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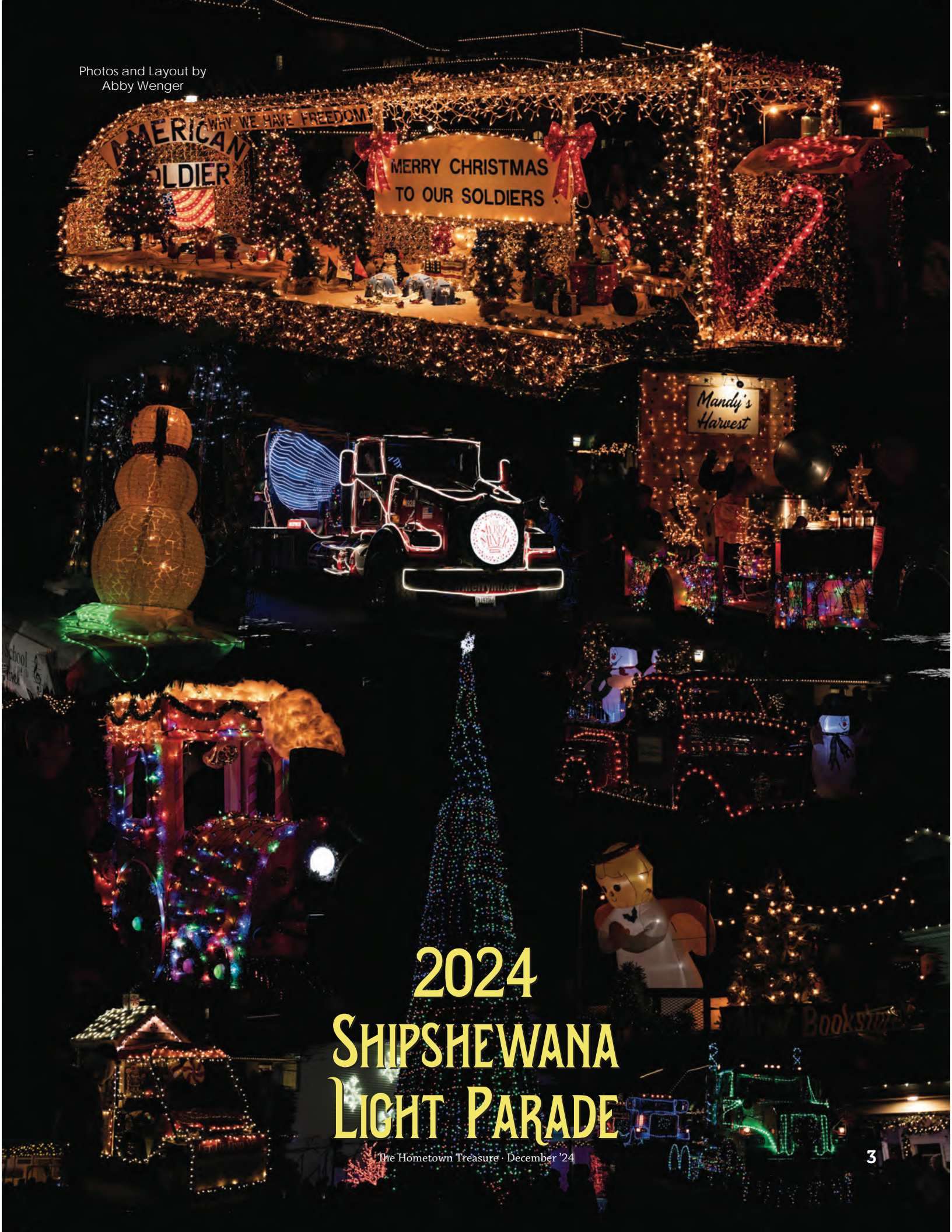
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Accepting Those Around You

Growing up with two parents who are teachers, I've met a lot of kids who have disabilities. My mom has been the special education teacher at Lakeland for the past eight years, where she has honestly made leaps of change in their lives. One of the greatest things I've learned from my mom is to always treat everyone, no matter what, with the respect you give everyone else. While she has never said that out loud, this is what her actions have taught me.

I have tagged along on so many adventures with my mom's students because she wants to make their lives better. When we go to the store, we must always make an extra stop in a random aisle because a student said they enjoyed one thing. For example, the other day we had to buy jumbo crayons because one of her students liked writing with those more. She would never admit it, or believe it, but she is someone who has shaped so many students' lives and left a lasting impact because of her actions.

When I was thinking of a story, the ARC of LaGrange was an almost no-brainer. After doing my research, I learned so much I didn't know was available to our community. I always believe the best in people – which can be a weakness – but I think that this

community has always been accepting.

To get a sense of what happens at the ARC, I knew I wanted to interview somebody that would be willing to be interviewed. Without a doubt in my mind, I knew it had to be Ryan Eaton. If you don't know Ryan, he might be the biggest Lakeland basketball fan in all of history. It's a tradition that the starting five of every game fist bumps him when they run out, as he's always at the games. I've had the honor to carry on that tradition and give Ryan the recognition he deserves. Despite his disability, he gives back to his community, so it's only fair we do the same for him.

Whether or not you know someone personally who has an intellectual and developmental disability, you should always treat everyone with kindness. They have so much more in common with you than you would think, as I've made lasting memories with plenty of my mom's students. A smile, wave, or even giving a hand can change somebody's day, or life. I've had the luxury of always being surrounded by some of the sweetest people, and I think everyone deserves that same treatment.

Arlene Thompson
The Hometown Treasure Intern

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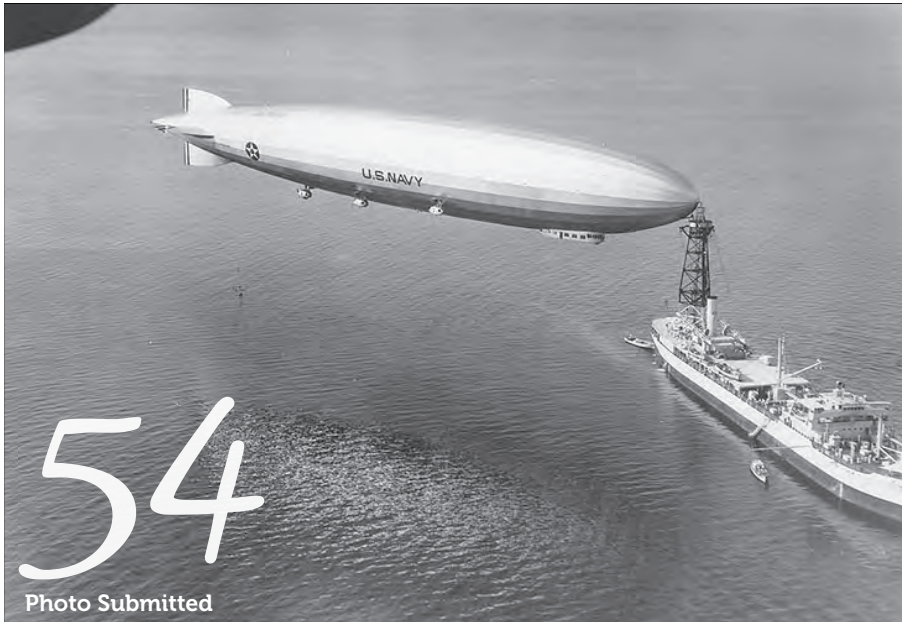


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Gas Station Inspiration

While vacationing out west recently, we stopped at a gas station for a restroom break. I'm always amazed that people take the time, while on the toilet, to write their thoughts on a bathroom stall. But believe it or not, some people carry Sharpie markers in their purses, armed and ready to share their prolific wisdom with the world on the doors of stinky bathroom stalls across America. I've noted that "anything goes" in this forum, and sometimes I learn new and interesting words.

Upon my return to the car, I typically share this restroom stall inspiration with my husband, and we have a good chuckle at the anonymous author's expense. Upon this particular stop, I did as well. I said, "Hey, that might appear in my next Heart and Soul article." And well.... you guessed it? Here it is! I won't, however, mention the colorful adjectives that were used. So, here it is – "Stop the noise. Live your life and be happy!". Yep, right there, on the Circle K women's restroom stall in Cottonwood, Arizona – words to live by.

I didn't give it a second thought until I encountered a stressful situation that created great noise in my mind. You know those moments when your emotions are all over the place, you're processing something, and you can't seem to shut your brain off? That kind of noise. Stressful situations have that impact on me. The re-hashing and

thinking of what I wish I had said tend to invade my mind and rob me of my peace. The trouble is that I overthink and get myself worked up over things that I don't need to. This noise festers and simmers to the boiling point. And we all know what happens to a boiling pot when left unattended. The contents spew over and leave a mess. As do my spewed-out thoughts when they boil over.

How does one shut down those negative thoughts rolling through one's mind when they've been wounded, disrespected, or discouraged? Here are some things I'm learning along the way as I try to stop the noise and have peace (or live my life and be happy, as the stall scholar put it).

- Revenge is not sweeter.

(Leviticus 19:18- Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge...

but love your neighbor as yourself).

- Gossip magnifies the noise. (Proverbs 21:23 – Whoever keeps his mouth, and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble).

- The battle is not yours alone. (1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on Him, for he cares for you).

- Retrain your brain. (Colossians 3:2 - Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things).

- Always err on the side of love. (1 Peter 4:8 – Love covers a multitude of sins.)

This is how God is teaching me to stop the noise and live a peaceful life. I'm a work in progress in figuring out how to practice what I preach. And to my Sharpie-wielding stall friend...duly noted ma'am, duly noted. 📌



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Give yourself a different gift this year: start a healthy habit! After all, it is not one meal on the holiday that makes a difference, it is your habits on all the other days of the month that help or hurt your health.

The definition of a habit is the tendency to do an action which has become easy through repetition.

Easy is much better than hard and it only takes 20 days to make a healthy habit, so if you get started today, it will become easy by the New Year!

Which healthy habit will you choose to practice until it becomes an easy part of your life? Any of the following healthy habits will make a huge difference in helping you feel better! Pick one and start today.

1. EAT BREAKFAST. Most people who have healthy habits eat breakfast. It speeds up your metabolism, gives you energy and helps you think more clearly.

2. CHOOSE A FRUIT, A VEGETABLE AND/OR A SALAD WITH EACH MEAL. These three foods make us feel full and add lots of nutrition and fiber to make us feel great from the inside out!


3. CHOOSE LESS OF THE MAIN DISH. The biggest reason most of us are too heavy is our portion sizes. If you add a fruit, vegetable or salad to each meal, your portion of meat or casserole can be less and you will feel satisfied.

4. SWITCH HEALTHIER FOODS FOR LESS HEALTHY. Drink water instead of pop. Order salad instead of fries, and oatmeal instead of donuts. Add an apple for a snack instead of chips. Practicing these simple changes will build your confidence that you can make a difference for your health.

