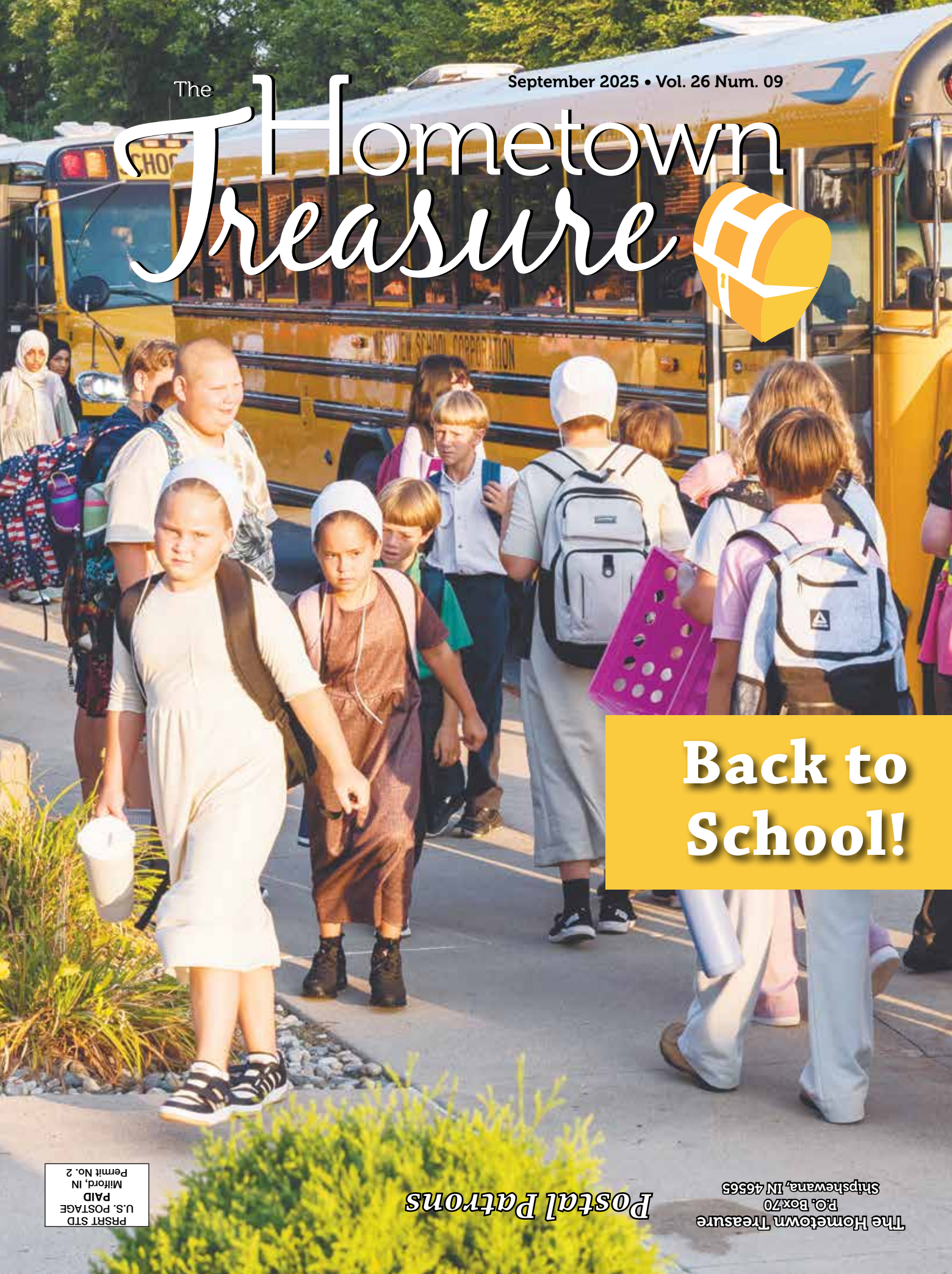


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You spend weeks mopping up piddle, say bad words when your favorite shoe gets chewed, and spend countless hours wiping up paw prints and messes.

You question why you ever did this and venture into moments of buyer's remorse. But then, you get a sweet puppy breath lick or peek in to see a snoring pup snuggled next to a cherub-faced kid, and you're hooked.

The vet bills and the abundant bags of dog food don't compare to the way he helped her through her first heartbreak or kept your feet warm on a cold night.

He attended every birthday party and welcomed new friends with a well-meaning sniff. He kept you all safe from the UPS man, a strange car, or a leaf that flew by the window, with his ferocious barking. He was part friend and part commando and would do anything to protect you. All 15 pounds of him.

The kids grew and changed right before your eyes, but oddly, the dog never did. The kids got new interests and new friends. The dog remained the same. Steadfast, loyal, and faithful always. The kids drove away in the car while he looked out the window, stayed away for the weekend, and were gone more than when they were home. The dog waited from his prominent spot on the couch for their return.




