

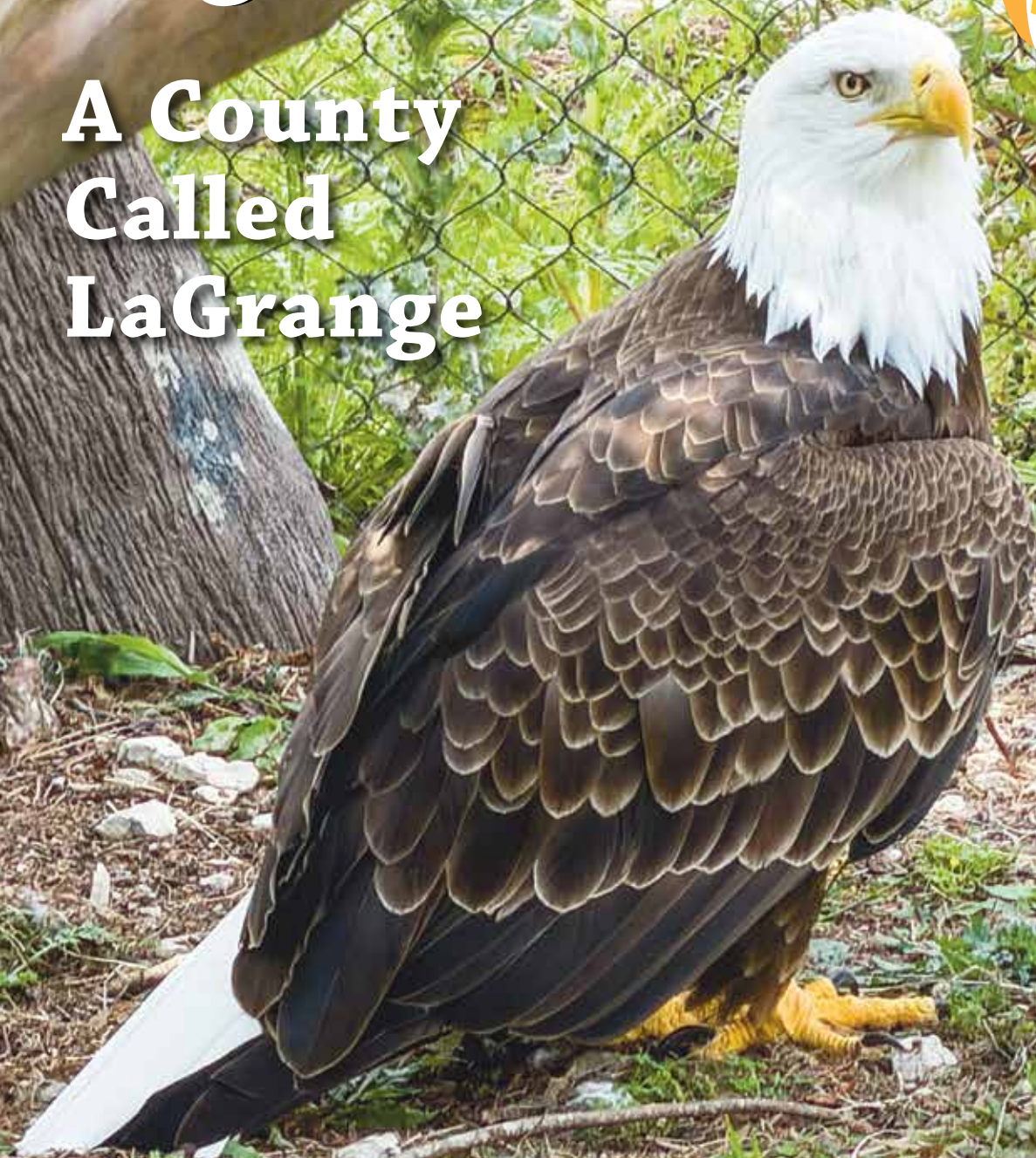
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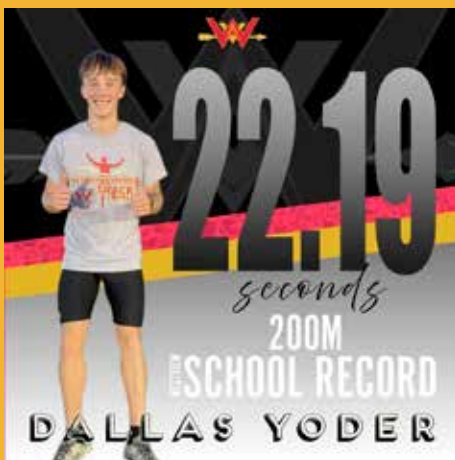
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Regional Runner-Up! Westview Junior Luke Haarer placed 2nd at Varsity Boys Golf Regionals on June 11th and competed at the State Finals. ❶