To help you put these habits into practice, try one of the following healthy vegetable dips:

- Greek Yogurt Dip: Mix 1 1/2 cups non-fat plain Greek yogurt with 1/4 tsp. each of chives, dill weed, garlic powder, onion powder and salt to taste.
- Cottage Cheese Dip: Process 2 cups low-fat cottage cheese and 1 pkg ranch dressing mix in a food processor until smooth.

Or, try using Vanilla Greek Yogurt as a dip for fresh fruit!

Do you have healthy eating tips or recipes to share? Stop by the pharmacy, give us a call at 260-593-2252, or send your tips and questions to Topeka Pharmacy, PO Box 157, Topeka, IN 46571. We may use them for a future column! 

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What Should You Know About RMD's

You may spend many decades contributing to your IRA and 401(k), but eventually you will likely need to take the money out — in fact, you must take the money out or face penalties. What should you know about these mandatory withdrawals?

Here are some of the basics:

- **What are they called?** Mandatory withdrawals are technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs.

- **When must I take RMDs?** If you were born before

1951, you've probably already begun taking RMDs. If you were born between 1951 and 1959, your RMD age is 73. And if you were born in 1960 or later, your RMD age is 75. You can postpone accepting your first RMD until April 1 of the year after you reach your RMD age, but this will result in two RMDs for the year. After you take your first RMD, you must take subsequent ones by December 31 of each year.

- **What penalties will be assessed if I don't take all my RMDs?** For every dollar not withdrawn, the IRS will charge a 25% penalty, but this can drop to 10% if you subsequently withdraw the correct amount within two years.

- **Which accounts have RMDs?** RMDs apply to traditional IRAs, as


well as other types of IRAs, including SIMPLE and SEP IRAs. RMDs don't apply to Roth IRAs. RMDs also apply to traditional 401(k)s, but not Roth 401(k)s.

- **Can I withdraw more than the RMD for any given year?** Yes,

you are free to take out as much as you want. However, if you take out more than the RMD

are typically taxed at your income tax rate on the amount of the withdrawn RMD. You may be able to avoid taxes in a particular year if you transfer your RMDs to a qualified charity in what's known as a qualified charitable distribution.

- **If I inherit an IRA or 401(k), am I subject to RMDs?** Yes. When you take RMDs from an inherited account, you generally must withdraw all the funds within 10 years, as opposed to over your lifetime, which is the RMD window that applies to your own accounts. The rules are somewhat different if you inherit an IRA or 401(k) from your spouse. In any case, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor about how to take RMDs from an inherited account.

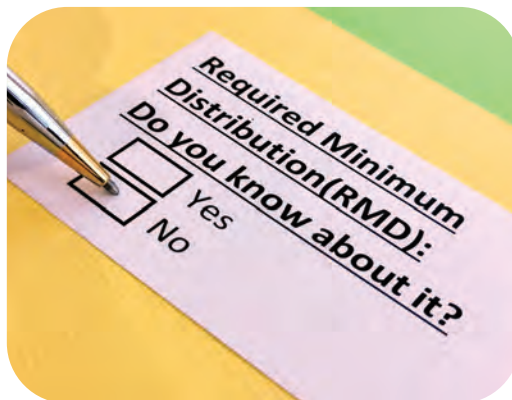
If you're already subject to RMDs, be sure you've taken them before the year ends. And if you haven't yet started taking RMDs, learn as much as you can about them — because the more you know, the more likely you'll make the right moves at the right time. 

for one year, you can't apply the excess to the RMD for the next year.

- **How are RMDs calculated?** Typically, your RMDs are determined by dividing your account balance from the prior December 31 by a life expectancy factor published by the IRS. Your financial professional should be able to perform this calculation for you.

- **If I have multiple accounts, do I have to take an RMD from each one?** If you are taking RMDs from a traditional IRA, you must calculate each RMD individually, but you can take the total amount from one or more IRAs. If you're taking RMDs from a 401(k) or similar plan, you must take the RMD from each of your accounts.

- **How are RMDs taxed?** You



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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for December 2024.

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

Below are the programs for the remainder of 2024

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

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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.

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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.

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All library locations will be **CLOSED** December 31 & January 1 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

Youth Department

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Favorite Characters

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.

Makerspace: Gift Making! (Ages 5-up) Registration not required

LaGrange • Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18 • 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 and make some crafts or gifts for friends or family. Maybe even make your own wrapping paper. Have fun making and creating!

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, December 9 • 4-6 p.m.

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. Enjoy some non-electronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens.

Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, December 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Have fun playing Pokemon, trading cards, and learning strategies. 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, December 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.

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 as space is limited.

Homeschool Hangout Registration not required.

LaGrange • Wednesday, December 11 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Friday, December 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.

Book Clubs

LaGrange • Monday, December 17 • 4-5 p.m.

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

Elementary: Grades 1-3 Reading *Timmi Tobbsen A Family Secret*

Mid-Grade: Grades 4-7 Reading *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

No Teen Book Chat: Genre Book Club This Month

No Teen Advisory Group - TAG This Month

No Family Movie Night This Month

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Adult Interest

Classic Cinema: Offbeat Christmas (Ages 12+)

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Tuesday, November 26 • 2 pm: *Three Godfathers*

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Tuesday, December 3 • 2 pm: *We're No Angels*

Starring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov

1955 Not Rated 106 min

Tuesday, December 10 • 2 pm: *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek*

Starring Eddie Bracken, Betty Hutton and Diana Lynn.

1944 Not Rated. 95 min

Tuesday Night Survival Club: Meat! (Ages 12+)

LaGrange: Tuesday, November 26 • 6 pm

Featured Speakers: Scott Beam: How to Field Dress a Deer

Charlotte Dick: How to Pressure Can Meat

Calligraphy with Markers (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Saturday, November 30 • 10 am - 12 pm

Please register by November 22 at the LaGrange Adult Services desk or by calling 260-463-2841 x1030. Cost is \$5 per person. Join us and learn how to draw an italic alphabet. No experience is necessary. All materials will be supplied.

Hillsdale Online: Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • 3 Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19 • 10 am

Please register by November 30 at 260-463-2841 x1030. We invite you to join Professor Dwight Lindley as he leads us through the mysterious world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley, the Ghosts of Christmas, and Tiny Tim in Hillsdale College's online course. You'll learn profound lessons from the Ghosts of Christmas, explore the true meaning of Christmas through Scrooge's surprising encounters, and discover how to open yourself to life's many joys and blessings. This is a free non-credit course and there are no pre-requisites.

Mini Archi-Trek: Angola, IN (Ages 12+)

Thursday, December 12 Depart & Return: LaGrange Main Library

Depart: Noon - Return approx. 4 pm

Cost \$10 per person, payable online at eventbrite.com, or by cash or check at the LaGrange Main Library (payable to Green Bus Tours) Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

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Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

The 4-Way Café: 5990W 200S, Topeka, IN

Saturday, December 14 • 11 am

We'll meet at the restaurant to discuss: "Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein. You'll meet a boy who turns into a TV set, and a girl who eats a whale. The Unicorn and the Bloath live there, and so does Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout who will not take the garbage out. It is a place where you wash your shadow, plant diamond gardens, where shoes fly, sisters are auctioned off and crocodiles go to the dentist.

December Upcoming Events

Breakfast With the Birds

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

Sewing Group

Wednesday, Dec 18 • 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, Dec 7 • 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, Dec 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.



Christmas Crafts & Cookies

Saturday, Dec 21 • 10 am–12 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN

Craft: Pine cone bird feeder. Make something special for your backyard birds! Roll a pine cone in peanut butter and bird seed. (peanut allergy alternative will be available)

Cookies: Tasty Christmas cookies to enjoy afterward!

Free for kids of all ages. Parent must be present. Registration is requested please - to help us plan supply needs. 260-854-2225

First Day Glow Hike

Wednesday, Jan 1 • 5–7 pm
Dallas Lake Park

Be a part of a national movement of First Day Hikes and begin 2025 with a step towards good health. The glow walk trail will begin/end at the Dallas Lake Lodge. we invite you to wear family-friendly glow-in-the-dark clothing and accessories. Glow necklaces will be provided (while supplies last) and the trail will be marked with lights. Walk at your own pace. Dress for the elements! Hot beverages will be shared with participants in the Lodge, while supplies last. RSVP's are encouraged by December 27th! contact the park office: call 260-854-2225. Free for all ages.

2025 Maple Syrup Days

Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16
Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN 📍



Republican News Sources

It has been brought to our attention that a previous article for news sources that ran in the October 2024 issue of *The Hometown Treasure*, was primarily Democratic in the views shared. One of our readers graciously offered phone numbers for the Republican views in order to provide our readers with options to hear both sides.

1-605-615-4173


- Ext.1: New Max TV
- Ext. 2: Clay Travis
- Ext. 3: American News Network
- Ext. 4: Mark Levin
- Ext. 5: Glen Beck
- Ext. 6: Shawn Hennedy
- Ext 7: Dan Bongino
- Ext. 8: Chris Plant
- Ext. 9: Hugh Hewitt
- Ext. 10: Fox News Talk
- Ext. 11: Ben Shapiro
- Ext. 12: Howie Car Show
- Ext. 13: Right Perspective
- Ext. 14: Jeff Kuhner ⓘ

Thrive by 5

Jackie Feller (*second from left*), LaGrange County's Health First Indiana Coordinator, discusses how increasing child care in LaGrange County will benefit businesses and the community. These discussions took place on Friday, November 8 at the LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation as

Thrive by 5 hosted a Business Forum on Child Care. The EDC, Thrive by 5, and the GO Foundation introduced plans for a collaborative project in LaGrange that includes a 72-seat child care center.

Joining Feller in the conversation was (*from left around the table*), Andrea Howell of Farmers' State Bank, Feller, Jordi Disler of Parkview LaGrange, Senator Sue Glick, LaGrange Chamber of Commerce Director Sara Patrick, and Jessica Rawlins of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Businesses interested in learning more about this child care project are encouraged to contact Jenna Anderson of Thrive by 5. She can be reached at jenna@thriveby5coalition.org or 260-445-3369. 



Topeka Together Update

Hi All,

I'm back to give you an update on December's events and also celebrate November's happenings.

First of all, Topeka Together is looking for more volunteers to help with organizing/running future events. Some of the categories we need to plan are:

- Pop up/Farmer's Market
- Silent Night/Live Nativity
- Craft Bazaar
- July 4th
- Cornhole Tournament


Any help with any of the events would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who made the Trunk or Treat/Halloween costume contest such a success. I do believe fun was had by all.

Also, the Topeka Fall Sale Day & Live On Main activities brought a great crowd. There were so many fun things to do. The hymn sing/food trucks/cloggers, etc. kept the town buzzing. Thank You, Thank You to all who made it possible.