Then, one day, all the kids left, and although you could see his confusion in their absence, he had no trouble shifting his loyalty to those who remained. You and maybe your spouse. You all grieved and missed the kids together and

rejoiced when they returned for visits and holidays.

You all found a new rhythm together...the mom...the dad...the dog. You began to age, and at last, the dog does too. He doesn't notice the change in you though; you were always the same in his eyes. You returned to mopping up piddle, and although he continued to keep your feet warm at night, he needed some help getting into bed.

The kids had kids and dogs of their own, and you remained with the faithful, loyal companion they begged you for. His hair turned as gray as yours, but his tail wagged with the same youthful fervor when you got home at the end of a long day. He napped by your feet, stood in your way, and begged for your last bite. He was there on the good and bad days. Always by your side. You could count on him no matter what. Always faithful, always loyal... always loving you.

Have you ever been loved by a dog? I have. It turns out that nasty thing our kids did wasn't so nasty after all. Rest in peace, friend! 

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## Planning your business exit: Start with the end in mind

If you own a business, you've probably spent countless hours thinking about how to grow it, manage daily operations and serve your customers. But have you thought about how you'll eventually step away from it? While it might seem premature, planning your successful exit from your business is one of the smartest moves you can make as an owner.

The reality is that most business owners have 80% to 90% of their net worth tied up in their companies, according to the Exit Planning Institute. That's a significant investment that deserves careful planning to protect. Unfortunately, 70% to 80% of businesses put on the market don't sell, and about half of all business exits are involuntary due to unexpected circumstances like health issues, family emergencies, management disputes or economic downturns.

Exit planning is more than preparing for retirement. It's taking control of your future and ensuring you can transition away from your business when and how you choose. You can start with the end in mind – a proactive approach that can inform your current business decisions and help increase your company's value and marketability.

Begin by articulating your personal goals for both the transaction and your life afterward. Maybe you want to sell only a portion of your business, stay on as a paid consultant or use the proceeds to start your next venture. Understanding your vision helps shape everything else.

You'll want to calculate how much money you'll need to fund your desired retirement lifestyle, accounting for expenses that may be currently covered by the business, like your cellphone, vehicles, travel and health care. Don't forget about your legacy goals too – what you want to leave for your family or charitable causes.

Getting started requires building a strong professional team. At the center should be a financial advisor who can help you through the planning, execution and post-sale phases. You'll likely also need a tax professional, legal advisor, commercial banker and



business valuation expert. Depending on your exit strategy, you might later add specialists like business brokers, investment bankers or employee stock ownership plan advisors.

Understanding your business's current value is crucial. It's a good idea to get a calculation of value at least three to five years before your planned exit. This isn't as formal or expensive as a qualified appraisal, but it gives you a realistic range of what your business might be worth.

This step may reveal a gap between what you need financially and what your business could sell for. If so, don't panic. You have several options: work longer, adjust your spending expectations, save more outside the business or focus on increasing your company's value. You can boost value by increasing profits through higher market share, new products, better pricing or reduced costs. You can also improve intangible assets like employee expertise, operational systems and customer relationships.

Finally, consider who your successor might be. Selling your interest to family members, business partners or employees often provide more control over timing and lower transaction costs, though they may result in lower sale prices. Selling the business to third parties typically bring higher proceeds but less control over the process.

The key message is simple: it's never too early to start planning your exit. Whether you're thinking about stepping away next year or in the next decade, taking proactive steps now puts you in control of your business's future and your own financial security.

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# LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for September 2025.

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

All library locations will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Find more information at [www.lagrange.lib.in.us](http://www.lagrange.lib.in.us) or call 260-463-2841.

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## 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 Interest

### Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

**Theme: Sensory Play!**

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.

### Makerspace (Ages 5 & Up) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Every Wednesday in September • 2:30-7 pm

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. Drop in and stay as long as you want from 2:30-7 pm. Makerspace is a collaborative space where people can use a variety of tools and materials to create, learn, and share. We will have different building materials, and crafting supplies available for use. We will have new special projects every week!

### Lego Play (Ages 5 & Up) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Thursdays in September • 2:30 -7 p.m.

Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under. Drop in any time between 2:30 and 7:00. All of our Legos will be out to build anything you want, or attempt to complete the challenges for the month.

### Teen Games - Board Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, September 8 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Drop in anytime and stay as long as you can. Play larger group party type games or settle in for something longer. Feel free to shift to the Pokemon Club at 6:00 if interested or stay playing other games.

### Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18) (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Monday, September 8 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us to have fun playing Pokemon, trading cards, and learning strategies for improving your game. Bringing cards to trade is optional. You can sign up online or call the library to help us know how many are coming.

### Book Clubs (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 16 • 4-5 p.m.

**Elementary: Grades 1-3 Reading & Discussing:** *Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon* by Tracey West. You will get your book at the meeting, We will begin reading the book together and do a fun activity related to the book, then you will take the book home with you to finish reading and bring back next month.

