure is less than 120/80 failure, vision loss, heart attack, sexual mmHg. Anything higher than this dysfunction, stroke, artery disease, and is hypertension. Hypertension often chronic kidney disease. does not have any obvious symptoms. How to Check Blood Pressure. Many people with hypertension do not even know it. A person can find out if should have their blood pressure they hypertension by getting their checked at least once per year. People blood pressure checked by a healthcare who DO have hypertension should have professional.

Who is at Risk for Hypertension?

risk of hypertension. Those risk factors hypertension. include: being overweight, long-term activity, diabetes, unhealthy diet (especially high in sodium), and high cholesterol.

What Can Hypertension Cause?

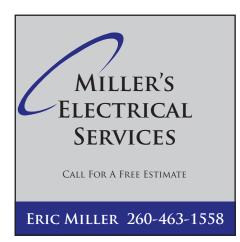
High blood pressure can cause arteries to become damaged. It can also cause arteries to become blocked

not allowing blood flow and oxygen to Hypertension is another word reach organs. High blood pressure can

People who don't have hypertension their blood pressure checked every 1-6 months depending on the severity People may have certain risk factors and the treatment of hypertension. that increase the risk of developing People can get their blood pressure hypertension. A family history of checked at their doctor's office and at hypertension may increase the risk of some pharmacies (including Topeka developing it. As people get older in age, Pharmacy). People can also check their they are at a higher risk of developing blood pressure at home. There are blood high blood pressure. Men until the pressure monitors that can be purchased age of 65 are more likely to develop that will allow people to check and hypertension when compared to monitor their blood pressure at home. females. People who suffer from chronic It is important for people to keep track kidney disease have an increased risk of their blood pressure readings and let as well. There are other risk factors that their doctor know about the readings. can be worked on to help reduce the This will help the doctor manage their

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Watch Out for Investment Scams

When you invest, you'll find that get wealthy by buying and selling to provide "guaranteed returns." If an knowledge is power. The more you know about your investment choices, and who is offering them, the better prepared you'll be to make good decisions. And this diligence can also help protect you against investment scams.

How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Report.

> Here are some common types of scams:

• Cryptocurrency - Not all

cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

- Investment programs These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.
- **Real estate** Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to

real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless.

· Gold and other precious metals

- Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be an appropriate part of



your investment portfolio.

So, how can you avoid these scams? Here ae some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

- · Don't be pushed into snap **decisions**. Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long. If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.
- · Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims. All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim

individual or organization downplays the risk of an investment and doesn't want to provide risk disclosures, just walk away.

· Ask about licensing or registration. Legitimate investment professionals must be registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and be licensed by your state's securities regulator before they can sell you any investment product. You can check the status of an individual or firm by using FINRA's BrokerCheck tool at brokercheck.fina.

· Do some research. You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades - so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success. 0

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LaGrange County

Library

Below are the events planned for September 2024.

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

All library locations will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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

Facebook Page- m.facebook.com/lagrangelibraryindiana)

Family Movie Night! (Rated PG)

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.

M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Topeka Branch

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030 M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

LaGrange • Friday, September 27 • 6 p.m. • Movie: TBA Free popcorn! Bring your own covered drink.

Adult Interest

Classic Cinema: Bette Davis (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 10 • 2 p.m.

The Petrified Forest, Starring Bette Davis, Leslie Howard & Humphrey Bogart, 1936 TV-G 82 min. FREE admission and popcorn!

A young waitress and her father, a depressed wanderer, and a criminal and his gang all become embroiled in a hostage situation that erupts at a lonely diner in the Arizona desert.

Culinary Adventures: Vegan Brunch

The Rooted Vegan • 30 N. Public Square, Angola

Thursday, September 12 • Meet at the library to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or meet us at the restaurant at 10:45 a.m. Explore interesting restaurants and food stores throughout our area! Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030. All food purchases at your own expense.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, September 14 • 11 a.m.

This month, we'll discuss: "The Scarlet Pimpernel" by baroness Emmuska Orczy. A timeless novel of adventure, intrigue, and romance is sparked by one man's defiance in the face of authority. Copies are available at LaGrange's Adult Desk.

