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- 1) Kaden Grau serves to his opponent.
- 2) Blake Hostetler returns a volley.
- 3) Pierce Yoder celebrates a win over his opponent.
- 4) Lex Thompson returns a short volley.
- 5) Kaden Hostetler prepares for his turn at serving to his opponent.

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- 1) Kaleb Liechty kicks the ball across the midfield line.
- 2) Adam Alamari watches as the ball comes toward him.
- 3) Ryan Mast gains control of the ball.
- 4) Hadley Yoder uses a powerful kick to move the ball down the field.
- 5) Brinley Kraft fends off her Argos opponent to maintain control of the ball.
- 6) Kierra Roose takes the first kick from the midfield line.

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HS Cross Country



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1) Noah Bontrager leads the entire field of runners.

2) Charlie Double makes his way through the course.

3) Sara Bontrager finds her rhythm and sets her pace.

4) Merrill Warrener has her eye on the finish line.

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HS Girls Soccer



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1) Olivia Bontrager has control of the ball and kicks it closer to the goal.

2) Tori Taylor fends off her Lakeland opponent for control of the ball.

3) MariJo Mast kicks the ball down the field.

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Winning Warriors



FALL SPORTS INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Kaden Grau and Luke Stults won the regional championship for 1 doubles Varsity tennis.

Noah Bontrager won the sectional champion in boys cross country with a time of 15:18.4.

Joining Noah as regional qualifiers in boys cross country are Evan Beechy and Lucas Mullet.

Girls cross country regional qualifiers are Merrill Warrener, Bailey Manns and Sara Bontrager.

Congratulations, Warriors! 🏆



The Comforts of Home

Brody and his family attend my church. Brody also attends the day care housed in the church basement. Feeling a little anxious, one day his mother agreed to let him take a few small toys from home to help him feel better. There was one condition: since toys from home aren't allowed at Daycare (except for the nap-time teddy), he must place the toys in their church family mailbox in the lobby for safekeeping. At the end of the day, he can take them home.

Brody outgrew his anxiousness, but taking toys and placing them in the church lobby mailbox became a tradition. As the church secretary, I'm always pleased to see what Brody brought that day as I stuff newsletters and flyers into the mailboxes on the lobby wall. It's usually a couple of Matchbox cars or trucks, or an occasional action figure. Tiny little trinkets that connect Brody to home. Although he doesn't see them throughout the day, he knows they are there, and he will see them again at days end. Something for sweet Brody to look forward to.

Like my little friend Brody, I

also enjoy the comforts of home. A home-cooked meal, my recliner, a garden of fresh vegetables, and the laughter of those I love the most.

However, as an adult living in this chaotic world, where the weight of life's hardships seems insurmountable, even the



comforts of home are insufficient on some days. Some days, there is surmounting chaos and unbearable grief, and you feel like comfort and peace are as distant as the galaxies.

But, as a Christian, the comforts of home mean something entirely different. We are indeed blessed with many things that bring us joy here on earth, but for Christians, our comfort lies in the promise of our heavenly home.

Revelation 21:4 tells us there

will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain there. Everything will be made new. Further down in the passage, John sees a vision of heaven with its streets of gold, gates of pearl, and walls made of precious stones. The city is illuminated by the glory of God. Jesus tells us in John 14:2-3 that in His Father's house, there are many mansions where we will dwell with Him eternally. When folks say that things sound "heavenly," they aren't kidding!

As a Christian, the comforts we can bank on after we leave this temporary place far outweigh anything we have obtained financially or been blessed by God with here on earth. Just as Brody doesn't see his trinkets all day, yet knowing they are there gives him comfort, the same is true for me. I don't see the glory of heaven, but because I believe the Holy Word of God, I know it is there.

Colossians 3:2 encourages us to set our sights on things above, not earthly things. Like Brody, I'm going to cling to the comforts of home. I'll simply be looking up! 🙏

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Monday, Oct. 6
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LaGrange County

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Suite 201

Thursday, Oct. 2, noon to 6 p.m.



The real meaning of diversification in investing

In the world of investing, we've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors.

However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice. When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may re-

sult in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed. It becomes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

True diversification still matters. While consolidating accounts makes

sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

Diversification goes beyond just stocks and bonds. Take bonds, for instance: You can diversify by bond type (municipal, corporate and government), bond maturity (through a strategy called "laddering") and bond sector to spread risk across different parts of the economy.

How to get started. If your retirement savings and investment accounts are scattered among various financial institutions, consider consolidating everything with one trusted financial advisor. The streamlined record-keeping, potential for reduced fees and comprehensive financial guidance can help improve your wealth-building potential while making your financial life simpler to manage. **i**

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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for November 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 or call 260-463-2841.

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M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Topeka Branch

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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

All library locations will be **CLOSED** on November 27 & 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Youth Interest

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

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays • 11 a.m.

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

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

LaGrange • Every Wednesday in November • 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.