**Mid-Grade: Grades 4-7 Discussing:** *Sherlock Society* by James Ponti.

Come to the library to get your book in August to read and discuss in September. At each meeting we will discuss the book we read and do a fun activity or craft related to the story.

### Family Movie Night (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, September 26 • 6 p.m.

*How to Train Your Dragon*. Free popcorn provided! Bring your own covered drink.

## Adult Interest

### Culinary Adventures: Neapolitan Pizza

Thursday, September 11

Pizza Venturi • 123 E Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN

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

LaGrange • Saturday, September 13 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss: "*The Sun Walks Down*" by Fiona McFarlane. In September 1883, a 6-year-old has gone missing during a dust storm, and the entire community is caught up in the search for him. As they scour the desert and mountains, the residents of Fairly, Australia confront their relationships, both with one another and with the landscape they inhabit. Copies are available at LaGrange's Adult Desk.

### Patchwork Trails – Mike Metz Fen (All Ages)

Pine Knob Park, 2825 W SR 120, Howe • Tues., September 16 • 6 p.m.

Join us as we explore LaGrange County and the surrounding area. Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! No fees or registration required, just meet at the designated starting point.

### Make & Take with Deb - Fall Pumpkin Door Decoration (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, September 17 • 6 p.m.

Participants will make a fall door decoration from a wire pumpkin form. Cost is \$20 per person. Must register with a non-refundable \$10 deposit by September 10 at Adult Services Desk LaGrange Library

### Visiting Author: Barbara Olenyik Morrow (No Cost)(No Registration)

LaGrange • Tuesday, September 23 • 6 p.m.

Come hear a fascinating presentation by Barbara Olenyik Morrow, author of "*Army Guy, Red Cross Girl: The Lives and Letters of Two Small-Town Hoosiers Who Helped Win WWII.*" Using letters and photos, she tells the true story of two Auburn, Indiana natives who served during the Second World War.

### Archi-Trek: Three Rivers, MI (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, September 25 • Depart & Return: LaGrange Main Library  
Departure 8:30 a.m. - Return approx. 5:00 p.m.

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This is mostly a riding tour. Cost is \$10 per person.

### Cookbook Club (Families welcome)

LaGrange • Saturday, September 27 • 11 a.m.

This month's cookbook is *The Little House Cookbook* by Barbara M. Walker. Check out the cookbook from the library, find a recipe, make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-in! Families welcome. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided. Cookbook Club meets the 4th Saturday of each month.

# September Events

## Breakfast With the Birds

Wednesday, Sept 17 • 9–11 am  
Maple Wood Nature Center

The September topic: Our Great Lakes  
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## Quilt Class

Saturday, Sept 20 • 9 am–3 pm  
Maple Wood Nature Center

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## Folk Jams

Folk Jams at Maple Wood Nature  
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## Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, Sept 6 • 9 am  
Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

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reward. Rewards will be handed out at the  
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## Youth Day at Dallas Lake Park

Saturday, Sept 6 • 10 am–1 pm (Grades 6–12)  
Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

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## Canoe Regatta at Wall Lake Beach

Sunday, Sept 14 • 9 am–1 pm  
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Instead of fancy sailboats, bring your  
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a series of races. Details are still being  
finalized. We look forward to sharing a  
fun opportunity with you. Participants  
will need to provide their own canoe,  
paddles, and life jacket. For information  
about events and programs, contact the  
Events Planner, Daniel at 260-854-2225  
or dschelinski@lagrangeparks.in.gov.

## Patchwork Trails

Tuesday, Sept 16 • 6–7 pm

Mike Metz Fen Trail at Pine Knob Park  
Meet in parking lot outside Pine Knob  
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approximately 1 hour. Please dress for the  
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**2 Annual** **Saturday August 30 2025**

**Trailblazing Towards Tomorrow**

**Topeka Auction Barn**

**3-5pm Horse & Wagon**  
**3-6:30pm Benefit Supper**  
**HORSE RELATED ENTERTAINMENT**  
**5:30pm HEAR THE DAVID & GOLIATH STORY**

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Hi Friends!

Wow, September is almost here! We are surviving the heat, but hopefully it will ease up a tad with the changing season. Autumn is my favorite time of year...I just wish it wasn't such a short season. We all know what that leads in to. 🍷

August has had some exciting events. We have the ongoing Farmer's Market at the West Park each Thursday, 11-7:00pm. Come and see what our local vendors have to offer.

Friday, August 22 from 6-9:00pm "Live Music in the Park" with The Hubie Ashcraft Band. Also, the Cool Car Cruise-In and food trucks on Morrow St. from 4-9:00pm. As I'm typing this it is still coming up, but I'm hoping everyone has a super evening full of food, fun and great music! Our town is really growing with activities. This is what it's all about... bringing everyone together.