<u>Patchwork Trails – Mike Metz Fen (All Ages)</u>

Pine Knob Park Clubhouse, 2825 W SR 120, Howe • Tues., Sept. 17 • 6 p.m. Join us as we explore LaGrange County and the surrounding area. Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! No fees or registraton required, just meet at the designated park.

Painting with Carl Mosher (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Friday, September 20 • 1–4 p.m.

Even if you've never painted before, you'll be amazed at what you're capable of! Carl will supply all the materials. Cost is \$25 payable to Carl at class. Classes fill fast—Call today to sign up! Register at 260-463-2841 x1030.

Classic Cinema: Bette Davis (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 24 • 2 p.m.

Jezebel, Starring Bette Davis, & Henry Fonda. 1938 NR 103 min. A haughty Southern belle loses her sweetheart through her selfish behavior. FREE Admission and popcorn!

Archi-Trek: Hillsdale, MI (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, September 26 • Depart & Return: LaGrange Main Library Departure 8:30 a.m. - Return approx. 5:00 p.m.

Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x 1030.

This partnership between the Library and Green Bus Tours will take small groups on architecture tours of the surroundiing area. This month, ride to Hillsdale, Michigan, and tour both the current Hillsdale Community Library and the original library, now the Mitchell Research Center. The trip will include a tour of the town's architectural highlights, ending with a visit to Hillsdale College's halls of learning. Health note: This tour requires walking and occasional stairs.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, September 28 • 11 a.m.

Theme: Mexican Food! Borrow a cookbook from the library, find a recipe online, or cook a family favorite. Make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-in! Families welcome. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Youth Department

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

Theme: STEAM Through the Seasons

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

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

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.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 9 • 4–6 p.m. • No registration needed. Drop in any time and stay as long as you can. We will be learning new games and deciding what titles to add to our circulating games. Come enjoy some nonelectronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens!

Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, September 9 • 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, September 9 • 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.

Homeschool Hangout

LaGrange • Wednesday, September 11 • 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, September 13 • 10:30-12:00 p.m.

Join other homeschool families for a time to hang out, play games, share ideas and make new friends! Feel free to come to one or both days and enjoy some time to relax together. Registration appreciated, not required.

Book Clubs

LaGrange • Monday, September 16 • 4-5 p.m. Elementary: Grades 1-3 Reading The Trouble with Chickens.

Mid-Grade: Grades 4-7 Read a book of your choice to share with the group.

Teen Book Club (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September. 23 • 4–4:45 p.m.

Read a book from the YA Fiction section, discuss and share your thoughts.

Teen Advisory Group - TAG (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 23 • 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!

Teen Night: Candy Sushi! (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 23 • 6-7:15 p.m.

We will have fun making sushi from various candies and playing the super fun card game, Sushi Go! Please sign up so we can have enough supplies.

Makerspace: Cardboard Chaos! (Ages 5-up)

LaGrange • Wednesday, September 25 • 2:30-7 p.m.

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. We will have our Make-do tools for Cardboard Chaos and have fun creating with boxes!

September Events

Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Sept 18 • 8–10 am Maple Wood Nature Center Coffee, donuts and nature conversation.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, Sept 25 • 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.

Quilt Class

Saturday, Sept 21 • 9 am–3 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center
Fee: \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)
Pattern to be announced. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. Bring a sack lunch and/or a potluck contribution. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

Folk Jams

Sunday, Sept 22 • 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, Sept 7 • 9 am
Dallas Lake Park
0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

The fifth trail date for the 2024 Every Park Every Trail Walking Club will be Sept 7 at Dallas Lake Park, 050 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN. The walk will begin at 9am at the Office Trailhead. 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.