Makerspace: Sepcial Science Central Program (Ages K-5th)

LaGrange • Wednesday, November 5 • 6-7 p.m.

Parents must stay with kids 10 & under. Investigate how to solve problems by using the engineering process in this fun, hands-on lab by Science Central. Students will examine the parts of the engineering process, then create and modify a paper glider.

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

LaGrange • Thursdays in November • 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 (Grades 6-12)

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

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

Pokemon Club (Ages 8-18)

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

Join us to have fun playing Pokemon, trading cards, and learning strategies. Bringing cards to trade is optional. Sign up is not required.

Homeschool Hangout (Registration not required)

LaGrange • Friday, November 14 • 10:30 am - Noon p.m.

Join other homeschool families for a laid-back time to hang out, play games, relax together, share ideas and make new friends!

Book Clubs

Books & Banter Book Club: (Grade 7-12) (formerly Teen B.C.)

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

Impossible Creatures, by Katherine Rundell

At each meeting we will discuss the book we read over the last month and do fun activity or craft related to the story.

Books Buddies Book Club: (Grade 1-3) (formerly Elementary B.C.)

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

The Secret Explorers and the Jurassic Rescue by S J King

You will get your book at the meeting, no registration required. At each meeting we will start reading our book together and do a fun activity, then you will take the book home with you to finish reading.

Page Turners Book Club: (Grade 3-7) (formerly Mid-Grade B.C.)

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

The Bookwanderers by Anna James.

Come to the library in October to get your book for November. At each meeting we will discuss the book we read over the last month and do fun activity or craft related to the story.

Teen Video Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 24 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Join us on the 4th Monday of each month for Nintendo Switch, Wii and VR. Come and go as you are able during this time. We will have snacks and TV's set up to play!

Adult Interest

Culinary Adventures: A Taste of New York (Ages 12+)

Thursday, November 6

Otter Bay Deli • 655 W SR 120, Suite C-23, Fremont, IN

Meet at the restaurant at 11 am. Join a group to explore interesting restaurants and food stores throughout our area! All food purchases at your own expense.

Register at the LaGrange Library or by calling 260-463-2841 x1030.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

Saturday, November 8 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss "Three Things about Elsie" by Joanna Cannon. Eighty-four year old Florence has fallen in her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, she thinks about her friend Elsie and wonders if a terrible secret from their past is about to come to light. If the charming new resident is who he claims to be, why does he look exactly like a man who died sixty years ago? Copies available at the LaGrange Adult Services Desk.

Archi-Trek: Three Rivers (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, November 13 • Depart 8:30 am - Return 5:00 pm Depart & Return: LaGrange Co. Public Library • Cost \$10 per person.

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

The junction of the St. Joseph, Rocky, and Portage Rivers was an ideal transportation hub hundreds of years ago, and still is today. Culture and commerce overlap via water, rail, or road. Food purchases at your own expense. Registration required as space is limited. Register by cash or check at the Library, or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or by mailing a check to **Green Bus Tours**.

Make & Take with Deb - Large Poinsettia Wreath (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, November 12 • 6 p.m.

Participants will make a winter door decoration from poly burlap, ball ornaments, and a wire form. Cost is \$25 per person. Must register with a non-refundable \$15 deposit by November 4 at Adult Services Desk LaGrange Library.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, November 22 • 11 a.m. | Families welcome.

This month's cookbook is: *Baking Yesteryear*. by B. Dylan Hollis. Check out the cookbook from the library, choose a recipe. Make it and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Cookbook Club meets the 4th Saturday of each month.

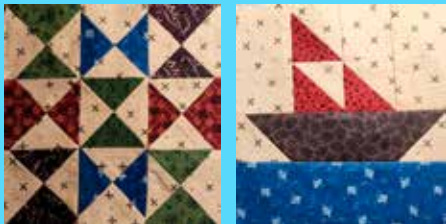
November Events

Quilt Class

Saturday, Nov 22 • 9 am–3 pm
Maple Wood Nature Center

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

Patterns: UGRR Bow Tie & Sailboat, and Tree Wall Hanging. Registration is required. To register, call the Park Office at 260-854-2225.



Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, Nov 1 • 9 am
Pine Knob Park
2835 E SR 120, Howe

Every Park Every Trail Walking Club is an opportunity to walk in one of our parks at least once, improve your health, and hopefully qualify for a fun new reward at the end of the season! Check in at Trailhead by office. All walks begin at 9 am. A park representative will be present for check-in at the specified location. Walk at your own pace. Each trail is approximately 2 miles long. Dress for the weather, trail conditions, and personal comfort. Bring water. You must walk at least once at each of the five trails (2 repeat) to receive a reward. Rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.



Trail of Lights

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Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/ Walk

Thursday Nov 27 • 8 am
Delt Church Park

6455S 200W, Wolcottville, IN

Hosted by Friends of LaGrange County Parks. 8 am: Check-in and Walk-in Reg.

