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# Girls Varsity Basketball



- 1) Breann Cory works to get past her Lakeview opponent under the basket.
- 2) Olivia Bontrager breezes past her Lakeview opponent on her way down the court.
- 3) Morgan Riegsecker looks for an open teammate.
- 4) Jalayna Whetstone shoots a free throw.
- 5) Karis Weinberg makes a break for the basket.

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# HS Boys Basketball



- 1) Jayden Salisbury (JV) focuses on the basket for his free throw shot.
- 2) Kaden Grau (V) goes for a layup.
- 3) Daniel Yoder (V) shoots a free throw.
- 4) Hunter Egli (JV) calls a play as he moves the ball down the court.
- 5) Milan Miller (V) looks for an open team-mate across the court.

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Local children taking full advantage of the colder temperatures!

Photo by Gina Sawmiller





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## Francine's FRIENDS



### Mobile Mammography



When it comes to breast cancer,  
the best protection is early detection.

Please bring a photo ID and your insurance card.  
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## Standing In The Gap

I had big plans for my day off. I had a long to-do list that needed my attention because I had committed to other people and tasks on previous days off. For two days, I had set my sights on staying in my jammies and just powering through the day by checking off my list. My plans were dashed when my husband asked me to have his tires checked at 7 a.m. on my day off. I was disgruntled with questions rolling through my brain like, "You were home all day; why didn't you do this?" I begrudgingly agreed to do it, however.

When I awoke that morning, I was still mad and felt confident that this would ruin my day. I dressed in a ratty old sweatshirt and a sour attitude and set out on a snowy morning with a low tire to do "a man's job!"

I sat in the waiting room, sipped coffee, and placed a Walmart order on my phone. "I'll just have to work from the tire shop," I smirkingly thought. It turns out nothing, absolutely nothing, was wrong with the dumb tire. I'm still a bit salty... can you tell? Commiserating on the ridiculous fact that an hour of my day was lost on what I thought was nonsense, I made a glaring discovery.

Like a giant beacon in the morning dusk, I noticed the "SH\_PSHE" sign on the lawn of a hotel in our little tourist town in Shipshewana. This big sign is a photo opportunity for tourists to stand in the missing "I" position of the sign, completing the word SHIPSHE (our town's nickname).


And that is where the Lord humbled me. I had been the "I" for my husband this morning. I stood in the gap for him to complete a task for our family. We were taking that car to the airport the next week, and the tires needed to be sound for the trip. It's the least I could do. The touristy landmark served as a good reminder that the things that overwhelm me are most likely the things that don't really matter.

Psalm 106:23 recounts a time that Moses stood in the gap for the Israelites when they grew impatient and selfishly erected a golden calf to worship instead of the one true God who had carried them through the desert. The Psalmist remembers this action with these words: "So, he (God) said he would destroy them – had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying

them." Moses' intercession saved the Israelites, and the Lord delivered them once more.

Like these bull-headed Israelites, I can also get caught up in what I want and neglect the things that truly matter. It was futile for them and has never worked out well for me, either. But, in those moments, I choose to take on the attitude of Moses and intercede for others; there is a blessing for all involved. I'm happy to report that my hour in the tire shop didn't hurt me one bit. I was able to check off my list just fine.

Is there a place that you need to firmly plant yourself to fill in a gap for someone else? Does your presence in someone's life complete them like the "I" completes the "SHIPSHE" word? Do my priorities overlook the needs of others? That's a convicting question for me. How about you?

I'm learning that standing up for myself is often necessary, but standing up for others is essential. 



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Angel Cleveland

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Hi All!

Can you believe it?! We are halfway through February already! By the time you read this, Valentine's Day will have come and gone. There is still plenty of winter, yet, but thoughts are already of spring. Before we know it we will be planning our gardens and flower beds.



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**2ND TUESDAY**  
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There's not a lot going on in the Topeka area at this time of year. We have our monthly Topeka Together meetings the second Tuesday of each month. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers for upcoming events. You are welcome to join in the meetings to be "in the know." Starting in the February meeting, local businesses will be featured. They will share information about themselves and future plans.

Angel Cleveland will still be sharing her love of ceramic painting with an open house this month. You are invited to attend at your convenience. I've been wanting to go to one of her sessions. I hear it's a lot of fun.

Don't forget the Farmer's Market that will be coming in May! We already have a lot of local artisans/farmers/bakers showing interest. Get your name in! What a great way to share Topeka's resources and interests.

Cya in April!


— Connie Gadson

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## Council on Aging Events

The LaGrange County Council on Aging offers many opportunities for local residents to participate in. See the below ongoing events. For more information, feel free to call their office during business hours at 260-463-4161. 



### FOOD PANTRY

Mon-Fri 8-4

No age limit or ID required



### VETERANS BREAKFAST

Every 3rd Tuesday • 8am

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### LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Every 3rd Wednesday • 11am

the-league.org • 260-441-0551

**American Heart Health Month**  
We will be offering a  
**Free CPR Class at**  
410 E Central Ave, LaGrange  
2/18/25  
10am-12pm

# Smart Choices

By Elizabeth Neuzerling, Student Pharmacist at Topeka Pharmacy

## Pharmacy is changing!

There have been a lot of new developments in pharmacy over the last couple of years! Recent laws have made it easier for pharmacists to serve your needs and get you the medications you need, sometimes without waiting on a prescription from a doctor.

Many of these laws work as part of a standing order. This means that the pharmacy has an agreement with a doctor that allows the pharmacists to create a prescription for a medication right when you need it. Standing orders are meant to provide faster access to certain medications while a person is between doctors or appointments. They are not meant to replace the doctor long term.

### What types of medications can pharmacists prescribe?

#### 1. Smoking Cessation Products

- This includes nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, and even prescription medications!

#### 2. Epinephrine (Epi-Pens)

- Epi-Pens are used for serious and life-threatening allergic reactions. Being able to get them quickly from the pharmacy, without waiting on a prescription, could be life-saving for many!

#### 3. Birth Control Pills

- These medications prevent pregnancy, and now pharmacists can prescribe some of them for adults that meet certain requirements.

#### 4. Narcan (naloxone)

- This medication is used in life-threatening opioid overdose situations. It's a good idea for people who take opioids, and their family and friends, to have Narcan on hand in case

an overdose happens.

#### 5. Human insulin

- Many people with diabetes need insulin every day to stay healthy and control their blood sugar. Being able to get insulin from the pharmacy without a prescription helps make sure people with diabetes never have to go without between appointments.


#### 6. Vaccines

- Pharmacists can prescribe and administer almost any vaccine to people age 11 and older! They are allowed to give vaccines to younger kids with a prescription from the doctor. Pharmacy provided vaccines have made a huge difference in the United States because they are so much easier to access!

### How is this possible?

Pharmacists who prescribe the medicines above have to get special training to make sure they are qualified. Pharmacists will always ask questions and provide counseling before prescribing these medications to patients. Pharmacists are also trained to screen people to make sure that the medications they prescribe are safe and appropriate for the person getting it.

If you have any questions about which medications your pharmacist can provide or how to use the above services, Topeka Pharmacy can help! Call us at

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## How can you boost your savings?

It might not be on your calendar, but America Saves Week is observed from April 7–11. Are you saving enough? If not, how can you save more?

If you don't think you're saving enough, you're not alone. Just 22% of Americans are completely satisfied with the amount of money they've saved, according to a recent Yahoo Finance/Marist Poll survey. And the same survey showed that a third of households couldn't cover one month's worth of bills if they lost a job or other source of income.

What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

- Create a budget — and stick with it. Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories. Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly eliminating streaming services you don't use much.


- Pay yourself first. Like everyone, you have a lot of bills to pay each month. But why not pay

yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

- Take advantage of “cash-back” offers. You may already use a credit card that provides you with cash back on purchases. But did you know you can also download cash-back apps? Like cash-back credit cards, these apps give you a percentage of your spending back, helping you save money on many of your regular purchases, such as groceries and gas. You can even find apps that offer promotions that let you earn more at specific times or for buying certain items.

- Cut down — or consolidate — your debts. It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

- Get some help. Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life. 



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# LaGrange County Library

**Below are the events planned for March 2025.**

*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](http://www.lagrange.lib.in.us) or call 260-463-2841.

Facebook Page- [m.facebook.com/lagrange.library.indiana](https://m.facebook.com/lagrange.library.indiana)

## Shipshewana Branch

250 Depot St. • 260-768-7444  
M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841  
M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
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.

## Youth Department

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

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.

### Lego Play (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Thursdays 2:30-7:00 p.m.

Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under. Use our collection of Legos and idea books to create and build and complete the challenges for the month.

### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 10 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Drop in any time, stay as long as you can. Larger group party type games or play something longer. Switch to the Pokemon Club at six or stay playing other games.

### Pokémon Club (Ages 8-18)

LaGrange • Monday, March 10 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Have fun playing Pokémon, trading cards and learning strategies. Bringing cards to trade is optional. Sign up appreciated but not required.

### Makerspace (Ages 5+) Registration not required

LaGrange • Wednesday, March 12 • 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Makerspace is a collaborative space with a variety of tools and materials to have fun making and creating! Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under.