All photos submitted

NOAH BONTRAGER



Back-to-Back 2X State Champion

Back-to-back Double State Champion! Noah Bontrager won both the 1600 meter and the 3200 meter races back-to-back years at the State track and field meet, setting two state records in the process. Congratulations Noah!

Noah broke a state record that stood for 14 years in the 3200 meter race with a time of 8:47.57, and he broke his own state record in the 1600 meter with a time of 4:01.83. ❶



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Faux Pas

Faux Pas, pronounced foh-pah. Its origin is French, meaning “misstep”. It was adopted into the English language in 1670 to describe a social blunder or embarrassing mistake. To me, it’s just a super fancy way to say, “I really messed up!” I recently caused one of these fancy errors. It involved a lot of people. I was left humiliated, embarrassed, and questioning my sanity.

After the blunder, I felt horrible but knew I needed to make a lot of apologies. Stomach churning, the “sorry saying” began. And every single person I talked to responded with...are you ready...GRACE!

It’s funny how the Lord works. That morning, I asked Papa God to give me something to write about in the next Heart & Soul article. And boy, did he deliver! Allow me to rewind a couple of days before my big gaffe to give you the full picture. You see, someone pulled out in front of me. I had to swerve to avoid them. I laid on my horn for an exceedingly long time. And at every stop we made, I gave them a “palms up” or an

evil eye. I was angry. I certainly didn’t respond to them with grace. Didn’t even enter my mind. But chances are, the driver of that car was feeling just as bad about their mistake as I was about mine. So, to the person in the teal trailblazer – I am sorry!

A 17th-century poet once penned...To err is human, to forgive is divine. Gulp! We all make

servant chokes and imprisons a fellow servant for a very small debt he couldn’t pay. When the King got wind of this, he questioned him as to why he would plead for mercy from the King and receive grace, and yet he could not do the same for this person, who was indebted to him. The King then ordered his arrest, and he, too, was imprisoned until his debt could be paid. Jesus wrapped up the story by saying that our Heavenly Father will do the same to us if we don’t forgive our brother from our heart.

And that’s just what grace is, right? A heart decision that comes from love and a deep desire to extend what was so graciously given to us. The greatest of which occurred on a wooden cross where a very merciful King forgave my astronomical debt.

I’ve got quite a collection of faux pas – they happen regularly. But when it comes to grace – well – I’ve been granted more than my fair share. I’ve been forgiven, and it certainly is divine! Now, to improve on paying it forward. 



mistakes. But are we all as easy to forgive or extend grace when the errors happen?

According to Matthew 18:21-35, it’s an imperative decision. In this parable, Jesus tells of a king who had pity on a servant who owed him an astronomical debt and forgave him. Afterward, that same

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Five Questions That Could Change How You See Retirement

Saving for retirement is important, but it's only part of the picture. If you're within five to 10 years of your target retirement date, it's time to start thinking about what you actually want your retirement to look like. After all, getting to retirement isn't the end goal — it's what you want to do once you're there that matters.

Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire? The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59½.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

How do you want to spend your time in retirement? Many new retirees are surprised to find



that having unlimited free time feels disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity — whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family — can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree? Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to

consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost? It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.

Does your retirement involve giving back? Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want — and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you. 

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LaGrange County Library

Below are the events planned for July 2026.
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.lagrangelib.in.us or call 260-463-2841.

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Summer Reading Has Started!

Special summer programs start June 1. You can sign up at any library branch until July 16 to be able to earn prizes for reading. First day to turn in your reading log and get a prize is June 10. Join us as we "Unearth a Story" this summer!

Youth Interest

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Alphabet: Letters M,N,O!

LaGrange • Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays • 11 a.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m.

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

Makerspace AND Lego Play (Ages 5+) Registration not required

LaGrange • Wednesdays and Thursdays • 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Makerspace is a collaborative space where you can use tools and materials to create, learn and share. New special projects every week! AND we will have all of our Legos out to build what you want or complete the monthly challenge. Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under.

