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Congratulations to Senior Gavin Engle (left) and Junior Kaden Grau, doubles Sectional Champions of the individual state tennis tournament!



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The Importance of Art

Throughout my entire school career, art class was something I grew to dread. Looking at all my classmates' creative and life-like pieces in elementary was enough to shun me into hiding. Visual art has never been something I have enjoyed doing or ever been good at. I may create a fantastic pumpkin every now and then, but I will never willingly subject myself to drawing in my free time.

When I was six years old, my mom introduced the idea of taking piano lessons. Next thing I know, I'm about eight years into playing. While tickling those ivories would occasionally make me sob the night before a lesson, it would allow my mind to go blank. The numbing feeling I get while playing music gives me a better understanding of those who love creating artwork.

My true love for music began in sixth grade, when I held my beloved saxophone for the first time. Playing the saxophone created a feeling of tranquility I had never felt before. The love I have for the art of performance and music is deeply rooted within me and is something I can never let go of.

When I heard about the Arts in the Park festival being held by LaGrange County Arts, I knew I wanted to get the word out there. Mary Woodworth, the director, has always been so supportive

of all things art in the community. She was my kindergarten art teacher and was still present throughout my high school musical career.

Without the support I received from our band program and the community, I would never have been able to travel to Indianapolis to perform my saxophone solos. There are so many kids I sit next to in band class every day that use art as an escape from the rest of the world. Life can be incredibly cruel, but having a safe place can make the sun shine just a little bit brighter.

I want to express the gratitude I have for art. Meeting artists who look at their pieces with such admiration makes me realize I'm not alone. Supporting local art fairs can brighten your lives, the artists' lives, and the community members' lives. I feel it's important to shine a light onto the arts in LaGrange County, which have made a huge impact already.

Schools, community, and people deserve art. We are so lucky as a community to have a committee as dedicated as LaGrange County Arts and the kids, parents and teachers involved in the school programs. Bands, show choir, art club, etc., are all great ways to not only better the community but better the lives of kids. Without art, a happy community wouldn't exist.

Arlene Thompson, *The Hometown Treasure Intern*



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Little Miss Bossy Pants

I've often been told that I'm bossy. I typically reply, "I'm not bossy; I just want to ensure everyone lives an optimum life!" Therefore, when people say I'm bossy, they are really saying, "Gee, thanks for being so caring and compassionate to me." So, to all my victims... "You're welcome!"

Now, I admit, there are moments in life when I like to get my way or want people to do things my way. In some instances, such as motherhood, bossing my kids around is inevitably part of the job. Giving orders might be necessary in the workplace to get the job done.

On the flip side, I sometimes want to be bossy but don't speak. I want to tell a friend to quit making bad choices, call out selfishness and disrespect in others, and correct things that can cause harm in relationships. Do you get the picture? Desiring the optimal life for everyone is so exhausting!

But there is one area where I take a big slice of humble pie. I've been known to boss God around, too. Yes, you heard me right. When I'm fervently praying about something, I often like to make suggestions as to how He should handle the situation.

I so desperately want the outcome to be positive that I somehow think God might need my help in turning it around.


But God, in his graciousness, lets me ramble and does whatever He wants anyway. And guess what? It turns out that His ways are always better than any suggestion I could

cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles."

Even though there are appropriate times to speak up, the verses above remind me that I'm not in charge. I simply must cry out to God, and he will hear and deliver. The battle belongs to Him—

not me. He truly is caring and compassionate. When we take on His character in this way, we naturally desire the best for others. The good news is that Christians can rely on the Holy Spirit's power to convict them whether they are to speak to the situation or to pray and wait. No bossing required.

Are you guilty of bossing God around? Are you weary from waiting for prayers to be answered and think God might need a little help? Do your prayers lean more toward him honoring your will instead of carrying out His own? Don't beat yourself up if you answer yes to any of these. You're not alone.

He loves you anyway. He will answer in exceedingly abundant ways, anyway. He wants to hear from you in some way. He is able, even when you're not getting your way. Forever and always – Amen. 



have ever dreamed of. My bossing is futile. His ways are perfect. Always.

Ephesians 3:20 - 21 says, Now, to Him, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church of Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (NKJV)

He is able. I am not. He does not need my suggestions but wants to hear my heart. The Psalmist said in Psalm 34:17, "When the righteous

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Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, Nov 2 • 9 am - End

Pine Knob Park

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The walk will begin at 9am at the Clubhouse trailhead, maps may be found at the trailhead, on the LaGrange County Parks website, or on the AllTrails App. A Park Representative will be present for check-in. For more, visit www.lagrangecountyparks.org or call 260-854-2225.

Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Nov 13 • 8-10 am

Maple Wood Nature Center

Coffee, donuts and nature conversation.

Quilt Class

Saturday, Nov 23 • 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, Nov 24 • 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.

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk


Thursday, Nov 28 • 8:30 am

Delt Church Park, Greenwood Pavilion

Begin a new family tradition! 5K fun run and walk. Watch for details on Facebook or our website.

Consider donating to the Parks Department!



We welcome artificial Christmas trees, led tree lights, garland, wreaths, and nature-inspired ornaments. No glass or other fragile ornaments, please. 

Smart Choices

By Andrew Fogarty, PharmD Student at Topeka Pharmacy

A1c: The Hallmark Test for Diabetes

What is A1c?

The A1c test is a blood test that measures the average amount of glucose (sugar) in your blood over the past three months. The result is reported as a percentage. The higher the percentage, the higher your blood glucose levels have been, on average.

Why is A1c Important?

The A1c test helps healthcare providers detect prediabetes and diagnose type 2 diabetes. The test is repeated regularly and monitored closely for those at risk for diabetes. Doctors use A1c results to determine the most appropriate treatment plans for patients. They can also use these results to modify treatment as necessary. An A1c higher than 6.4% increases the risk for heart disease and kidney disease. This test helps people understand how their diet, physical activity, and stress affect their blood glucose levels.

What is Blood Glucose (Sugar)?


Food and drinks are the main sources of blood glucose (sugar). Glucose is used by the body's cells to produce energy so people can carry out their day-to-day activities. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that helps glucose get into the cells from the blood stream to be used for energy. This is what keeps blood glucose levels in range. Consistently elevated blood glucose and A1c levels indicate type 2 diabetes. Diabetes occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin to regulate blood glucose levels.

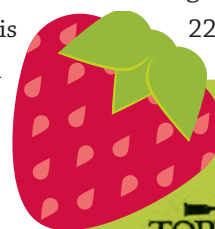
When Should I Get an A1c Test?

The CDC states that all people 45 years of age or older should get an A1c test regardless. People who are found to have prediabetes should repeat A1c testing every 1 to 2 years. Additionally, they should talk with their doctor about steps to take to prevent type 2 diabetes. People who are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes should repeat A1c testing at least 2 times per year. The appropriate amount of testing for each person depends on their treatment plan and if they have other medical conditions.

Ways to Maintain A1c and Prevent Diabetes

Several lifestyle changes can help people lower their risk of prediabetes and diabetes. 150 to 300 minutes or more of physical activity each week is an important goal. It is also important to consume a balanced diet and add fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts, and/or whole grains to meals often. Be sure to stick to foods low in sugar, salt, and fat. Additionally, taking steps to lower stress levels has been proven to help people manage their diabetes.

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Consider These Year-End Financial Moves



As we enter the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Review your investment portfolio.** As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.

- **Add to your 401(k) and HSA.** If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including “catch-up” contributions if you’re 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.

- **Use your FSA dollars.** Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a “use-it-or-lose-it” basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use

them up in 2024. (Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)


- **Contribute to a 529 plan.** If you haven’t opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.

- **Build your emergency fund.** It’s generally a good idea to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

- **Review your estate plans.** If you’ve experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your

new situation. It’s also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you’ve left in your will. And if you haven’t started estate planning, there’s no time like the present.

- **Take your RMDs.** If you’re 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don’t take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren’t the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come. 

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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for November 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.lagrange.lib.in.us or call 260-463-2841.

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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.
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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.

All library locations will be CLOSED on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

All library locations will be CLOSED on November 28 & 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Youth Department

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Movement!

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.

Homeschool Hangout Registration not required.

LaGrange • Wednesday, Nov 6 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov 8 • 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.

Teen Games - No Meeting this month.

Pokemon Club - No Meeting this month.

Library is CLOSED November 11 for Veteran's Day

Makerspace: Makedo Games! (Ages 5-up) Registration not

required LaGrange • Wednesday, Nov 13 • 2:30-7 p.m.

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. Drop in anytime between 2:30 and 7:00 and stay as long as you want. Come make and play games using Makedo cardboard construction tools. Have fun making and creating!

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Nov 18 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Note the date and time differences!!

Meeting on a different day because library is CLOSED November 11.