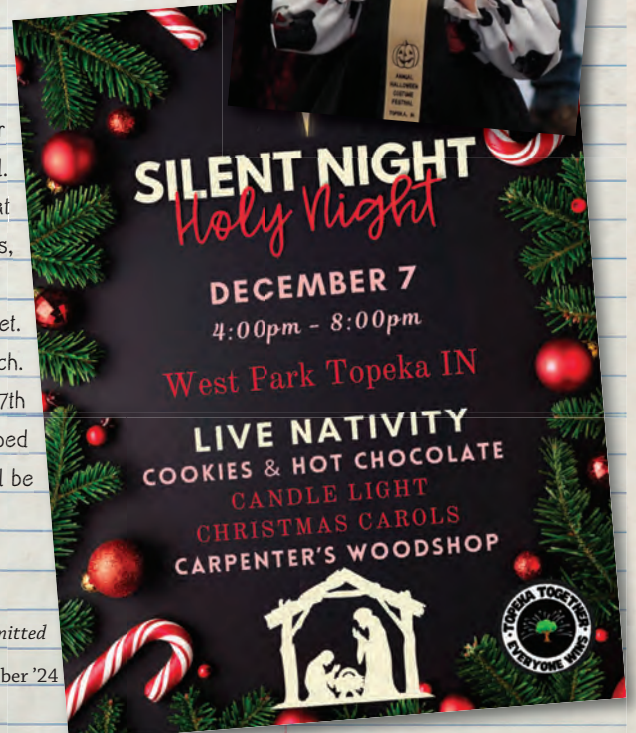
As I'm typing this up, some of the November happenings have not occurred yet. I'd like to let everyone involved in those activities that we appreciate them so much.

We are in a busy time of year and have so much planned. On Sat., December 7th we will be having Silent Night in the west park, and will be accepting NEW, unwrapped toys/kids' books to pass out on the next Saturday, December 14, when Santa will be at the Topeka Fire Station. Please join us in the festivities!

In warmest regards, Connie 

Kinsley Klingaman won first place in the Trunk or Treat Costume Contest.

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Miracle Tree Of LaGrange

The LaGrange County Miracle Tree is an organization that provides assistance to low income families and families experiencing crisis situations, such as loss due to a fire or other devastating circumstances. They serve the LaGrange, Elkhart and Steuben counties and also the residents of Sturgis, Michigan. Miracle Tree began in 2019 by Founder & President Kailie Snyder-Farnsworth, and have been able to help over 1000 children ranging from birth to 18 years of age.

Miracle Tree provides a way for parents, who meet poverty level guidelines, to give their children presents on Christmas morning. The focus is to provide essentials such as clothing, bedding and hygiene products along with something from the child's wish list. The presents are delivered before Christmas along with the wrapping paper, bows and gift tags, for the parents to be able to put Christmas together for their children.

Miracle Tree has partnered with Elkhart County Salvation Army to provide Red Ribbon Baskets to the families they are serving, and also the Elkhart

County Toys for Tots to become the hub for the LaGrange and Steuben County Toys for Tots program.

"The main goal they work for is to ensure that no child is left behind this Christmas season," said Kailie Snyder-Farnsworth; and the only way that Miracle Tree can keep providing hope for these families is through donations from the community. Meijer #291 in Sturgis MI has stepped up with a large donation, because they believe in what Miracle Tree is doing. They are making dreams come true for children throughout the community. There are many ways that we can step up and help; by giving money, donating items from the list of needs and sponsoring.

Sponsors are urgently needed during this Christmas season to make sure that every child's Christmas list becomes presents under their tree. To date, they have 123 families with 390 children already signed up, but 60 of those children do not have sponsors yet.

"We could not do what we do without the community support we receive and we are forever grateful to be able


to continue our

mission!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts," said president Kailie.

Mission Statement: *Miracle Tree is committed*

to providing annual Christmas/daily essential giving for the youth who are living in poverty or have experienced a diminished quality of life due to an unexpected or emergent event.

Checks can be mailed to: LaGrange County Miracle Tree Inc, 200 W Michigan St, LaGrange, IN 46761. You can also email them at: lagrangecomiracletree@gmail.com for a list of needed items and also a link to their Amazon wish list or go to LaGrange County Miracle Tree on Facebook for updates. 





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LaGrange Clinic	Shipshewana Clinic	Topeka Clinic
Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Wolfe Building Community Room <u>Only 1st & 3rd Thursday</u> 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.	Topeka Fire Station <u>Only 2nd & 4th Thursday</u> 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

There are times when HD inspectors, vital records registrar, office staff, and nurses are engaged in field work, taking care of customers, or in satellite clinics. Please, feel free to call us before stopping in to make sure someone will be here to help you. **(260) 499-4182**

Nursing Division: Ext. #1 & #2
Food Inspector: Ext. #6

WIC Office: Ext. #3 & #4
Septic Inspector: Ext. #7

Vital Records (Birth & Death Certificates): Ext. #5
Water/Well Testing Information: Ext. #5 & #6

Fall Impact Grant Awards

The LaGrange County Community Foundation has awarded \$75,975 in grants to eight nonprofit organizations as part of its 2024 Fall Community Impact Grants Cycle. These grants will support a diverse range of initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for LaGrange County residents, from health and human services to education, environmental stewardship, and arts & culture.

One of the funded projects is an innovative rain garden initiative led by the Mongo Community Development Association. This community-led project will improve the natural landscape around the Mongo Post Office, and improve water management, helping to keep the sidewalk in a low-lying area dry and accessible.

Alongside the rain garden project, The Farm Place was awarded \$25,000 to help complete its Animal Companionship Center in LaGrange. The facility will offer families involved in foster care and court systems private meeting spaces where children can connect with case managers, mental health professionals, and participate in supervised visits. Additionally, animal companionship during these visits will provide emotional support, fostering a nurturing environment to help families through difficult times.

"Each of these organizations play a crucial role in meeting essential needs and enriching LaGrange County," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Com-

munity Foundation. "We are proud to support these efforts and to be part of the positive change happening across LaGrange County."

Phase two of the Animal Companionship Center will focus on outfitting the facility's interior with furniture, kitchen essentials and office equipment to create a welcoming and functional space for families to heal and thrive.

In addition to these projects, LaGrange Communities Youth Centers has been awarded \$25,000 to support its expanding summer programs. Each year, its summer camps in art, conservation, drama, and music reach full capacity, offering valuable educational experiences for youth during the summer months.

The LaGrange County Community Foundation remains committed to supporting organizations that make

coming months.

The 2024 Fall Community Impact Grant recipients are:

- Brightpoint: Covering Kids and Families of Brightpoint Health Insurance Navigation Services, \$5,000
- Hope's Harbor: Overnight Accommodations for LaGrange County Families,



\$5,000

- Kate's Kart: Book Gifting Program at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, \$2,500

- LaGrange Communities Youth Centers: 2025 Summer Camp Programs, \$25,000

- Lima Township: Howe Town Park Bathroom Facilities, \$10,000

- Mongo Community Development Association: Mongo Post Office Rain Garden, \$1,475

- Science Central: Science4U Program, \$2,000

- The Farm Place: Animal Companionship Center: Phase 2 Interior, \$25,000

Each year, the Community Foundation invites proposals for projects that support local nonprofits in their mission to serve the LaGrange County community. The Grants Advisory Committee evaluates applications and recommends funding to the Board of Directors for approval.

The Community Impact Grants are made possible by the generosity of donors contributing to the Foundation's Caring Community Fund, unrestricted funds, and field of interest funds. For more information about grant opportunities, visit lccf.net/grants.¹



a meaningful impact on the lives of residents and is excited to see the difference these grants will make in the

College Signings



Gavin Engle will be attending Huntington University *Back (left to right): WV Asst. Coach Adam Christner, WV Asst. Coach Steve Christner, WV Head Coach Jason Rahn and WV Asst. Coach Mike Antal. Front: Sister Chandler Engle, Father Nic Engle, Gavin, Mother Ashli Engle, and Sister Graci Engle.*



Jaxon Engle will be attending Huntington University *Back (left to right): WV Asst. Coach Adam Christner, WV Asst. Coach Matthew Jones, WV Asst. Coach Steve Christner, WV Head Coach Jason Rahn and WV Asst. Coach Mike Antal. Front: Brother Max Engle, Mother Heather Engle, Jaxon, Father Mark Engle and Sister Kate Engle.*



Max Engle will be going to Huntington University *Back (left to right): WV Asst. Coach Adam Christner, WV Asst. Coach Matthew Jones, WV Asst. Coach Steve Christner, WV Head Coach Jason Rahn and WV Asst. Coach Mike Antal. Front: Brother Jax Engle, Mother Heather Engle, Max, Father Mark Engle and sister Kate Engle.*



- 1 Jennica Hershberger, Gusmar Munoz Huerta, Lucas Riehl, Christopher Yoder
- 2 Rakan Algaradie, Elijah Ellis, Brantley Miller, Dallas Stemm, Trae Yoder
- 3 Noelle Amsden
- 4 Karl Hershberger, Elijah Kemp, Seth Miller, Isaiah Troyer, Wesley Yoder
- 5 John Helmuth, Abigail Hershberger, Jaylin Hostetler, Fares Hussein, Kate Mauck
- 6 Abigail Lehmer, Lindsey Stutzman, LeRoy Tyler
- 7 Miranda Carmona, Mazie Siples
- 8 Lydia Bloom, Valerie Lopez, Dawson Williams
- 9 Isaiah Caldwell
- 10 Ava Hostetler, Savannah Lambright, Ina Miller
- 11 Jace Amsden, Kassidy Courtney, Quade Kaufman, Madelyn Miller
- 12 Jeremy Beechy, Zachary Mullins, Sarah Omar
- 13 Nolan Miller, Breann Riehl, Maicee Witham
- 14 Derek Bontrager, Bryleigh Bailey, Crystal Lambright, Graesin Lambright, Melody Lambright, Lorraine Nisley, Danica Otto, Karson Plank
- 15 Felix Otto, Peyton Raber, Sarah Yoder



- 16 Angie Al Yahiri, Ava Bontrager, Kenlyn Miller, Kylan Yoder
- 17 Dena Lambright, Curtis Miller, Memphis Raines
- 18 Heavenlee Littlefield, Sara Schlabach, Brooklyn Yoder
- 19 Logan Troxel, Isaac Yoder
- 20 Zarien Campos, Sadie Miller
- 21 Jayda Kaufman, Jalen Yoder
- 22 Kayan Aldhuraibi, Aiden Hilyard, Adrian Miller
- 23 Landon Hochstetler, Kadrian Miller, Braydon Sargent, Krystal Schlabach
- 24 Beverly Foulk, Adriana Knepp, Lance Mast, Colin Miller,
- 25 Daryl Bontrager, Analeya Garcia
- 27 Melanie Beechy, Jameson Fought, GraceAnn Gingerich, Samantha Lehman, Malachi Miller, Nolan Miller, Benson Schlabach, Jarius Schmucker, Jace Wingard, Brooklyn Yoder, Bryce Yoder
- 28 Hannah Miller, Jorja Rousseau, Lucas Schlabach, Matthew Stutzman, Megan Yoder
- 29 Andrea Barkman, Xayne Mercer
- 30 Allison Bontrager, Austin Bontrager, Sara Chupp, Derek Frey, Ezzaldeen Sowaileh, Michael Stutzman
- 31 Cora Cripe, Serena Miller, Kole Moon, Lucian Nelson, Joshua Otto



Jack Massey will be attending Glen Oaks Community College *Back (left to right): WV Asst. Coach Adam Christner, WV Asst. Coach Matthew Jones, WV Asst. Coach Steve Christner, WV Head Coach Jason Rahn and WV Asst. Coach Mike Antal. Front: Sister Norah Massey, Father Brian Massey, Jack, and Mother Stacey Massey.*



Maverick Deveau will be attending DMACC in Iowa. *Back (left to right): WV Asst. Coach Adam Christner, WV Asst. Coach Matthew Jones, WV Asst. Coach Steve Christner, WV Head Coach Jason Rahn and WV Asst. Coach Mike Antal. Front: Sister Camryn Nichelson, Mother Julie Deveau, Maverick, Father Ty Deveau and Brother-in-Law Taren Nichelson.*



October Student Ambassadors were Andrey Bergeron (12th), Adison Miller (9th), Ilias Cherif (11th), and Mason Walz (9th).