Friday Family Games! (All Ages)

LaGrange • Fridays in July • 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Bring the whole family and join us for board games, Nintendo Switch or Wii! We will have tables and games, and TVs set up to play video games together. Come and go as you are able during this time. Parents must stay with children ages 10 and under.

Monday Movies (All Ages)

LaGrange • Mondays • 1 p.m. • We will show a kid friendly movie and have free popcorn. Bring your own covered drink. July movies: *Smurfs*, *Elio*, *PBS Dinosaur Train*, *Bad Guys 2*.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, July 13 • 4-7:30 p.m.

Drop in anytime and stay as long as you can! Play larger group party games or settle in for something longer. Free pizza and water provided!

Book Clubs

Books & Banter Book Club: (Grade 7-12)

LaGrange • Monday, July 20 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. Discussing: *The Liars Society* by Alyson Gerber. Come to the library in June to get your book to read and discuss in July.

Book Buddies Book Club: (Grade 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, July 21 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Reading: *Simon the Seahorse: Simon Says* by Cora Reef. 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 and bring back next month.

Page Turners Book Club: (Grade 3-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, July 21 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Discussing: *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett. Come to the library in June to get your book to read and discuss in July. At each meeting we will discuss the book we read this month and do a fun activity or craft related to the story.

Teen Video Games and (TTRPG) (Grades 7-12)

LaGrange • Monday, July 27 • 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for Nintendo Switch, Wii and VR. If you enjoy TTRPG's like Dungeons & Dragons, we will have we will have snacks and TV's set up to play. Come and go as you are able during this time.

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203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

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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.

Adult Interest

America 250: Unearth a Story

Adult Summer Reading Challenge through July 25. All LaGrange Co. Public Library Branches and Bookmobile. For every 3 books read and/or library programs attended, participants can put an entry into a drawing for one of 3 metal detectors!

Patchwork Trails – LaGrange County Courthouse

105 N Detroit St, LaGrange • Friday, July 10 • 1 p.m.

Please register by July 3 at the LaGrange Main Library or by calling 260-463-4841 x1030. Meet at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn. Gary Mast will lead us on a tour of this beautiful historic building. PLEASE NOTE: Cellphones, smart watches, recording devices, drinks, pocket knives, and any potential weapons are not allowed on this tour. Only single-function cameras are allowed. Purses and bags will be searched.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, July 11 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss "*Rise to Rebellion*" by Jeff Shaara. More than a powerful portrait of the people and purpose of the American Revolution, *Rise to Rebellion* is a vivid account of history's most pivotal events. The Boston Tea Party, battles of Concord and Bunker Hill are recreated with breathtaking detail. *Copies of the book are available at the*

LaGrange's Adult Desk.

Culinary Adventures: Summer Delights (Ages 12+)

Friday, July 17 • 12:00 p.m. • Chubby's Fish & Steak; Sweet Summers;

Mister Bratz • All on West SR 120 in downtown Orland.

Seafood, ice cream, and BBQ; what else do you need for summer dining? Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

Patchwork Trails – Historic Ontario (All Ages)

Corner of 225E & 405N, Howe • Tuesday, July 21 • 6 p.m.

Meet at the Ontario Town Park. Historian Bryan McCoy will lead a walking tour of the area, sharing stories of the town's past. No registration. Free.

Make & Take: Kinusaiga (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, July 22 • 6 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person, registration & non-refundable \$10 deposit due by July 15 at LaGrange Library Adult services desk. The traditional Japanese craft of kinusaiga (translated as "fabric painting") is often called "no-sew-quilting." We will use fabric, foam board and simple tools to make mosaic-like pictures.

Archi-Trek: Ligonier (Ages 12+)

Depart & Return: LaGrange Co. Public Library

Thursday, July 23 • Depart: 8:30 am - Return 5 pm

With more than two dozen murals and large Jewish mansions scattered throughout the historic downtown area, Ligonier offers surprises nearly everywhere you look. This is a walking and riding tour. Cost \$12 per person, pay online at eventbrite.com, or by cash or check at the LaGrange Main Library (payable to Green Bus Tours) Must register at LaGrange or call 260-463-2841 x1030 as space is very limited.

Cookbook Club (Families Welcome)

LaGrange • Saturday, July 25 • 11 a.m.

This month's cookbook is *Brave Tart* by Stella Parks. Check out the cookbook from the library, choose a recipe to make 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.