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

Book Clubs

LaGrange • Monday, November 19 • 4-5 p.m.

Come to the library in October to get your book for November.

Elementary: Grades 1-3 Reading *Henry Heckelbeck Gets a Dragon*

Mid-Grade: Grades 4-7 Reading *A Wrinkle in Time*

Family Movie Night! (Rated PG)

LaGrange • Friday, Nov 22 • 6 p.m. • Movie: Despicable Me 4

Free Movie! Free popcorn! Bring your own covered drink.

Teen Book Chat Genre Book Club (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 25 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Read a fairy tale or reimagined fairy tale book of your choice and come to discuss and share your thoughts with the group.

Teen Advisory Group — TAG (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Nov 25 • 5-6:00 p.m.

Come help plan activities for teens at the library, help choose books to purchase and offer ideas about the teen space. Stay to hang out and play games after.

Pizza provided! PLEASE SIGN UP so we know how much pizza to get!

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 25 • 6-7:15 p.m.

Since our teen game night didn't meet on Nov 11, join us tonight to hang out and play board games!

Adult Interest

Classic Cinema: Bette Davis (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, Nov 5 • 2 pm. • FREE admission and popcorn!

All About Eve, Starring Bette Davis & Anne Baxter. 1950 TV-G • 158 min. An aspiring actress feigns humility and naiveté to connive her way under the wing of a veteran Broadway star. She manipulates those in the star's circle in hopes of cheating her way to the top.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange Main Library: Saturday, Nov 9 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss *"The Lost City of the Monkey God"* by Douglas Preston. Acclaimed journalist Douglas Preston takes readers on a true adventure deep into the Honduran rainforest in this riveting narrative about the discovery of a lost civilization - Culminating in a stunning medical mystery.

Culinary Adventures: Ligonier Surprises

Thursday, Nov 14 • 11 a.m.

El Paraiso Supermarket • 103 N. Cavin St

Gabriela's European Desserts • 204 S. Cavin St

Grounded Coffee House • 306 S. Cavin St

Meet at the library to carpool at 10:15 a.m. or meet us at El Paraiso at 11:00 a.m.

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Painting with Carl Mosher (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Friday, November 15 • 1-4 p.m.

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Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, November 23 • 11 a.m. | Families welcome.

This month's cookbook is *Pie Academy* by Ken Heidrich. Check out the cookbook from the library. Choose a recipe, make it, and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.

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A series of recent storms damaged many trees in the area. While most trees were able to withstand the storm, some trees may benefit from some special care to help them maintain their shape and health.

Jeff Burbrink, Purdue Extension Educator in LaGrange County, said that many of the limbs that fell from trees were already severely rotted due to years of internal decay. Often these trees are growing in areas near sidewalks, driveways, paths, septic systems, building foundations or other areas with high levels of "people pressure" where the natural root system has been disrupted. If the tree is showing signs of internal decay, it may be wise to avoid spending a great deal of time and money on repairs. The dark, blackened tissue exposed when a limb or tree breaks indicates the tree has been rotting for some time.

When broken limbs expose hollowed out areas in a tree, it may be wise to hire a professional arborist to assess the safety of the remaining portion of the tree. The International Society of Arborists has a "Find an Arborist" feature on their website at www.treesaregood.org. He advised that if the tree appears healthy otherwise, corrective pruning may be in order. It is best to remove the branch or broken stub back to the next healthy branch or limb.

Burbrink cautioned that downed trees could be dangerous. "Trees can take down wires and put people at risk for electrocution. They can also roll as limbs are removed and the weight distribution shifts within a tree." He recommends that people with little experience hire professionals to clean up or correctively prune trees.


Ash trees in particular, are dangerous right now, he said. Emerald ash borer has killed and weakened many trees in the region, and those trees have become surprisingly brittle as they die. Numerous people have been seriously injured or killed in the past few years while working with dead ash trees.

He also advised avoiding the practice of "topping" in which the larger branches are cut off and stubs remain sticking up into the air. The stubs left by topping often die and provide a location for disease and insects to enter the tree. If a large branch must be removed, it should be taken off at the next healthy limb.

Burbrink said that topping encourages the tree to send many new shoots out from the area just below the cut. These shoots are often weaker than the original limb and are likely to split off and cause additional damage in future years. Shoots from topped trees often provide shelter for undesirable birds such as starlings after several years of growth.

The type of tool used to do the pruning is also important. Hand shears and loppers are best used on smaller branches, while larger limbs over one inch usually require a saw. Consider hiring a professional for larger trees or for special situations, such as pruning near power lines or buildings.

Tree paint or wound dressing is not needed. Burbrink said that research has shown the dressings can actually encourage disease and insect problems and slow the healing process.

For those who are interested in more information about tree pruning, the Purdue Extension Service has a free publication on the web at extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/fnr/fnr-506-w.pdf. 

This article was written by Jeff Burbrink, Purdue Extension Educator of Ag & Natural Resources, LaGrange County, 114 W Michigan Street, Suite 10, LaGrange, IN 46761, PH 260-499-6334. Purdue University is an affirmative action, equal access/equal opportunity institution.

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From Topeka Together

Hi! My name is Connie. I will be submitting a monthly newsletter on behalf of the new local organization Topeka Together, Inc to keep everyone informed on upcoming events. This is an exciting endeavor started up by Topeka's own Marlynn Mast, and we now have a board of directors to help get our feet off the ground. We are hoping to have a huge force of local volunteers to expand the dream of making the town of Topeka a place where families, friends, youth, and neighbors come together as one.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Nov. 1: Trunk or Treat at Topeka Fire Station. If anyone wants to decorate trunks or donate candy, please contact Jackie Bender at 260-499-0798.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6: Topeka's Fall Sale Day. There will be food trucks starting at 11 a.m. and entertainment in the afternoon.

Thank you,
Connie Gadson

Meet Our Team

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Childcare Grant from NIPSCO

The Northeast Indiana Early Childhood Coalition (NEIECC) is excited to announce that it has received a generous \$10,000 grant from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO). This gift will allow NEIECC to continue its mission of making sure every family in Northeast Indiana has access to affordable and quality childcare. NEIECC's work will, in turn, help support NIPSCO's economic development initiative to enhance community vitality and bolster workforce development.

Childcare is an economic and quality-of-life issue. As a result of NEIECC's advocacy work, as well as its upcoming

Regional Tri-Share and Shared Service Network, the number of quality childcare programs throughout Northeast Indiana will increase, care will become more affordable for families, and employers will be able to find the skilled workers they need to fill critical positions.

"The support from NIPSCO is critical to continue the work of the Northeast Indiana Early Childhood Coalition," said Allie Sutherland, Director of the NEIECC. "Our initiatives, both locally and regionally, will positively impact the early childhood profession and create the quality care that parents need and want to build better begin-

nings for their children."

The current efforts of NEIECC will be shared at an upcoming regional childcare meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. More details will be announced soon. For updates, go to www.neiecc.org.

Northeast Indiana Early Childhood Coalition (NEIECC) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to empower communities to advance early care and education opportunities for all families in northeast Indiana.

To contact Executive Director Allie Sutherland, email at allie@neiecc.org or call 619-851-8303.



Westview Boys Varsity Basketball Ticket Sales

Boys Varsity Basketball season passes and reserved seats will go on sale October 28. Passes may be purchased from the athletic office located at Westview High School during normal school hours. Season passes and reserved seats will be sold during the JV Boys Basketball game on November 26, 2024.

2024/2025 Boys Basketball Prices

- **Single Game Ticket: \$6**
- **JV/Varsity Boys Basketball Season Pass: \$60** *Home games only.*
- **Varsity Boys Basketball Reserved Seat: \$25** *per seat*

If you no longer want your reserved seat, please call 260-768-4411 and let us know ASAP, this way we may open them up so others may purchase.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS



Student Ambassadors: Lilly Bontrager, Gloria Miller, Karleen Bender, Tristan Pearson, Dakota Hubbard, Krysta John, Audri Martin, Kelsie Ward and Adelyn Rainsberger. *Photo Submitted*

The above nine students at Westview High School were nominated to be Student Ambassadors for generous acts of kindness, outstanding individual achievement, displays of great improvement, and other noteworthy accomplishments. Westview High School is proud to have these elite members of our student body improving our school climate.