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Student Ambassadors

Westview High School has selected 4 Students to receive "Student Ambassador of the Month" honors for October 2024. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displaying great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend. ①



Back (left to right): Jamie King (3rd), Everleigh White (3rd), Cleric Hall (4th), Kholer Yoder (4th), Brandon Miller (4th), Sherri Kauffman (4th). Middle: MaKenna Stutzman (2nd), Daryl Beechy (4th), Ethan Hilty (2nd), Miciah Slabach (2nd), Madison Lambright (2nd). Front: Megan Lehman (K), Shawn Miller (1st), Halle Stutzman (1st), Easton Lambright (K).

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Awards, Food and Classroom Fun


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 above are the winners from October of the 2024-2025 school year. Go Mustangs!

Who doesn't love some science and some candy corn? Well, not everyone loves to eat candy corn, but fourth graders in 4C loved using them in a science experiment. Students started the sci-

entific process by making a hypothesis about what they thought would happen. Pieces of candy corn were placed into a variety of liquids (hot water, mouthwash, etc.) and students made observations about what happens to the candy corn.

What better way to celebrate National Pickle Day than by taste testing several different types of pickles? Students in 4C tried dill, gherkin and bread and butter pickles. Sadly, not many students liked the bread and butter ones, but dill seems to be a favorite!

In 4C, students use their writing time to write something kind about each one of their classmates. There were a lot of smiles from students when they realized how much fun it is to be kind.

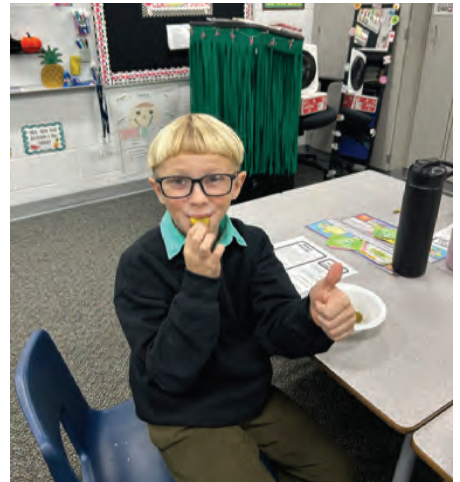
Fourth graders enjoyed making their own pumpkin pie in a bag. It was educational and delicious! 



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Meadowview Elementary Home of the Mustangs



Update from the Scotties!

The first quarter quickly passed at Shipshe-Scott, and students enjoyed some special celebrations. October 21-23 was Red Ribbon Week where students learned about the importance of making healthy choices. On Tuesday, students were able to live their best movie star life with the slogan, "Life is a movie, film drug free!". Each student was invited to walk the red carpet with the coolest, funniest emcee around, Mr. Hart. Students posed for all the paparazzi and ate some movie theater popcorn for a snack! The cafeteria staff provided themed treats during the week, and the whole school enjoyed the festivities.

The end of October brought the 50th day of school, so Shipshe held its annual "50's Day". Students and staff were invited to dress like it was the 1950's, and they did not disappoint! There were poodle skirts, leather jackets, cuffed jeans, and hightops everywhere! Each grade level got to enjoy a

50's root beer float in the cafeteria.

The end of the first quarter meant it was time to hand out much-deserved awards to students. Students who achieved perfect attendance or near perfect attendance received a brag tag to celebrate. Mrs. Garber also handed out shining citizen awards and "sparkle" awards for being respectful, responsible, and safe. These awards were selected by teachers and given out to students from each classroom. We are so proud of all our students here at Shipshe-Scott!

Award winner names:

Shining Citizen (next page, left column)

Kindergarten Back (left to right): Isaac Miller, Delaina Beechy, Eli Raber, Kambria Neeley, and Lisa Stutzman. **Front:** Halle Miller, Christian Wingard, and Carson Slabach.

First Grade Back (left to right): Gunnar Barkman, Alex Miller, Alyse Slabach, and Amelia Gray. **Front:** Emersyn Wingard, Andrea Miller, Malachi Miller, and Gavin Hochstetler.

Second Grade Back (left to right): Vanessa Miller, Makayla Troyer, and Savannah Bontrager. **Front:**

Asher Raber, Elijah Bontrager, and Kaiser McDonald.

Third Grade Back (left to right): Thane Wilkins, Tyler Miller, Jenna Beachy, and Caroline Schlabach. **Front:** Brooklyn Hochstetler, Brooklyn Miller, Axle Pairan, and Ethan Mast.

Fourth Grade Back (left to right): Landry Miller, Evan Miller, and Julian Mast. **Front:** Kylie Wingard, Crystal Miller, and Noelle Amsden.

Sparkle (next page, right column)

Kindergarten Back (left to right): Everly Stout, Walker Berkey, Maddex Brohm, and Adrienne Ropp. **Front:** Brentley Blackburn, Brynn Fry, Faith Slee, and Alex Hochstetler.

First Grade Back (left to right): Kendra Hochstetler, Jace Miller, Austin Miller, and Bethany Nisley. **Front:** Finley Hill, Leah Williams, Josiah Jones, and Zachary Miller.

Second Grade Back (left to right): Taya Yoder, Weston Troyer, and Freya Olweean. **Front:** Nolan Lambright, Isaac Miller, and Brylee Wilson.

Third Grade Back (left to right): Addalyn Miller, Jordan Troyer, Brantley Lambright, and Kenzie Hochstetler. **Front:** Kianna Yoder, Brayden Graber, Emmalee Pierson, and Jaydon Miller.

Fourth Grade (left to right): Brent Troyer, Roma-Freya Robles, Noah Schlabach, Lucas Yoder, and Averie Stutzman

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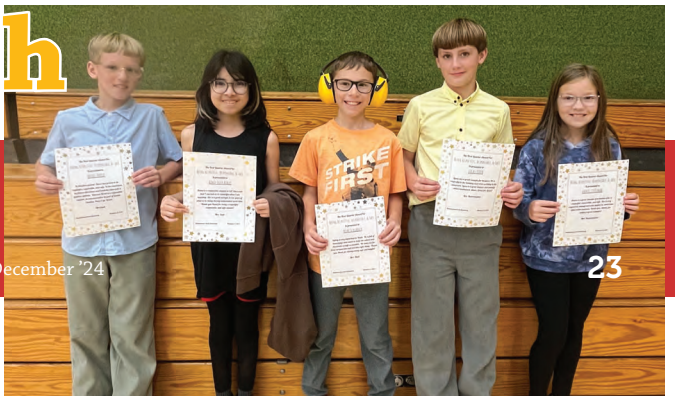
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4th



Monster Math University - AND - Grandparents Day

Mrs. Karyssa Miller's first grade students practiced addition and subtraction at Monster Math University.

They sorted equations, found missing numbers, and worked on multi-step problem solving. Students worked very hard and there was a 100% graduation rate at the end of the day!

Topeka Elementary students throughout the building invited their grandparents to join them at school! Students enjoyed showing their grandparents around and participated in some fun activities. 📍





Making Learning Fun

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Title 1 teachers at WES held their annual CarniFALL. While parents were in their conference, students were invited to the gym to move through fun stations that

supported math and literacy. If they completed the stations, they were able to put their name in a drawing prize package as get a token for a Lupitas Taco Truck that was

Students in Mrs. Gongwer's class created launchers using the engineering process and took them to the gym to see which launcher went the farthest.

The week of October 21st, we celebrated Red Ribbon Week with the theme "Life is a movie, film Drug Free". Classrooms participated in a door decorating contest and student's learned about "Natural High's" and how to choose doing what you love versus turning to drugs. Creations of their natural high's were displayed in a "Movie reel" in the cafeteria. They also were able to have fun with a photo booth representing our theme. Educational messages about drugs and making smart choices were shared throughout the week. We finished off the week with a homemade movie about the history of Red Ribbon Week and WES staff sharing about their Natural High's and why they choose to stay Drug Free. The kids enjoyed a popcorn treat during the movie. Classroom

Door winners were Mrs. Mowery's 5th grade class with a Halloween theme and Mr. Williams's 6th grade class with a Star Wars theme. There were so many unique and creative doors on display!

Check out photos of students and staff who participated in "Decade Day," at Westview Elementary for spirit day!

The outstanding citizens are pictured below. Students are chosen based on the following: They are responsible for their behavior; They are responsible for their assignments; They show respect for adults and peers; They serve as role models for other students; They respect the property and rights of others; They display good manners; They participate in the classroom and other school activities; They are honest and trustworthy; and They are courteous and cooperative.

The PTO provided coupons to JoJo Pretzels and Topeka Pizza along with various food treats. 🍕

1st Grading Period Citizens (in no particular order): Audrey Yoder, 5A; Nora Yoder, 5B; Celise Bontrager, 5C; Jayda Stutzman, 5D; Lisa Hershberger, 5E; Harper Yoder, 5F; Andrea Barkman, 5G; Chloe Swanson, 5H; Ida Rose Stutzman, 6A; Obadiah Raber, 6B; Erika Mast, 6C; Graison Yoder, 6D; Grace Yater, 6E; Jalayna Fry, 6G; Mia Stemm, 6H; and Landon Nissley, 6I.