Youth Event - LaGrange County Connecting with Youth

Saturday, Sept 21 • 10 am-1 pm Dallas Lake Park 0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

Free event for community youth - forging positive relations between our youth and local law enforcement and community partners. There will be activities, games and food. Doorprize drawing for youth in grades 6-12 (through 18 years old)

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Arts in the Park

Saturday, Sept 28 • 10 am-2pm Dallas Lake Park

It's time again! Lagrange County Arts and the Parks Department are teaming up for the 2nd annual Arts in the Park. Tell your friends! Register to show and sell your art or craft. And if you make the best chili around, register as a culinary artist! It's gonna be a great day!! And there will be photographers there to inspire and teach you how to up your game whether using a fancy fit or simply your phone's camera. Bring the kids and have a great time!!



Patchwork Trails

Tuesday, Sept 17 • 6 pm Mike Metz Fen Trail at Pine Knob Park Clubhouse

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.





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Weaver Makes Dean's List

Geneva College announces the Dean's List of undergraduate students for the spring 2024 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

Among those named is Lily C. Weaver of Shipshewana, IN, who is a Senior at Geneva College.

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Shipshewana **Area Historical** Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet on Monday, September 16 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 La-Grange County Historian Bryan McCoy and Carolyn McCoy of LaGrange. They will be spotlighting the Early Years of Corn School.

Do you know why we have Corn School? Find out the purpose of the event. This event will take place the first of October. Come and Enjoy a visit of the past and future. The public is invited.

Thanks to everyone that supported our BBQs this summer. 0

Grazing School:

A Unique, Interactive Event

On September 27 and 28, LaGrange bounce ideas off of. County will be hosting a unique event: the Indiana Grazing School. If you raise cattle, lambs or horses on pasture, and are interested in improving your skills, this program can be one of those events you attend that changes the way you think of things.

The program will run from 1 to 6 pm on Friday the 27th at the PARGILL full. Natural Resource Learning Center north of LaGrange. We will talk about soils, roots, leaves, sunshine, and photosynthesis, pasture health and paddock design. Later that afternoon, we will tour a local farm where we can learn what has worked, and what they would do differently.

On Saturday, we will resume the discussion with ideas about soil fertility, fencing, water systems, animal nutrition needs and animal health issues that relate to pasturing. Other topics sure to come up include extension of the grazing season, record keeping, and weeds control. The program will wrap up about 4 pm on the 28th.

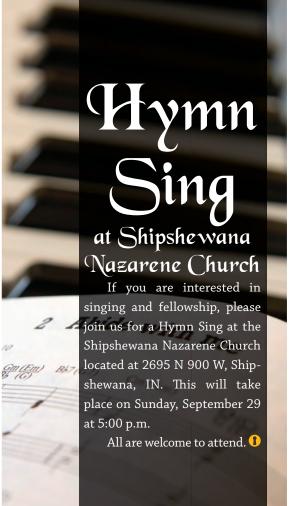
Several people who have attended this meeting in the past have commented that it is not just the program that makes it worth the time, it is learning and sharing with other grazers, and developing those contacts with others to

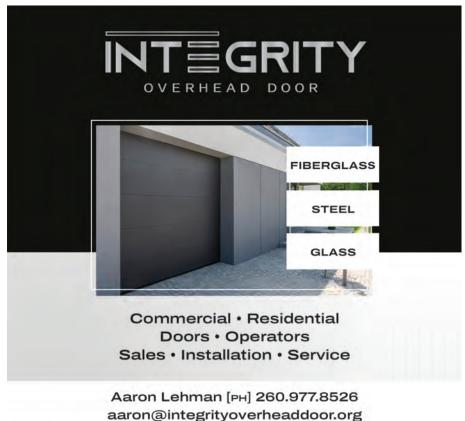
The class is limited to 30 people, so sign up soon. The cost will be \$80 for the first person from a farm, and \$55 for the second person from the same farm. This includes meals, snacks and some very good materials. The deadline for the LaGrange Grazing School sign up is September 13 or when the class is

Those with computer access can visit https://tinyurl.com/5br5nmk5 for the enrollment form or you can find them at a number of area feed and farm shops or the local County Extension Office and SWCD Office.