- 1 Seth Bontrager
- 2 Eric Mast, Heidi Miller, Nolan Privett
- 3 Kyahsondra Collins, Rubee Grice, Zoey Moon, Elijah Otto
- 4 Jaydon Miller, Jennika Mullet, Ezra Robles, Ethan, Schlabach, Jaxyn White
- 5 Alex Detweiler, Emerson Foust, Charlie Gingerich, Elijah Miller, Victor VanderRoest
- 6 Sadie Hostetler, Lyric Miller, Bethany Nisley, Axle Pairan, Jaden Schwartz
- 7 Jayce Nichols, Liam Starrett, Zienna Yoder
- 8 Lillian Thomas, Kane Sells
- 9 Austin Gingerich, Kysyn Helmuth, Kinsley Lambright, Thomas Miller, Emmalyn Rogers, Myron Schlabach
- 10 Deborah Bontrager, Lincoln Bortner
- 11 Audrey Bontrager, Easton Hostetler, Lynsey Yoder
- 12 Elijah Miller
- 13 Briley Brown, Kyra Geigley, Riley Troop
- 14 Taiba Aldhuraibi, Maeve Berkey, Kaden Bontrager, Lydia Miller
- 15 Terra Harlow, Alayna Schlabach, Aden Whetstone
- 16 Addison Lambright, Jace Miller, Emily Otto, Carson Tyler, Kinley Vogt, Ryleigh Weimer



- 17 Amy Bontrager, Aliyah Bunton,
Landry Miller, Colt Patrick,
Olivia Rosentreter
- 18 Briley Amburgey, Selena Miller,
Mason Yutzzy
- 19 Mohamed Aldhuraibi
- 20 Malachi Acherman,
Jesus Hernandez-Ballines,
Jensin Kistler, Xavier Miller,
Royce Yoder
- 21 Joanie Bontrager, Allen Childers,
Wyatt Foust, Jaxton Horner,
Trenton Miller, Sadie Yoder
- 23 Warren Leupp, Carson Miller,
Javon Whetstone
- 24 Gracie Craig, Trenton Detweiler,
Jenise Eash, Cora Miller
- 25 Deagan Hill
- 26 Janie Hershberger, Heidi Miller
- 27 Alayna Bontrager,
Ashlynn Bontrager,
Brent Miller, Jordan Troyer,
Audrey Yoder, Janell Yoder
- 28 Alicia Bontrager,
Laylah Lambright, Kaiser Moon,
Dahlia Smith, Theo Wilson
- 29 Dolsten Detweiler,
Kenlyn Kurtz,
Landry Lambright,
Zachary Miller, Peter Stemm,
Tyler Yoder
- 30 Gunner Bassett,
Myra Bontrager, Rylie Bostain,
Millie Duzan,
Tatum Leer-Garcia,
Olivia Plank, Bryn Rockey



Meadowview: A Blue Ribbon School

by Marsha Patrick

Meadowview Elementary School has been named as a National Blue Ribbon School. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes outstanding schools across the United States based on their overall academic achievements, which includes how the school has improved their scores on the standardized testing, how the staff encourages students to accomplish their highest goals, and how the staff, students, families and community come together to create a safe and welcoming environment for the students.

Drew Graber, Principal at Meadowview commented, "Words cannot express just how proud I am of our students, staff and community. This award is directly related to the amazing work our teachers and staff do every day, our students who come ready and are excited to learn and families who are committed to partnering with us. Excellence is our tradition and is a team sport here at Meadowview."

Stephanie Roth, a first grade teacher with 22 years of experience, said children have different learning styles. If a

child is struggling in a certain area, the teacher gets them into a program that will help them achieve their goals. She said the staff all work together to meet each of the students' needs.

Jean Miller is a teacher's assistant with 20 years of experience. She was so excited that the students' test scores kept improving throughout the year last year with 100% passing. She said that the students can't wait to get to their classrooms in the morning, because the staff work hard to make every child feel loved and accepted.

Sarah Holzinger is a Kindergarten teacher with 19 years of experience. She told me that they treat each other like family, and they try to instill in the children that they need to help each other. The staff works so well together to help all the children reach their full potential.

The staff at Meadowview is very thankful for the families of the students and the whole community. They receive an overwhelming amount of support from everyone during their activities and fundraisers, where

everyone pitches in to help out. ❶



CAMP SCOTTIE

The beginning of the school year brings so much excitement, including one of our favorite annual traditions here at Shipshe-Scott, Camp Scottie! Every year, families are invited to spend the evening in the beautiful, grassy area behind the school. The PTO graciously provides a meal for all who attend, including hot dogs and s'mores to roast on the campfire.

This year, families visited multiple stations including face painting, a STEM constellation project, make-your-own trail mix, a lantern craft, and yard games.

We want to thank the learning lab interventionists for all their planning and LaGwana for designing and making student and staff t-shirts, as well as signs for each station. Thanks to all the families who attended for another wonderful evening at Camp Scottie! 📢



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All The Happenings

The excitement of students announcing, "BINGO!!!" echoed in the hallways of Meadowview Elementary School on Wednesday, September 18th as students celebrated family fun night. Students played BINGO games, which focused on building a variety of literacy skills in a fun and engaging manner. Each student received a free book on his/her first BINGO, with following BINGO prizes being gently used books or candy.

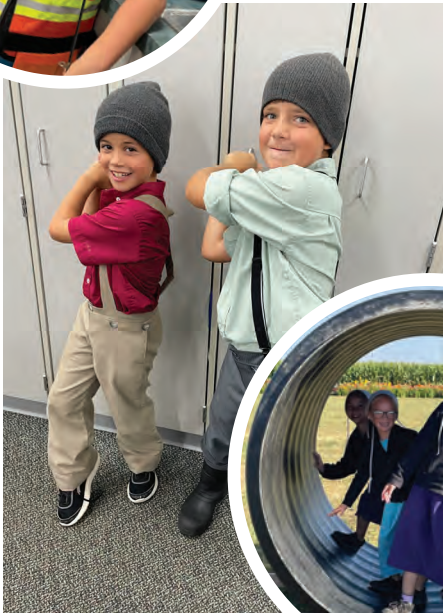
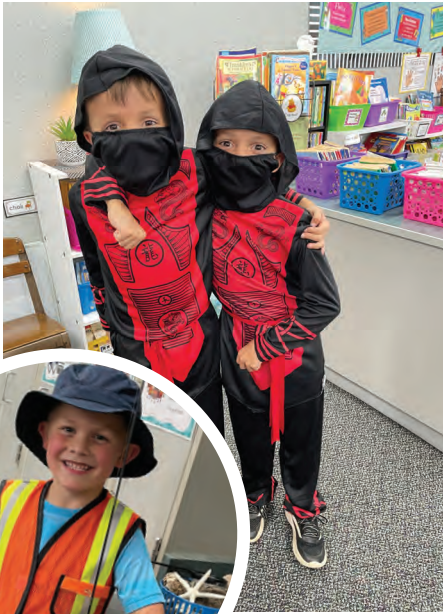
LaGrange County Library, as well as United Way were present to encourage families to patronize local libraries; in addition to applying for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Bright By Text. Families also had the opportunity to participate in activities to promote English as a second language. Furthermore, families could participate and learn about the school's regulation station.

Not only was there a lot of learning going on, but a variety of food trucks were present for families to enjoy. Thank you Anna's Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels, Party on the Pa-

tio, Smokin Guns BBQ, Taco Spot, See Me Rollin, Kona Ice, Otto's Elephant Ears, and The Roaming Kitchen for joining in on all the fun. A huge thank you to Meadowview Elementary's PTO for purchasing a pretzel or shaved ice for each Meadowview student that attended that night. It was a wonderful celebration as a Meadowview family!

Family night was not the only fun to be had. Meadowview second graders ended their fairy tale and tall tale unit with a dress up day. The students and their teachers came to school dressed up like their favorite storybook character. It was exciting to see so many tales come to life! Students also had a surprise visit from Paul Bunyon and his loyal companion, Babe the Blue Ox.

Students also found fun outside of the classroom on a field trip to Robert's Farm. The kids had a blast as evidenced in the photos! 📸



Meadowview Elementary

Home of the Mustangs



Mustangs of the Month

Each month 15 MES students are recognized during the monthly school wide Family Meeting assembly. These students have shown safety, responsibility, and respect throughout the month. Winners receive a certificate, a Mighty Mustang bracelet, and get to participate in a game during the assembly. Pictured are the winners from September of the 2024-2025 school year. Go Mustangs! 📌

Back (left to right): Lincoln Slabach, 3rd; Seth Troyer, 4th; Blake Hochstetler, 4th; and Kara Yoder, 4th. Middle: Constance Killian, 3rd; Alayna Kurtz, 3rd; Tidus Schrock, 3rd; Logan Bontrager, 2nd; and Peyton Miller, 4th. Front: Sophia Bontrager, K; Deborah Bontrager, 2nd; Cheyenne Miller, 1st; Derek Miller, 1st; Emberly Bassett, K; and Jameson Keim, K.

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Lilly Scholarship Finalists

Five LaGrange County high school seniors have been named finalists for the 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

This prestigious award recognizes an outstanding high school senior from LaGrange County who exemplifies service, leadership, and academic excellence. The recipient will receive a full-tuition scholarship for four years to any accredited college or university in Indiana, along with a \$900 annual stipend for books and equipment.