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Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors



2024-2025 Quarter 1: High Honor Roll (3.5 or above)

In addition to the GPA requirements for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-

Grade 7

Adam Alamari, Trinity Antal, Alyssa Barkman, Calista Bollinger, Adrian Bontrager, Coltin Bontrager, Dale Bontrager, Heidi Bontrager, Janie Bontrager, Jason Bontrager, Jayna Bontrager, Jerel Bontrager, Kalyn Bontrager, Kathryn Bontrager, Kayla Bontrager, Leon

Bontrager, Luke Bontrager, Harrison Bontreger, Janessa Caldwell, Marissa Childers, Jayni Drake, Chandler Engle, Erin Frey, Keturah Fry, Abigail Hersherberger, Cody Hill, Dominick Krantz, JulieAnna Kuhns, Damon Lambright, Kendall Lambright, Malachi Lambright, Kevin Lehman, Brooke Mahon, Michael Manns, Mahweensa

Marks, Austin Martin, Tyler Mast, Valentina Mendoza, Blake Miller, Cash Miller, Christopher Miller, Curtis Miller, Dena Miller, Hailey Miller, Jacob Miller, Jamin Miller, Jennifer Miller, Justin Miller, Katy Miller, Kenlin Miller, Landon Miller, Lynn Miller, Maci Miller, Mariah Miller, Marsha Miller, Sammy Miller, Toby Miller, Beckham Misner, Clayton Moon, Erikson Mullet, Avery Myers, Alexandria Olweean, Jamal Omarouf, Anthony Otto, Genesis Perillo, Josiah Radcliff, Brigham Rahn, Akhila Reed, Kendyl Reinhold, Kierra Roose, Declan Ryall, Dena Schlabach, Joshua Schlabach, Micah Schrock, Cindy Schwartz, Kayla Schwartz, Isla Slabach, Jaden Slabach, Amber Stoltzfus, Hallie Stults, Alex Stutzman, Brooklyn Stutzman, Kennedy Stutzman, Heather Troyer, Joshua Troyer, Lisa Troyer, Trenton Vilardo, Julian Warrenner, JuLayne Whetstone, Caleb Wingard, Kellan Winqvist, Nasser Yahya, Amy Yoder, Ashby Yoder, Carson Yoder, Hadley Yoder, Heidi Yoder, James Yoder, Jessica Yoder, Juliana Yoder, Melody Yoder, and Miles Yoder.

2024-2025 Q1: Regular Honor Roll (3.0-3.499)

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Grade 7

Jared Beechy, Morgan Bontrager, Cayden Coleman, Darin Fry, Andraya Lambright, Jesse Lambright, Bently Miller, Anisah Omar, Aleya Schrock, Adriana Stutzman, Skylynn Weeden, James Wingard, Janae Yoder, and Matthew Yoder.

Grade 8

Mohamed Aljulowb, Jaron Bontrager, Michael Bontrager, Tyson Bontrager, Hadleigh Bontreger, Charlie Double, Zayne Geigley, Tenley Groves, Seth Hochstetler, Tyler Hostetler, Ayden Kloth, Kameron Meyers, Josiah Miller, Justin J Miller, Caleb Mullet, Lacey Ramey, Makayla Slabach, Serenity Tennant, Alisyn Tetzloff, and Bella Williams.

Grade 9

Emma Cummins, Alexis Diehl, Jace Kaufman, Cole Miller, Jaxon Miller, Kailen Myers, Zuriah Reed, Bayli Smith, Malarie Steider, and Emma Stinnett.

Grade 10

Matthew Bibbee, Alex Cochs-Clapers, Thomas Hoover, Rayna Jackson, Ethan Miller, Janessa Miller, Travis Mitchell, Carson Niccum, Isaiah Radcliff, Austin Schlabach, Tristan Skudstrup, Luke Stults, Owen Weinberg, Kendra White, Aaron Williams, Isaac Yater, and Kloie Yoder.

Grade 11

Taylor Bryan, Ilias Cherif, Ian Donat, Luke Hall, Kyleigh Hersherberger, Mearl Miller, Aiden Norberg, Austin Troyer, Ian Vilardo, Brylee White, and Dallas Yoder.

Grade 12

Hudhaifa Almhn, Johnna Bailey, Patricia Clemons, Dawson Crittendon, Melanie Flores, Micah Geyer, Beau Jackson, Dena Miller, Alayna Suddarth, Savannah Vliet, Karis Weinberg, and Jordan Williams.

Grade 8

Tennley Amsden, Tyrone Baccol, Adrian Beechy, Bryndle Bontrager, Brynn Bontrager, Isaiah Bontrager, Janelle K Bontrager, Janelle R Bontrager, Justin Bontrager, Karl Bontrager, Kathleen Bontrager, Kevin Bontrager, Sara Bontrager, Chloe Briggs, Avery Christner, Jaxon Christner, Kristen Chupp, Noah Cleveland, Cassidy Detweiler, Ellianna England, Madalyn Everage, Braden Fry, Deric Fry, Karla Fry, Micah Fry, Breanna Garrett, Lukas

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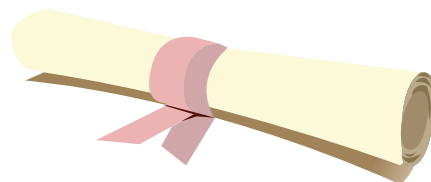
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Grade 11

Noriah Aldhuraibi, Kristen Egli, Makenna Feipel, Kaden Grau, Litton, Bailey Manns, Audri Martin, Bender, Lilyan Bennett, Madison Grossman, Ava Hostetler, Lanita Mast, Miley Mast, Eden Mauck, Katana Bibbee, Noah Dakota Hubbard, Kaleb Iddings, Briana Braxton Miller, Kaiden Miller, Katie Bontrager, Breann Cory, Kaufman, Hailey Lambright, Janell Miller, Milan Miller, Myra Miller, Samuel Leah Cummins, Chayenne Diaz, Hunter Lambright, Janissa Lehman, Jasmine Miller, Becky Moore, Cate Olivieri, Majid Omer, Corra Owens, Aaron Roth,

Grade 10

Eva Bates, Evan Beechy, Kaden Hostetler, Ibraheem Hussein, Bentley Ryall, Kylie Singleton, Brett Karleen Bender, Lexy Addison Kauffman, Erica Lambright, Springer, Lili Terrones, Levi Trethewey, Bennett, Memphis Ashlyn Martin, Jacob McCoy, Emilia Jordynn Wasson, Jalayna Whetstone, Bontrager, Olivia Mendoza, Sage Mercer, Angela Miller, Brina Williams, and Alex Yoder. Bontrager, Camryn Christner, Isaac Gloria Miller, Peyton Miller, Lucas Drake, Jarrett Dunker, Josephine Eash, Mullet, Wyatt Murray, Keegan Norberg, Graci Engle, Caedmon Gates, Landon Kaine Reinhold, Carver Stump, Chris Gingerich, Luke Haarer, Makenna Terrones, Devyn Whetstone, Daniel Helman, Amanda Hershberger, Yoder, Marilyn Yoder, Pierce Yoder, and Keegan Hershberger, Alyssa Hooley, Savannah Yoder.



Grade 9

Zakaria Algaradi, Yousef McDonald, Adison Miller, Brendan Aljulowb, Baylor Atra, Miller, Madilyn Miller, Saul Moreno, Adrien Bell, Makenna Shelby Mullett, Kaylee Nuzum, Fisher Bender, Laban Bontrager, Oakley, Gavin Rainsberger, Kya Roose, Laine Bortner, Tyler Josie Ryall, Tyler Stutzman, Alexandria Sweet, Lex Thompson, Mabel Trethewey, Brewer, Liam Brill, Cyota Ferrera, Cooper Mason Walz, Merrill Warrenner, Rylee Fry, Mila Geyer, Morgan Grossman, Watson, Elijah Watts, Kaitlyn Weimer, Remington Helmuth, Alayah Hostetler, Grace Yoder, Hudson Yoder, Janae Yoder, Elizabeth Lehmer, AJ Martin, Maggie Kasen Yoder, and Will Yoder. Mast, Mari Mast, Jada Mauck, Paige

Grade 12

Hyde Al Yahiri, Sarah Alshuga, Faith Beechy, Andreyra Bergeron, Cole Bontrager, Emily Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lilly Bontrager, Owen Brill, Clarinda Byler, Mason Clark, Maverick Deveau, Charlie Duke, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Max Engle, Lakota Everitt, Zackary Fry, Ava Gilbert, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Hussein Hussein, Christopher Irons, Olivia Jasso, Tetiana Jones, Asher Kennedy, Kaiden Liechty, Jackson Massey, Kiana Mast, Kyiah Michels, Curtis Miller, Rebecca Miller, Shanna Miller, Austin Mullins, Tristan Pearson, Madison Penick, Adelyn Rainsberger, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Omar Saleh, Alexzander Sanchez, Victoria Sandquist, Karlie Schrock, Leigha Schrock, Kirsten Schumacher, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warrenner, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Michael Yeip, Bryan Yoder, Kamden Yoder, Kylie Yoder, and Ryan Yoder.

Gingerich, Jenean Hostetler, Karina Logan Miller, Melody Miller, Merle Hochstetler, Lisa Hochstetler, Blake Miller, Micah Miller, Sandra Miller, Hostetler, Keera Hostetler, Hannah Lance Mullet, Hailey Otto, Serena Otto, Jasso, Ethan Kemp, Abigail King, Andrea Kandice Parker, Belen Quiroga, Jayna Lambright, Jewel Lambright, Kenlyn Riehl, Evan Roth, Sofia Ruiz, Asher Lambright, Lucas Lambright, Megan Sandquist, Kenlyn Schlabach, Lyndora Lambright, Spencer Lambright, Victoria Schrock, Joshua Slabach, Faith Stump, Lambright, Adrian Lehman, Katelyn Janessa Stutzman, Lucas Swanson, Tori Martin, Ethan Mast, Kailey Mast, Taylor, Tanner Trittipo, Kaci Troyer, Kylie Mast, Lisa Mast, Kylin Meadows, Rachel Troyer, Chloe Turner, Jakoby Destiny Mercer, Adrian Miller, Allyse Whetstone, Ana Wingard, Brendon Miller, Alyssa Miller, Brandon J Miller, Yoder, Bryce Yoder, Darcia Yoder, Darin Britton Miller, Caydon Miller, Darin J Yoder, Dustin Yoder, Erik Yoder, Grady Miller, Emma Miller, Eric Miller, Ethan Yoder, Josiah Yoder, Lyndon Yoder, Miller, Gavin Miller, Hailey Miller, Maciah Yoder, Marilyn Yoder, Olivia Jessica Miller, Karla Miller, Laura Miller, Yoder, and Deanna Yutzy.



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2024-2025 Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Coach Adam Christner, Morgan Grossman, Madison Grossman, Breann Cory, and Coach Ryan Yoder. Middle: Manager Grace Heyerly, Karis Weinberg, Olivia Bontrager, and Manager Kristen Bender. Front: Janissa Lehman, JJ Whetstone, and Morgan Riegsecker.

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2024-2025 JV Girls Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Coach Ashya Klopfenstein, Mari Jo Mast, Katie Weimer, Morgan Grossman, and Gloria Miller. Middle: Manager Grace Heyerly, Graci Engle, Memphis Bontrager, and Manager Kristen Bender. Front: Josie Ryall, Janae Yoder, and Eva Bates.

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202-2025 Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Back (left to right): JV Coach Karl Grau, Manager Mearl Miller, Head Coach Chandler Prible, Daniel Yoder, Pierce Yoder, Kaden Grau, Owen Brill, Manager Zack Fry, and Asst. Coach Rusty Yoder. Front: Austin Schlabach, Kamden Yoder, Brett Springer, Milan Miller, and Kaine Reinhold.

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2024-2025 JV Boys Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Coach Karl Grau, Pierce Yoder, Jayden Salisbury, and Laban Bontrager. Middle: Kasen Yoder, Hudson Yoder, and Hunter Egli. Front: Austin Troyer, Brett Springer, Gavin Yeip, and Brendan Miller.