Come any time during the event.

### Homeschool Hangout: Registration not required

LaGrange • Friday, March 14 • 10:30-Noon

Learn about and make a charcuterie board. Enjoy eating it! Please register.

### Teen Tabletop Role Play Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 17 • 4-7:30 p.m.

More than just D&D! Materials for Battlezoo, Nations & Cannons and others. Bring snacks or pack a light dinner. Please sign up online as space is limited.

### Book Clubs

LaGrange • Tuesday, March 18 • 4-5 p.m.

**Elementary: Grades 1-3 Discussing:** *Bad Kitty gets a Bath*

We will begin reading the book together and do a fun activity related to the story, then take the book home to finish reading and bring back next month.

**Mid-Grade: Grades 4-7 Reading:** *Inkling*

Come to the library in February to get your book for March. We will discuss the book we read over the last month and do a fun activity or craft related to the story.

### Teen Advisory Group - TAG (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 24 • 4-5 p.m.

Come help us plan activities for teens at the library, help choose books to purchase and offer ideas about the teen space. Pizza provided! Sign up is appreciated so we know how much pizza to order.

### Teen Book Chat: Book-to-Movie Book Club! (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 24 • 5-7:30 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the book to read and come to watch the movie and discuss (or complain) about how well the movie matches the book. Free popcorn! The next book will be passed out as the end. Fourth Monday all year long!

### Family Movie Night (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, March 28 • 6 p.m.

*Moana* 2 Rated PG. Free popcorn! Bring your own covered drink.

## Adult Interest

### Beginning Yoga with Liz

LaGrange • Mondays during February & March • 10 a.m.

Wear stretchy, comfortable clothes. If you have a yoga mat, bring it. Otherwise bring a soft rug or a couple of blankets. A \$5 per class donation is suggested. All ages.

### Walking Well-Read (All Ages) - Free!

LaGrange • Mondays & Thursdays • Noon-12:30

30 minutes of cardio! We'll walk up and down stairs, around the book stacks, and through some behind-the-scenes areas. It's great exercise! Drop in and join us.

### Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, March 8 • 11 a.m.

"*Simon The Fiddler*" by Paulette Jiles. This is an atmospheric story, set at the end of the Civil War, about an itinerant fiddle player, a ragtag band of musicians with whom he travels trying to make a living, and the charming young Irish lass who steals his heart. *Copies of the book are available at LaGrange's Adult Desk.*

### Tuesday Night Survival Club: Open Discussion (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, March 11 • 6 p.m.

An open discussion of old skills, new ideas, anything you want to talk about!

### Culinary Adventures: Indian Food (Ages 12+)

Café Butter Chicken • 114 S. Centreville Rd, Sturgis MI

Friday, March 14 • Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am

Join a group to explore interesting restaurants and food stores throughout our area! All food purchases at your own expense. Please register at the LaGrange Library or by calling 260-463-2841x1030, so we'll know how many to expect.

### Make & Take with Deb (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, March 19 • 6 p.m. Cost is \$20, registration & non-refundable \$10 deposit due by March 12 at LaGrange Library. Make a string art wall hanging of a vase that will actually hold flowers! Samples can be seen at the libraries on the program flier or on the Library website.

### Cookbook Club (4th Saturdays)

LaGrange • Saturday, March 22 • 11:00 a.m.

This month's cookbook is *Baking in the American South* by Ann Byrn. Check out the cookbook from the library, find a recipe, make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club carry-in! Plates, silverware, coffee and tea will be provided.

### Tuesday Night Survival Club: Seed Swap (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, March 25 • 6 p.m.

Bring your extra seeds, saved seeds or favorite seeds to swap and share!

### Archi-Trek: Battle Creek (Ages 12+)

Depart & Return: LaGrange Co. Public Library

Thursday, March 27 • Depart: 8:30 am - Return 5 pm

Cost \$10 per person, pay online at [eventbrite.com](https://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 x 1030. The tour begins at Willard Library. Lunch is at Clara's on the River. Afternoon will be a combination riding/walking tour of architectural highlights. This tour requires walking and occasional stairs.



# March Events

## Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Mar. 19 • 9 - 11 am

### Maple Wood Nature Center

Casual nature program. Topic: Maple Syrup Recipes.

## Folk Jams

Sunday, Mar. 23 • 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](mailto:reo43@aol.com).

## Quilt Class

Saturday, Mar. 29 • 9 am - 3 pm

### Maple Wood Nature Center

Fee: \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

March Pattern: Summer Blossoms. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. Bring a sack lunch and/or a potluck contribution. To register, call 260-854-2225.

## Solar Eclipse Program

Saturday, Mar 29 • 10 am - 11 am

### Delt Church Park


Join the Park Naturalist to learn more about the different kinds of solar eclipses. All ages are welcome. Children must have an adult/parent present. Free.

## Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, May 3 • 9 am

### Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

The first trail date for the 2024 Every Park Every Trail Walking Club will be May 3 at Dallas Lake Park. The walk will begin at 9am at the Office Trailhead. Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on the LaGrange County Parks website, or on the AllTrails App. Free. 



## Sap Run/Syrup Stroll

5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, March 8 • 10 am start time


(9:15 am begins packet pick-up)

### Maple Wood Nature Center

Sponsored by the Friends of LaGrange County Parks. Come enjoy an early spring run or walk through the maple woods! Sugar season will be in full swing so we hope the sap will be running along with us. The Sap Run and Syrup Stroll is open to walkers and runners of all ages and skill levels! The course will be over handicap accessible limestone trails and the adjoining paved drives. This event is limited to the first 100 participants. We encourage families to come and enjoy all that the park has to offer. Plan on enjoying some goodies with us around the campfire afterwards!

**\$15** includes registration and a coupon for maple kettle corn or maple cotton candy at the Maple Syrup Days the following weekend.

**\$30 tickets** include: registration, a 3 pound bag of pancake mix (the same mix used at Maple Syrup Days!), a pint of pure maple syrup, and a coupon for maple kettle corn or maple cotton candy at Maple Syrup Days. Tickets must be purchased by March 1.

Online registration can be found on the Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks). Hard copies are available at the park office at Dallas Lake Park Office. 

## Maple Syrup Days

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

7 am - 2 pm

### Maple Wood Nature Center

It's Maple Syrup season! Dress warm and enjoy a day with all things maple syrup with the LaGrange County Parks!

### 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

South Milford Lions Club "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast served!

Meal tickets are:

\$10 for Adults

\$10 each for Children ages 12+

\$5 each for Children ages 4-11


(cash or check only)

While supplies last.

### Free Activities

#### 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. both days

- Horse-drawn wagon rides through the sugar bush.
- Sugar shack tours.
- Outdoor syrup-making demos.
- Puppet shows
- The Syrup Store will sell a variety of items 8 am - 2 pm both days. Cash, check or charge are accepted (credit cards have a convenience fee).
- Maple kettle corn and maple sap tea will also be available for purchase (cash only-small bills).

To learn more, call 260-854-2225 or visit [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org). 





# 7TH GIRLS BASKETBALL

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**2024-2025 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team:** Back (left to right): Brooklyn Stutzman, Hadley Yoder, Ava Hufnagle, Trinity Antal, Ashby Yoder, Coach Amber Radermacher, and Manager Marsha Miller. Front: Chandler Engle, Jessica Yoder, and Kierra Roose. Photo by Stopher-King Studios



# 8TH GIRLS BASKETBALL

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**2024-2025 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Kellie Bontrager, Marilyn Yoder, Faith Stump, Kathleen Bontrager, and Emma Miller. Middle: Andrea Lambright, Kylie Mast, Deanna Yutzy, and Kaci Troyer. Front: Jessica Miller, Tori Taylor, and Brynn Bontrager. Photo by Stopher-King Studios



# 7th Boys Basketball



1



2



3

- 1) Miles Yoder makes a move around his opponent.
- 2) Carson Yoder works to get clear for a shot at the basket.
- 3) Sammy Miller looks for an open teammate.

*Photos by Janissa Lehman*



## JH WRESTLING

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**2024-2025 JH Wrestling Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Tyler Prater, Justin Wallace, Charlie Double, James Steglich, Jorge Rimola, and Malachi Lambright. Third: Coach Jonathan Fennell, Jacob Mast, Kellan Winkvist, Terra Harlow, and River Rheinheimer. Second: Serenity Tennant, Logan Cruz, Winchester Altimus, Warrick Owsley, and Ruggar Altimus. Front: Dreyke Howard, Josiah Radcliff, Holden Rheinheimer, Ayden Kloth, and Logan Miller.

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# The Negative Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on Brain Development

The LaGrange County Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative is focused on ensuring our community's children are safe while young, so they can grow up to be healthy and successful adults.

Thrive by 5, the early childhood coalition serving LaGrange County, is proud to be a member of the collaborative. Thrive by 5 is focused on ensuring children have what they need from birth through age 5. Ninety percent of neural connections occur between birth to age 3, so this is the most critical period of brain development.

If trauma, including child abuse or neglect, occurs during the early years, it can have a lasting effect on a child's coping skills, relationships, and mental and physical health far into adulthood.