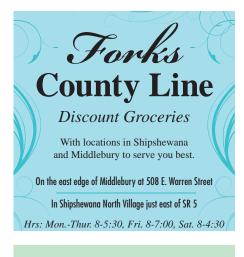
Grazing School is sponsored by The Indiana Forage Council, The US-DA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, our LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District, and of course, Purdue Extension. If you have questions about Grazing School, reach out to Keith Johnson, Purdue's fantastic forage specialist, at 765-494-4800.

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Noble County.

Live Well with Diabetes is presented through a partnership of the Parkview Center for Healthy Living, Purdue Extension and the Cole Center Family YMCA. The course aims to educate people who are living with diabetes, or who have been diagnosed with prediabetes, and inspire them to manage their condition while finding camaraderie with others who face similar challenges.

Live Well with Diabetes offers:

- · Four lecture-based learning workshops: A registered dietitian and educator with Purdue Extension - Noble County will present on a variety of nutrition-related and diabetes management topics. Participants will receive written copies of the material covered, plus a binder of recipes to try at home. Guest speakers from a variety of healthwill share their care specialties expertise.
- · Four hands-on cooking classes: A Parkview Center for Healthy Living registered dietitian will provide interactive, practical instruction on preparing delicious recipes and assembling a healthy plate at mealtime.
- · Low-impact physical activity: A Cole Center Family YMCA instructor will guide participants in learning how to incorporate activity and movement into their daily routine to control blood glucose. Time will

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The two-hour sessions begin Sept. active, eight-week program available in 19 and take place from noon to 2 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 7 at The Community Learning Center, 401 E. Diamond St. A three-month follow-up session will take place at the same time on Feb. 6, 2025. Participants will receive a special gift for completing the program.

> Past participants noted they enjoyed learning more about how the body processes nutritional components such as carbohydrates and protein. They also appreciated gaining insight into enhancing flavor while reducing sodium in a recipe. Said one participant: "I en-

be allowed each week for instruc- joyed the recipes we fixed. There were new vegetables I have never eaten and some spices I hadn't tried before. The exercise program was good,

> Any adult resident of Noble, or nearby counties, may attend Live Well with Diabetes. To register, a person should be able to participate in all eight required sessions as well as the Feb. 2025 follow-up session.

> Contact the Parkview Center for Healthy Living at 260-347-8125 to register by Thursday, Sept. 12.

> Cost for the entire program is \$10 per person. Participants may pay on the day of the first class or arrange a time to pay prior to the program's start. Space is limited. Scholarships are available upon request. 0



All the way from Cumberland, lationship counceling at no cost. Eash's friend, singer/songwriter

Maryland to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mel Eash is breaking out his bicycle for a fierce 334-mile ride ranging from August 24-30. The Greater Allegheny Passageway is a breath-taking trail that spans across three states. Eash is taking up this monstrous path to raise awareness and funds for Grace Haven Ministries. Located in Millersburg, Indiana, Grace Haven Ministries supplies faith-based re-

John Schmid, has also agreed to take part in this challenge. Schmid has chosen to raise funds for the Common Ground Prison Ministry.

Donations to Grace Haven Ministries are greatly appreciated; please mail all donations to 67163 CR 43, Millersburg, Indiana 46543. Include "August Ride" on the memo line! 🕕

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The new staff at Shipshe-Scott this year: (left to right): Jennie Metzler, Kathy Eash, Maryah Bontrager, Marissa Weaver, Lisa Miller, Karen Nieves, Brenda Kauffman, Ameera Ellis, Jess Sweet, and Kristen Kraft.













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Topeka students were welcomed back to school on August 13. Both staff and students had a wonderful first day of school. It is going t be a great year of learning and growing!











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Boys JV Soccer Team: Back (left to right): Caiden Shrock, Armando Nieves, Jacob McCoy, Caedmon Gates, Landon Gingerich, and Coach Libbie Martin.

Front: Elijah Watts, Mason Walz, Aiden Norberg, Cole Miller, Colin Vandergriff, Owen Weinberg, and Marcus Garrett. Not Pictured: Samuel Miller.