8:30 am: Turkey Trot begins

Online Reg. now open on *EventBrite.com*. Fee: \$15 per participant. This is not a timed event. Enjoy the scenery! Fun awards and refreshments will be shared afterward in the Greenwood Pavilion.

First Day Hike: A Glow Walk Trail

Thursday, Jan 1, 2026 • 5:30-7 pm
Delt Church Park

6455S 200W, Wolcottville, IN

Be a part of the national movement of First Day Hikes and begin 2026 with a step towards good health. The glow walk trail will start at and end at the trail head. We invite you to wear family-friendly glow in the dark clothes and accessories. Dress for the elements! Free beverages in the Greenwood Pavilion for participants, while supplies last. RSVP's are encouraged! Call the Park Office at 260-854-2225, by Friday, December 26.

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2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Finalists: From left, Lydia Jacobson, Myra Miller, Bentley Ryall, Briana Kaufman, and Audrianna Martin were recently selected as finalists for the 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The group participated in a Scholarship Success Workshop at the LaGrange County Community Foundation on October 14 as part of the next phase of the selection process. Photo submitted.

LaGrange County Community Foundation announces 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship finalists

Five LaGrange County high school seniors have been selected as finalists for the 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. This award provides full tuition and a \$900 annual book stipend for four years at any Indiana college or university.

The 2026 finalists are Lydia Jacobson of Lakeland High School; and Briana Kaufman, Audrianna Martin, Myra Miller, and Bentley Ryall, all of Westview High School.

This year, the Foundation received 23 competitive applications from students representing all three LaGrange County high schools. The scholarship honors students who excel academically and demonstrate leadership and community engagement. Applications were evaluated on academic performance, involvement in school and

community activities, extracurricular participation, work experience, honors and awards, personal statements, essays, and letters of recommendation.

All finalists participated in a scholarship workshop at the Community Foundation on October 14, led by Scholarship Manager, Beth Retterbush. The session included interview preparation and an impromptu essay exercise.


Finalists will return later this month for interviews and to present their personal digital portfolios to the Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee. These scores, combined with their application evaluations, will determine the nominee and two alternates recommended to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), which will select the final recipient. The winner will be announced in December.

In addition to the full-tuition award, LaGrange County finalists not selected as the Lilly Scholar will receive the Lambright Leadership Scholarship, a \$4,000 award established in 2013 by Kevin and Carrie Lambright.

Audrianna Martin intends to major in Animal Science and minor in Biochemistry. Briana Kaufman plans to study Applied Medicine. Lydia Jacobson plans to pursue a degree in Architecture. Bentley Ryall is interested in Biomedical Engineering or Computer Science. Myra Miller plans to study Psychology or Social Work.

“All five finalists have shown exemplary dedication to excellence in both school and their community. We are honored to administer this scholarship for the 29th year. They are wonderful representatives for LaGrange County,” said Beth Retterbush, Scholarship Manager.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to: 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.

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Flu shot clinics aim to prevent seasonal illness in northeast Indiana communities

Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) is now offering flu shot clinics throughout northeast Indiana for both patients and the public to protect themselves ahead of the upcoming flu season.

Flu shots will be available for individuals aged six months and older, including the regular trivalent vaccine that covers three flu strains and the high-dose vaccine recommended for those aged 65 and older, who may have a less robust immune response.

"Although we can't know for sure how this flu season will unfold, it's crucial to take all possible steps to protect your health," said Dr. Scott Stienecker, medical director of Epidemiology and Infection Prevention at Parkview Health. "Influenza is a potentially serious respiratory illness, and vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent it or reduce its impact."

Influenza (flu) viruses affect and can be fatal for vulnerable populations in Indiana. According to the Indiana Department of Health, 5% to 20% of the nation's population contracts the flu annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises everyone six months and older to get vaccinated, particularly those at higher risk for severe complications. This includes older adults, pregnant women, young children, and individuals with heart, lung or kidney disorders, as well as chronic conditions like asthma, obesity or weakened immune systems.

Children under five – especially those younger than two – are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. While older children are generally not at high risk themselves, they can still transmit the virus to more vulnerable family

members. The flu can spread starting a day before symptoms appear and up to seven days after becoming sick.


Flu shot clinics will be offered at multiple Parkview locations across northeast Indiana. For a complete list of flu shot clinic locations and hours, visit parkview.com/flu.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call 1-877-PPG-TODAY (877-774-8632). For individuals with health care coverage, insurance will be billed; otherwise, individuals will be billed for the shot fee.


Reminders

- Guests should wear clothing that allows clinic volunteers easy access

to their upper arm to administer the vaccinations.

- Those experiencing symptoms of illness – such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, sneezing, fever, fatigue, muscle aches and/or headache – are asked not to receive a vaccine until symptoms are no longer present. 