Adverse Childhood Experiences, also called ACEs, track traumatic events that happen during childhood. Examples include: experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, living with a parent who has substance abuse or mental health problems, or family instability due to parental separation or a parent being in jail. There are many more factors that contribute to ACE scores, as well.

Unfortunately, ACEs are common. According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 64% of adults in the United States reported they had experienced at least one type of ACE before age 18. Nearly one in six (17.3%) adults reported they had experienced four or more types of ACEs.

ACEs can have lasting effects on health and well-being in childhood and life opportunities well into adulthood. The higher a person's ACE score, the more likely they are to experience chronic disease, and struggle with healthy relationships, finances, job stability, and depression or other mental health issues throughout their life.


When these ACEs happen in early childhood, the results can be devastating to brain development. To demonstrate the effects, the Brain Architecture

Game was designed by developmental scientists of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child and communication scientists at the FrameWorks Institute. It's a way of to visualize the effects of positive and negative experiences on early brain development. A "developing brain" is more likely to collapse under the weight if it was built using more negative experiences than positive ones.

It's a simple game, yet it's definitely an eye opener when it comes to understanding how trauma can affect a child's development.

That's why the work of the LaGrange County Child Abuse and Neglect Collaborative is so important. When we can prevent traumatic experiences from happening to children, their brain can develop in a healthy way, leading to a more successful future.

Those who are interested in learning more or getting involved can

join the LaGrange County Child Abuse & Neglect Facebook group or attend meetings. Members of the collaborative are also available to give 30-minute presentations to local businesses, churches, and community groups about how to identify and report child abuse, neglect, and human trafficking and how to connect families to resources. To schedule a presentation, please call or text (260) 278-0367. 



chitecture Game was designed by developmental scientists of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child and communication scientists at the FrameWorks Institute. It's a way of to visualize the effects of positive and negative experiences on early brain development.

The goal of the game is to build a brain that is as tall and sturdy as possible. Positive experiences (such as a



# Shipshewana Mayfest

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNNEY

*Friday, May 2*

*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

At The Cove

705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not A Player's Name)

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Boys ☐ Girls ☐

Ages: 10 - 12 ☐ 13 - 15 ☐ 16 - 18 ☐

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 2)

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 2)

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 2)

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 2)

**T-Shirts for all  
pre-registered teams!**  
All games will have refs!

Teams limited to 4 players. Tournament is double elimination. Must be at least 2 entries in a given division for competition to take place.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams in student divisions. Also, top two teams in 16 - 18 division may play in the open division FREE!

**Entry Deadline April 18, 2025**

**Student Division \$60**

**Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

Send completed form and entry fee to:

LaGwana, PO Box 70  
Shipshewana, IN 46565  
phone: 260-768-7878

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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**Facility Rules: shorts must  
be fingertip length or longer.**

Boy's 16 - 18 division will be played Friday evening starting at 6. Boys 13 - 15 division will start Friday evening at 6 and finish up on Saturday morning. Both divisions need to check in by 5:45pm (doors open at 5pm).

Saturday games will start at 8am with Boys 10 - 12, Girls 10 - 12, Girls 13 - 15, Girls 16 - 18 until the parade. After the parade we will finish up as needed.

Schedule for Saturday games will be available at the Friday evening tournament, at lagwana.com.

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# Shipshewana Mayfest

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY

### OPEN & CENTURY DIVISIONS

*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

At The Cove: 705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Not A Player's Name)

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Open ☐ Century ☐

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 3)

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 3)

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 3)

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of May 3)

**T-Shirts for all  
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All games will have refs!

Open and Century Divisions \$75

**Entry Deadline April 18, 2025**

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**STARTS AT 1 PM**

*Cash Prizes*

**STARTS AT 2 PM**

**Must keep 100 years of experience on the court.**

**CENTURY DIVISION:** Teams limited to 4 players (Century Division must keep 100 years on the court with 3 players at all times). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 1.

**For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.**

**OPEN DIVISION:** Teams limited to 4 players, can be over 18 (but don't HAVE to be). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 2.

*Players cannot play in both the Century and Open Divisions.*

#### **Guidelines:**

Referees will call the games (their decisions are final). Tournament is double elimination. Cash awards of \$200 (first place) and \$100 (second place) will be awarded. Entries (in these divisions only) will still be accepted until day of tournament. Must be at least three paid entries for

competition to take place. Each team to pay \$75 entry fee with pre-registration (in our office by April 18). **All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts.** After that, please bring your \$75 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments. **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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## Westview Theatre presents *Commedia Chekhov*

On February 15 and 16, Westview Theatre, directed by Steve Pruitt and Scott Carter, presented *Commedia Chekhov* by Lindsay Price. This imaginative retelling of three of Anton Chekhov's one act plays (*The Anniversary*, *The Bear*, and *The Proposal*) used elements of *Commedia dell'Arte* to enhance the humor of the shows, while allowing the performers the opportunity to learn and stretch into new areas.

Westview Theatre is now moving towards their next production with the play *Before Oz* by Lauren Grove. This is an award nominated script that Westview will present on April 25 and 27. The Westview Theatre Department is proud to be just the second school in the country to tell this story about L. Frank Baum and his creation of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.



*The Anniversary*



*The Proposal*



*The Bear*



*The Bear*



**Cast of *Commedia Chekhov*** (left to right): Chloe Turner, Elizabeth Lehmer, Chloe Briggs, Malia Weaver Shaffer, Kylin Meadows, Destiny Mercer, Carter Cranor, Michael Yeip, and Lex Thompson.

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- 3 Ariel Bontrager, Jayna Miller, Jaxon Walton
- 4 Isaac Bontrager, Addison Gray, Ethan Hilty, Janice Miller, Natalie Nuzum
- 6 Ryker Mosher, Jessica Schrock
- 7 Karissa Hershberger, Allyse Miller, Andrea Miller, Owen Weimer
- 8 Darin Bontrager, Megan Lehman, Everett Lewton
- 10 Finley Berkey, Emelia Engel, Danielle Mehrley, Kylah Miller, Hudson Moon, Ava Wingard, Landon Yoder, Leah Yoder
- 11 Darcy Baker, Erika Mast, Kinley Yoder
- 12 Jasmine Graber, Micah Otto, Faith Slee
- 13 Santiago Ruiz Gonzalez, Kierra Slabach
- 14 River Yoder
- 15 Oliver Burgi, Molly Grimmer, Saadia Omar, Cole Stutzman, Lisa Stutzman, Nora Yoder
- 16 Kaiser McDonald, Julayne Otto, Mazlynn Siples
- 17 David Bontrager, Krista Bontrager



- 18 Jamie King, Kristal Miller
- 19 Elliana Hochstetler, Jacob Mast
- 20 Finley Hill, Eden Otto, Joshua Ropp, Everly Stout, Renee Yoder
- 21 Adrian Frey, Arie Gongwer, Kingston Miller
- 22 Jada Nissley, Makenna Stutzman
- 23 Kenlyn Sims, Jerry Troyer
- 24 Kiana Detweiler, Ryan Eash, Raeola Gingerich, Kenzie Hochstetler, Derrick Martin, Addelyn Miller, Sheila Miller, Haven Nelson, Noah Schlabach
- 25 Brantley Dunker, Leon Hershberger, Sarena Lambright, Ryan Schlabach, Austin Yoder
- 26 Jacob Duke, Jessica Hostetler, Kristen Lambright, Kipton Schrock
- 28 Ava Bontrager, Sadie Colley, Tanner Gingerich, Noah Yoder
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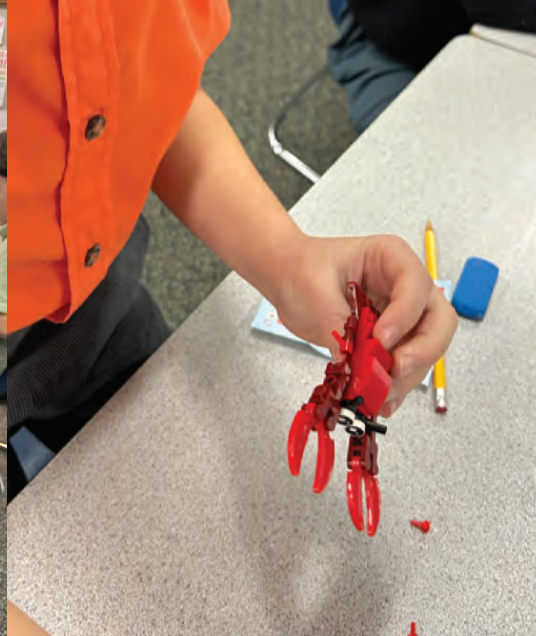


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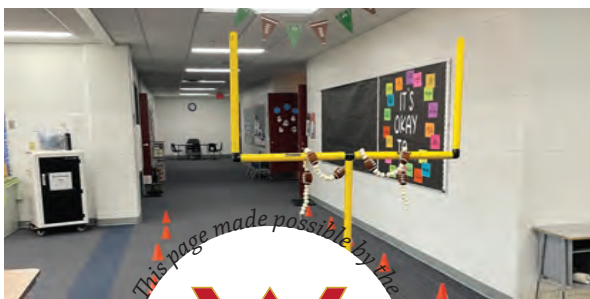
# International LEGO DAY

The things you learn in fourth grade! Jan. 28 is International Lego Day, so the best way to remember the date is by building with Legos! Students learn some interesting Lego facts and built animals out of Legos. Building Legos isn't just fun, it's educational because it requires you to follow step-by-step instructions.