Coming in October!

Explore the nation's capital in our 250th year on a 6-Day Motorcoach Trip to Washington D.C. & Gettysburg!

October 26 through October 31.

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July Events

Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 22 • 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Fee: \$5 donation for Parks

What is a UFO? If you said Unfinished Object—this sewing group is for you! This gathering is open to everyone. Bring your sewing machine and work on a project while getting help, sharing ideas, and connecting with fellow sewing enthusiasts. Please bring a sack lunch and a snack to share. RSVP with Linda Grobis at 260-351-3609.

Quilt Class

Saturday, August 22 • 9 am–3 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

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

Join us for some fun as we start our Leaves of Fall pattern. Here is a table topper with leaves. [Registration is required.](#) Instructions are provided upon registration. Instructors will be available during class to answer questions and offer guidance. To register, call Julia 260-367-1449 or Ira 260-463-1438.

Every Park Every Trail

Saturday, July 25 • 9 am

Pine Knob Park/Mike Metz Fen

2825E SR 120, Howe, IN

The walk will begin at 6 pm Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on the LaGrange County Parks website, or on the AllTrails App. It is free to participate. Walk at your own pace; For more information, visit the Parks website at www.lagrangecountyparks.org or call 260-854-2225.

Embers & Echoes

"A Night Hike Experience"

Thursday, July 23 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Delt Church Park - Greenwood Pavilion



6455S 200W, Wolcottville • Free Event
Step into the park at dusk, for a cozy evening adventure! Join us for a guided night hike as we discover what comes alive when the sun goes down—listening for nighttime sounds, spotting hidden "eyes," and learning about local wildlife along the trail. After the hike, gather around the campfire for stories under the stars and enjoy a sweet treat. This relaxed, family-friendly event is perfect for all ages looking to experience the magic of the park at night.

Archery Tournament

Saturday, August 8 • 8 am–3 pm

Pine Knob Park

2825E SR 120, Howe, IN

Get ready to take aim at adventure! An exciting archery tournament is coming soon to Pine Knob Park and you won't want to miss it. Whether you're a seasoned archer or just love a little friendly competition, this event is sure to hit the mark with outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Registration officially opens June 22. Stay tuned in with our Parks Facebook page or visit our website for more event details & updates!



Summer Adventures Await

Call or email us today to reserve a spot 260-854-2225, parks@lagrangecounty.in.gov.

Nature Bound II

July 13-17 • 9 am–3pm Daily • \$50

Nature Bound II Summer Camp for **grades 3-5** offers hands-on outdoor exploration, engaging nature challenges, and plenty of active fun that builds confidence and curiosity at Dallas Lake Park.

Nature Bound III

July 20-24 • 9 am–3pm Daily • \$50

Nature Bound III Summer Camp for **grades 6-8** challenges campers to explore the outdoors, build leadership skills, and connect with nature through active, hands-on adventures at Dallas Lake Park.

Conservation Bound

July 27-31 • 9 am–3pm Daily • \$50

Conservation Camp at Pine Knob Park, for **grades 6-9** empowers youth to protect the outdoors through hands-on projects, outdoor skills, and meaningful conservation experiences.

FeNGke 5-K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, August 15 • 9 am

Register 8-8:45 am

Pine Knob Park/Mike Metz Fen

2825E SR 120, Howe, IN

Online registration opens July 1. Stay tuned to our Facebook Page or Website, or call the parks office for registration information. Get ready to lace up your sneakers and bring the energy—because the Fengke 5k at Pine Knob Park is coming this August! This isn't your average run... it's a full-on celebration of fun and FeNGke (funky) vibes from start to finish. Grab your friends, dress in your funkiest gear, and get ready to make some unforgettable memories. From start line excitement to finish line festivities, this is one event you won't want to miss. 

LaGrange County Community Foundation Welcomes Community Initiatives Program Manager



Photo submitted

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to welcome

Emily Evers as its new Community Initiatives Program Manager.

Evers grew up in Wolcottville and currently resides in LaGrange. She earned a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Purdue University in 2022 and later completed her Master of Business Administration through Purdue Global.

Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Evers served with Purdue Extension in South Bend as both an Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator and County Extension Director. Through those roles, she worked closely with local communities, built strong relationships, and connected individuals and organizations with resources and programs designed to create positive community impact.