Free Community Thanksgiving Supper

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Westview Boys Varsity Basketball Ticket Sales Information

High School Boys Basketball season passes, and reserved seats will go on sale November 10. Passes may be purchased from the athletic office located at Westview High School during normal school hours. School will be closed on November 26-28 for Thanksgiving Break. Season passes and reserved seats will also be sold during the JV Boys Basketball game on 12/05/25.

2025/2026 Boys Basketball Prices

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

IF YOU NO LONGER WANT YOUR RESERVED SEAT, please call 768-4411 and let us know ASAP, this way we may open them up to so others may purchase.

LaGrange County Chamber Launches “Shop Local & Win” Campaign


The LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of a new initiative designed to highlight the power of shopping local. The Shop Local & Win campaign will run from November 1 through December 21, encouraging residents to support LaGrange County businesses throughout the holiday season.

Here’s how it works: anytime you spend \$25 or more at a LaGrange County business, you can submit your receipt to the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses. Every \$25 spent earns you one entry into the drawing, but if you shop at a LaGrange County Chamber Member business, your entry will triple, earning you three entries for every \$25 spent.

“This initiative is all about celebrating our local businesses and reminding residents that every purchase made here in LaGrange County strengthens our community,” said Sara Patrick, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce. “Shopping local keeps dollars in our local economy, supports jobs, and builds a stronger, more connected community.”

Weekly prize drawings will take place on November 24, December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22.

Participants can visit www.lagrangechamber.org/shoplocal to learn more, view official rules and exclusions, and submit receipts.

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MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH

Each month 15 MES students are recognized during the monthly school wide Family Meeting assembly. These students have shown safety, responsibility, and respect throughout the month. Winners receive a certificate, a Mighty Mustang medal, and get to participate in a game during the assembly. Pictured are the winners from September of the 2025-2026 school year. Go Mustangs! 📌



Back Row (left to right): Jaida Rohm (4th), Ruby Davis (4th), Ashton Yoder (4th), Jayna Miller (4th), Colton Beechy (4th). **Middle Row:** Weston Stutzman (3rd), Kara Troyer (3rd), Benson Schlabach (2nd), Nicole Lehman (2nd), Brent Miller (5th). **Front Row:** Gracie Craig (1st), Nicole Miller (1st), Jeremy Beechy (1st), Austin Miller (K), Callie Lehman (K). Photo submitted.

Harvest of the Month

When life gives you apples, make apple nachos! Using the apples provided to us from Parkview's Harvest of the Month program, 4C at Meadowview decided to try something new with our apples. We made apple nachos. Students could choose from a variety of toppings and then enjoyed the sweet, crunchy, (and sometimes sticky) treat.

Thank you Parkview and local orchards for the apples and for supporting Harvest of the Month! 📌



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Fire Safety Day

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Here are some photos from our Fire Safety day for 1st and 3rd graders. Lyle Wingard and Chris Lord stopped by to show us their gear and some safety reminders. 

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Student Advisory/Quarter 1 Awards

Topeka's Student Advisory hosted the quarter 1 awards where we honored students for both academic and behavior achievements. We even had a skit written and performed by a group of fourth graders. We are so proud of all that our Topeka Bears have accomplished! 



Student Advisory: June Yoder, Case Grossman, Quinleigh Miller, Ryker Ball, Bryleigh Miller, Edison Martin, Victor Vander Roest, Jana Miller, Sam Reffett, Raeola Gingerich



Reading Awards



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Math Awards

Enjoying the Weather

We are enjoying the unseasonably warm weather while we can! 📍



First Grade to Potawatomi Zoo

First grade went to the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend. It was a perfect fall day to explore the zoo and enjoy time with friends. 📍



All photos submitted

Composing Rhythm Pieces

5th grade students have been working on composing rhythm pieces in music class. They worked in a small group to compose a short piece to perform on the drums. 📌



Engineering Unit

Mrs. Gongwer's class tested out their flying devices they made during their engineering unit! 📌

Outstanding Citizens



Outstanding citizens for the first grading period are Grayson England, Jayna Miller, Eric Riehl, Knox Cripe, Avery England, Ava Bontrager, Kylie Wingard, Seth Slabach, Bryan Lehman, Sadie Hostetler, Hadley Keim, Krystal Schlabach, Kristen Lambright, Griffin Brohm and Kaylee Yoder.

PTO provided coupons to JoJo Pretzels and Topeka Pizza along with various food treats. These are the winners for the third grading period. 📌

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Flag Football

Westview Elementary's fifth and sixth graders have been participating in a flag football unit. A few sixth grade students even took the initiative to create and practice their own plays. 📌

Thermodynamics

Mr. Stump's class recently studied changes in matter and how heat energy works. They had a contest to build the best cooler to see how long they could make their ice last. Each student measured the mass of their ice and the volume of the melt water to determine their cooler performance. Their study of Thermodynamics was pretty COOL. Thanks to all of the parents that helped out with the construction process. 📌



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NECC Cross Country Championship

The Westview Jr High boys cross country team won the NECC cross country championship on October 9. This is the 13th time in the past 14 years the boys have won the conference championship. Individual conference champion was Westview's Kendall Lambright.