# SUPER BOWL MONDAY

Since everyone was talking about the big game in February, 4th graders at Meadowview had their own Super Bowl Monday. Students completed football-themed language arts and math tasks, while enjoying the best part of the Super Bowl: the snacks!



Meadowview Elementary

Home of the  
Mustangs



# MIGHTY MUSTANGS

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 January of the 2024-2025 school year. Go Mustangs!



Back Row (left to right) : Grayson England (4th), Brenda Carmona (4th), Allie Wolfe (2nd), Kristal Miller (4th), Landon, Slabach (4th), Meghan Otto (4th). Middle Row (left to right) : Austin Lehman (4th), Jenna Miller (2nd), Devon Miller (3rd), Brooklyn Schlabach (3rd), Austin Bontrager (2nd). Front Row (left to right) : Lila Bontrager (K), Landon Yoder (K), Kelsey Slabach (1st), Evan Bontrager (1st)



# SHINING CITIZEN Winners

All of Shiphse-Scott met in the gym recently to celebrate second quarter accomplishments. Those with perfect and nearly perfect attendance received a “brag tag” to celebrate their achievement. Each classroom also awarded certificates to “Shining Citizens” as well as students who were “Respectful, Responsible, & Safe”. Mrs. Conwell, one of our school resource officers, brought a special treat for the certificate award winners. Congratulations to everyone for making Shiphse-Scott such a great place to be!



Kindergarten

Back: Sophia Weidow, Owen Long, Eliza Schlabach, Sophia King  
Front: Isaiah Caldwell, Landon Stutzman, Audrey Troyer



1st Grade

Back: Zane Mahan, Bowen Short, Sheryl Yoder, Everett Lewton  
Front: Molly Lehman, Josh Ropp, Grayson Beachey, Janice Miller



2nd Grade

Back: Isaac Graber, Addi Burgess, Dawson Williams, Kaiden Beechy  
Front: Adra Miller, Maeve Berkey, Gwendolyn Burgi



3rd Grade

Back: Kenlin Stutzman, Evan Mast, Trevor Detweiler, Brayden Schlabach  
Front: Ava Miller, Bella Horner, Lanae Slabach, Natalie Fillmore

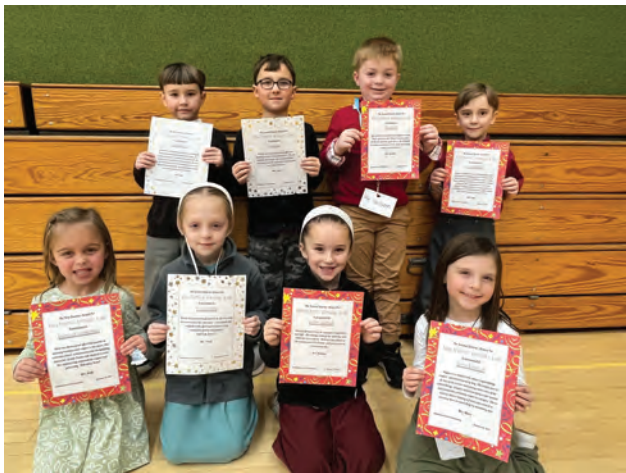


4th Grade

Back: Lincoln Miller, Jared Yoder, Ryan Schwartz  
Front: Finley Berkey, Arianna Lehman, Alayna Schlabach



# RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, & SAFE Award Winners



*Kindergarten*

*Back: Jeremiah Miller, Trae Yoder, Theo Wilson, Jaylen Bontrager  
Front: Remingtyn Schermerhorn, Jessica Schrock, Audrey Lambright, Hayden Bontrager*



*1st Grade*

*Back: Thomas Yutzy, Paxton Miller, Alex Miller, Jackson Hochstetler  
Front: Haizel Mullet, Jennifer Miller, Alyse Slabach, Kayla Miller*



*2nd Grade*

*One row: Sully Rahn, Kielynn Warrener, Leila Mast, Abel Kistler, Joshua Miller*



*3rd Grade*

*Back: Dustin Mast, Wyatt Steider, Jared King, Aiden Miller  
Front: Addie Stemm, Ina Miller, Brynlee Wingard, Logan Vogt*



*4th Grade*

*One row: Colin Troyer, Janessa Wingard, Jennica Hershberger, Royce Yoder, Addison Gray, Samuel Ruiz*



# Learning Fair

Students at TES are invited to participate in the Annual Learning Fair, where they can show off their talents and skills in a variety of categories. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's Learning Fair!



## Social Studies

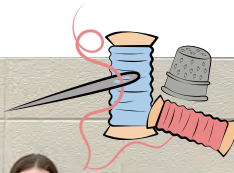


Social Studies: Bryleigh Garman Huber and Elijah Flores (not pictured: Benjamin Schlabach)

## Short Stories



Short Story: Olivia Everage, Gavin Bauman, Derek Bontrager, Case Grossman



## Sewing



Sewing: Sophia Miller, Olivia Everage, Jada Nissley, Jenise Eash, Kyahsondra Collins, Kassidy Courtney, Heather Hochstetler, Kyra Geigley



## Poetry



Poetry: Wesson Slattery and Grayson Smith

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# Topeka Elementary

The Hometown Treasure · March '25

Home of  
the Bears





Math: Everett Michael, Gavin Bauman, Amr Alziadi, Jeryl Yoder  
(not pictured: Timothy Schlabach)



Baking: Lexiss Mast, Jared Mast, Victor Vander Roest, Lincoln Bortner, Leila Fry, Brendan Hochstetler, Joyce Barkman, Melissa Miller



Science: Everett Michael, Elyas Gaber, Xavier Miller, Logan Lambright, Sirena Rupert



2D Art: Olivia Miller, Trenton Hostetler, Jordan Miller, Seth Slabach, Vanessa Hershberger, Kelsie Hochstetler, Noah Yoder, and Romina Camacho Esparza  
(not pictured: Timothy Schlabach)



Books Are Fun: Joshua Yoder, Malachi Bunch, Kelsie Hochstetler, Reese Troop



3D Art: Ryan Eash, Lucas Hershberger, Raylan LaForce, Gatlin Hochstetler, Raoela Gingerich, Tayvia Flynn, and Jeryl Yoder





Every semester, students from each classroom are eligible to receive the Art, Music, and Physical Education awards. Pictured are students from all 16 classrooms at Westview Elementary who received these awards. These students not only try their best in the classroom, but they also try their best in the enhancement subjects as well!



Students in 6I working on their Science Fair Projects



5th grade had a great time at the Shrine Circus!

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# Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors

The Hometown Treasure · March '25





*Two 6th grade girls enjoying indoor recess during the cold January temperatures!*



*5th Grade Girls from 5H enjoying outdoor recess on a snowy day!*



*Students from 5F are participating in a volleyball tournament in PE at Westview Elementary.*





Seated L to R: Dad, Jayson Rainsberger, Westview Track/Cross Country Coach Meghann Rainsberger also mom, Adelyn, Assistant Track Coach Dianne Hostetler. Standing L to R: Bethel University Head Cross Country Coach/Assistant Track Coach Ryan Sommers, brothers Ethan and Gavin Rainsberger and Assistant Track Coach Phil Hostetler



Seated is dad and coach Jesse Ward, Kelsie and mom Alison Ward  
Back Row is brother Colin, grandpa Tim Tyler, grandma Roxanne Tyler and sister Kennedy Miller  
Kelsie will be going to Spring Arbor playing soccer.



Aaron Williams and Keegan Norburg earned sixth place in District 3 FFA Small Engines Career Development Event.

On Monday, January 27th, Westview FFA members participated in the District 3 FFA Small Engines Career Development Event (CDE). The team, consisting of Aaron Williams and Keegan Norburg, demonstrated their mechanical skills and problem-solving abilities, earning an impressive 6th place overall out of 24 competing teams.

The Small Engines CDE challenges participants with a rigorous series of tasks, including a written exam, tool and parts identification, four skill practicums, engine specifications, and the ultimate test—a complete small engine rebuild within a demanding time limit of one hour and fifteen minutes. This contest provides students with valuable hands-on experience and technical knowledge applicable to the mechanics and power systems industry.

With 27 active members, the Westview FFA Chapter stays busy throughout the year, participating in various contests, events, and conferences. The chapter is led by the following officer team: President Audri Martin, Vice President Karla Yoder, Secretary Ashlyn Martin, Treasurer Wyatt Murray, Reporter Ryan Yoder, Sentinel Michael Schwartz, Student Advisor Matthew Bibee, and Advisor Miss Alexander.