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Boys Varsity Soccer Team: Back (left to right): Caiden Shrock, Tristan Skudstrup, Max Engle, Jaxson Engle, Elijah Zolman, Jacob Watts, Jack Massey,
Owen Brill, and Assistant Coach Bodie Martin. Middle: Coach Ehren Misner, Kaiden Miller, Bentley Ryall, Levi Trethewey, Caine Reinhold, Omar Saleh,
Abrahem Alrasheed, Ian Bontrager, and Assistant Coach Jamie Martin. Front: Ilias Scherif, Alex Cochs, Kaiden Liechty, Austin Mullins, Dallas Yoder, Bryan
Yoder, Tyler Stutzman, and Carson Niccum.

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Girls JV Soccer Team: Back (left to right): Amanda Hershberger, Rebecca Miller, Morgan Grossman, Kaitlyn Weimer, Mari Jo Mast, Alyssa Hooley, and Coach Nicole Streby. Middle: Coach Yoder, Zuriah Reed, Josie Ryall, Memphis Bontrager, Lexy Bennett, Emilia Mendoza, and Dena Miller. Front: Atzimba Munoz, Aliyah Fry, Angela Miller, Grace Yoder, Shelby Mullett, and Peyton Miller.

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Girls JV & Varsity Soccer Team: Back (left to right): Coach Nicole Streby, Mari Jo Mast, Morgan Grossman, Breann Cory, Myra Miller, Kelsie Ward, and Coach Jesse Ward. Middle: Coach Yoder, Morgan Reigsecker, Rebecca Miller, Janissa Lehman, Marilyn Yoder, Dena Miller, J.J. Whetstone, and Coach Chad Bender. Front: Josie Ryall, Olivia Bontrager, Morgan Rich, Peyton Miller, Leigha Shrock, Makenna Bender, and Olivia Jasso. Photo by Abby Wenger



JV Volleyball Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Kendra White, Coach Whitney Gessinger, and Mylie Dzailak. <u>Middle</u>: Manager Madie Yoder, Jillian Bontrager, Hailey Lambright, and Manager Malarie Steider. <u>Front</u>: Mila Geyer, Alayah Hostetler, and Kylie Singleton.

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Varsity Volleyball Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Assistant Coach Taylor Eash, Addison Kauffman, Madison Grossman, Kirsten Schumacher, and Coach Heidi Brohm. <u>Middle</u>: Manager Madie Yoder, Camryn Christner, Kylyie Yoder, Kylie Singleton, Janessa Miller, and Manager Malarie Steider. <u>Front</u>: Hailey Lambright, Kloie Yoder, and Briana Kaufman.

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Girls Cross Country Team: Back (left to right): Coach Meghann Rainsberger, Jada Mauck, Bailey Manns, Caterina Olivieri, and Kiana Mast. Front: Alanna Donat, Adelyn Rainsberger, Annagail Warrener, Merrill Warrener, and Eden Mauck.

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Boys Cross Country Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Coach Richmond Stoltzfus, A.J. Martin, Alex Yoder, Gaven Rainsberger, and Noah Bontrager. <u>Front</u>: Coach Lyle Bontrager, Lucas Mullet, Cole Bontrager, Evan Beechy, Karson Mast, and Justin Miller.

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Boys Tennis Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Carver Stump, Laban Bontrager, Kaden Grau, Pierce Yoder, Kaleb Iddings, and Head Coach Tyler Miller. <u>Middle</u>: Lex Thompson, Luke Stults, Gavin Engle, Hudson Yoder, and Dylan Shrock. <u>Front</u>: Kaden Hostetler, Liam Brill, Ethan Miller, Aarron Roth, and Jackson Miller.

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CELEBRATING

150 Years of God's Faithfulness at Shore Church

by Harold D. Gingerich

long to be remembered for the people at this time was not yet a Christian.)" that call Shore Church home. That's the day Pastor Nic Raber and the con- was born in Johngregation have set to commemorate the church's 150th anniversary. Their vania. He married theme sums it up, "Celebrating God's Martha Thomas in Faithfulness." Indeed, despite their 1840. humble beginning, businesses around come to faith and in them relocating to Shipshewana, the the 1860s he was ordevastation of the Palm Sunday tor- dained as a minister. nado in 1965, to several years ago be- He is said to have ing bypassed by U.S. 20, God's hand been the first local of blessing has sustained the faithful man to be ordained believers at Shore. Today the congregation is experiencing new growth and he was ordained a vitality.