The finalists are Gavin Engle, Grace Heyerly, Morgan Riegsecker, and Annagail Warrener from Westview Jr-Sr High School, and Arlene Thompson from Lakeland Jr-Sr High School.

The LaGrange County Community Foundation received 31 scholarship applications from students representing all three high schools in LaGrange County. The Foundation's Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee assesses applications based on academic performance, involvement in community and school activities, work experience, leadership, and essay responses.

To ensure impartiality, identifying details such as name, school, and gender are removed during the evaluation process. The top five students with the highest scores are then invited to participate in the finalist round.

The Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee will conduct personal interviews with all finalists on October 21. This year, students will also be required to create and present a digital presentation about themselves to share with the committee, marking a new addition to the process.


On October 7, the Community Foundation hosted a scholarship workshop for all finalists, helping them prepare for their upcoming personal interviews. During the workshop, students also completed an impromptu essay, which will contribute to their overall evaluation. The scores from the finalist round, including the interview and presentation will be combined with their overall application score to determine the 2025 nominees who will be submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana for final selection of the LaGrange County recipient.

Announcement of the recipient will be made in December. The four remaining finalists will each receive a \$4,000 scholarship from the Lambright Leadership Scholarship Fund, established by Kevin and Carrie Lambright of Shipshewana in 2013.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is the result of a statewide initiative provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Lilly Endowment created LECSP for the 1998-99 school year and has supported the program every year since with tuition grants totaling more than \$505 million.

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

Since 1998, a total of 43 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships have been awarded in LaGrange County.

About the LaGrange County Community Foundation: Founded in 1991, the LaGrange County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in LaGrange County through grants, scholarships, and community resources. The Foundation supports generosity, leadership, and service in LaGrange County. 



Study Trips


Topeka Elementary students have been busy traveling and learning on many study trips this school year!

The fourth graders traveled to Sauder Village to learn about life in the past. They had a beautiful day and enjoyed the hands on activities they were able to participate in.

Second graders traveled to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary to observe the animals in their habitats. The second graders partner with Black Pine Animal Sanctuary every school year by raising funds through donations from community members. These funds go to the animal sanctuary to benefit the animals.

Our Kindergarten students traveled to Kercher's Apple Orchard to pick and observe apples following their unit of study on apple lifecycles. The students enjoyed picking and tasting apples, as well as going on a tractor ride and walking through a corn maze.

The first graders traveled to the Potawatomi Zoo and had a fun day exploring and observing animal habitats. They learned different facts about the animals that they were able to observe and interact with.

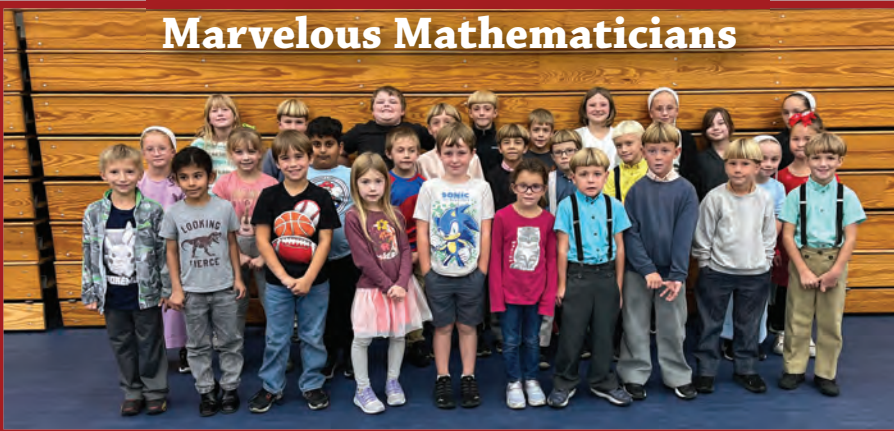
Third graders will experience their own study trip this spring. 



Radical Readers



Marvelous Mathematicians



Paws-itive People



Lab Leaders



QUARTER 1 AWARDS

Topeka Elementary Students were celebrated for their efforts during the first nine weeks of school. Two students per class were selected for each of the following awards: Radical Reader, Marvelous Mathematician, or PAWSitive Person. In addition to these awards, ten students were selected for being Lab Leaders, and working hard during Learning Labs. Students with perfect attendance for the first nine weeks were acknowledged, as well as the students who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. School Resource Officer, Jackie Conwell, rewarded the students with a popsicle. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work and efforts during the first quarter of school! 🍌





Mr. Rodriguez's class was looking tough and mighty for their last game of Flag Football in PE!

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Mr. Boyer's classroom celebrates scoring a touchdown during their Family Friday Event. Photo Submitted

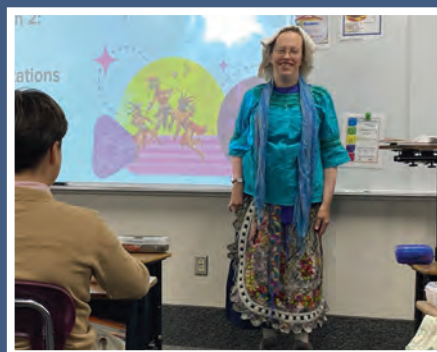


Fifth grade students in Mrs. Mowery's Club 56 group are hard at work doing division task cards.

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Fifth grade teacher, Miss Chamberlin, came dressed in Mayan textiles to go along with the Mayan Civilization her class is currently learning about.

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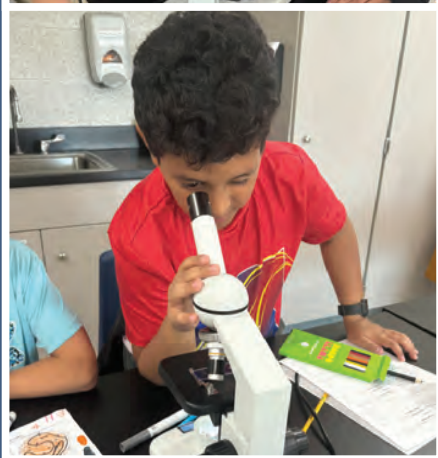
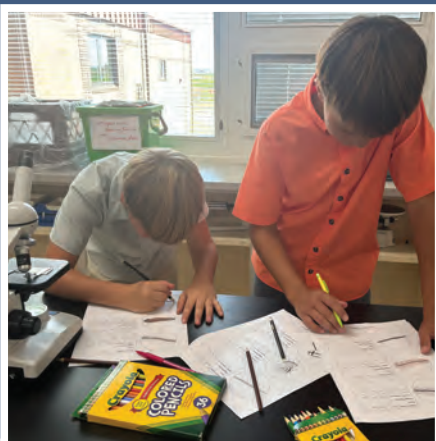


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Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors



Students in 6I spend the day in the Science Lab using microscopes to observe various objects on slides.
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The Westview Elementary School Chicken BBQ Field Trip Fundraiser was a huge success. They sold over 900 more tickets this year than last year. The students really stepped up and sold tickets to help support their field trip funds. Congratulations to Mr. Davis' sixth grade class who won the school-wide contest of selling the most tickets! Thanks to all the staff, students, and volunteers that helped out and made it a great day! Photos Submitted



Mrs. Gongwers class is collecting coins for the whole month of October and will use that money for families in need at Christmas time.
Photos Submitted



Mr. Davis in his outfit to encourage students to get out there and sell those Chicken BBQ tickets!

Photo Submitted

FFA Area 11 Soils Contest

Congratulations to the Westview FFA members for their participation in the Area 11 soils contest Friday, October 5th! Soil judging is such an important skill, as it helps participants understand the complexities of soil layers and their impact on agriculture and the environment. This kind of hands-on experience is invaluable for developing a deeper appreciation of natural systems. It's great to see FFA members engaging in such meaningful activities!

Westview Jr Team: 6th overall as a team, Emily Smith (15th Individual), Hadleigh Bontreger (18th Individual), Addison Hershberger (19th Individual), and Kylie Mast (20th Individual).

Westview Sr. Team 1: 9th overall as




Back (left to right): Hudson Yoder, Keegan Hershberger, Aaron Williams, Wyatt Murray, Ryan Yoder, Michael Schwartz, and Remy Helmuth. Front: Karson Mast, Kylie Mast, Addison Hershberger, Hadleigh Bontreger, Emily Smith, Karla Yoder, Malarie Steider, Madi Yoder and Keegen Norburg. Photo Submitted

a team, Ryan Yoder (22nd Individual), Hudson Yoder (31st Individual), Michael Schwartz (42nd Individual), and Keegan Norburg (48th Individual).

Westview Sr. Team 2 : 14th overall as a team, Keegan Hershberger (41st Individual), Aaron Williams (45th In-

dividual), Wyatt Murray (51st Individual), and Madi Yoder (60th Individual).