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2024-2025 Wrestling Team: Back (left to right): Coach Tyler Prater, Sage Mercer, Jacob McCoy, and Jarrett Dunker. Front: Head Coach Jonathan Fennell, Chris Terrones, Chandler Johnson, and Caleb Miller.

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2024-2025 Girls Wrestling Team: Front (left to right): Coach Tyler Prater, Jaylynn Brown, Deni Whan, and Coach Jonathan Fennell.

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V CHEER

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2024-2025 Varsity Cheer Team: Back (left to right): Michael Yeip, Kendra White, Madi Miller, Miley Mast, and Brina Williams. Middle: Lily Bennett, Emma Cummins, Victoria Sandquist, and Kya Roose. Front: Karlie Schrock, Cate Olivieri, Erica Lambright, Laine Bortner, and Brylee White.

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2024-2025 Junior Varsity Cheer Team: Back (left to right): Emma Cummins, Kendra White, Alana Donat, and Rylee Watson.

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
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Aunt Millie's Candy
10am-7pm
**20% Off
Storewide**

Red Wagon
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Storewide**

SEASONS
10am-7pm
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All Christmas**

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3rd Floor

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**JOJO'S
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**\$2 PRETZELS
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December 3, 2024

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Lolly's
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The LANG STORE
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Only on December 3, 2024

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OPTIONS

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2nd Floor of the Davis Mercantile Building

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December 3, 2024

One Day Only

All Day Sale

8am-6:30pm



TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024
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**25% off storewide
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Register to win one of twenty \$20 Gift Cards

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December 3
11am-8pm

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- **Melaleuca**
- **Mary Kay**
- **Nuskin**
- **Aspyn & Oak**
- **Sara's Cakes**
- **Baby Toys**
- **Reign Napkins**
- **EuroSteam Iron**
- **Norwex**
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 December 3, 2024

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Wana Night Out

One Day Only

December 3, 2024 Only
10:00am - 7:00pm

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

HOURS:
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2025**

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DECEMBER 3 • 9 AM - 8 PM



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WHITE: 6' Table & 6 Chairs	219.00
WHITE: 8' Table & 8 Chairs	319.00
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Serving burgers
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*The 1913 THS Graduate
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by Harold D. Gingerich

Sometimes it is a tiny nugget that leads to the discovery of a hidden treasure. Who would have ever dreamed that a forgotten young man from this area would rise to a position of national distinction assisting aviators like Charles Lindbergh, and in the process would usher in the use of radar and the use of space age technology, transforming weather forecasting forever. But that is exactly what Francis Wylton Reichelderfer did.

My discovery came from a video interview recorded in 1989. The video, originally recorded on a VHS tape, is of poor quality but the audio is clear. Jean

Crouse was interviewing her mother Mary Jane Seagly who was 91 years old at the time and Hazel Bailey who was 90, about life in the early days of Topeka. They talked about the paving of Main Street and how wonderful it was to be rid of the dirt streets and wooden sidewalks. But it was a random comment that caught my attention.

Mary Jane, talking about when she graduated from Topeka High School said, "You know, Wylton Reichelderfer graduated a year before me ...didn't he go on to be the head of the National Weather Bureau in Washington, D.C.?" Hazel paused for a moment and said,

"Yes, I think you are right.... wasn't his father the Methodist preacher?"

Well, that was all it took. Who in the world was Wylton Reichelderfer... what was his family doing in Topeka and when and why did they come here? Inquiring, obsessive minds have to find out; and find out I did.

Francis Wylton Reichelderfer was born on Tuesday, August 6, 1895, in Harlan, Indiana, (Allen County) to Francis Allen and Mae Carrington Reichelderfer. His father was a Methodist minister as was his grandfather on his mother's side of the family. Francis Allen also worked for six years in

the Allen County Recorder's Office. On April 11, 1911, at the Methodist Episcopal conference in Kokomo, Indiana, he was assigned to serve the congregation in Topeka. We presume that the family moved to the community that summer.

Unfortunately, the only copies of the 1911 Topeka Journal still available today are from October and November. The Thursday, October 12th edition reported that Rev. Reichelderfer had conducted a funeral in the home of LeRoy and Minnie Meroney west of Topeka for the couple's three-year-old son Gerald. Burial followed in the Eden Cemetery. Clearly this is not the way any pastor wants to begin his ministry in a new community.

There is very little information regarding Wylton's high school years at Topeka. His name does appear in an April 16, 1913, (page 3) announcement in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette regarding commencement activities at Topeka High School. It appeared as follows; "The seventeenth annual commencement of the Topeka high school will, be held April 14 and 25 at Sycamore Literary hall. The baccalaureate address will be given next Sunday evening at Sycamore Literary hall by the Rev. F.A. Reichelderfer, pastor of the M.E. Church."

The news item went on to list the names of the 14 members of the graduating class. It also reported that on Thursday evening April 24th, the class play would be "Silas Warner" with Wylton Reichelderfer playing the role of Silas Warner. (writer's note: Based on the list of characters, the play was actually "Silas Marner." We would assume that the

person setting the type made the mistake. There was a silent movie entitled "The Changing of Silas Warner" that came out in 1911.)

His father's time of ministry in Topeka would come to an end in the fall following Wylton's graduation. The Topeka Journal (September 4, 1913. Page 3) reported that, "Rev. F.A. Reichelderfer, who has been pastor of the Eden Methodist church for the past two-and one-half years, delivered his farewell sermon Sunday, to a church full of his loyal members." Tragically Pastor Reichelderfer would die at the age of 41 from tuberculosis on October 13, 1915.

In the fall of 1913, Wylton attended Northwestern University on a scholarship where he studied science. To supplement his scholarship, he worked his way through college, rising at 3:30 a.m. to stoke the furnaces and wait tables in a women's dormitory. In 1917 he graduated with a BS in chemistry and chemical engineering. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy Reserve with hopes of becoming a pilot.

It was at ground school at the Massachusetts Institute



of Technology (MIT) when he signed up for courses in aerology (meteorology for fliers) that his career path took a turn. Instead of being sent

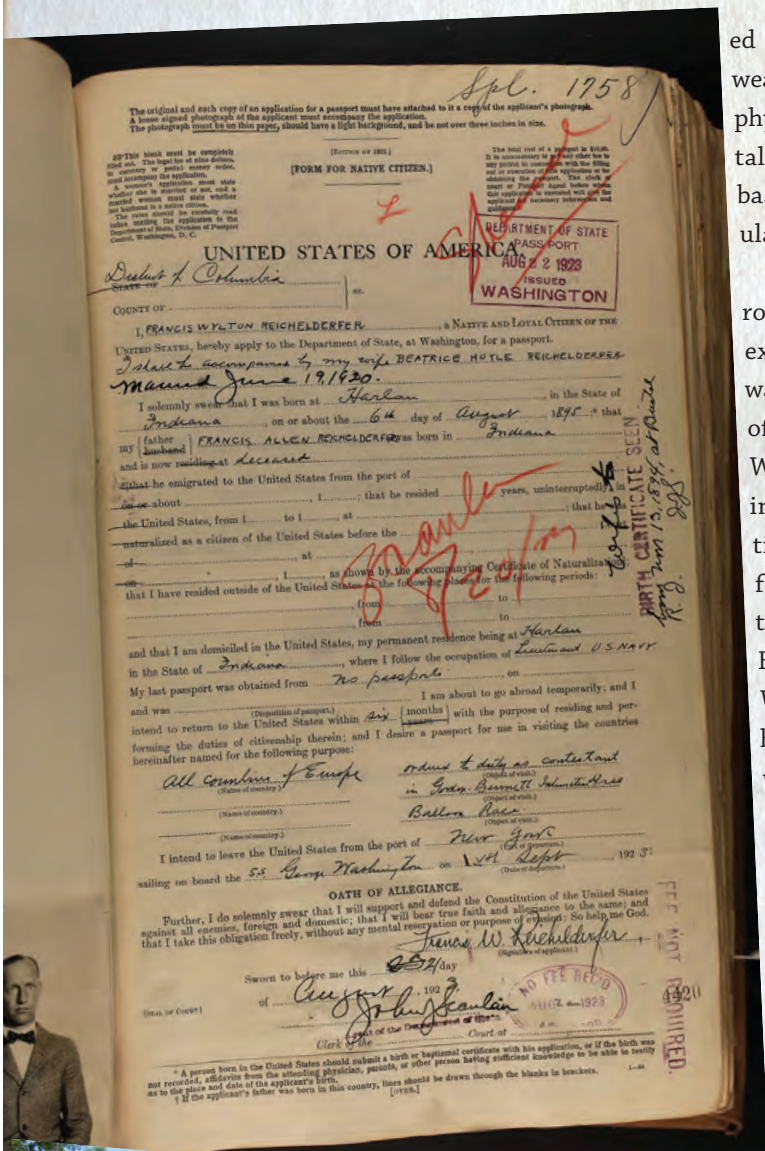
to the European theater as he expected, "Reich" as he became known to his friends, was sent to Nova Scotia to brief submarine patrol pilots on weather conditions. By December of that year the Navy sent him to Harvard's Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory to study advanced meteorology and be trained as a weather officer.

From his obituary on Find a Grave (73332395), we learn that he received his commission from the navy in 1918. The following year he earned his aviator's wings. His first post was in Lisbon, Portugal, where in 1919 he provided weather information for the first trans-Atlantic flight made by the Curtiss NC-4. The NC-4 was essentially a flying boat, and the trip took 19 days. Eleven years later, Reichelderfer would chart the weather maps for Charles Lindbergh's historic flight crossing of the Atlantic from New York to Paris in the Spirit of Saint Louis.

Meteorology wasn't the only thing to capture Reichelderfer's heart, so did Miss Beatrice Caralyn Hoyle (1894-1975), the youngest daughter of prominent textile engineer John E. Hoyle of New Bedford, MA. We don't know how they met and fell in love, but we do know that they were married on Saturday evening, June 19, 1920, in his mother's home in Harlan, Indiana. Wylton's grandfather, E.C. Carrington, performed the marriage. Following their honeymoon the newlyweds set up housekeeping in Norfolk, VA.

In the years that followed, Reich flew a variety of aircraft from dirigibles like the LZ 129 Hindenburg, a variety of fixed wing aircraft, and even competed as a hot air balloonist.

Dissatisfied with the current U.S. texts on meteorology, he was attract-



ed to the idea of treating weather phenomena as physical air mass and frontal movements, instead of basing predictions on tabulation of isobar changes.

Given his meteorological and aviation experience, in 1922 he was appointed Chief of Navy Aerology. Wylton would serve in that capacity until 1928. Working from a corner in the main Weather Bureau offices in Washington, D.C., his primary duties were drawing up maps, comparing them to official forecasts, and pondering the weather.

Within a few short years he came to recognize the value of lighter-than-air craft to meteorology and started pushing for the expansion of the Navy Aero-

logical Service. He was given an assignment to Lakehurst, New Jersey, as chief meteorologist for all lighter-than-air operations, in effect expanding the Navy's dominance in weather forecasting for aviation.