As Community Initiatives Program Manager, Evers will lead Community Foundation-supported initiatives and community projects in collaboration with nonprofits, schools, businesses, donors, local government agencies,

healthcare organizations, civic and service groups, workforce development partners, faith-based organizations, and other community stakeholders.

Evers will also serve as the Community Foundation's lead staff representative for the Hawpatch Trail Project, supporting the Community Foundation's role as a project partner and helping advance community engagement and collaboration efforts. She will also coordinate the ongoing work of the LaGrange County Early Learning Coalition, bringing together partners to address early learning needs and strengthen opportunities for local families.

"I'm most excited about meeting new people, learning from the team, and having the opportunity to work in the area where I grew up," said Evers. "It's really special to be building connections and starting this next chapter in the same community where I was raised."

Growing up on a family farm, Evers developed a strong appreciation for hard work, responsibility, and collaboration. She is passionate about farm-to-school programs, agricultural education, and helping others appreciate the beauty and value of the natural world.

"Emily brings a strong background in community engagement, relationship building, and collaborative leadership," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director. "Her passion for strengthening communities through community engagement make her a wonderful addition to our team."

Evers looks forward to continuing to learn about the people, organizations, and partnerships that make La-

Grange County a special place to live and work.

In her free time, she enjoys gardening, baking, and spending time with family. 

Goshen College announces Dean's List for Spring 2026 Semester

Goshen College recently recognized 166 undergraduate students for excellence in academics on the 2025-26 spring semester Dean's List.

Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, a senior Psychology major from Shipshewana, was recognized for academic excellence on the spring semester Dean's List at Goshen College. Aldhuraibi is a graduate of Westview Junior-Senior High School.

The Dean's List includes traditional undergraduate students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of coursework for a letter grade. Only grades from the designated semester are included in the Dean's List selection process. Students are classified based on their total credit hours at the beginning of the semester, according to the following scale: Freshman, 0-29 credits; Sophomore, 30-59 credits; Junior, 60-89 credits; Senior, 90 credits or more. These classifications may not reflect the number of years a student has spent in college.

The college initiated its Dean's List in fall 1999, celebrating the achievement of students who have met high academic standards. 

LaGrange County Youth Advocacy Collaborative Promotes Safer Roads for All LaGrange, Indiana

The LaGrange County Health Department is proud to participate in the county's Youth Advocacy Collaborative, partnership of community organizations dedicated to young people and their unique place in public health and community matters. With the warmer weather, we are focusing efforts on a topic that touches nearly every resident of LaGrange County: road safety. We are reminding motorists, buggy operators, cyclists and pedestrians to exercise heightened caution on rural roads as warmer weather brings increased travel throughout the county.

As home to one of the largest Amish populations in Indiana, LaGrange County's roads are shared by motorists, horse-drawn buggies, farm equipment, bicyclists and pedestrians. This unique transportation environment presents challenges that require awareness, patience, and mutual respect from everyone who travels our county roadways.

Through the Youth Advocacy Collaborative, community organizations come together to explore how road safety impacts families, schools, and neighborhoods. We want to raise awareness about reducing distractions while driving and slowing down when approaching slower-moving vehicles. For many county residents, seeing horse-drawn buggies on local roads is part of everyday life. However, we must consistently be mindful that the speed difference between motor vehicles and buggies can create dangerous situations, especially during low-light conditions, on narrow roads and on dirt roads.

We want to emphasize that roadway safety remains a shared responsibility. Every traveler deserves to reach their

destination safely, whether driving a car, operating farm equipment, riding in a buggy or cycling on our roadways. Awareness and patience can save lives.

The LaGrange County Health Department is grateful for the leadership and commitment demonstrated by members of the Youth Advocacy Collaborative. By encouraging conversations about safe driving habits and community responsibility, we hope to help build a culture of safety throughout LaGrange County.

The collaborative urges all residents to support these efforts by:

- Staying alert and avoiding distracted driving.
- Slowing down when approaching horse-drawn buggies and farm equipment.
- Allowing adequate space when passing slower-moving vehicles.
- Practicing patience and courtesy on our roadways.
- Talking with young drivers about safe driving habits.

Together, through education, awareness, and community partnership, LaGrange County can continue working toward safer roads for everyone. 

Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society will meet Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Farver School Museum at 315 N Morton St. in Shipshewana.

The program will be: "The History of the American Flag and When the States Joined the Union." Bryan McCoy, our LaGrange County Historian, and his mother, Carolyn McCoy, will present the program.

Everyone is welcome to attend. 