The Westview Jr High girls cross country team placed second in the NECC cross country championship on October 9. This is the 14th year in a row that the girls team from Westview has placed either conference champion or conference runner-up. This is the longest active streak in the conference. 📌



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Westview Jr./Sr. High

Westview Jr. Sr High School Parent Shadow Day Thursday, November 13, 2025


Schedule of Event:

- 7:45-8:00 am** Arrival and sign-in at Door #2 (by Administration Bldg)
- 8:00-8:30 am** Welcome Message in the Media Center
- 8:30-11:10 am** Attend morning classes (1st through 4th period) with your student
- 11:10-12:40 pm** Attend 4th hour and have lunch with your student
- 12:45 pm** Wrap-up meeting in Media Center

Westview is looking forward to providing an opportunity for parents to see their children in action. If you have any further questions, please contact Laurel Miller, Junior High Guidance Counselor at (260) 768-4146 Ext #: 6110 

Ag Potato Project

Westview's incoming 8th grade students participated in an introduction to agriculture, food, and natural resources. Over the summer, they were assigned the task of growing potatoes. They were required to maintain records of their potato cultivation and submit these for grading. The harvested potatoes were then brought to school. The potatoes were prepared by the school cafeteria so the students and staff could enjoy them during the lunch period on September 25th.

Cody Hill was willing to share his experience during the summer. Cody took a large wooden box and layered dirt and other organic materials. He learned what worked and also what he needed to change for the next time. 



Avian Influenza: Staying Safe



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Avian influenza, known as bird flu, is a virus that can infect birds, other animals, and sometimes humans. **The risk of humans becoming infected with avian influenza is low.**

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) are working together to monitor for avian influenza and the overall risk to the public.

How Avian Influenza Spreads

People can become infected when the avian influenza virus is inhaled or gets into a person's eyes, nose or mouth. People who have close contact with sick birds have the highest risk of becoming infected with an avian influenza virus.



Steps to Protect Yourself:

• Avoid Contact with Wild Birds

- Do not touch sick or dead waterfowl
- Observe wild birds and other animals from a distance. Avoid touching or feeding wild birds, even if they don't look sick
- Avoid coming into contact with bird droppings or surfaces that may contain bird droppings
- If you keep birdfeeders and birdbaths on your property, clean them regularly with a 10% bleach and hot water solution, rinse thoroughly, and then allow them to completely dry before refilling. Clean up birdseed that has fallen below birdfeeders.
- Do not feed wild birds, especially waterfowl, near domestic flocks. If you come in contact with any bird that appears unhealthy, wash your hands with soap and water and change clothing and shoes before coming in contact with a domestic flock or captive birds.

• Backyard Flock Guidance

- Hobby poultry owners are encouraged to be aware of the signs of avian influenza and report illness and/or death to the USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593. Callers will be routed to a state or federal veterinarian in Indiana for a case assessment. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing. Keep dedicated boots/footwear in the chicken coop and don't wear them other places.

• Report Sick or Dead Birds

- Report any cases of sick or dead wild birds to the DNR at on.in.gov/avian-flu.

• Practice Good Hygiene

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after any contact with birds or their droppings
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- If wild birds must be handled, protective equipment such as safety goggles, disposable gloves, and an N95 mask should be worn

• Keep Pets Away

- Keep domestic animals, especially poultry and cats, away from wild birds and areas where wild birds congregate

• Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk

- Cooked poultry and eggs and pasteurized dairy products are safe to eat. Pasteurization and cooking kills avian flu viruses.



If You Develop Symptoms:

If you experience flu-like symptoms, such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, or conjunctivitis after handling birds, contact your healthcare provider for guidance and inform them about your contact with birds.



Online Resources:

- Indiana Department of Health - Avian Influenza: https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/respiratory-disease/influenza/avian-influenza/#How_are_avian_influenza_viruses_spread
- DNR - Avian Flu (Bird Flu): <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/wildlife-diseases-in-indiana/avian-flu-bird-flu/>
- Updates are available from BOAH at: <https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/>

JH BOYS X-COUNTRY

State Runner-up



Photo submitted

The Westview Jr. High boys cross country team was the Indiana State runner-up team in Saturday's Indiana State Meet. The boys scored 102 total points and were only 19 points away from the state champions from Heritage Christian in Indianapolis. Westview had 3 All-State runners in the race that were Kendall Lam-bright (11th), Tyler Mast (15th) and Anthony Otto (24th). The Westview boys JV team also



placed 2nd at state. Nicolas Yutzy (12th) was the top finisher for Westview in the JV race.