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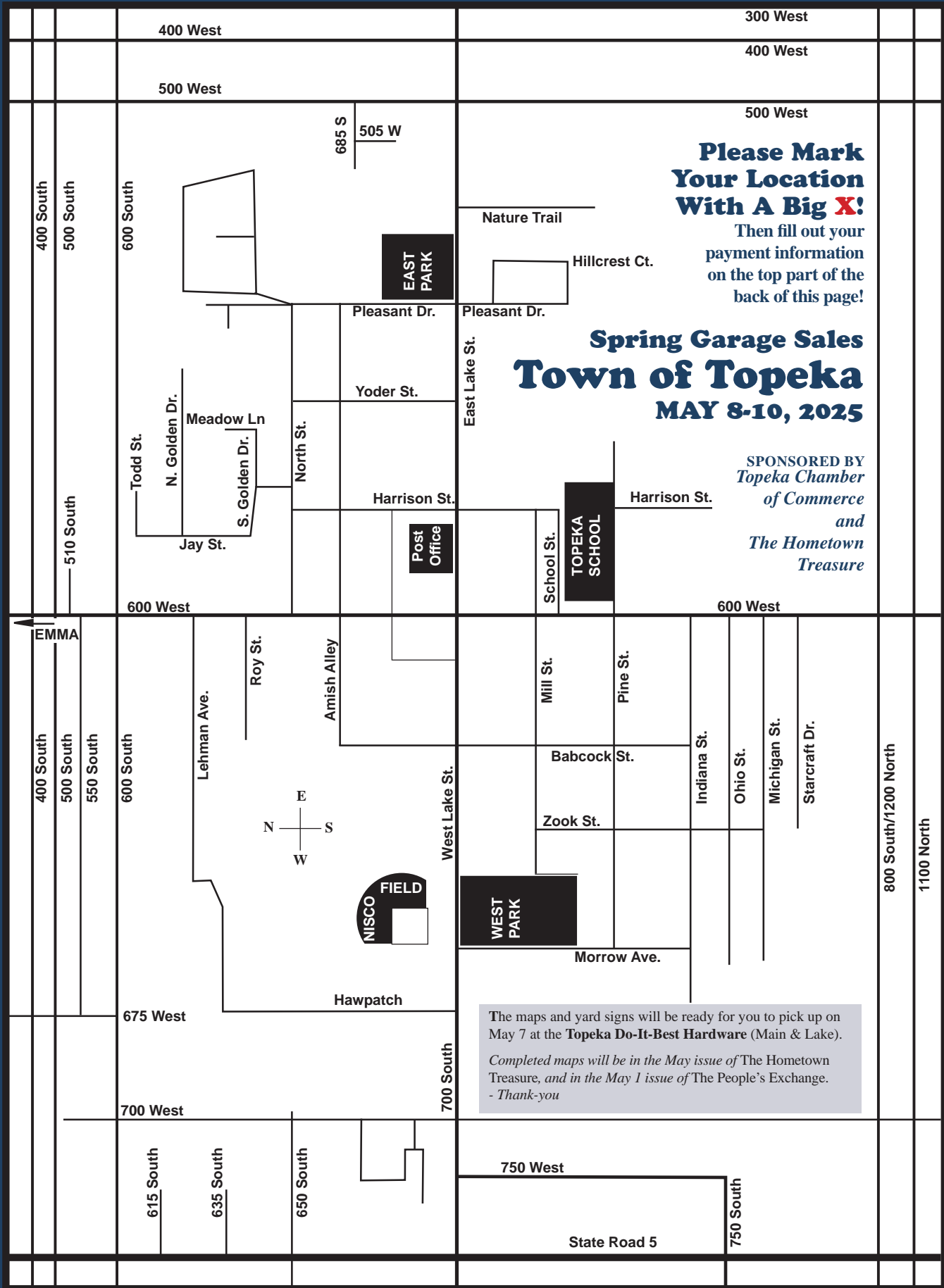
# Westview Jr./Sr. High

Home of the Warriors












# Coloring Contest Winners

Five-year-old Melissa Miller of 900N, Shipshewana was our winner for the February Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Wana-Cup in Shipshewana.

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

Runners-up were Olivia Miller, age 6; Analise Mullet, age 5; Drew Lambright, age 4; and Leah Joy Miller, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Karla Schmucker, age 6; Julie Ptersheim, age 6; Scarlett Yoder, age 6; Nevaeh Schwartz, age 6; Madison Lambright, age 5; and Haley Dawn Barkman, age 5. Check out page 43 for this month's coloring page.

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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# 2024-2025 Quarter 2: 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-*

<b>Grade 7</b>	Adam Alamari, Trinity Childers, Jayni Drake, Chandler Miller, Jennifer Miller, Justin Miller, Antal, Alyssa Barkman, Engle, Erin Frey, Keturah Fry, Abigail Katy Miller, Kenlin Miller, Landon Miller, Lynn Miller, Maci Miller, Mariah Miller, Sammy Miller, Toby Miller, Heidi Bontrager, Janie Bontrager, Kendall Lambright, Kevin Lehman, Beckham Misner, Clayton Moon, Jayna Bontrager, Jerel Bontrager, Brooke Mahon, Michael Manns, Tyler Erikson Mullet, Alexandria Olweean, Kalyn Bontrager, Kathlyn Bontrager, Mast, Valentina Mendoza, Christopher Anthony Otto, Genesis Perillo, Josiah Kayla Bontrager, Leon Bontrager, Luke Miller, Curtis Miller, Dena Miller, Radcliff, Brigham Rahn, Akhila Bontrager, Janessa Caldwell, Marissa Hailey Miller, Jacob Miller, Jamin 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.
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## 2024-2025 Q2: Regular Honor Roll (3.0-3.499 GPA)

<b>Grade 7</b>	Calista Bollinger, Jason Bontrager, Morgan Bontrager, Harrison Bontreger, Cayden Coleman, Claire Coleman, Cody Hill, Andraya Lambright, Malachi Lambright, Mahweensa Marks, Austin Martin, Blake Miller, Cash Miller, Marsha Miller, Avery Myers, James Wingard, Janae Yoder, and Matthew Yoder.
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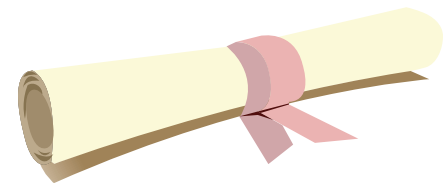
<b>Grade 8</b>	Ibrahim Algaradi, Mohamed Aljulowb, Adrian Beechy, Jaylen Bontrager, Hope Brandenberger, Carter Cranor, Cole Donat, Jesse Doremus, Avionna Duke, Tenley Groves, Seth Hochstetler, Tyler Hostetler, Kenlyn Lambright, Spencer Lambright, Brandon J Miller, Britton Miller, Ethan Miller, Josiah Miller, Justin J Miller, Merle Miller, Caleb Mullet, Lacey Ramey, Holden Rheinheimer, Jorge Rimola, Emily Smith, Jordan Trowbridge, Rachel Troyer, and Jakoby Whetstone.
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<b>Grade 9</b>	Zakaria Algaradi, Adrien Bell, Alana Donat, Cyota Ferrera, Marcus Garrett, Remington Helmuth, Karson Mast, Karen McDonald, Cole Miller, Jaxon Miller, Kailen Myers, Savannah Nelson, Bayli Smith, Malarie Steider, and Madalyn Yoder.
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<b>Grade 10</b>	Ibrahim Alrasheed, Matthew Bibbee, Alex Cochs-Clapers, Jarrett Dunker, Caedmon Gates, Thomas Hoover, Rayna Jackson, Ethan Miller, Carson Niccum, Austin Schlabach, Tristan Skudstrup, Luke Stults, Owen Weinberg, Kendra White, Isaac Yater, Kloie Yoder.
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<b>Grade 11</b>	Haily Halderman, Luke Hall, Kyleigh Hershberger, Jasmine Litton, Nathan Peruski, Ian Vilardo, and Dallas Yoder.
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<b>Grade 12</b>	Patricia Clemons, Kyla Fryer, Micah Geyer, Kaiden Liechty, Shanna Miller, Asma Sawal, and Bryan R Yoder.
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<b>Grade 8</b>	Tyrone Baccol, Bryndle Bontrager, Brynn Bontrager, Isaiah Bontrager, Janelle K Bontrager, Janelle R Bontrager, Jaron Bontrager, Justin Bontrager, Karl Bontrager, Kathleen Bontrager, Kevin Bontrager, Michael Bontrager, Sara Bontrager, Tyson Bontrager, Chloe Briggs, Avery Christner, Jaxon Christner, Kristen Chupp, Noah Cleveland, Cassidy Detweiler, Charlie Double, Ellianna England, Madalyn Everage, Durrel Frey, Braden Fry, Deric Fry, Karla Fry, Micah Fry, Breanna Garrett, Zayne Geigley,
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# 2024-2025 Quarter 2: 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 11

Noriah Aldhuraibi, Kristen Bender, Lilyan Bennett, Katana Bibbee, Noah Bontrager, Breann Cory, Chayenne Diaz, Hunter Egli, Makenna Feipel, Kaden Grau, Madison Grossman, Ava Hostetler, Dakota Hubbard, Kaleb Iddings, Briana Kaufman, Hailey Lambright, Janell Lambright, Janissa Lehman, Bailey Manns, Audri Martin, Lanita Mast, Miley Mast, Eden Mauck, Braxton Miller, Kaiden Miller, Katie Miller, Milan Miller, Myra Miller, Samuel Miller, Becky Moore, Cate Olivieri, Majid Omer, Corra Owens, Aaron Roth, Bentley Ryall, Kylie Singleton, Brett Springer, Lili Terrones, Levi Trethewey, Jordyn Wasson, Jalayna Whetstone, Brylee White, Brina Williams, and Alex Yoder.