From 1928 to 1931, Reichelderfer, who would later

earn his doctorate from Northwestern in 1939, served on the USS Los Angeles. The United States had received the dirigible from Germany as a part of war reparation following World War I. As an executive officer at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, in 1936 he acted as



an observer on the German airship the Hindenburg. Fortunately, he was not on-board when it crashed during docking on May 6, 1937, killing 13 passengers and 22 crewmen. To

date I have been unable to find any record of him witnessing the disaster.

In September of 1938, the head of the Weather Bureau died from a heart attack. While the Navy Department had no direct control over the Weather Bureau, the Navy believed that improved weather forecasting would greatly improve both the safety and the effectiveness of aviation, which, in turn, would be of vital importance if the U.S. were to go to war. Reich's strong background in aviation, his advancement as a Naval officer, and established track record as a forward thinking, scientific, aviation meteorologist combined to make him a prime candidate to fill the vacancy.

And so, at the age of 43, with 21 years of military service, Reichelderfer retired from the U.S. Navy and on December 15, 1939, assumed the role of Director of the U.S. Weather Service. Over the next 25 years he would bring the Weather Service into the modern technological era by utilizing radar as a weather observation and forecasting

tool. Without question the greatest innovation in weather forecasting and observation under his watch was the launch of the Tiros I satellite on April 1, 1960.

When Reichelderfer retired in 1963, having served under Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy, the honors were numerous. It was President John F. Kennedy, on the occasion of his retirement, who best described Reichelderfer's service. "You have held the post

of Chief of the Weather Bureau with great distinction under four presidents. . . As Chief of the Weather Bureau, you presided over the evolution of meteorology and weather forecasting from an art to a science."

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) annually presents The Francis W. Reichelderfer Award which is given in recognition of distinguished contributions to the provision of operational environmental services to the public.

The AMS website notes that, "Francis Wilton Reichelderfer presided over a revolutionary era in the history of the National Weather Service. From 1938-1963, he guided the organization through World War II and brought modern technology to weather forecasting. Reichelderfer's greatest strengths were in comprehending where meteorology should be going, acting to move in that direction, and then attracting and keeping the talent to make it happen.

Reichelderfer's influence transcended national boundaries; he helped form the World Meteorological Organization and served as its first president in 1951."

Francis Wylton Reichelderfer died on January 26, 1985, at the age of 87

and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery next to his beloved wife Beatrice (1894-1975) who had died ten years earlier. Wylton and Beatrice had one son, Navy Lt. Bruce Allen Reichelderfer (1928-2017).



On October 19, 1985, the nation's primary weather satellite ground station at Wallops Island, Virginia, was dedicated in his memory.

Today, without a second thought, we open the weather app on our smartphones and computers. We rely on the National Weather Service and local television meteorologists to alert us to severe, life-threatening weather conditions. We take it for granted. But just think, had it not been for a kid who once roamed the streets of Topeka, none of this might have been possible. How sad that, up until now, most of us have never even heard of Francis Wylton Reichelderfer. ①

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1 Name in full Francis Wylton Reichelderfer 21

2 Name Harlan, Ind.

3 Date of birth August 64 1895

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen of the United States or (2) a citizen of the United States by naturalization or (3) a citizen of the United States by birth abroad?

5 Where born Harlan, Indiana

6 If not a citizen, at what country are you a citizen of?

7 What is your present trade, occupation or profession? Student Northwestern University

8 Where employed? Harlan, Ind.

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? No

10 Married or single (check)? Single

11 What military service have you had? None

12 Do you claim exemption from military service? No

3/1 May 1917

Francis W. Reichelderfer, at 87, was head of US Weather Bureau

Dr. Francis Wilton Reichelderfer, 87, longtime chief of the United States Weather Bureau, died Jan. 25 in Washington, D.C., where he lived.

Dr. Reichelderfer, a former US Navy flier and meteorologist, became head of the Weather Bureau, now the Weather Service, in 1938 and served under Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy before retiring in 1963.

Under him, the Weather Bureau added many services, including crop-planting forecasts, marine advisories, river and flood control, hurricane warnings and forest fire conditions.

Early on, he saw that the bureau changed to the European method of forecasting, where weathermen watched the upper

atmosphere for air masses that affected the weather near the earth's surface. Later, with weather satellites in place, Dr. Reichelderfer felt forecasting had become 85 to 90 percent accurate.

Born in Harlan, Ind., he studied science at Northwestern University, graduating in 1917, and then studied advanced meteorology at Harvard's Blue Hill Observatory. He entered the Navy in 1918.

Dr. Reichelderfer, from a station in Portugal, provided weather information for the first transatlantic flight of a Navy airship in 1919. When Charles Lindbergh made his historic flight to Paris in 1927, it was Dr. Reichelderfer who charted Lindbergh's path.

US Air Corps ceremony was solemnized Saturday at the home of Reichelderfer, of Harlan, Ind., in the presence of his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Reichelderfer, and their four children. Reichelderfer was born August 6, 1895, in Harlan, Ind., and graduated from Northwestern University in 1917. He was a member of the American Meteorological Society and the American Association of Economic Geologists.

BIG CRO REVI

The revival meetings at the street Methodist church are continued by unusually large congregations this week. The preaching of Rev. F. A. Reichelderfer has a splendid response. There will be four more services in this series—tonight, Saturday and Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. F. A. Reichelderfer

This evening Rev. Reichelderfer will speak on "The In-crease." There will be a service at 7:30 p.m.

THE DEATHS

Reichelderfer. Frank Reichelderfer, statistical secretary of the North Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and well-known in this city, died at his home at 2:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, at Harlan, Ind. He was 44 years of age, death having been caused by tuberculosis.

Mr. Reichelderfer held the position of assistant in the recorder's office of Allen county for six years, serving four years under his father, W. A. Reichelderfer, who was formerly county recorder. He was a prominent member in the Methodist church, and during the last ten years compiled many records of value.

He is survived by his father, W. A. Reichelderfer, wife and a son, F. W. Reichelderfer, now in Northwestern university, and daughter, Janet, residing with her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the street Methodist church, at Harlan, Ind. The church being closed for repairs, light will officiate.

other information call at this office.

Rev. F. A. Reichelderfer, who has been pastor of the Eden Methodist church for the past two and one-half years, delivered his farewell sermon Sunday, to a church full of his loyal members. Rev. Reichelderfer and family have made a host of friends during their stay here, who regret to have them leave. They left their future home in a Rev. Reichelderfer will be students at Eastern University at Bouse, pastor from

Weather Station Dedicated

WALLOPS — A \$12 million upgrading of the nation's prime weather satellite ground station at Wallops Island was dedicated Friday to the memory of two pioneer federal weather scientists, Drs. Francis W. Reichelderfer and Harry Wexler.

The central operations building at Wallops was named the Reichelderfer-Wexler Building during the ceremony led by Dr. Anthony J. Calio, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Joining him was Rep. Herbert H. Bateman, R-1st, Chincoteague, Mayor Antony Stasio and officials from NASA.

Reichelderfer, a meteorologist for the Atlantic airport later served as Weather Bureau and was instrumental in developing a weather program.

Wexler, a scientific director, became a weather scientist celebrating 50 years.

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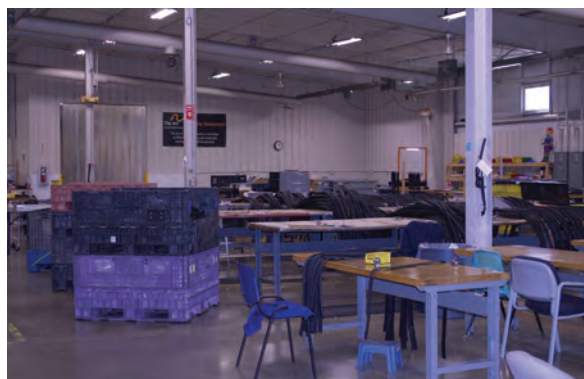
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by Arlene Thompson

Even in an accepting community, there is a need for individuals with special needs to have a place to call home. Offering job opportunities, travel options, and learning experiences, the ARC of LaGrange offers just that. They are not only limited to just special need individuals, but they also offer a plethora of programs and opportunities for the county of LaGrange.

In the 1960s, Deb Seman and her family lived on a road with only six houses. Within those six houses, two of the children were kids with disabilities. Seman's mother, Geraldine Prisock, thought it was awful that those children didn't have the opportunity to get on the school bus like the other kids. After getting a group involved, the com-


munity didn't believe that there were any children with disabilities within county lines; they were forced to prove themselves. With \$9,000, a year, and a dream, the group began to offer programs in the fall of 1966.

The two superintendents of Westview and Lakeland, Dr. Wilson and Dean B. Smith, both were so dedicated to the program that they offered their own services. They drove their very own vehicles to pick up each child for class until the ARC could raise their own funds for a shuttle bus. A budget of \$9,000 allowed them to hire a teacher, an aide, and supplies for 13 students in 1966. Today, the ARC serves around 375 individuals with a budget of \$7 million.

Described as the "training grounds"


by Community Employment Coordinator, Jessika Ellet, the ARC strives to provide a learning environment for individuals. The workshop is where they work and learn skills that will apply to the actual workforce. While working individually they learn how to clock in, receive a paycheck, and have work ethic. They also learn teamwork and communication. Once they grow eager and are ready to branch out, they can begin to work on interviewing skills and hopefully gain employment at a business in their own community.

Someone who loves all things ARC related would be Ryan Eaton. He's been using the services and working at the ARC for almost 17 years now. Eaton inputs all the data from the clients' time-



cards, using the computer and a lot of math skills. "Being able to meet other people like me is great," Eaton added, "and I feel respected here." The ARC is a place where Eaton has been able to thrive and enjoy new experiences like Tin caps games, picnics, and too many ice cream places to count. The ARC allowed Eaton a chance at getting out of the house and gives him something to do.

When asked to describe the staff in one word, Eaton couldn't. "I know you only said one, but there's too many," he commented, laughing as he listed words such as compassionate, kind, and generous. With the list going on forever, it's obvious that the staff has positively affected the people they serve. Aiming to follow their mission statement, which is "to provide opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to help them develop their unique potential and encourage meaningful participation in the community."




Deb Seman, the CEO of the ARC, provided extreme insight on what the ARC has to offer. Available to all families, an assessment can be sent out at no cost to make sure children are hitting the milestones they should reach from the ages of zero to four. If a red flag is noticed, the ARC services will provide the family with free services by a developmental therapist. When the child reaches school and still needs support, the ARC aids in advocacy programs for parents. Many programs that are beneficial to the community are offered through the ARC free of charge to the community. For more information, reach out to the ARC, or visit their website thearc.org.

The passion the staff has for caring for these individuals is immense. When asked about her favorite part of her

job, Seman responded, "I am blessed to have the best job in this entire county. Being able to make that difference and show them they have a meaningful life is what it's all about." Smiles radiated from both Ellet and Seman as they described how the ARC proved how important and precious this is to both of them. "I learn a lot from them," Ellet said, "watching them learn skills they didn't think they had, and they completely do, that's fun to see."