We still have time to gear up for the 2nd annual Trailblazing Towards Tomorrow horse and wagon benefit ride at Topeka Auction Barn. It will be Saturday, August 30th from 3-5:00pm. Check out the ticket and contact information on the flyer on this page. There is also the Hometown Cook-Out from 3-6:30pm, Horse related entertainment AND at 5:30pm you can hear the David & Goliath story. It sounds like an amazing evening!

Labor Day weekend is coming. I'm praying everyone has a safe and amazing weekend!

Sincerely,

Connie Gadson

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# David M. Findlay Named to Indianapolis Business Journal's Indiana 250 List for Fourth Consecutive Year



Photo submitted

Lake City Bank is proud to announce that David M. Findlay, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been named to the Indianapolis Business Journal's Indiana 250 list for the fourth consecutive year.

The annual list recognizes the state's most influential and impactful leaders across business, philanthropy, the arts, government and not-for-profits.

"It's an honor to be recognized alongside such influential leaders making an impact in our state," Findlay said. "This list highlights the incredible depth and strength of leadership we have in Indiana to keep our communities moving forward."

Findlay serves as the Chairman of the boards of directors and Chief Executive Officer of Lakeland Financial and Lake City Bank. He also served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 2014-2023, President and Chief Financial Officer from 2010-2014 and Chief Financial Officer from 2000-2010.

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

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A full list of those included on the 2025 Indiana 250 list is available on the Indianapolis Business Journal's website at [www.indiana250.com](http://www.indiana250.com).

## Lake City Bank's Lauren Beatty Promoted to Retail Banking Officer



Photo submitted

Lake City Bank is pleased to announce that Lauren Beatty has been promoted to Retail Banking Officer at the bank's South Bend North-

west branch. In this position, Beatty leads sales and service efforts in the branch, manages the daily operations of the office and supports office staff in their efforts to provide quality service and build customer relationships. She has been with the bank for four years. Beatty earned an associate degree in business administration from Ivy Tech Community College.

## Lake City Bank's Melissa E. Bailey Promoted to Credit Administration Officer



Photo submitted

Lake City Bank is pleased to announce that Melissa E. Bailey has been promoted to Credit Administration Officer.

In this position, Bailey supports

commercial bankers by analyzing customer financial positions and completing loan submissions. She also assists with training new credit analysts and tests and implements software solutions used for the credit process. Bailey has been with the bank for three years.

Bailey earned her bachelor's degree from Purdue University. She volunteers with Junior Achievement.

## Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society will meet Monday, September 15, at 6:30 pm, in the

Farver School Museum at 315 N Morton St. in Shipshewana.

The program for the evening will be "Train Wreck in and Around Topeka". The presentation will feature photos and newspaper clippings dating back to 1912.

"Very few things fuel the curiosity and brings out the onlookers like the mangled remains of train cars after a wreck," says Topeka Historical Society president Harold Gingerich.

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# LaGrange County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application Now Open

The 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is now available in LaGrange County through the LaGrange County Community Foundation. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP) will provide 147 scholarships statewide and one scholarship in LaGrange County. LECSP scholarships may be used for otherwise unreimbursed full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year. The special allocation may cover the costs for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

The program, administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and locally in LaGrange County through the LaGrange County Community Foundation, is open to all Indiana residents who:

- Graduate from an accredited Indiana high school by 2026 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2026;
- Intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an eligible college or university in Indiana; and
- Meet criteria specific to their local community foundation.

To be eligible in LaGrange County, students must be a LaGrange County resident, graduating from an accredited LaGrange County high school by June 30, 2026, with a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Students will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, motivation to succeed, employment history, extracurricular involvement, and essay responses.

Two recommendations must be submitted with the application: one from a teacher and one from a community member.

Students can learn more about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in LaGrange County and at LCCF.net/LillyScholarship. Applications must be completed and submitted by Monday, September 15, 2025, at 4:00 pm to be considered.

The Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee will review applications in September and select five finalists. The top five finalists will be announced in early October and invited to attend the Scholarship Workshop on October 14, 2025.

At the workshop, finalists will be required to complete an impromptu essay and Community Foundation staff will share tips about the interview process.

Five students will be selected as finalists and invited to interviews during the day on October 21, 2025, at the LaGrange County Community Foundation. All finalists will be responsible for preparing a 5-7 minute digital presentation for the Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Following the interviews, the LaGrange County Community Foundation will nominate one local graduating senior for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship; their name will be submitted to ICI for final approval.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in early December.

The finalists not selected for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will receive the Lambright Leadership Scholarship, a \$1,000 four-year renewable scholarship.

Lilly Endowment created LECSP


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for the 1997-98 school year and has supported the program every year since with tuition grants totaling more than \$505 million. More than 5,400 Indiana students have received Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships since the program's inception.

The primary purposes of LECSP are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

LaGrange County Community Foundation is again pleased to offer LECSP for its 29th year in LaGrange County.

"We are grateful to be able to offer the LECSP Scholarship to our local students. It opens opportunities for the recipient to attend a school that otherwise might not have been possible," said Octavia Yoder, LCCF Executive Director. "LaGrange County is home to exceptional student scholars who are committed, caring community members. We look forward to recognizing the hearts and minds of our community's talented young people."