Westview Sr. Team 3 : 17 overall as a team, Remy Helmuth (50th Individual), Karson Mast (55th Individual), Malarie Steider (61st Individual), and Karla Yoder (64th Individual). 



The Great Potato Project

Over the summer, incoming 8th-grade students in the Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources class were tasked with planting and nurturing 2 to 4 hills of potatoes. They were required to maintain records of their potato cultivation and submit these for grading. The harvested

potatoes were then brought to school for use in various thematic units across the 8th-grade classes. The school cafeteria featured the potatoes in the lunch menu on Thursday, September 26th. Any surplus potatoes will be donated to the local food bank.



Westview Jr./Sr. High

Home of the
Warriors

Professional Training and Ag Mechanics Academy

Morgan Alexander, educator at Westview Jr/Sr High School in Topeka Indiana recently attended a Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education professional development institute at Ohio State University to teach Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Principles of Agricultural Science CASE curriculum.


CASE 4 Learning is committed to designing an inquiry-based agricultural curriculum that meets the current demands of teachers, students, and industry. CASE 4 Learning provides comprehensive professional development and workshops for new and seasoned teachers to achieve lifetime certification, learn new coursework, and build a community of support. Upon certification, all CASE 4 Learning teachers have access to course updates, training, and support for the remainder of their career.

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Alexander also successfully completed the 2024 Agricultural Mechanics Academy, a national agricultural educator training event hosted at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Morgan was one of twenty participants from across the United States selected to participate in the 2024 Agricultural Mechanics Academy. The academy was an intensive 10-day training that included hands-on learning and train-the-trainer style lessons in agricultural mechanics focused on small gas engines, residential wiring, and welding. This first of the kind training was held from July 30th through August 8th under the direction of Dr. Ryan Anderson,

associate professor in agricultural education and mechanics at Texas State University. Dr. Anderson was able to develop and host this training through funding by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, AFRI Professional Development for Agricultural Literacy Priority Area, award #2020—08590.

Participants of the academy received numerous classroom items and teaching resources for being selected and participating in the academy. Those items include a classroom curriculum and tools from Briggs & Stratton with training provided by Power Distributors; welding gear packs, curriculum, and training from Lincoln Electric; and Agricultural Technical Systems and Mechanics textbooks from American Technical Publishers. Participants in the academy exceeded over 120 Continuing Education Credit hours for participating. 



FFA State Livestock Skillathon


On Saturday, October 5th, the Westview FFA State Livestock Skillathon Team traveled to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, to participate in the state Skillathon contest. The team members who competed were Audri Martin, Ashlyn Martin, Hadleigh Bontrager, and Karla Yoder. Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work and dedication in studying the livestock skillathon materials!

The contest consisted of individual and team components. Individual Components included Identification of breeds, equipment, feedstuffs, retail meat cuts; Industry Quiz; Quality

Assurance Exam; Hay Judging; Wool Judging; and Retail Meat Judging.

Team Components included Quality Assurance; Animal Evaluation; and Marketing.

Performance Results:

The Team Overall was 31st. Overall Individuals were Audri Martin: 60th; Ashlyn Martin: 74th; Hadleigh Bontrager: 134th; and Karla Yoder : 136th. 



Left to right: Karla Yoder, Ashlyn Martin, Hadleigh Bontrager, and Audri Martin. Photo Submitted

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"Let us Give Thanks"

The Problem with Holidays

By Harold D. Gingerich



We all love our holiday traditions. The problem is that we all too quickly forget the reasons why we celebrate and why we established those traditions to begin with. When that happens, we lose much of the meaning, the sense of gratitude and the joy the holiday was intended to bring. Looking back on this nation's rich history, it is evident that from the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to the Civil War that divided the nation, to the Great Depression, and the devastating events of September 11, 2001, it has been these hardships that fostered an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving.

For many older Americans, Thanks-

giving Day conjures up images of Saturday Evening Post illustrations by Norman Rockwell. Remembering the smells of walking into Grandma's house almost makes one's mouth water. Her bountiful table laden with cranberry salad, glazed ham, turkey, sweet potatoes, and warm mincemeat and pumpkin pies were a sight to behold. But for her, the best part was simply being together with the family

around the table. Following the feasting, while the children are playing, the men turn on the television to watch football, and the women are left to clean up the mess ... and map out their Black Friday shopping strategy. Those were the days!

We also remember that when November came around each year elementary school children colored pictures and performed plays with Pilgrims dressed in drab black and brown apparel as



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doublet (a closely tailored French jacket). So much for our stereotype!

It was on December 21st, 1620, that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Some 102 souls had left England, but only 99 survived the voyage. Almost half of those who did survive died during the first winter in America.

Almost forgotten is the Indian by the name of Squanto. He had been captured, made a slave and taken to Europe. How he escaped captivity and returned to America is unclear. What is clear is that he had every right to hate the white man. Yet, it was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to stalk deer, refine maple syrup, and plant corn. The Pilgrims planted about 20 acres of corn that spring.

God blessed them with a bountiful harvest, and provisions were laid in store for the winter. October of 1621, a day of Thanksgiving was decreed with the Indians invited for the celebration. Just over 50 colonists are believed to have attended, including 22 men, four married women, and more than 25 children and teenagers. These were the lucky ones. They had survived their first year in New England, and there was hope for the future.

Chief Massasoit arrived a day early with 90 of his braves. Fortunately, he also brought 5 deer and a dozen fat turkeys. The Indians enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed 3 days! Between meals they had shooting matches, foot races, and to the great delight of the Indians, wrestling matches. They also taught the Pilgrims to “pop” corn in an earthen jar placed in the fire.

However, the festive mood was short-lived. Within a month 35 new

colonists arrived with no food, no extra clothing, and no tools ... NOTHING!

And so, their second winter in America loomed bleaker than the first. Food supplies became so low that daily rations were reduced to a mere 5 kernels of corn. Out of desperation they called out to God. Miraculously a ship put into their harbor with provisions. Despite exorbitant prices, they were able to trade for supplies. And, by God's grace they would survive the coming winter.

The following summer almost no rain fell. A day of “Prayer and Fasting” was called. If the drought continued, the crops would be lost and they would be facing starvation the coming winter. One of the colonists, Edward Winslow, recorded that the morning they gathered to pray the skies were clear. But they prayed for 8 or 9 hours. By the time they left for their homes it had become overcast. Winslow described it this way, “On the next morning distilled soft, sweet and moderate showers of rain, continuing some fourteen days....., it was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened or revived, such was the bounty and goodness of our God!”

The harvest was so bountiful that they had a surplus with which to trade for winter supplies. And so, a second day of Thanksgiving was planned. Chief Massasoit came again, this time with his favorite wife and 120 braves. And again, he didn't come empty handed. There was plenty of food: 12 deer plus turkeys. But the first course of this year's feast began with 5 kernels of corn on each plate, “lest anyone should forget”.



they celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, most of this is the romanticized version of Thanksgiving, especially the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving.

In truth it was the Puritans of a generation later who dressed in those drab colors. The Pilgrims, on the other hand, were Elizabethan Englishmen. These were people who enjoyed the latest fashions. Peter Marshal and David Manuel, in their book “The Light and the Glory”, picture the red-headed Pilgrim leader Miles Standish wearing a plum red cape and William Brewster decked out in an emerald green satin

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Clearly, the second Thanksgiving carried a deeper significance for the Pilgrims than had the first. The first celebration had been one of genuine thanksgiving, secure in the knowledge that supplies had been laid in store for the coming winter. Their hard work had paid dividends, and the future looked hopeful. But the events of that second winter and the following summer's drought had been a vivid demonstration that their security was not in their own efforts, but in God. For the Pilgrims, thanksgiving had become an attitude of the heart; born out of adversity.

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating Thursday, November 26 as the first national Thanksgiving Day. Washington's proclamation began with these words:

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Commit-

tee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation in 1863 designating the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. Lincoln's proclamation was influenced by Sarah Josepha Hale's campaign for a national Thanksgiving Day to promote unity. By the way, Sarah Josepha Hale was the author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." (That had nothing to do with Thanksgiving, I just think it's interesting!)

In 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the Holidays Act into law, making Thanksgiving a yearly federal holiday in Washington, D.C. Congress passed an act in 1885 making Thanksgiving a paid holiday for all federal workers in the United States.

The generation that lived through

the Great Depression of the 1930s knew what it was to do without. They remember the soup lines and rationing. Nobody had any money, but people shared with each other what they had. The generation born after World War II faintly remembers the stories told by their parents and grandparents. Most kids today don't even know there were stories.