The Westview Jr. High girls cross country team placed 13th out of 46 qualifying schools in the Indiana state meet on Saturday. Kierra Roose was the top runner from Westview placing 31st overall in the race. The Westview JV girls placed 4th in the JV state meet.



“Just Give Them Some Castoria”

By Harold D. Gingerich

Stock photo

For those of us who grew up in the 1950s, castor oil and Fletcher’s Castoria were a common treatment for whatever ailed you. Castoria wasn’t too bad, but a tablespoon of castor oil was just plain nasty. I remember as a boy growing up on U.S. 20 several miles east of Albany, Oregon, my mother always kept a bottle of Castoria in the upstairs bathroom medicine cabinet. Other than cough syrup, it was the only “medicine” I remember taking as a kid.

To tell the truth, I had forgotten all about that foul stuff until I came across a 1925 newspaper ad in the Topeka Journal. That started me thinking, “Who ever came up with Castoria and why?” Maybe it was the creation of someone with abusive parents who forced them as a kid to drink castor oil. I wondered if you could still buy Cas-

toria today. Inquiring minds want to know these things. When I asked one of my local pharmacists if they carried it, she didn’t even know what it was.

It was Dr. Samuel Pitcher (1824-

1907) from Hyannis, Massachusetts, who filed and was granted the first patent on May 12, 1868. It was registered as a “cathartic composed of senna, sodium bicarbonate, essence of wintergreen, dandelion, sugar and water.” This “children’s laxative” was initially sold under the name of Pitcher’s Castoria.

Dr. Pitcher began practicing medicine in 1842 as a protege of Dr. S. C. Ames of Lowell, MA. More formal studies would come later at the College of Medicine in Philadelphia from 1847-48 and Harvard Medical School in 1850. Like many in his day, he did not pursue an academic degree. Dr. Pitcher returned to the Cape Cod area where is set up a general medical practice that continued until his retirement in 1900. It is said that he made his elixir called



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Castoria in the barn behind his house.

In 1871, Charles Henry Fletcher (1837-1922), who at the age of 13 had started to work for a proprietary medicine company, formed the Centaur Company and purchased the rights to Pitcher's formula for \$10,000. That was a lot of money in 1871, but the formula, along with an ingenious sales campaign, would make Fletcher a fortune. As an expression of gratitude Fletcher presented Dr. Pitcher with a 102-piece set of solid silver in 1897. Clearly Castoria sales had been extremely profitable.

One of the reasons Charles Fletcher was able to form the Centaur Company and buy the rights to Dr. Pitcher's formula was because of the backing of a man named Demas Barnes. Barnes was most likely the person Fletcher started working for at the age of 13, but how the two got connected is not clear.

Demas Barnes (1827-1888) was a fascinating individual in his own right. He crossed the country in a wagon and studied the mineral resources of Colorado, Nevada, and California. In 1849 he moved to New York City where he later started a very successful wholesale drug company. He also served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives (1867 to 1869).

There is an interesting historical fact related to Fletcher and Barnes prior to the Civil War. Barnes had sent Fletcher to the South to collect several debts. Fletcher returned to the north having settled the accounts shortly before the April 12, 1861, attack on Fort Sumter. No doubt Fletcher's debt collecting successes, both before and after, help to explain why Barnes financially backed the formation of the Centaur Company.



Photos submitted

The mass marketing campaign that Fletcher launched for Castoria was one of the most creative, innovative and ingenious that the nation had ever seen.

When the Brooklyn Bridge was opened in 1883, there were Castoria ads on every available blank building wall near the bridge. Those images are visible in

HISTORICAL FEATURE

photos of the bridge's grand opening.

In 1884, when Castoria's parent company, Centaur Company, found out that the Pedestal Fund Committee was short on money, they offered to pay for the pedestal for the Statue of Liberty that was being constructed in New York harbor. In return they wanted the name "Castoria" to be placed on the pedestal for one year. Their offer was declined.

Fletcher's marketing strategy was clearly focused on children. Newspaper ads had adorable drawings of small children and slogans like "Baby's cry for it," and "Children cry for Fletcher's". In June of 1890 a tag line was added to the product label that read "Always bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher." The marketing campaign was a roaring success. National sales skyrocketed and Fletcher became rich.

While national sales figures for Castoria's early years are not available, it is obvious that they were substantial. More evidence of the product's popularity comes from an article by Bill Lockhart, Beau Schriever, Carol Serr, and Bill Lindsey entitled Pitcher's and Fletcher's Castoria: An Uncommon Study of Common Bottles. The authors wrote that "Long-time bottle diggers report finding so many of both Pitcher's and Fletcher's Castoria bottles that they threw them back in the holes or just left them piled on the ground."

In keeping with the opulent lifestyle of the builder barons of the Gilded Age, on July 16, 1908, Fletcher was present for the launching of his new luxury yacht the Jemima F III. It was the largest motor-powered yacht in the world. The New York Times called it "The Queen of the Motor Yachts." Built by the Charles L. Seabury Company, it



Charles H. Fletcher. Photo submitted.

was 111 feet long, with a 21-foot beam and a 260-horse motor.