The LaGrange County Community Foundation's mission is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership, and service. Founded in 1991, the Community Foundation connects people to charitable causes and provides resources to nonprofits to make a lasting impact. 

# LaGrange County Community Foundation accepting Heart of Gold Award nominations

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is seeking nominations for its 16th annual Heart of Gold Award, an honor given to a LaGrange County individual making a difference through volunteering.

The Heart of Gold Award honors LaGrange County citizens who embrace a volunteer spirit, serve others and work to create positive change. Nominations are sought for individuals who recognize needs and fulfill them; share time and energy for the sake of others; render a service which changes lives; work to create positive change; and inspire others to volunteer. Any person, regardless of age, who enhances the quality of life of others is eligible for nomination.

Nominations for the 2025 Heart of Gold Award will be accepted until September 5, 2025. A review committee of the Community Foundation Board of Directors will select the recipient from submitted nominations.

Previous Heart of Gold recipients are Kent Andrews, 2024; Amy Whit-ed, 2023; Allisa Brown, 2022; Shanon Staton and Dean Domer, 2021; Erica Cook, 2020; Richard Yoder, 2019; Larry Strayer, 2018; Kevin Lambright, 2017; Steve Sherck, 2016; Sue Keenan, 2015; Jack Miller, 2014; Randy Packer, 2013; Colton Strawser, 2012; Rhonda Bartlett, 2011; and Dave Clark, 2010.


“Each year, we’re inspired by the selfless individuals who pour their time and energy into causes throughout LaGrange County. These volunteers don’t do it for recognition - they do it because

they believe in making a difference. The Community Foundation is proud to honor their unwavering commitment and heartfelt service,” said Executive Director Octavia Yoder.

While many people go above and beyond and do great things on the job, the Heart of Gold Award is designed to honor the volunteers who make a difference serving with LaGrange County nonprofits and community programs. Nominations cannot be made for family members or groups; nominations will only be accepted for individuals.

All nominees will be recognized at the LaGrange County Community Foundation’s Celebration of Philanthropy Reception on October 16 at Dallas Lake Park Lodge. The recipient will be announced at the event.

Each Heart of Gold nominee will receive the opportunity to direct a \$500 grant to the LaGrange County nonprofit of their choice (from an approved list provided by the LaGrange County Community Foundation). The 2025 Heart of Gold Award recipient also will have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to their LaGrange County nonprofit of choice.

The 2025 Heart of Gold Award nomination form is available on the Foundation’s website. To make a nomination, visit [Lccf.net/Heart-of-Gold-Award](http://Lccf.net/Heart-of-Gold-Award). 

## Bowen Health Teams Up with Youth Advocacy Collaborative


Bowen Health is working with a coalition of LaGrange County community groups to address and find solutions for the county’s third-highest health priority: reducing child abuse and neglect.

This effort is being spearheaded by the Youth Advocacy Collaborative (formerly known as Child Abuse & Neglect Collaborative). This coalition of community groups meets regularly to address and find solutions for child abuse and neglect in LaGrange County.

These are some of the ways Bowen Health is helping improve children’s lives in LaGrange County.

- Partnering with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), local law enforcement, probation, and Purdue Extension, Bowen Health presents age-appropriate mental health topics, such as anxiety and stress, to area 5th-grade students.
- Students at Lakeland and Prairie Heights high schools can receive pre-paid therapy sessions through Bowen Health’s Student Assistance Program. Other programs offered include Better View, a convenient way for students to participate in therapy sessions online during the school day, and Head to Toe, which helps families find the right healthcare provider for their needs.
- Bowen Health Skills Coaches work with young patients, helping them build essential skills to regulate their emotions, build meaningful friendships, and feel truly seen and heard. As they grow, these children are empowered to become constructive members of their communities.
- Working with Youth Advocacy Collaborative partners, Bowen Health supports numerous events, such as: a Sexual Assault Awareness Event, the annual Blue Campaign (raising awareness about child abuse and

neglect prevention), the LaGrange County 4-H Fair, the annual Suicide & Overdose Awareness Event, Handle With Care (a statewide program working with law enforcement and schools when a child experiences a traumatic event), the Community Baby Shower, LaGrange Communities Youth Centers' summer youth event, and others.

Partnering with the Youth Advocacy Collaborative allows Bowen Health and the other participating groups to work for real change that can improve the lives of LaGrange County children and, as a result, improve the quality of life for everyone in LaGrange County. 



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**2025 Boys JV & Varsity Soccer Team:** Back (left to right): Santiago Alarcon, Levi Fisk, Kaine Reinhold, Jacob McCoy, Caiden Schrock, Antonio Pedrosa, Ibrahem Alrasheed, and Asst. Coach Rusty Niccum. Middle: Coach Ehren Misner, Owen Weinberg, Bentley Ryall, Tyler Stutzman, Lucas Swanson, Saul Moreno, Cole Miller, Kaiden Miller, and EJ Watts. Front: Brodee Ramirez, Dallas Yoder, Illias Cherif, Collin Vandergriff, Carson Niccum, Aiden Norberg, Hunter Egli, Spencer Lambright, and Asst. Coach Libbie Kalass.