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Community Scholarships Provide \$268,000 Toward Student Success

The LaGrange County Community Foundation will award a total of \$268,000 in scholarships this year through their Community Scholarship Program, helping local students pursue higher education and career training opportunities.

Scholarship awards were presented in May to graduating seniors during school ceremonies for Lakeland, Prairie Heights and Westview schools.

The Community Foundation manages more than 50 scholarship funds established by individuals, families and businesses to support students from specific schools or those pursuing specific fields of study. These funds assist students preparing for careers in education, agriculture, healthcare, science, engineering, skilled trades, and many other professions.

Individual awards range from \$500 to \$40,000, with several scholarships renewable for up to four years.

“Spring is an especially busy and exciting season for families of graduating seniors, and it is incredibly rewarding to celebrate their achievements as they prepare for the next season of their educational journey,” said Beth Retterbush, Scholarship Manager. “Scholarships provide encouragement and help alleviate some of the financial burden that often comes with continuing education.”

“These opportunities are made possible through the generosity of our donors, who continue to invest in the future of our community. We are also deeply grateful for the numerous volunteers who dedicate their time to carefully evaluate applications and for the partnership of our local schools and guidance departments, whose support helps connect students with the best

opportunities to pursue their dreams,” Retterbush added.

Recipients of the 2026 Community Scholarships, listed by school, are as follows:

Lakeland Jr/Sr High School:

- **Alexis Gyovai** – Hope Nursing Scholarship; Huggins Family Scholarship
- **Alivia Owens** – Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship
- **Dulce Canedo** – Olivia Bay Lemings Memorial Scholarship
- **Kaianne Miller** – Bulldog Spirit Scholarship
- **Karlee Demoss** – Brian J. Evans Memorial Scholarship
- **Keegan Merrifield** – Chase E. Scott Memorial Football Scholarship; Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship
- **Kennadee Kerns** – Mattea Hope Holton Memorial Scholarship
- **Lana Vankoevinger** – Craig D. Neff & Ronda S. Memorial Scholarship; Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship*; Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship
- **Levi Cook** – Matthew Terry Memorial Scholarship; Mory Family Scholarship
- **Lydia Jacobson** – Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship; Lakeland Scholarship; Lambright Leadership Scholarship*; LIFE Scholarship; Waddell Scholarship*
- **Mischa Dominguez** – Paul and Marian Krebs Memorial Scholarship*

Northridge High School:

- **Braedan Crawford** – Mory Family Scholarship

Prairie Heights High School:

- **Ava Kidd** – Partners In Education Scholarship; Perkins Scholarship; Prairie Heights Scholarship; Elizabeth Wol-

heter; Prairie Heights Scholarship

- **Maddison Certain** – Prairie Heights Scholarship
- **Nevaeh Orr** – Ignite Your Future Scholarship*; Prairie Heights Scholarship
- **Peyton Gibson** – Prairie Heights Scholarship

Westview Jr-Sr High School:

- **Bentley Ryall** – J.O. Mory Family Scholarship; Joseph J. Willard Memorial Scholarship; Lambright Leadership Scholarship*; Lyle Smith Scholarship; Farmwald Scholarship*; Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship
- **Breann Cory** – Allread-Rife Family Scholarship; Jean Seagly Crouse Memorial Scholarship
- **Brett Springer** – Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship; Rheinheimer Scholarship*
- **Briana Kaufman** – Allread-Rife Family Scholarship; Keith and Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship; Lambright Leadership Scholarship*; Farmwald Scholarship*
- **Brina Williams** – Eldon Hostetler Family Scholarship*; GO Shine Like Gwen Memorial Scholarship
- **Janissa Lehman** – LaGrange County Farm Bureau Co-Op Scholarship
- **Jordynn Wasson** – Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship
- **Kaden Grau** – Ignite Your Future Scholarship*; James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship
- **Madison Grossman** – Rheinheimer Scholarship*
- **Miley Mast** – Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship; Schlemmer Scholarship
- **Myra Miller** – Lambright Leadership Scholarship*
- **Taylor Bryan** – Virgil & Florence Hardin Memorial 📍

* denotes renewable scholarship

Funding Available for Nonprofit Projects & Programs

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants program, offering funding opportunities for nonprofit organizations working to improve the quality of life for LaGrange County residents.