## Grade 10

Eva Bates, Evan Beechy, Karleen Bender, Lexy Bennett, Nishtha Bhavsar, Memphis Bontrager, Olivia Bontrager, Camryn Christner, Isaac Drake, Josephine Eash, Graci Engle, Landon Gingerich, Luke Haarer, Makenna Helman, Amanda Hershberger, Keegan Hershberger, Alyssa Hooley, Kaden Hostetler, Ibraheem Hussein, Addison Kauffman, Erica Lambright, Ashlyn Martin, Jacob McCoy, Emilia Mendoza, Sage Mercer, Angela Miller, Gloria Miller, Janessa Miller, Peyton Miller, Lucas Mullet, Wyatt Murray, Keegan Norberg, Isaiah Radcliff, Kaine Reinhold, Carver Stump, Chris Terrones, Devyn Whetstone, Aaron Williams, Daniel Yoder, Marilyn Yoder, Pierce Yoder, and Savannah Yoder.

## Grade 9

Baylor Atra, Makenna Bender, Laban Bontrager, Laine Bortner, Tyler Brewer, Liam Brill, Emma Cummins, Cooper Fry, Mila Geyer, Morgan Grossman, Alayah Hostetler, Elizabeth Lehmer, AJ Martin, Maggie Mast, Mari Mast, Jada Mauck, Paige McDonald, Adison Miller, Brendan Miller, Madilyn Miller, Saul Moreno, Shelby Mullett, Kaylee Nuzum, Fisher Oakley, Gavin Rainsberger, Kya Roose, Josie Ryall, Mustafa Shahbain, Emma Stinnett, Tyler Stutzman, Lex Thompson, Mabel Trethewey, Merrill Warren, Rylee Watson, Elijah Watts, Kaitlyn Weimer, Grace Yoder, Hudson Yoder, Janae Yoder, Karla Yoder, Kasen Yoder, and Will Yoder.

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



## Grade 12

Hyde Al Yahiri, Sarah Alshuga, Faith Beechy, Andrey 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, Melanie Flores, Zackary Fry, Ava Gilbert, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Hussein Hussein, Christopher Irons, Olivia Jasso, Tetiana Jones, Asher Kennedy, Jackson Massey, Kiana Mast, Kyiah Michels, Curtis Miller, Rebecca 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, Savannah Vliet, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Karis Weinberg, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Bryan M Yoder, Kamden Yoder, Kylie Yoder, and Ryan Yoder.

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by Marsha Patrick

# WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAKE DIAMOND?

Solution on page 45.

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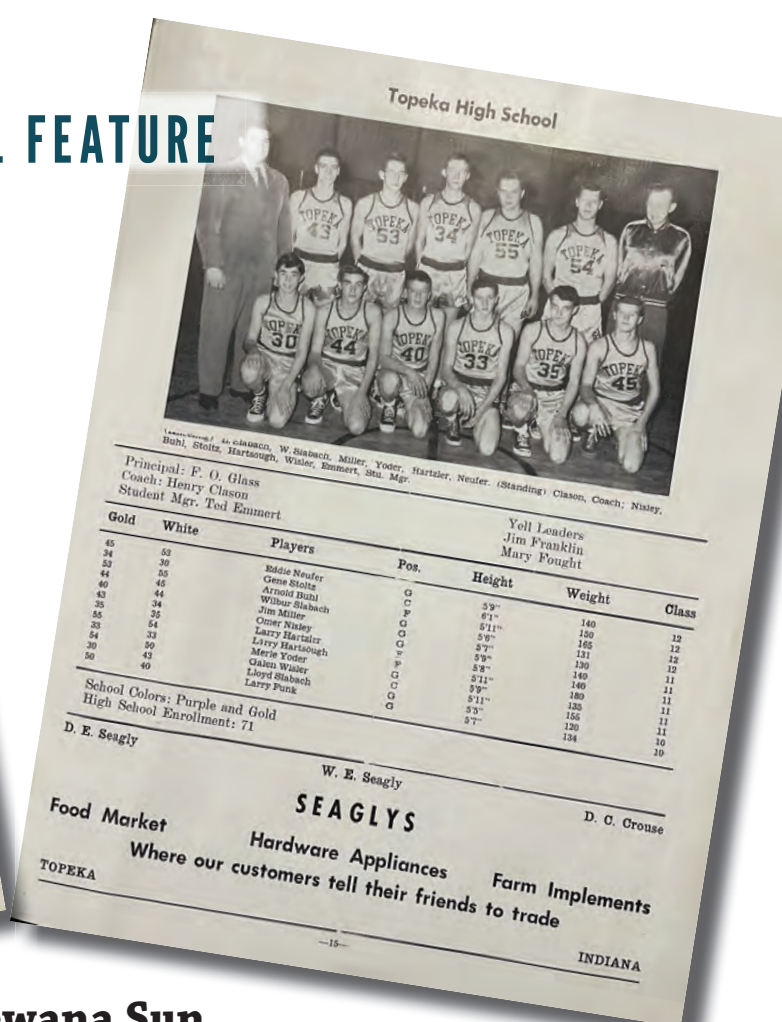
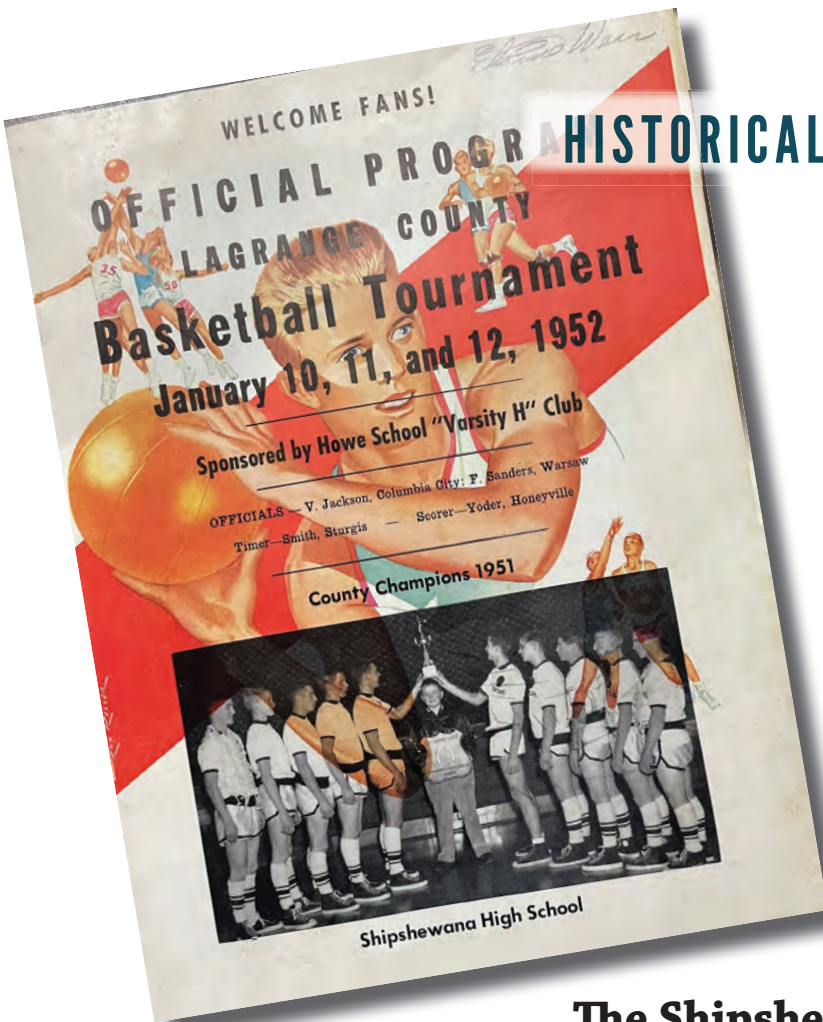
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## The Shipshewana Sun Rose and Set

... just not the one you're thinking of!

by Harold D. Gingerich

I blame this all on Randy Mullet of Shipshewana. After all, what was he thinking? He hands me an envelope at a Westview basketball game and says, "I thought this might interest you." Of course it interested me, especially after I opened it! Inside was a 14-page Official Program for the 1952 LaGrange County Basketball Tournament complete with a photo of Shipshewana's 1951 team that had won the previous county tourney. But what took my breath away, and almost made my heart stop beating, was the February 28, 1907, edition of *The Shipshewana Sun* newspaper.