In 1939 the last Thursday in November fell on the last day of the month. Concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season might dampen the economic recovery, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a Presidential Proclamation moving Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday of November. As a result of the proclamation, 32 states issued similar proclamations while 16 states refused to accept the change and proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November. For two years two days were celebrated as Thanksgiving - the President and part of the nation celebrated it on the second to last Thursday in November, while the rest of the country celebrated it the following week.

To end the confusion, Congress decided to set a fixed date for the holiday. On October 6, 1941, the House passed a joint resolution declaring the last Thursday in November to be the legal Thanksgiving Day. The Senate, however, amended the resolution establishing the holiday as the fourth Thursday, which would take into account those years when November has five Thursdays. The House agreed to the amendment, and President Roosevelt signed the resolution on December 26, 1941, thus establishing the fourth Thursday in Novem-



ber as the Federal Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The events of 9/11 have changed many of our lives. America lost her innocence. Terrorism had come to our shores, and we realized that we are not immune from what most people in the world live with daily. On that day people across the nation gathered to pray and call upon God. However, to school children today who weren't even born, those uncertain days of devastation and fear are just another page in the history book.

Like the Pilgrims of several hundred years ago, we were reminded that we are completely dependent upon God. The adversity and terrorism that touched our land brought us to a deeper level of thanksgiving. And so today, we as a nation must once again begin to give God more than just our annual lip-service of "Thanksgiving"; we must develop a lifestyle that daily acknowledges our dependence and faith in God.

America is the most blessed nation on the face of the earth. And yet our world is a far more dangerous place than in any other time in human history.

This year as you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, why not use the example of "five kernels of corn" on each plate before the meal is served. Then take a few minutes before you eat to share a few stories of what you are thankful for. Thank God for His provision and His protection. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting." -Psalm 118:1

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
A PROCLAMATION
For a Day of Thanksgiving, Praise, and Prayer.

It has pleased Almighty God to hearken to supplications and prayers of an afflicted people, and to vouchsafe to the Army and Navy of the United States on the land and on the sea, victories so signal and so effective as to furnish reasonable grounds for augmented confidence, that the Union of these States will be maintained, their constitution preserved, and peace and prosperity permanently established; but these victories have been accorded not without sacrifice of life, limb, health, and liberty, incurred by brave, patriotic and loyal citizens. Domestic affliction in every part of the country follows in the train of these fearful bereavements.

It is meet and right to recognize and confess the presence of the Almighty Father and the power of His hand equally in the
Transcript for President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1863 By the President of the United States A Proclamation

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are

the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth. Abraham Lincoln By the President: William H. Seward. Secretary of State.

Oh, Those Senior Trip Fundraisers!

Chili Suppers, Class Plays, Newspaper Drives, and so much more...

By Harold D. Gingerich

With school back in session, so also begins the season of student fundraisers. Kids have already started knocking on our door to raise money for the band or hitting us up at church for some other school related organization. It's that time of year and we are more than glad to support our kids.

Years ago, if you were a student at Shippshewana or Topeka High School, you remember all the fundraisers you had to do to raise money to pay for your "Senior Trip" to Gettysburg, Washington D.C. and New York City. They seemed to never end. There were newspaper drives, chili suppers, class plays, and whatever else it took to raise the money. Today, it's the Westview 8th graders who make the bus trip to our nation's capital. I am not sure how 8th graders raise the money for their trips today; but looking back on our high school years makes me wonder if kids today are missing out on something special. We worked together and built relationships in the process.

Every school sets their own fundraising policy. As I recall for the Metropolitan School District of Topeka (I always thought it was hilarious that the word "Metropolitan" was incorpo-

rated in the school's legal name), the freshman class was not allowed to do any fundraising. I can't remember how much money we had to raise to pay for our Senior Trip in 1965. And, checking with some of my classmates proved to be no help. No one could remember and they quickly informed me that had all happened 59 years ago. But they all remembered some of the things we did to raise money and the great time we had on our Senior Trip.

For us, fundraising began in earnest in our sophomore year with the Annual Chili Supper in the fall of the year. The school cafeteria was always the location. One or two of the school cooks would help fry up the hamburger, mix up the chili, and be on hand to make sure things ran smoothly. We sold tickets, the girls helped with serving while the guys cleared tables and washed the bowls, silverware, and trays. Did I mention that we washed trays? Boy, did we wash trays! In theory the guys took turns washing dishes, but I got stuck there ... and I washed a lot of soup bowls and trays. And, since I'm telling the story, I get to tell my version. Besides, there is a picture of me washing dishes in the 1965 yearbook to prove it.

Our junior year we sold concessions over the lunch hour and at the basketball games to raise money. We also put on a class play. Just for the record, none of us took up acting as a career. Our final year there was another class play plus we sold magazine subscriptions.

The THS Class of 1950 was creative with one of their fundraisers. They sponsored an evening of entertainment with a group called The Hoosier Cornhuskers. The front page of the October 5, 1949, Topeka Journal celebrated with the announcement that "The original Hoosier Cornhuskers, one of America's foremost radio shows will appear in person at the Sycamore Hall in Topeka, Indiana on October 18th (Tuesday)". The news article went on to describe in glowing terms what was in store for those who attended. "The merited show which starts at 8 pm, promises to bring into the community a wide variety of American Folk, Hillbilly, and Western songs, along with instrumental specialties, novelties and a host of 'side-splitting' comedy, displayed in a genuine 'down-to-earth' fashion by this nationally known group of professional entertainers. You'll leave your cares and troubles at the door when you





attend their gala performance.”

The article went on to say that “Featured on the show will be: Dottie Lou, the Hoosier Cornhuskers’ pride and joy, Grandpap, the grand old man of dry wit and humor, Darl Fox, the Paulding County Kid and young ladies’ choice, Al Pettit, with his accordion and Pete Smith, the big Professor.” The October 12th edition of the Journal also included a photo of the group.

The Hoosier Cornhuskers were well known at the time and played in studio for several Indiana radio stations including WIBC-Indianapolis, Ind.; WJOB-Hammond, Ind.; WKMO-Kokomo, Ind.; WOWO-Fort Wayne, Ind. and WFIN-Findlay, Ohio. They also performed live at the Brown County Jamboree and WOWO Hoosier Hop.

We don’t know how much the Senior Class had to pay to bring in the Hoosier Cornhuskers. We do know that tickets were 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under the age of 12. Unfortunately, most of the members of THS Class of 1950 are gone, and those who are still with us don’t remember. So, we don’t have any details on how things went or if they made any money. Hopefully the community turned out in great numbers to support the event and that expenses were more than covered.

For the Class of ’65, Commencement was at 8 pm on Friday evening, May 21st, in historic Sycamore Hall. Bright and early on Saturday morning we boarded a Trailways bus. Never mind that our driver only had one eye and, as I recall, one hand, we were traveling in style. After all, we were from

the corn fields of northeast Indiana, and we thought that we were “pretty sophisticated adults”.... in other words, “hot stuff”. In keeping with our sense of worldly acumen and luxurious travel, most days the girls wore dresses, and the guys had jackets and ties.

Our first stop was Pittsburgh, PA, which had a teenage night club just down the street from our hotel. Oh yes, they did have “near beer” (which was legal) for those who were so inclined. The next afternoon there was a stop at Gettysburg with a tour of the battlefield, the electric map (an impressive display of modern technology) that outlined the three-day battle in colored lights, before heading to Washington D.C.

The nation’s capital made all the history we had studied come alive. We were in awe of the Capitol, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, Mount Vernon, Ford’s Theater, and Arlington National Cemetery. It was the first time most of us witnessed the solemn ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. There was another moment of silent reverence as we stood at the grave of President John F. Kennedy. It brought back vivid memories from our sophomore year and the day when the President was assassinated.


And then it was on to three nights in New York City and the World’s Fair. We saw the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall and had a relaxing boat ride around Manhattan. There was an impressive tour of the United Nations building. Unfortunately, no one bothered to tell us that the former Assistant Secretary General of the United Na-

tions Bryon Price, THS Class of 1908, was the person who oversaw the staff and the construction of the building.

In the evenings some of our classmates chose to take in a Broadway musical. Three of us guys went to a Mets game. I can’t remember who they played or who won, but I do remember the subway ride when our window was shattered by teenagers throwing rocks at our train. Fortunately, none of us were seriously injured by the broken glass.

The Westview H.S. Class of 1969 also had a memorable trip following graduation. In conversation with several of the class members they all mentioned the same thing. The most memorable part of the trip was when their charter bus stalled in New York City and the boys got out and pushed the bus. Apparently, there is a picture of them pushing the bus that made the New York newspaper. Unfortunately, as of press time I have not been able to locate it.

All in all, senior trips were an experience; one filled with memories that would last for a lifetime. We forgot about all the fundraisers and the hard work that had made the trip possible. But what none of us realized was that when we got back home and stepped off of the bus for the last time, everything was about to change. As a class we would never be together again in quite the same way. Some of us went off to college, some to the military, and some entered the work force.