During World War II there were two B-17 Flying Fortress "Fletcher's Castoria" bombers. How that came to be is yet to be discovered. Both were part of the 100th Bomber Group. According to the 100th Bomb Group Foundation website, the name came from the idea being that the plane would unload on the Germans what you would unload if you took a dose of Castoria. The first plane was lost, but fortunately the crew survived. The second survived the war and was scrapped. Coincidentally, its pilot was William H. Fletcher, though not a descendant of Charles H. Fletcher.

In 1923, following the death of Charles H. Fletcher, Sterling Drug purchased a one-quarter interest in The Centaur Company. In 1934 Sterling Drug purchased the entire company. Some fifty years later, in 1984, Sterling Drug sold the rights on Fletcher's Castoria to the Mentholatum Company. In 1988, Rohto Pharmaceutical Company from Japan purchased Mentholatum which continues to operate as a Rohto subsidiary.

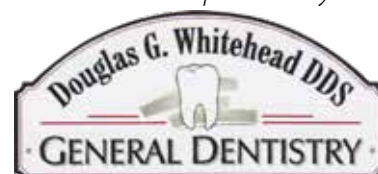
Charles H. Fletcher married Jemima Elizabeth Bright (1848-1932) in 1866. The couple had three daughters. Mymie (1868-1958) married Rev. William Morrison who was the Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Brooklyn for 16 years, as well as a police chaplain. Lucille (1873-1956) married George Howard Betts who manufactured cosmetics. Ettie (1870-1929) married Albert Bryant. Bryant is the only one of the sons-in-law to join the family business.

The Fletcher house is still standing on Berkeley Avenue in Orange, New Jersey. The house with its seven full bathrooms is privately owned.

Charles Henry Fletcher died at the age of 84 on April 9, 1922, in Orange, New Jersey. His body was laid to rest in the family mausoleum in the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. Jemima and several other family members were also buried in the family mausoleum.

Fletcher's Castoria became a part of Americana. Millions of moms across the country trusted it and gave it to their children (whether they liked it or not). Over the years the formula did undergo some changes, but it can still be purchased today under the brand name Fletcher's Laxative for Kids. So, just in case you can't find it in your local pharmacy or Walmart, Amazon has a three pack on sale for \$19.99. Mom said, "It's good for what ails you!" 

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Well its time to start gearing up for holiday baking again!
 This weekend already I'm taking some lovely cranberry & walnut rolls to a little autumn festival!

Then next weekend I'm planning to whip up something fun and spooky for a Halloween & Board Games party at a friend's house.

Then its on to the real big hitters. At least three family Thanksgivings, one Friendsgiving, four or five Christmases, New Years Eve, and probably a handful of smaller events scattered around in between all of the really big occasions.

I almost always volunteer to make bread for these events, because I've got a fantastic savory herby recipe I created, but I enjoy whipping up a dessert or two!  Solution on page 39.

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- 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: **November 18, 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

Lyle & Karin Lambright, 675W, Shipshewana, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Merwin Yoder, 6450 W 275 N, Shipshewana**.

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 & Ida Sue Bontrager, 050N, Shipshewana**. Third prize went to **Paul & Mary Yutzy, 200N, Shipshewana**. **Hint: This month's Mystery Farm is not in LaGrange County*



There were 44 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Karl & Marilyn Miller, Jr & Jeanette Wingard, Jay & Arlene Bontrager, David & JoAnn Bontrager, Dennis & Mary Sue Lehman, Ferman & Ruby Graber, Dale & JoEllen Yoder, Lavon & Ruth Jones, Orla & Verneta Bontrager, Hannah Schlabach, LaVern & Danita Miller, Lonnie & Lea Miller, Ida Carolyn Hochstetler, Floyd & Lisa Graber, Larry Wayne Yoder, Myron & Sharon Glick, Virgil & Doretta Bontrager, Wanita Miller, Wilbur & Edna Bontrager, LaVern & Katie Miller, Ezra & Wilma Bontrager, Gene & Wanda Yoder, Jr. & Marilyn Bontrager, Elmer & Mary Miller, Elmer & IdaMac Schrock, Elroy & Rachel Miller, Loren & Colleen Mullett, Marlin & Norma Lehman, Lynn & Ruth Miller, Leroy Miller, Lester & Marlene Mullett, Michael & Ida Miller, Brandon & Sharla Esh, Rose Yoder, Lonnie & Cheryl Yoder, Ezra & Mary Ellen Yoder, Leland & Ruth Knepp, Kaylene & Kendrick Bontrager, Eugene & Linda Miller, Marion & Miriam Miller, LaVern & Eileen Knepp.

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Alyssa Yoder of 675 W, Shipshewana was our winner for the October 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 November.