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# GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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**2025 Girls Cross Country Team:** *Back (left to right): Madi Yoder, Jada Mauck, Bailey Manns, and Coach Meghann Rainsberger. Front: Sara Bontrager, Merrill Warrener, and Eden Mauck.*

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# BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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**2025 JV Volleyball Team:** Back (left to right): JV Coach Mallory Berkey, Katie Martin, Jaylynn Brown, Alisyn Tetzloff, and Manager Sofia Ruiz. Middle: Mckayla Slabach and Brynn Bontrager. Front: Janessa Stutzman, Jillian Bontrager, and Madi Everage. Photo by Abby Wenger



# VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

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**2025 Varsity Volleyball Team:** Back (left to right): Alayah Hostetler, Maddie Grossman, Asst. Coach Taylor Eash, Addy Kauffman, and Janessa Miller. Middle: Lyndora Schrock, Kylie Singleton, Graci Engle, and Coach Whitney Rahn. Front: Kloie Yoder, Bri Kaufman, and Manager Preslee Rahn. Photo by Abby Wenger



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**2025 Boys Tennis Team:** Back (left to right): Luke Stults, Ethan Fry, Pierce Yoder, Kaden Grau, and Evan Roth. Middle: Coach Tyler Miller, Ethan Miller, Lex Thompson, Avery Christner, Hudson Yoder, and Asst. Coach Trent Stout. Front: Grady Yoder, Jaxon Miller, Aaron Roth, Blake Hostetler, and Kaden Hostetler.

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### Epilogue: Lena Schrock's Boys Made a Positive Contribution



All photos submitted

By Harold D. Gingerich

It is always gratifying to receive positive feedback from our readers; it is even more exciting when readers share with you information that answers unresolved questions. That was never truer than with the story of Lena Schrock, the Bomb Queen, that appeared in the June 2025 issue of the Hometown Treasure. So many people stopped me on the street to comment on the article. And, then there were the telephone conversations with Mel Reigsecker and Stanley Yoder, both of whom have fascinating connections with Lena and her boys. Thanks to the communication with Mel and Stan, which lead to additional research, we know a whole lot more about the family and an act of charity that saved an Indian tribe. And so, to paraphrase the late news commentator Paul Harvey, “Stay tuned for the rest of the story.”

Lena was Stan, and the late Roger Yoder's, great aunt. Stan has vivid memories visiting his Great Aunt “Betty” as she was known at the time. He also has many stories about Lena's four sons Harry, Orval, Leo, and Fred. Harry Rice married Mary Eva Riegsecker on April 11, 1936. And if we have the family



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Fred Rice

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tree straight, she was a first cousin to Mel Reigsecker's father.

By the age of 29, Magdalena "Lena" Schrock Rice's life had spiraled out of control. Estranged from her husband, having abandoned her children, and living with a man named Fred Wamquist, she was arrested on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1925, as she placed a bomb at the front door of a hardware store in Chicago. Her arrest, along with her confession, closed the files on at least 40 unsolved bombing cases.

Stan Yoder confirmed that Lena most likely never served any time in prison. "I don't think she went to jail," Stan recalls, "I think the judge felt that she was a victim." While it does not exonerate her, but after reading various 1925 newspaper reports, it does appear that Fred Wamquist clearly preyed upon and manipulated Lena into participating in the bombing ring.

Stan also remembers visiting his Aunt Betty, as she was known in later years, in Chicago. I have not been able to find if she legally changed her name to Betty, or if she simply adopted it.

There was great joy in Stan's voice as he told me about the time when Betty's husband Donald Hatch, who was an air traffic controller at O'Hare Airport, took him into the control tower. Today that would never be allowed, but back in that time it was quite a thrill for a small boy.

Mel Reigsecker also had stories to tell. Mel told me about an amazing encounter with Native Americans that took place when, as Mel recalls, Harry Rice was living in Wyoming working as a coal miner. The obituary of Harry's younger brother, Orval (1915-2013), suggests that the entire family was living there at the time when the Indians knocked on the front door.

Orval's obituary on Find-a-Grave.com (F.a.G. # 106917466) says, "Dad's early years saw the family move from farming in Texas to coalmining in Lander, WY and back to farming in Shipshewana and Goshen, IN." That would mean that Orval would have been a small boy and that Lena would have still been married to her first husband Archie Rice.

Lander, Wyoming, is in the west central part of the state. It is also home to the Wind River Indian Reservation which was established by a treaty in 1868 and is shared by Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes.

According to Mel, life was hard in Wyoming at that time. The weather was cold, and the family had almost nothing to eat when there was a knock at the door. Outside stood a group of Indians who looked like they were on the verge of starvation. The Indians asked if the family had any food that they could spare.