By the way, we are still trying to raise funds. Could I interest you in a box of candy or a magazine subscription? 

Arts

With the light droplets of rain sprinkling your hair and the autumn leaves falling into the paved road, sat a little art festival, full of laughter and smiles. As the live band blares their music throughout the speakers, artists talk to guests about their passion for their creativity.

On September 28th, the Lagrange County Arts hosted a fall art festival located in Dallas Lake Park. Arts in the Park aimed to honor the beauty of the local parks and the artists that reside within the community. Proving that living in an area with plenty of forests and lakes adds great scenery when trying to sell art. Vendors lined the street with their creative projects, happily telling those around them about their projects.

While walking through, many artists were eye-catching. The four that created the most unique artworks were a nature artist, a painting artist, a photographer, and a welding artist. Each with their own unique creations and enthusiasm for what they constructed. Seeing the artists that are a part of the county can leave people awestruck of the talent within the community.

Jaima Troyer has a distinctive love for all things nature. Being able to tell

IN THE PARK

by Arlene Thompson





where each pinecone, stick, or rock is from, she has an undying appreciation for what the world has created. As she travels all throughout the country in an RV with her husband, she collects the most beautiful nature creations she can find. "Earth treasures" is the term Troyer used, saying that she enjoys picking up trash, where she then finds her gifts to take home. She brings them back to make a wreath of pinecones, home decor, or cute pinecone people.

An artist who can create paintings that look straight out of a camera, is Rebecca Brown. With her realistic artwork that stands out, you can find a painting that screams at you to take it home. Using antique paper and music, red mushrooms, fruit, or flowers reach out to catch your eye. She grew up in Lagrange, with her father owning the only floral shop in town. She was surrounded by flowers and nature all her life, which helped her gain a love for art and beauty. As she is always looking for something to do, her artwork is an extension of her years of experience in art.

Fritz Slabach is an extraordinary photographer who loves wildlife. Spending hours sitting outside in a tree or hiding in a field, he waits until the perfect moment to capture the beautiful animals located in Indiana. "It's just the wildlife itself, the interactions that are held," was Slabach's response when asked why he enjoys being out in nature and seizing the perfect snapshots. He beamed with passion as he talked about the exact species this hobby allows him to see. The pictures he takes show the personality and beauty of the world surrounding the county.

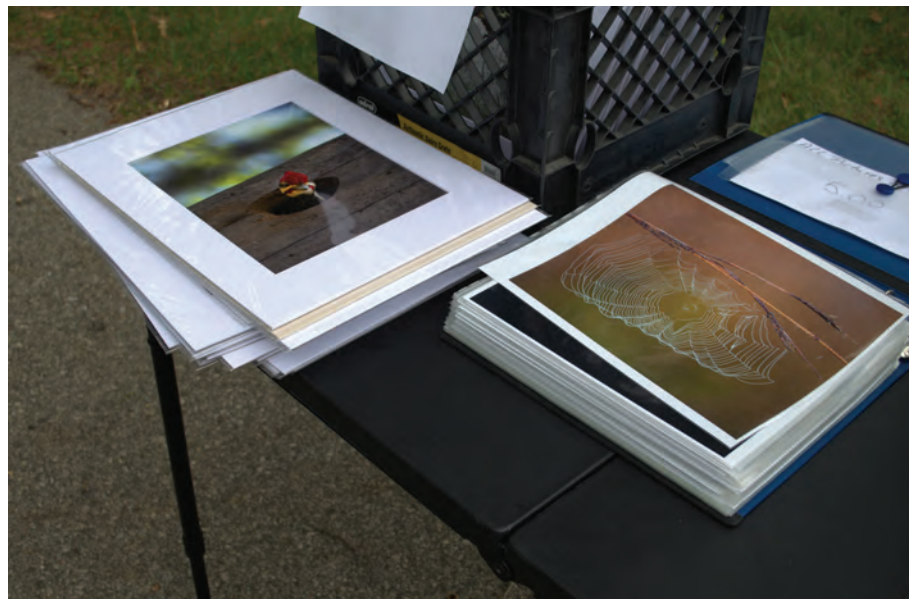
An interesting and creative art form is created by Charles Martin. Being a welder, his experience behind the art is exceptional. Martin enjoys going

home and working or tweaking on new creations. The horseshoes he uses add a very country feel to the model he produces. Open to any ideas, he uses his imagination to create unique and beautiful artworks that bring a smile to your face.

Mary Woodworth, the director of Lagrange County Arts, spoke highly of the committee and their purpose. "We exist to provide a voice, a venue, and support for artists of Lagrange County," said Woodworth. They strive to raise awareness of the creative people in Lagrange and help them reach deeper within themselves to tap into their talent. They support visual art, musical art, performance art, and literary art. Building from the ground-up, Lagrange County Arts works with the schools, the elderly, and any artist who wants to improve themselves and help their community.


Lagrange County Arts will be posting eighteen posters of different artworks by people within the Lagrange community. One from an artist from each generation, the artwork will be displayed to show off the talent of local artists and allow their contact information to be shown to the public. With this, the LaGrange County Arts website will be easily accessible for information and upcoming events.

Supporting local talent can have a huge improvement on the community: visually, aesthetically, and in artistic motivation. Music programs in local high schools have been working tirelessly to provide entertainment for Lagrange. Just this past spring, Westview, Lakeland, and Prairie Heights bands came together for 'Mega Band,' which was supported and introduced by Woodworth. Many high schools have skillful students who only need support and push to strive artistically. "We want



to raise the level of awareness," Woodworth added, "we want to make people aware that there are creatives out there. If you tap into your creative abilities that you can actually go further."

The committee does not only exist to push artists further and provide for them, but it also strives to help local businesses. As Woodworth reported, "If you have a business and you need creative input, there are a lot of creative people out here that would love to help you." Increasing the visibility given to artists in a community generates a cycle of goodness. According to Woodworth, the Lagrange County Arts wants to support any creativity at any level, whether that be youth or "people in their eighties or nineties."

With only their second year under the belt, the Lagrange County Arts want to expand the level of which the Arts in the Park festival performs at. Enjoy a live band playing music, explore new art and creativity of the people you may know, or maybe even become a vendor yourself. The sky is the limit when it comes to art, and the Arts in the Park festival proves that point. Come out next fall and support a local festival full of nothing but love and support. 




Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

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We've been adopted by another cat it seems. Our neighbors had been feeding a couple of the local strays, but they just moved. I hadn't thought much of it until one particular kitty decided we were the best target for some begging. Most of the cats in the neighborhood are fairly skittish, and only really want to be near people when there is food involved. Not this one. Once she figured out I'm a sucker for a pretty friendly calico, she has been on my porch waiting for me to get home every day, and will scream until I stop and give her some scratches.

She doesn't know it yet, but today she's going to the vet and then is coming inside (which she has already tried to do on her own a couple times).  Solution on page 45.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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There were 23 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Steven & Glenda Miller, Dale & JoEllen Yoder, David & Laura Lambright, David & Susan Eash, Mel & Marla Lehman, Joni A Bontrager, Galen & Wilma Yoder, Elmer & Suetta Mast, Dave & Wilma Chupp, Matthew & Dora Hostetler, Kevin Troyer, LaVern & Vera Yoder, Sam & Anna Miller, Marty & Karla Borkholder, Wayne Troyer, Kevin & Dora Yoder, Maynard & Esther Miller, Gene & Wanda Yoder, Dave & Treva Lambright, and Nathan Bontrager.

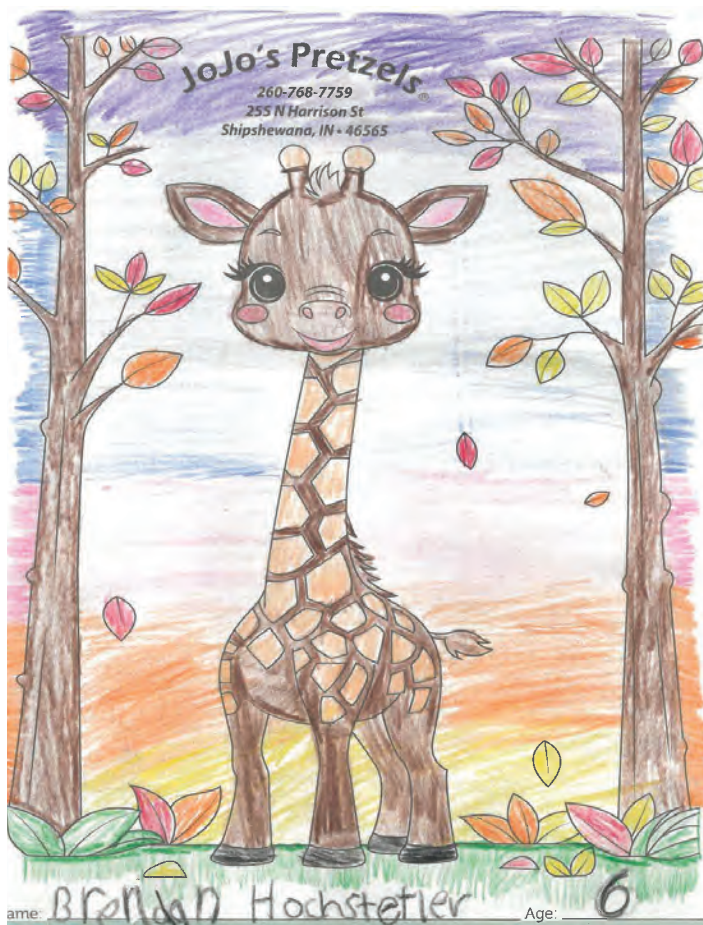
Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Brendan Hochstetler of 675 W, Topeka was our winner for the October Coloring Contest. He won a free pretzel at JoJo's Pretzels in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by JoJo's Pretzels to claim your drawing for a free pretzel through November.