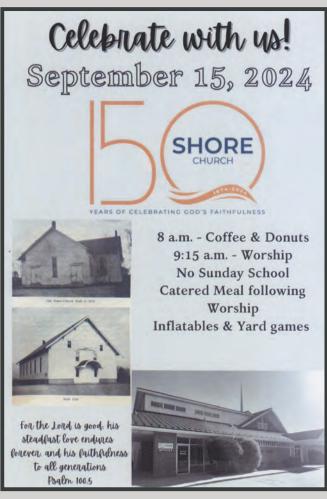
The Shore congregation traces its the Shore and Clinroots back to 1851 when Henry A. Miller (1820-1893) and his wife Martha (1820-1902) moved to Clay Township in 1893. from Elkhart County. Thanks to several historical booklets printed by the Find a Grave page church (Shore Mennonite Church 1874-1974, page 5), we know some interest- that he could read ing details about Henry's life. "Mrs. and write in Ger-Miller was supposedly the first Menno- man. That is impor-

September 15, 2024, will be a day nite in Lagrange County. (Henry Miller tant because most of the preaching in

Mennonite churches was done in Ger-

Henry Miller stown, Pennsyl-Henry did a minister. In 1883 bishop and served ton Brick congregations until his death

Bishop Miller's (#82693207) notes



man. Henry and Martha are buried in the Miller Cemetery which is east of the Shore Church on what was old U.S. 20 at 7-mile curve near Shipshewana.

There is a reprint of his obituary on Find a Grave from the Herald of Truth, Vol XXXI, No. 15, dated August 1, 1894. The closing paragraphs of the obituary provide both a glimpse into the character of the man and of his legacy.

Bro Miller's seat in church was seldom vacant. His sermons were always earnest admonitions. He disliked insincerity, pride and its manifestations, or anything which leads to disunion or strife.

He had always peace in the church and with his fellow men; and earnestly exhorted those in his charge to follow, not their own inclinations, but the God of peace. We frequently heard him say, "I must follow my Bible, if all men be false." How well we remember him the last time we saw him in church; he rose, feeble, trembling, with the tears streaming down his face and his voice quivering; he said he knew his time here was short, but that he expected to reap as he had sown; also, how he regretted that he had not enlisted in the Master's service earlier. In all that he did, he gave God the glory. He often said, in German, "Give God the glory and not dying man, also, "When we have done all that it is our duty to do, we are still nothing but unprofitable servants." He loved to sing German hymns, "O Seele, saeume nicht." "Mein Gott! Das Herz ich bringe Dir," and "Ihr jungen Helden aufgewacht". He was a friend to the young people. And while we sadly miss him, we can only remember and try to follow his kind and ever earnest precepts.

Thanks to the 1952 history of the Shore Mennonite Church, we know a great deal about the early years in the life of the congregation and its lead-



ership. In 1974, that history was reprinted, and additional information was added, for the church's 100th anniversary.

Shore traces its early beginning back to 1864 when services were every four weeks. The first service was held in a barn and John Brennemen preached the first sermon on the topic of "Faith". Shortly after that, services were moved to a schoolhouse at Hood Lake. Very quickly people began to refer to it as Shore Lake. The man who built a resort on the north end of the lake tried to

change the name to Rainbow Lake, in honor of his World War I military division, but the lake is most widely known as Shore.

In 1874, a regular 30' x 40' church building was constructed, and a decision was made to hold Sunday services every two weeks since that was what Forks was doing. Forks and Shore alternated Sunday service. It wasn't long before Shore decided that on the Sundays when there was no morning service, they would have preaching in the evening. Church membership at Shore at that time was about 200.



The meeting-house was moved across the road in 1892 onto farmland donated by William Wiler who, in his later years, was a member of the Congregational Church in Shipshewana. With the move



came remodeling and expansion with 14 feet being added to the building. The building was heated with two stoves. In the photo of the original building, you can see that there were two entrances, one for the women on the right and the left one for the men. The pulpit was between the entrances. Buggy sheds and hitching racks were also built. These were in use until about 1941 when all the members were driving cars.