As the story goes, about all that the Rice family had to eat was a sack of potatoes that was stored under the floor so that they wouldn't freeze. But these people were starving. So, they got the sack and gave half of the potatoes to the Indians. With that the Indians left, and the family never saw them again.

Many years later, Harry was walking through an auto parts swap-meet in South Bend. One of the tables was operated by Native Americans, so Harry struck up a conversation. Come

# HISTORICAL FEATURE

to find out, they were originally from Wyoming. The more they talked and compared notes the more excited the people at the table became. Mel said, "All at once they jumped up and started to hop, holler, and jump around." As the story goes, they told Harry, "You are a legend in our tribe ... those potatoes saved our people from starving."

Unfortunately, we have no living Rice family members to confirm the story and tell us who made the actual decision to share the potatoes. Regardless of who it was, their father Archie, Harry, or someone else, it was an act of Christian charity that should be celebrated.

Harry Claude Rice (1913-2011) was born in Tuleta, Bee County, Texas (an Amish/Mennonite community), on



Harry Rice's headstone

August 27, 1913. He was Lena and Archie Rice's oldest child. Harry's 1940 draft card shows him working at Chase Bag Company in Goshen. While he had no degree, the 1950 U.S. Census shows him living in Clinton Township (Elkhart County) working as an industrial engineer. Stan Yoder says that he worked for Bendix. After he retired Harry spent a summer with his brother on the East Coast lobster fishing where he invented something to make lobster fishing easier. Harry Rice died on August 15, 2011, just 12 days short of his 98th birthday. He was buried in the Clinton Union Cemetery near Millersburg, Indiana.

Orval Lloyd Rice (1915-2013) was also born in Bee County, Texas, on December 12, 1915. With the family's move back to Indiana, Orval enrolled in Concord Township High School in Middlebury graduating in 1933. According to his obituary, it was in high school that, "Dad found he had a real talent for making and fixing things, especially cars." After graduating from high school, he moved to Benton Harbor, MI, and went to work for Bendix.

Knowing this raises the question of whether it was Orval, not Harry, who met the Indians at the swap meet and invented something for lobster fishing.

On October 4, 1941, Orval married Erma Faye Bullinger in Benton Harbor. Their lives changed dramatically when, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Orval enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps on December 19, 1941.

Following his death Orval's family summarized their father's distinguished military career. "When the call went out for more pilots, Dad jumped at the chance and graduated flight training Class of 43D and was commissioned a 2LT. After WWII, Dad and Mom returned to Benton Harbor, Dad transferred to the newly established Air Force Reserves and opened his auto body shop. Soon they began their family Janet, Carol, and Lloyd. However, their life was changed again when Dad went back on active duty as a pilot in 1953 for the Korean War. Since the military life suited the family, Dad decided to make the military a career. After traveling around the world with the family, and a few top-secret missions, Dad finally retired from the Air Force after his last tour in Viet Nam on February 1, 1970 and set up farming near the town of Roy where he raised Scottish Highlander cattle, gladiolas, and converted one half of the dairy barn into an auto body shop and the other half into a show horse stable area. During Dad's military career he flew the PT17 Stearman biplane, BT13 single engine, Beechcraft AT10; B17, B29, and B25 bombers; KB29 and KC97 air refuelers; C47, C54, C118, C124, and C141 transport aircraft. Dad logged a total of 9,938.6 career flight hours."

When Orval retired in 1970, he held

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# HISTORICAL FEATURE

the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He died on February 27, 2013. He was buried with full military honors on March 18, at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA.

Leo Charles Rice (1919-1986) was born in Newbury Township, LaGrange County on September 26, 1919. His birth certificate lists his father Archie as a farmer and his mother Lena as a housewife. On October 2, 1943, he married Margaret Minne Freyer in Bridgman, Michigan.

Stan Yoder seemed to recall that Leo had worked at radio station WOWO as an engineer. I have been unable to confirm that, but from his obituary we know that he had been a resident of Tucson, Arizona, for 43 years. In 1947

he opened the Leo C. Rice Plumbing Company, retiring in 1978.

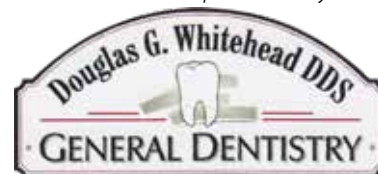
Leo and Margaret may have gotten a divorce because her Find a Grave page (117875636) has her last name as Cassell. Margaret died on June 29, 1964. Leo later married Mary Catherine McCormack, but I have been unable to find that record. On Saturday, July 26, 1986, Leo died and was buried in the East Lawn Palms Cemetery in Tucson.

Ralph Fredrick "Fred" Rice (1922-2006) was the youngest of Lena's boys. Fred was born on August 16, 1922, in White Pigeon, Michigan. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in World War II. Fred, who as a farmer in Maryland, married Elma V. Collars who passed away on June 24, 2006. Fred

died on December 5, 2006, at the age of 84 and was buried in Somerset County, Maryland.