Runners-up were Heidi Slabach, age 6; Madison Kate Lambright, age 5; Jonathan Hostetler, age 4; and Ava Wagler, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Logan Lambright, age 6; Adrian Lynn Bontrager, age 6; Charlotte Beechy, age 6; Jeremy Hostetler, age 4; Emmalee Lambright, age 6; and Janessa Dawn Helmuth, age 5.

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



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Christmas

Festival

Harrison

Ice block

Lighting

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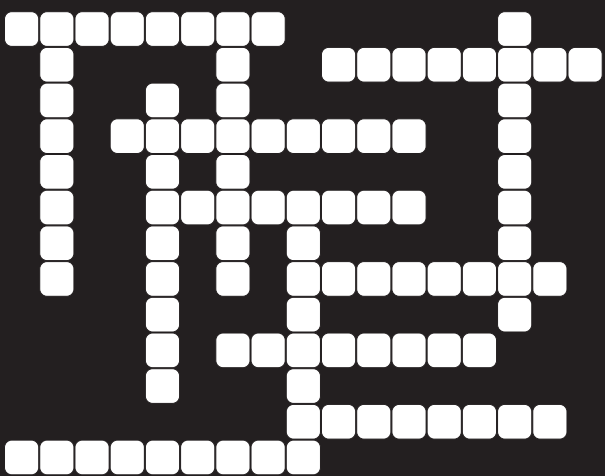
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Clueless
Crossword

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


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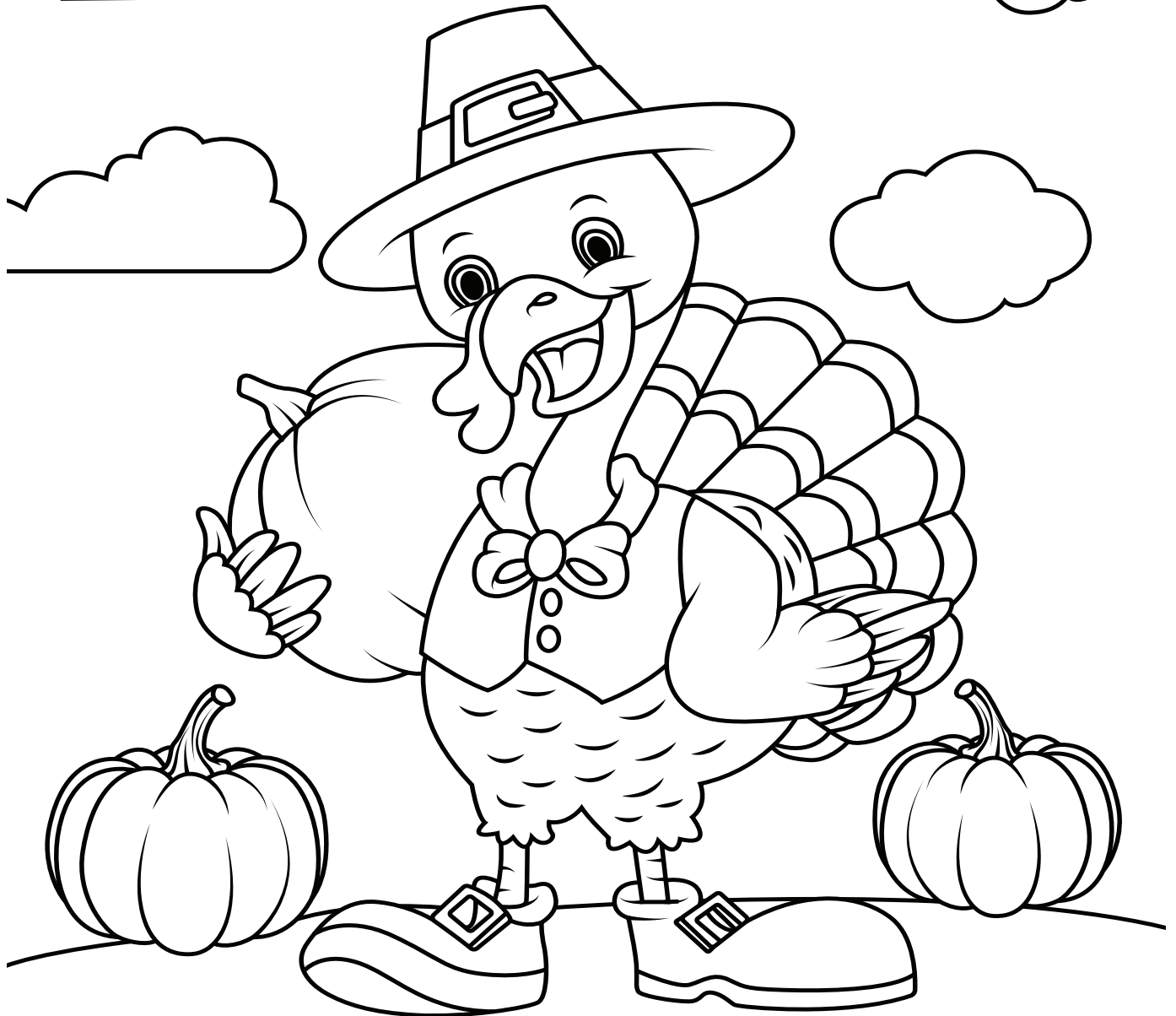
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Answer on page 45.

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Address: _____

Osborn Promoted

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In this position, Osborn leads sales and service efforts in the branch, manages the daily operations of the office and supports office staff in their efforts to provide quality service and build customer relationships. She has been with the bank for two years.



Osborn volunteers with Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana by helping at the Junior Achievement BizTown. 📍

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NOVEMBER 3
2:00 AM.

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Saturday , November 16

8 am - 3 pm

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Clueless Crossword Solution

By Chloe Lovell

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Solution to puzzle on page 41.



Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

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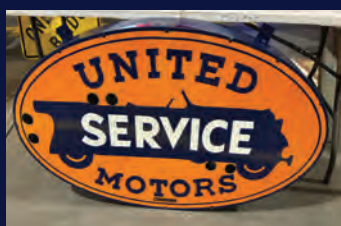
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Opening Friday, November 22nd!

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SHIPSHEWANA

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING HORSE SALE

Friday, November 29th, 2024

9:00 am - Loose Horses, Driving Horses, Work Horses, Saddle Horses

9:00 am - Tack (Up to 5 Rings)
Inside Misc. Auction Building

2:00 pm - Ponies / Minis
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State Champions... AGAIN!



“As the coach I would like to say that this was the culmination of great attitudes and great work ethic. I’m blessed to be able to coach such a great group of hard working kids in a school that values dedication and teamwork. I’m grateful to Coach Erica Mohr, the parents and Westview administration that allowed this historic win to happen. This truly was the effort of the amazing Westview community to pull off this record breaking win.” - Coach Don Williams

On Saturday, October 5, the Westview Jr High boys won the Indiana Cross Country Small School State Championship in Terre Haute, beating the second place team by 124 points. This is the eighth state title for the Westview Jr High boys cross country team, which is more than any other middle school in any sport in the history of Indiana.

Westview’s two All-State runners were Karl Bontrager placing 19th and Michael Bontrager placing 24th. This is the 10th overall state championship in Westview Jr High history joining the girls 2022 Cross Country team State title and the 2022 boys Track and Field team state title.

The Westview boys also placed first in state in the JV race with Brendan Yoder winning the individual JV small school state title.

The Westview Jr High girls placed 23rd in the Indiana Middle School State meet on Saturday. Leading the way for the Westview ladies was Sara Bontrager placing 64th out of over 400 runners. The Westview JV girls team placed 15th in the JV state competition.