Community Impact Grants support projects and programs that address local needs, create opportunities, and strengthen communities throughout the county. Funding is made possible through the generosity of donors who contribute to the Community Foundation's unrestricted and field-of-interest funds, allowing the Community Foundation to respond to emerging needs and promising ideas.

Two grant cycles remain in 2026, with application deadlines of June 26 and September 25. In 2025, the Community Foundation awarded \$165,000

through its Community Impact Grants Program to support impactful nonprofit initiatives across LaGrange County.

The Community Foundation welcomes applications from nonprofit organizations serving LaGrange County residents and encourages proposals that are innovative, collaborative, and responsive to community needs. Projects may focus on arts and culture, recreation, health and human services, community development, education, or the environment.

"These grants help bring impactful ideas to life," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director. "Whether it's expanding educational opportunities, enhancing public spaces, or addressing critical community needs, we're proud to invest in nonprofits that are making LaGrange County a stronger, more vibrant place to live."

"If your organization sees a community need and has an idea for addressing it, we encourage you to start a conversation with us," Yoder added.

Grant awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000, though funding amounts are based on project need, scope and potential impact.

Organizations that are considering applying – even if they are unsure whether their project is a fit – are encouraged to reach out to before submitting an application. Leanna Martin, Program Director, is available to discuss project ideas, answer questions, and help organizations navigate the application process. First-time applicants are welcome.

For grant guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application materials, visit lccf.net/community-impact-grants. 



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Westview Jr.-Sr. High School Information

7th Grade Orientation

Westview Jr. Sr. High School will be hosting 7th grade orientation on Monday, August 3rd. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the event starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Wilson Auditorium. Please come in through Door 19 (south parking lot).

Registration for grades 8-12 will be the following dates/times:

- Tuesday, August 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Thursday, August 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2026-2027 School Information

The first day of school for all students will be Tuesday, August 11th, starting at 8:10 a.m. Students will report to assigned rooms where they will receive their schedules, student handbooks, and other pertinent information.

School picture day for Westview Jr.-Sr. High School this year will be Thursday, August 20th. 📸



- 1 Damon Grant
- 2 Daniel Lancour, Landis Miller, Jack Minshull
- 3 Benjamin Mast
- 4 Brooklyn Miller, Audrey Troyer
- 5 Weston Miller
- 6 Eric Riehl, Adrianna Wingard
- 7 Salia Bontrager, Ethan Mast, Evan Mast, Austin Miller, Meghan Otto
- 8 Averie Brandenberger, Rachel Helmuth, Allison Miller, Angelyn Miller, Michelle Yoder
- 9 Kayla Miller, Harmony Starrett
- 10 Micah Whetstone
- 11 Leila Fry, Leila Mast, Samuel Ruiz Gonzalez, Colleen Whetstone
- 12 Amy Miller
- 13 Benjamin Bontrager, Zachary Detweiler, Jeremy Troyer
- 14 Nicholas Bontrager, Madix Collyer, Lanae Hochstetler, Austin Hostetler, Blake Lard, Hayden Lard, Nicole Miller
- 15 Zen Castaneda, Jameson Keim, Molly Lehman, Adrienne Miller, Nikola Williams, Olivia Yankosky
- 16 Sariah Detweiler, Alex Miller, Jenna Schrock, Mason Sweet
- 17 Andrew Gibson, Mariah Lehman, Harper Viers, Corben Yoder

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- 19 Jackson Byers, Kate Engle, Braellee Miles, Jesse Mishler
- 20 Remington Craig, Ellie Giles, Samuel Reffett, Carson Slabach, Wyatt Steider
- 21 Willow Chupp, Makiah Lambright, Edison Martin
- 22 Eric Bontrager, Lucas Miller, Carson Yoder
- 23 Kaiser Bontrager, RyLynn Matney, Devon Miller
- 24 Madelyn England, Justus Ponce Marin, Allison Stutzman
- 25 Josh Lambright, Elijah Miller, Abigail Yoder
- 26 Malani Herschberger, Easton Miller, Jackson Sivits
- 27 Matteo Guevara, Kylan Hershberger, Constance Killian, Isaac Raber, Joshua Riehl, Beckett Troxel, Bayzli Turner, Hunter Yoder
- 28 Josiah Jones, Sytenyan Sornross, Leanna Thacker
- 29 Zhavia Gillian, Annalise Hershberger, Lexiss Mast, Kevin Miller, Sirena Rupert, Bennett Turner
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End of the Year Awards

Meadowview Elementary School would like to acknowledge the following students of the 2025-2026 school year for their academic achievements

and outstanding citizenship. They are leaders in the classroom and show our core values of being safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. Each classroom

awards one boy and one girl for the Meadowview Citizenship award. ①



Front Row (left to right): Anakin Bower, Sheila Miller, Alayna Bontrager, Seth Miller, Maria Bontrager, Easton Lambright, Aerie Gongwer, Caleb Yoder.