One of the challenges the church had to face came in 1888 when the railroad was built through Shipshewana. Many of the businesses and the post office that was at Shore Lake made the two mile move to Shipshewana. To their credit, the congregation at Shore continued to grow. By 1928, with crowded conditions and the need for additional Sunday School classrooms, the decision was made to build.

Plans were drawn up. In the winter of 1928 and the spring of 1929, a new 43' x 70' frame building was constructed. It is interesting that the new entrance had double doors, gone were the separate entrances for men and women. The church history notes that, "So great was the enthusiasm and cooperation that by the time building was completed it had all been paid for except \$200." The cost

along with necessarv equip-The new building was dedicated on August 18, 1929, just prior to Black Tuesday October 29th when the stock market crashed.

Years later 1963 in

church undertook a major building expansion. A 60' x 15' foyer was added to the front of the building. On the west side of the building was an education wing (80' x 30') and a pastor's study. A mother's room and kitchen were also added. Truman Miller, who had grown up at Shore, was the contractor for the consisting of Ivan Birky, Paul Mishler \$84,000 project.

No history of the Shore Church would be complete without mentioning the April 11, 1965, Palm Sunday tornado that destroyed the church

of construction, building and claimed the lives of nine members of the congregation. Fifteen people were killed within half a mile of ment amounted the Shore church. A mass funeral, conto \$10, 944.33. ducted by Bishop Orvin Hooley and Dr. Dean Brubaker, was held in the Shipshewana School gym on Thursday April

> Shore members who died were Frank and Grace Haarer, Noble Haarer, Iva Nofzinger, John and Jennie Yoder, and Bessie and Bernis Hostetler. Mable Mishler died on the day of the mass funeral from the injuries she sustained in the tornado.

> The building was gone, but the church wasn't. With their meetinghouse a total loss, services were held in the school gym until school started in the fall. They were later moved to the tabernacle at the Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake.

> A building committee was formed (who will celebrate his 100th birthday on September 16th), Maurice Berkey, Orris Yoder, Freman Hartman, Ernest Hooley, and Ira Leer. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 27th, and





The first service in the new sanctuary was held on May 1, 1966.

One of the enduring legacies of to started the Lake Bethel the Shore Church is the missionary vision of the congregation. In 1899, several families from Shore moved to near Colon, Michigan. White Cloud, Michigan, where they established a congregation. In 1901 the ing to the 1974 (Mennonite) Emma Church was formed and continues to thrive to this day. In 1940, Locust Grove near Burr Oak, Michigan was started. In 1954 the church was asked to hold services in what was the Marion Methodist Church. Paul Haarer from Shore was one of the men ordained to serve as minister at Marion. And then in 1956 a mission church was started at Smith School near Morgantown, Kentucky. Shore members would drive to Kentucky once a month to hold services and Bible School.

The Appendix to the Shore Mennonite Church 1874-1974 history makes this comment. "Now since these congregation may be called children or offspring of the Shore Church there would also be grandchildren. Emma started Plato Church east of Lagrange and PlaChurch. Locust Grove started the South Colon Church these congregations, accord-Yearbook, there are about one thousand one hundred and seventy (1,170) mem-

bers. There are also 20 men who at some time were members of the Shore Church and were called to serve as ministers and deacons in other congregations through the years."

Shore's missionary vision led to creation of Rainbow Years Learning Center, now known as Rainbow Years Learning Ministries. Seeing the need for quality childcare, the center opened January 3, 1995, with 22 children. Today they continue to offer interactive learning for children ages 6-weeks to 11 years of age.

Today the Shore Church averages around 250 in attendance on any given Sunday. Pastor Raber says that the congregation's heritage of faith, their strong sense of community, coupled with a strong desire for genuine relationships and spiritual growth is more than ample reason to look to the future with optimism. 0



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My garden is alive and producing veggies! That is a sentence I haven't been able to say for a few years and feels incredible to say. Now, its not an in ground garden, it's a raised bed, but I've been able to eat actual vegetables from it! I only have four pepper plants in it (two jalapeno and two banana), a handful of onions, and a larger handful of garlic (courtesy of my pantry because it was starting to sprout) but it's all growing!