A great way to support the ARC would be through the thrift store located in Shipshewana. With all proceeds going to the ARC, the store offers a wide variety from donators. Many of the individuals who use the ARC services love to help volunteer and work at the store, while many also like to just shop. The atmosphere is friendly and lively as families line the aisles searching for a treasure. A friendly community, the back is filled with laughs and good times as volunteers help price and sort items. A great way to benefit the ARC is to donate, shop, or volunteer at the local thrift store.

The ARC is always looking for volunteers to bring joy and education into their lives. If you have a niche interest and have an urge to teach others, the ARC is open to any class you would love to provide. Any piece of yourself you can donate to these individuals is enough to make their day.



With the growing community, it's always nice to know there are people within who want to support you. Many find themselves fortunate to live the lives we do, but some need a little more help than others. The ARC of LaGrange teaches our community to be accepting while also offering many services to provide for families in need. In a world that can be cruel, the ARC offers a beacon of sunshine for all of LaGrange. ①

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Our new cat is adjusting to indoor life very happily. The other three cats aren't nearly so thrilled. I know its a common occurrence for two squabbling siblings to suddenly get along when a third child is added to the family, in a "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" way. I didn't expect to watch it happen with my cats!

Before this, Eriana had an uneasy truce with the two older cats: they weren't friendly, but they wouldn't often fight. Recently, Eriana has been much more tolerated. She was grooming Felicia for the first time ever just a few days ago!

Unfortunately, with the new cat, they are still getting along as well as cats and dogs, or rather, as well as cats and unfamiliar cats. 🟡

Solution on page 65.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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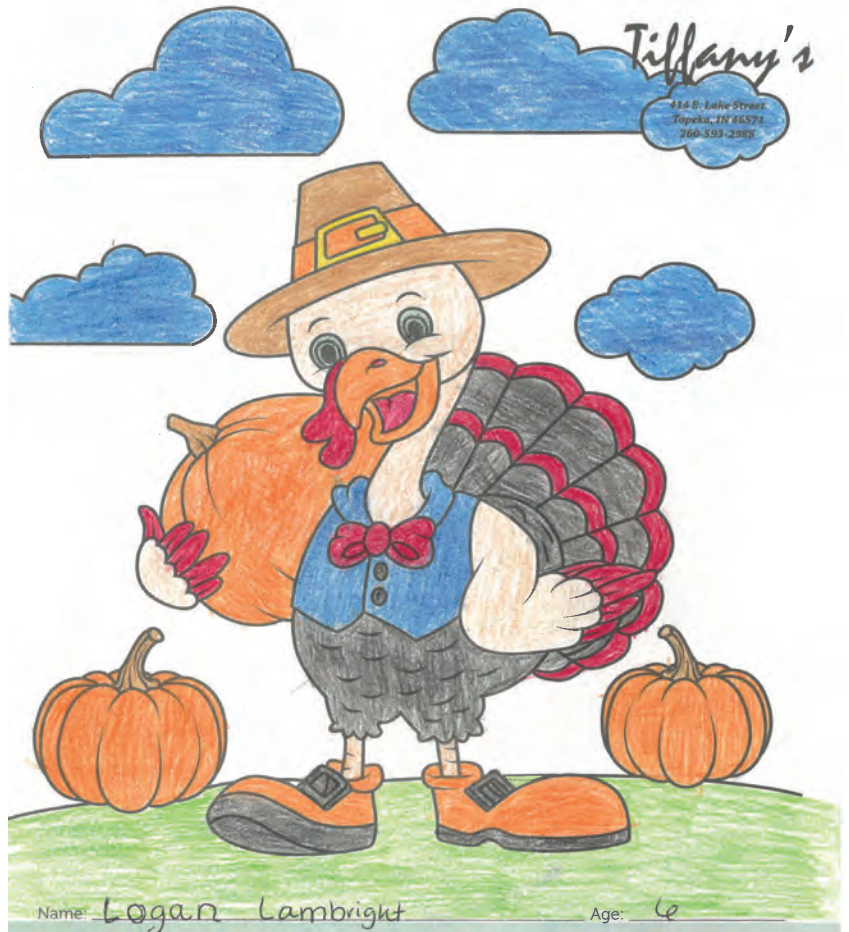
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Six-year-old Logan Lambright of Lake St, Topeka was our winner for the November Coloring Contest. He won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka.

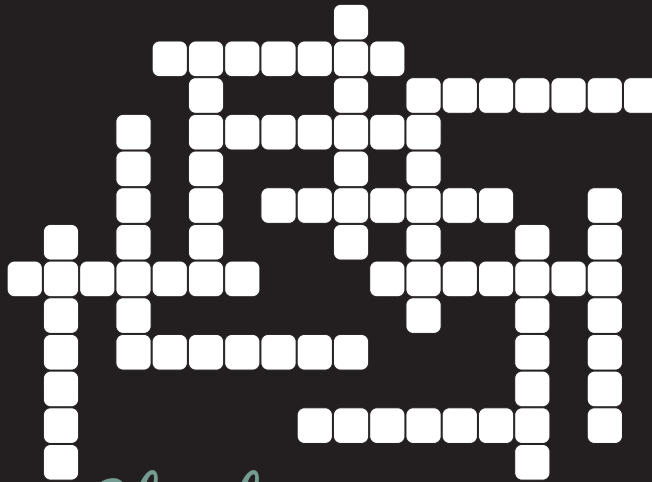
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free ice cream cone through December.

Runners-up were Alyssa Yoder, age 6; Jaden Lynn Miller, age 5; Jonathan Hostetler, age 4; and Drew Nissley, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Halle Stutzman, age 6; Addison Jade Yutzy, age 6; Allison Nicole Wingard, age 6; Madison Kate Lambright, age 5; Melanie Jo Wingard, age 5; and Ava Lorraine Yoder, age 4.

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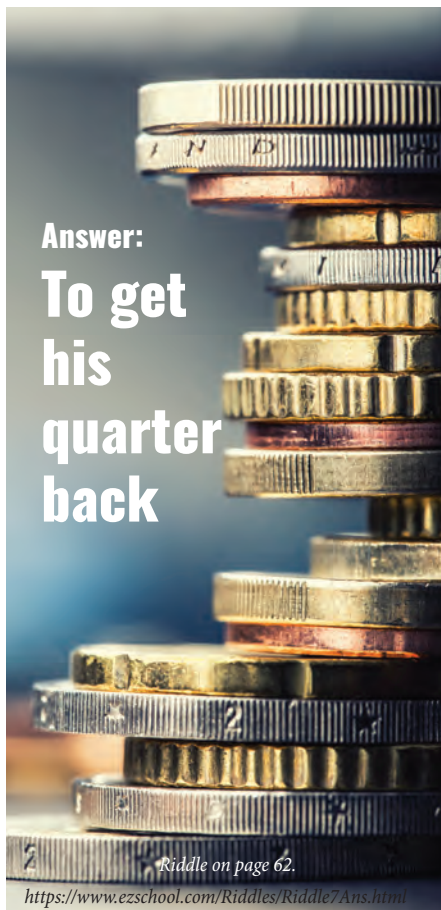
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Answer:

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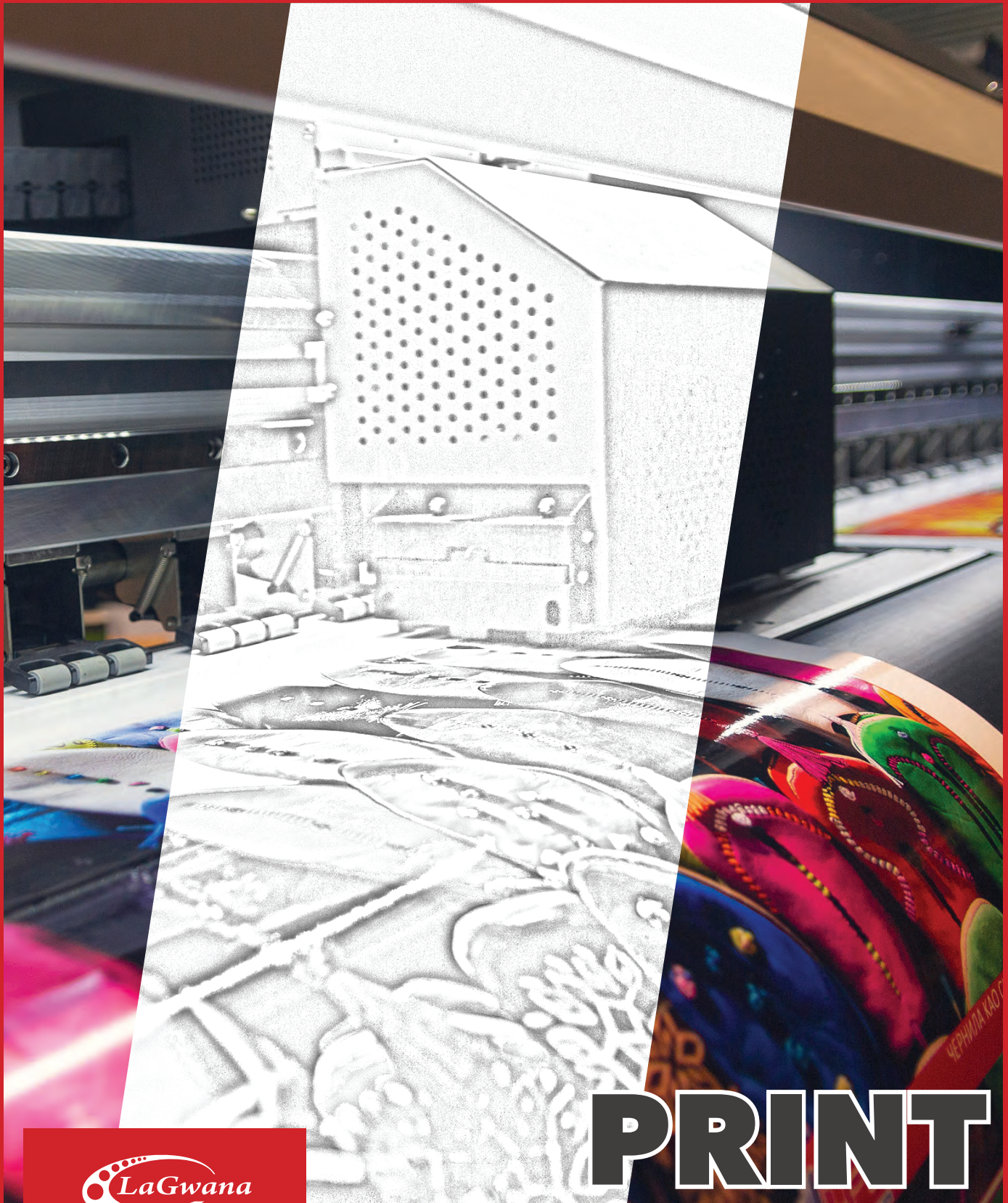
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