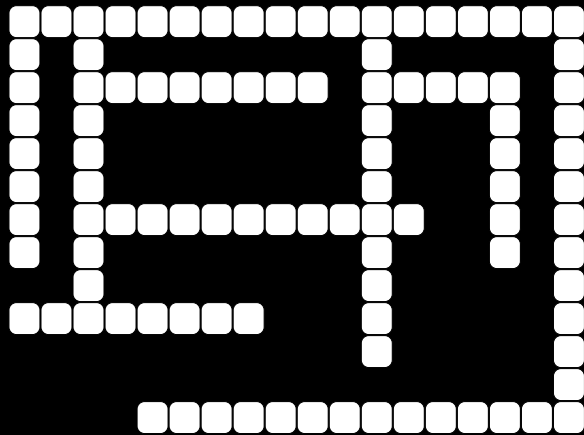
Runners-up were Christopher Jon Eash, age 6; Jonathan Hostetler, age 5; Kendrick Bontrager, age 4; Jonah Borkholder, age 3; Adrian Luke Fry, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Bethany Lambright, age 6; Maria Knepp, age 6; Keri Peterseim, age 6; Mason Patka, age 6; Eric Mast, age 6; and Janessa Bontrager, age 6. Check out page 37 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. 



Name: Alyssa Yoder Age: 6

- Apple Pie
- Corn Casserole
- Cranberry Sauce
- Deviled Eggs
- Dressing
- Gravy
- Green Bean Cas-
serole
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin Pie
- Pumpkin Roll
- Turkey



Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 39.
by Marsha Patrick

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

Want a different way to advertise?

We are looking for sponsors for the Clueless Crossword on a month by month basis. We would be happy to use words to do with your business as the words that get put in the puzzle. Call for more details! 260-463-4901.



Answer on page 39.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Coloring Contest: kids **age 6 and younger**. Sponsored by Vanilla Bean Creamery in Topeka this month! Winner gets a **FREE ICE CREAM TREAT OF CHOICE** at Vanilla Bean Creamery. The Winning Drawings will be on display. **ALL PARTICIPANTS** claim your drawing for **A FREE ICE-CREAM CONE** at Vanilla Bean Creamery in December. Mail submission to: LaGwana, Coloring Contest, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Entry deadline is November 18, 2025.**

Address: _____



Live in Topeka IN Bethlehem Walk

Join us for an outdoor, immersive experience that will transport you back to the moments leading up to the birth of Jesus. Walk through several powerful scenes that tell the true Christmas story from the Inn Keepers to the humble manger where our Savior was born. This is a free, family-friendly event for all ages!

Topeka Livestock Auction

3:00-7:00pm
December 6th

Local Congregations Participating:
Eden • Emma • Restart • Maple Grove
New Life • Topeka Christian
Refreshments by: Amish Neighbors



Hello All,

I don't know about y'all, but I'm loving all the Autumn colors! The trees are showing us their beautiful plumage, corn fields are clearing out, the final harvests are coming to a close and we have had some awesome sunsets & sunrises! The cloud formations are making for some amazing photos.

The 1st annual Topeka Farmer's Market has come to a close for this season. Thank you to all that helped make it possible, and to the vendors sharing their homegrown/homemade items and produce. Hopefully next year's will be even bigger and better. We will let you know when that will happen.

Coming up next is the Topeka Fall Sale Day, Wednesday, November 5th. Besides all the great deals and giveaways at the businesses' sales, there will also be a Hymn Sing at 6:00pm and several food trucks. I am SO looking forward to the hymn sing! Hymns make my soul happy. :)

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6th for the 1st annual Topeka's Bethlehem Walk. It will be located at the Topeka Livestock Auction, from 3-7pm. (See flyer to the left for more information.)

This month brings a feeling of thankfulness. If each of us makes an extra effort to connect with each other, on the sidewalk, in the store, post office, gas station, pharmacy, etc., our little corner of the world will be much happier. We can do this!

Thankfully Yours,
Connie Gadson

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Clueless Crossword Solution
By *Marsha Patrick*
to the puzzle on page 36.
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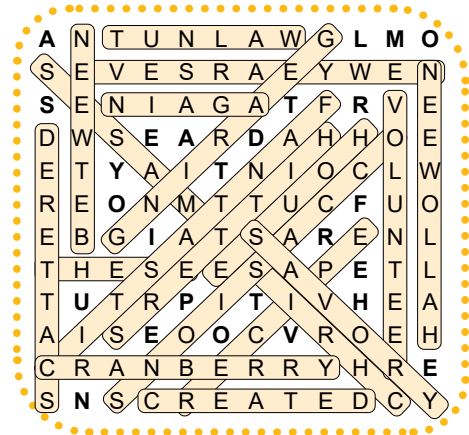
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Riddle on page 36.

Solution to puzzle on page 35



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

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

**ALMOST READY
TO FIRE UP
THE OVEN!**



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