In spite of all the adversities that they faced in their early years, the sons of Lena Schrock Rice (the Chicago Bomb Queen) grew to be successful in life. And it is interesting that several of them pointed to Gladys Ringo, who many in the Shipshewana community still remember, as being their favorite cousin.

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# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

We've let our backyard go completely to seed a couple summers in a row now, due to a combination of busy schedules, a frequently broken down mower, and just plain curiosity about what happens if we don't mow. I've had a blast wandering through the "jungle" learning about all the interesting plants springing up all over the place!

Unfortunately this combined with our new neighbors not being quite as fastidious about gardening as our previous neighbors, has meant that the fence between our properties is no longer merely decoratively festooned with vines, but instead more resembles a mountain of vines.

Last night I had the distinctly satisfying task of ripping the vines down and taming them!  Solution on page 35.

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**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: **September 23, 2025.** *Please allow time for mail delivery.*
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. *Next month's winner will receive a 25\$ Gift Certificate to Tiffany's Restaurant and more!*
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

**LAST MONTH'S WINNERS**

**Joe & Deann Fry, 450 N, Shipshewana** correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Sam & Nettie Lehman, 1220 N-57, Topeka, IN.** 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 **Naomi Lehman, 500 W, Shipshewana, IN.** Third prize went to **Dennis & Waneta Yoder, 200 S, Topeka, IN**



There were 22 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Richard & Carolyn Lambright, Floyd & Betty Miller, David & Marlene Miller, Kevin & Miriam Miller, Joe & Fannie Mae Bontrager, Cletus & Rosetta Miller, Elva & Velma Miller, John Allen & Rosetta Yoder, Joe & Pollyanna Whetstone, Junior & Mabel Miller, Perry & Thelma Hochstetler, Samuel Jr. & Elnora Bontrager, Jake & Fannie Eash, Larry & Tina Yoder, Daniel & Cristina Bontrager, Larry & Ruby Hochstetler, Amos Jay & Ida Anna Miller, Jr. & Marilyn Bontrager, Marcus & Ruth Yoder.

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# Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Madison Lambright of 250N, Shipshewana was our winner for the August-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 September.

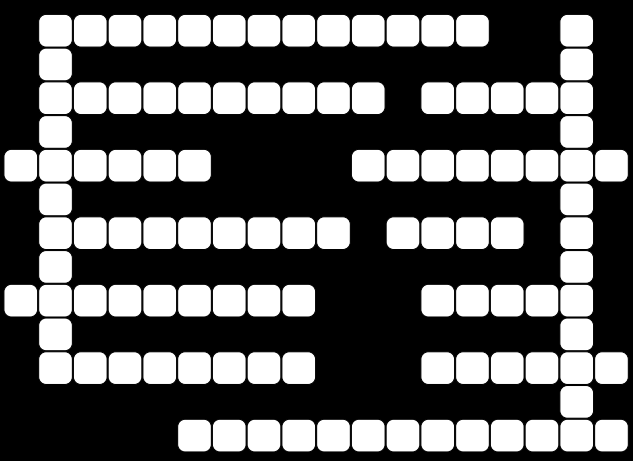
Runners-up were Amy Rose Herschberger, age 6; Jonathan Hostetler, age 5; Kara Ruth Weaver, age 4; Hannah, age 3; Adrian Luke Fry, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Makiah Beechy, age 6; Hanna Miller, age 6; Kenton Slabach, age 6; Andrea Yoder, age 6; Maryann Bontrager, age 6; and Seth Yoder, age 6. Check out page 33 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. 



Bleeding Heart  
Burning Bush  
Butterfly Bush  
Chrysanthemum  
Coneflower  
Dahlia  
Goldenrod  
Heuchera  
Iris  
Lavender  
Lupine  
Pansy  
Sunflower  
Tulip

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!  
(Might be backwards)



## Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless  
Crossword is on pg 35.  
by Marsha Patrick

# WHICH FISH COSTS THE MOST?



Answer on page 35.

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*Clueless*  
**CROSSWORD**  
*By Marsha Patrick*  
*Solution*  
*to the puzzle on page 32.*  
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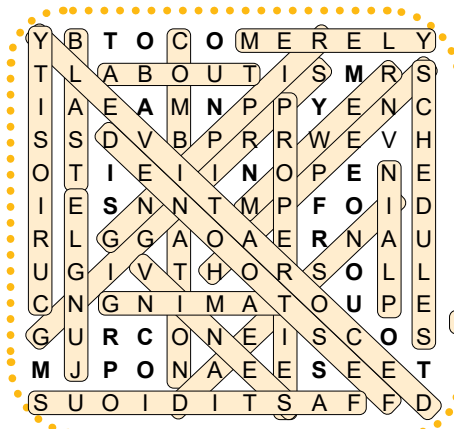
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**A GOLDFISH**

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Solution to puzzle on page 31



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