I've gotten a banana pepper or two, and tonight I will probably harvest a good <u>bunch</u> of jalapenos. I'm not sure when I will be able to harvest the garlic, <u>since</u> I <u>definitely</u> planted it at a <u>weird</u> time, but the fact that it is alive and <u>flourishing</u> is really all that I care <u>about</u>. Solution on page 39.

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There were 32 correct entries this month. Others that guessed correctly were: David R & Mary K Bontrager, Vernon Mullet, LaVerne & Dorothy Whetstone, Caleb Lambright, Nathan Bontrager, Wilbur and Treva Fry, Jerry & Loretta Nisley, Davie & Lorene Miller, Wilbur & Valarie Brandenberger, Joni Bontrager, Harley & Ella Schrock, Mark & Gina Miller, Lester & Marlene Mullet, David & Lorene Mishler, Alvin & LeEtta Miller, Alton & Katie Bontrager, Perry & Lanita Bontrager, Ferman and Rachel Wingard, Ervin Dean Miller, Amos & Elsie Bontrager, Devon & Dora Lehman, Junior & Dorothy Bontrager, Dan & Sue Miller, Jonathan & Ida Kauffman, Orley & Norma Lambright, Delmar & Ruby Herschberger, Ida Lehman, Junior & Mabel Miller, Daniel Miller, and Norm & Doris Miller.

Coloring Contest Winners

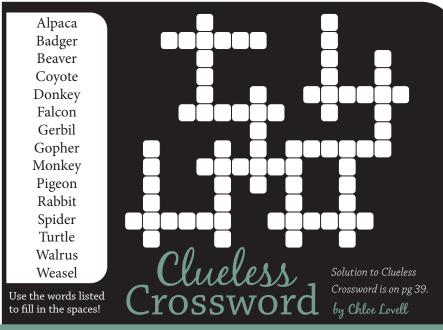
Six-year-old Benji Miller of CR 36, Goshen was our winner for the August Coloring Contest. He won an ice cream treat of choice at Vanilla Bean Creamery in Shipshewana.

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

Runners-up were Heidi Slabach, age 6; Madison Kate Lambright, age 5; Melanie Rose Yoder, age 4; Benjamin Yoder, age 3; and Zechariah Jace Farmwald, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Allison Nicole Wingard, age 6; Caleb Yoder, age 6; Alyssa Yoder, age 5; Jenna Kate Wagler, age 6; Mariah Yoder, age 6; and Andrea Miller, age 6.

Be SURE to include all your information on the coloring page, even your age! We do not want you to miss out! Remember, the contest is only for children up to six years old. •

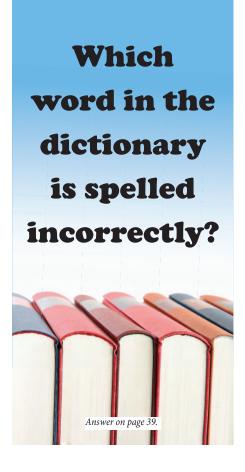




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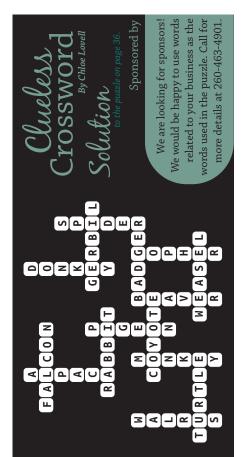
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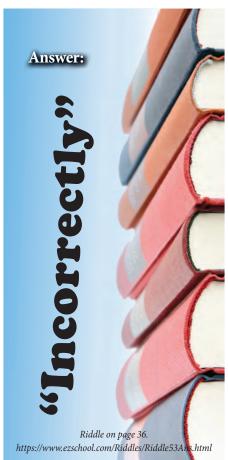
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Solution to puzzle on page 35.



Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

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