For years I have been asking people if Shipshewana ever had a newspaper, and no one seemed to know. Some-

time ago I had discovered that in 1916, Martin H. Granholt published a weekly 8-page newspaper called *The Chronicle*, but no one has ever seen a copy.

Now I had the answer that I had been looking for. But with that answer also came a multitude of questions. Who was the editor and publisher? How many years was *The Sun* in print? Was there a print shop in Shipshewana, and if so, where was it located? What kind of printing press did they have?

Here is what we do know. On September 5, 1905, *The*

*South Bend Tribune* ran a 10-line item stating, "Newspaper failures in the little Indiana town of Shipshewana have not discouraged the latest seekers of public favor, George Nearpass, Sr. and George Nearpass, Jr. who have just placed before the people there the first issue of *The Sun*." *The Tribune* went on to note that the four-page paper was independent and that it was politically neutral.

The following day *The Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette* ran a similar item on page two. But *The Journal Gazette* added several interesting bits of information. "Mr. Nearpass, Sr., is a veteran publisher of coun-

### SHIPSHEWANA SUN IS LAUNCHED.

SHIPSHEWANA, Ind., Sept. 5.—Messrs. George E. Nearpass, Sr., and George E. Nearpass, Jr., have begun the publication of the *Shipshewana Sun*, the first issue of which has appeared. The newspaper is independent in politics. Mr. Nearpass, Sr., is a veteran publisher of country weeklies and for nine years conducted the *Culver Herald* at Culver, Ind., which was discontinued in 1903. Thirteen years ago he conducted the *Hobart Gazette* at Hobart, this state, going from there to Marshall, Ill.



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Conducting research on George Edward Nearpass proved to be another example that when you try to go back one hundred years the information isn't always consistent. His page on Find-a-Grave says that he was born in 1852. However, looking on Ancestry's website

I discovered his death certificate. They listed his date of birth as February 21, 1849, and his date of death as November 12, 1918. The information on his death certificate is probably accurate.

Combing through Randy Mullet's 1907 issue and the 1906 issue that I recently purchased, lead to several interesting discoveries. On page one of

to keep an eye on all of them.

Newspaper failures in the little Indiana town of Shipshewana have not discouraged the latest seekers for public favor, George Nearpass, sr., and George Nearpass, jr., who have just placed before the people there the first issue of the Sun. It is a four page paper proposing to be independent and neutral politically and to stand only for the best interests of Shipshewana.

the February 22, 1906, issue, about half way down the "Local Notes" section, there is a paragraph with an open-



ing sentence that reads, "The Shipshewana Sun is six months old today." The

## SHIPSHEWANA SUN.

VOLUME I. SHIPSHEWANA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 22, 1906. NUMBER 26

### Local Notes.

E. Dickelhoff is upon the sick list.

Considerable sickness at present.

The anglers are landing considerable numbers of fish.

John Witmer of Napanee, made Shipshewana a visit Sunday.

Mrs. John Nelson sold her farm south of the Naylor school house, to David Yoder and Andrew Schrock this week.

Two persons were taken in full membership in the M. E. church Sunday morning by Rev. Wright.

M. A. Yoder, administrator of the Rudolph Kauffman estate, sold three of the farms. The purchasers were, Tobias D. Yoder, A. Slabach and Andrew Schrock.

David Shirley of McPherson County, Kansas, and Frank Shirley of Elkhart, are in town visiting friends and relatives.

John Fillinger and family left Saturday morning for Toledo, where they visited friends over Sunday. His wife will remain all this week.

Miss Clara Sunthimer spent Sunday with friends in Middlebury.

Miss Edith Sunthimer spent Sunday night with V. D. Weaver and family at La Grange.

Harry Young and wife of Midawaka, spent several days this week visiting J. J. Poynter and other friends in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Clara Crummett, who has been visiting J. J. Poynter and family the past three weeks, returned to her home in Elkhart, Mich., Saturday.

Pearl Poynter, who has been seriously ill the past week, is slowly improving.

The Shipshewana Sun is six months old today, Thursday. We find a large number of names upon our subscription which one six months subscription. We trusted you six months, and you certainly should call in if you are honest men, and settle for at least six months subscription. We need it - it is our just dues. By doing this act, you will assist us to give you a better

### VERY SUDDEN DEATH

William Farver, one of Shipshewana's Business Men Expires.



Sunday morning, about eight a. m., our citizens were shocked and horrified to learn that William Farver, one of the leading citizens of Shipshewana, had suddenly expired in his room at his brother's home about seven a. m., being stricken with apoplexy. At the breakfast hour, one of the children of the household, was sent to her uncle's room to call him to the morning meal, and reported that she could not make him hear. John Farver, then went to his brother's room and found him lying upon the floor, partly dressed, and a quick examination of the body revealed the startling fact that he was dead. A doctor was hastily summoned but too late for any assistance. The coroner, C. H. Frisbey, held an inquest and decided that the deceased came to his sudden demise through the agency of apoplexy.

William Farver was born in Holmes Co., Ohio, in 1860, and moved with his parents to Indiana in 1883, settling on a farm four miles south-east of Shipshewana, where he spent his early days. While yet in their teens, he and his brother John became partners in business, and operated a lathing mill at Elkhart, Ind., for 22 years, from there they came to Shipshewana, which at that time was in its infancy, and established a planing mill and lathing enterprise. The firm of Farver brothers, which has been in operation for the past 23 years, has grown to tremendous proportions, and today, when one of the firm is called from his active and

### PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction, one and one-fourth miles west and one mile south of Shipshewana, on the farm formerly owned by Harmon C. Yoder, on Wednesday,

## February 28, '06,

AT 10 O'CLOCK P. M.,

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All sums of \$5.00 and under cash, all sums over \$5.00, a credit of four months will be given, without interest if paid when due, if not 8 per cent interest from date of sale, purchaser giving his note with approved security.

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J. J. KAUFFMAN, Auctioneer.**

#### Card of Thanks.

We the undersigned hereby extend to our friends and neighbors, our sincere and heartfelt thanks, for their sympathy and kindly aid during the painful duty of preparing for and laying out our beloved brother, William Farver. May the giver of all good gifts be with you all in the power of.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FARVER.

#### Hunter's Lake.

Mrs. C. L. Schrock, had a quilting February 14th. It was a very successful and the dinner was enjoyed.

Mrs. Geo. Moore, of Goshen, visited Mrs. Lizzie Ivins, of this neighborhood, a few days last week.

Skating parties on the lake are too numerous to mention dates. They are attended by the old as

#### Sandbur Square.

BY LETTER BEING.

Mrs. Carl Wagner spent Saturday night and Sunday with Earl Day, near LaGrange.

The party Wednesday evening at Charles Goshen's was well attended and all had a very nice time.

Lottie Quisenberry who has been very sick is getting better.

Mr. J. Dillon went to Sturgis and Elkhart on business last week.

Mr. Myers and wife of Middlebury spent last week with Eliza Fought.

Mrs. Mary McCoy and Mrs. Lydia McCoy, of Elkhart, visited



February 22, 1906.

Attend the American sale at the residence of the late Mrs. Rosamond Test, next Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., east of the M. E. church.

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following sentences lamented the fact that many people had not paid their \$1.00 per year subscription. Clearly, some things never change; today debt collection can still be challenging. But with tongue-in-cheek flare, the editor went on to write that, *"We trusted you six months, and you certainly should call in if you are honest men, and settle for at least six months subscription. We need it - it is our just dues."* The paragraph ends with an encouragement to *"Come and see us."* That leads one to believe that they had an office in Shipshewana, but no one seems to know where.

Reading *The Shipshewana Sun* from 1906 and 1907 also illustrated how much times have changed in terms of

what is and what is not acceptable to put in print. On page one of the February 26, 1907, edition of *The Sun*, in the Local Notes section, there is a great example. About six inches down the 20-inch left hand column, between the two news items about John M. Mishler who had been very ill with lung fever, and Miss Grace Troyer of Fish Lake returning home on Sunday accompanied by Miss Bertha Sybert, was a strange bit of (not so) local news. *"Last Tuesday, three murderers were jerked into eternity at the Michigan City prison."*

Jerked into eternity! Seriously! I will admit it; when I read that phrase, I did laugh out loud. I said to my wife Janice, "Honey, listen to this!"

Her response was, "Are you kidding me?"

Obviously the three convicted murderers were executed by hanging. But can you imagine any newspaper or television station today getting away with reporting on an execution by electrocution and saying that the convicted felon was "shocked into eternity."

Both the 1906 and 1907 issues of *The Sun* were filled with items of local interest. Front page advertisements let everyone know that J.E. Sunthimer was offering of large stock (not variety) of shoes *"for Ladies, Gents, Boys and Girls."* Freeby & Bryant was ringing the praises of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Manure Spreader. Why? *"Because it is Simple, Durable, Light running and a MODEL OF PERFECTION."* And lest anyone may not have known, just to the left of the manure spreader ad, was the announcement that *"Miss Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuhns, was united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents in this city Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>, to Ernest Stewart; Rev. Wright, officiating."* Rev. Wright was the pastor of the

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" Davis. ....	8:31	2:01	6:46
" Shipshewana. ....	8:35	2:05	6:50
" Shipshewana L. ....	8:40	2:10	6:55
" Pashan. ....	8:45	2:15	7:00
" Oak. ....	8:50	2:20	7:05
" County Line. ....	8:53	2:23	7:08
Arrive Middlebury. ....	9:00	2:30	7:15
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M.E. Church (Methodist Episcopal) in Shipshewana.

Like all weekly papers there were numerous advertisements, including grocery ads offering lard for 8½ cents a pound. The St Joseph Valley Traction Company also published their train/trolley schedule.

The Thursday, October 24, 1907, edition (page 1) of *The Culver Citizen* reported that *"George Nearpass, the founder of Culver's first paper, The Herald, has sold The Shipshewana Sun and has gone to Croton, O., where he has started The Corton Citizen."* Corton is about 25 miles from Columbus, Ohio.

*The Sun* was purchased by Hamilton B. Berry who was living in Kendallville. Berry, who was born in 1849, lived all but the last 18 months of his life in Noble County. On December 23, 1880, he married Sylva Ellen Forker

## LOCAL NOTES

Gathered by the Sun's Staff of Reporters.

Eggs are up on the price. Looks like another open winter, this week.

The person who tries to be brilliant never is.

Milo Hooley went to Goshen last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yoder are ill with the grip.

L. D. Yoder went to LaGrange, on business one day last week.

Services were at the Congregational Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Delbert Wells of Elkhart, is visiting friends in Shipshewana.

Just about three months to the first picnic. "Isn't that a happy thought?"

John M. Mishler who has been very ill with lung fever, is convalescing.

Last Tuesday, three murderers were jerked into eternity at the Michigan City prison.

Miss Grace Troyer, of Fish Lake, returned home Sunday, accompanied by Miss Bertha Sybert.

Ollie Yoder and wife, went to White Cloud, Michigan, Monday, called there owing to the severe illness of Ollie's father.

John Haarer, is still on the

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(1857-1936). It appears that they never had any children.

## SHIPSHEWANA EDITOR DIED YESTERDAY MORNING

Hamilton D. Berry, Formerly of Noble County, Answers the Summons.

(By Kist News Bureau.)

**LAGRANGE, Ind., March 23.**—After many weeks of struggle for victory with disease Hamilton D. Berry, the esteemed editor and proprietor of the *Shipshewana Sun*, has been summoned and answered the call during the early hours of the forenoon.

Mr. Berry had reached the age of fifty-two years. He was formerly a resident of Noble county. He came to *Shipshewana* about eighteen months ago and became owner and publisher of the *Sun*. During much of that time, however, he had been a great sufferer, and for several weeks had not been at the office. He had won a large place in the hearts of the good people of his town, all appreciating his earnest endeavor to make the *Sun* a success.

The funeral will be held from the Union church in Jefferson township, Noble county, Thursday afternoon.

The headline on page 5 of *The Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette* read "*Shipshewana Editor Died Yesterday Morning.*" *The Gazette* reported that Berry had suffered with an unnamed disease for most of his 18 months of living in *Shipshewana*. And, for several weeks leading up to his death had not been in the office. The article noted that "He had won a large place in the hearts of the good people of his town, all appreciating his earnest endeavor to make the *Sun* a success."

## SHIPSHEWANA SUN SOLD.

**LAGRANGE, Ind., March 18.**—The *Shipshewana Sun*, which has been published by Mrs. H. Berry since the death of her husband, has been sold to E. E. Coombs, the publisher of the *LaGrange County Democrat*, who will edit a special *Shipshewana* department and supply the subscribers of the *Sun* for their unexpired time.

In spite of Sylvia's valiant efforts to continue publishing *The Sun*, she was ultimately forced to sell the paper in 1911. *The Waterloo Press* (March 23, 1911) noted that "The *Shipshewana Sun* has ceased to shine. Mrs. Hamilton Berry, widow of the former publisher, like the widow in scripture who turned her

the edge of the web with open mouth and uttered a scream. The girl, who had been sitting at the desk, looked up at the girl who was screaming and saw a face that was as white as paper. The girl who was screaming looked at the girl who was screaming and saw a face that was as white as paper. The girl who was screaming looked at the girl who was screaming and saw a face that was as white as paper.

## KINGS ARE BAD DRESSERS.

Few of Them Shave Except in Their Gorgeous Uniforms.

The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

Korean revolutionaries have been seen in the streets of Seoul. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

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Unhappily for them, Lady Lane, down with the victor, gave a garden party the day before their departure. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

The poor little creature had a nose and shabby appearance, was as fat as a butterfly and an indelible mark on his face. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

An Italian novelist, Salvatore Tassia, confesses that for six years he completely lost his memory for his poems and novels. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

Paul Kruger expressed the hope that certain of his personal affairs might have a place in the museum to be established at Pretoria. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

Chang Yaw Tsao, former secretary of the Chinese consulate in the U. S., has published a volume of poems relating to the war, in the United States. The king of Spain is the only one of them who does not shave.

The general board of the navy, Admiral Dewey, president, has passed resolutions recommending that the late Rear Admiral Taylor, who once owned the life of the board.

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The *Shipshewana Sun* has ceased to shine. Mrs. Hamilton Berry, widow of the former publisher, like the widow in scripture who turned her mite into the treasury, "spent all her living" to keep the paper going, but finally lost out.

E.E. Coombs, the publisher of *The LaGrange County Democrat*, purchased *The Shipshewana Sun*. The *Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette* reported that Coombs planned to "edit a special *Shipshewana* department and supply the subscribers of *The Sun* for their unexpired time."

It would not be until June of 1916 that *Shipshewana* would once again have her own hometown publication, *The Chronicle*. The story of *The Chronicle* can be found in the March 2023 issue of *The Hometown Treasure*.

Acknowledgements: Special thanks to Randy Mullet for loaning me his copy of the 1907 *Shipshewana Sun* and to Alpha Building Center for digitally scanning my 1906 edition.

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# Mystery Farm MARCH CONTEST

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**2nd Prize(s):** A pen, notepad set, a letter opener, and *The Way I See It* from LaGwana.

**3rd Prize(s):** *The Way I See It*.

*\*Additional 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded for every 50 entries over 100 received.*

### RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565.  
**Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: March 18 2025.  
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Congratulations! They won a 1 Year Subscription from *The Connection*, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Way I See It* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Cletus & Ruth Hostetler, 600 S, Topeka** Third prize went to **Owen & LeEtta Wingard, 300S, Topeka.**

There were 12 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Wayne & Leona Miller, Elroy & Anita Yutzy, Ervin & Carol Lambright, Kevin & Elaine Mullet, LaVon & Joanna Fry, Carolyn Yoder, Andrew & Cheryl Miller, Willy & LaVera Hochstetler, Eugene & Linda Miller

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## Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

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

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Spring cleaning has come around a bit early this year! We've been in dire need of some new shelves to help reorganize our house for a few months. With the help of my Mother-In-Law (who enjoys this type of thing) we have been keeping an eye on online marketplaces for good deals.

We have managed to get a couple of bookshelf sets, have a new entertainment center ready to move in (once the old one is cleared off), and finally finished setting up the desk that I've been half ignoring for two years.

Now its time for the hard part: actually figuring out where to put things! I'll be glad to be done with the haphazard piles things have ended up in due to lack of storage spaces. ①

Solution on page 45.

# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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Location: **5700 W 700 N, Shipshewana IN 46565**

**Appointments are available. Please call to schedule yours today.**

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# Clueless Crossword Solution

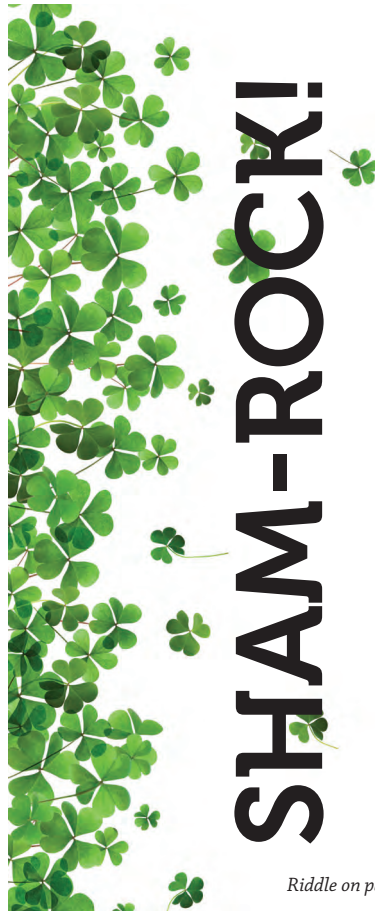
By Marsha Patrick

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Solution to puzzle on page 42



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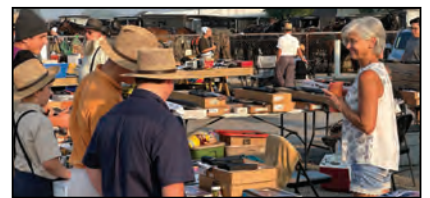


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