Second Row: Gracelyn Wingard, Austin Miller, Andraya Detweiler, Kenton Slabach, Malinda Bontrager, Timothy Yoder, Brionna Yutzy, Kenlin Miller.



Front Row (left to right): Elijah Otto, Shawn Miller, Lydia Miller, Kelsey Slabach, Derek Miller, CJ Hershberger. **Middle Row:** Eden Otto, Amanda Bontrager, Weston Stutzman, Cyrus Miller, Kara Troyer, Adrianna Wingard, Ash Hadula, Kyla Thompson. **Back Row:** Lincoln Yutzy, Lincoln Slabach, Heidi Borntreger, Audrey Bontrager, Theodore Frey, Jenna Yoder.



Potawatomi Zoo Field Trip

Second graders had a fun last few weeks of school. They enjoyed visiting the Potawatomi Zoo while seeing all the different animals. The train ride throughout the zoo was a highlight of the day. The annual school carnival is always a great time and we thank our PTO for their hard work that goes into this day. ①



All photos submitted

Fourth Grade Legacy Walk

A few years ago we started our own legacy walk with our fourth graders. The pictures are from this legacy walk. We wish all our fourth graders the best!



Last Day of School

Here are some pictures from the last day of school. Students enjoyed our annual cookout for lunch which included grilled hot dogs, veggies, chips, and an ice cream treat.



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End of the Year

The end of the year is always bittersweet. We all are excited about summer, but it is hard to say goodbye! We had

lots of fun and celebrating of an amazing 2025-2026 school year! 



All photos submitted

Fourth Quarter Outstanding Citizens



Westview Elementary honored the 4th quarter Outstanding Citizens.

Back row: Jason Schrock (6I), Heidi Miller (6D), Nora Yoder (6A), Ava Bontrager (6G), Gage Miller (6B), Navaeh Norris (6C), Preslee Rahn (6H)

Front row: Adrian Troyer (5E), Landon Schlabach (5G), Kohler Yoder (5B), Brent Troyer (5H), Jayonna Wingard (5D), Kylee Hostetler (5A), Jada Nissley (5C)

Not pictured: Daria Herr (5F) ⓘ

Perfect Attendance Gifts

Four students out of 25 who had perfect attendance this school year were drawn to receive a monetary gift from the PTO. There were 10 fifth graders and 15 sixth graders. They are: Nicholas Bontrager (Topeka), Jada Nissley (Topeka), Bryan Lehman (Shipshewana) and Julie Yoder (Shipshewana).

Two students who had at least 95% attendance were drawn for a monetary gift from the PTO. They are: Lincoln Miller (Shipshewana) and Elena Bostain (Middlebury). ⓘ

Samuel L. Miller Excellence in Reading Award

This Media Center Award is given to the top reader(s) in the fifth and sixth grades who participated in the Indiana Young Hoosier Book Program for this school year.

Fifth Graders – Benjamin Schlabach & Jethro Otto

Sixth Grader – Michelle Yoder ⓘ



Roger Brenneman Math Award

Nathan Martin, Wolcottville won the Roger Brenneman Math Award. Mr. Brenneman retired from Westview School Corporation after 36 years of dedicated teaching. He exemplified excellence in his teaching. ⓘ

2025-2026 Outstanding Citizens of the Year



All photos submitted

Westview Elementary honored their 2025-2026 Outstanding Citizens of the Year.

Ellie Fry (5E), Landry Miller (5H), Bryan Lehman (6A), Andrea Barkman (6B). 

FFA Small Engine State Championship

Westview FFA members competed in the State FFA Small Engines Career Development Event on Friday, April 24. The contest brought together participants from across the state of Indiana to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in small engine technology.

Representing Westview, Aaron Williams and Keegan Norburg earned a 14th-place finish at the state competition.

The Small Engines CDE consists

of several challenging components, including a written examination, tool and parts identification, multiple skill practicums, engine specification analysis, a customer service scenario, and a timed small engine teardown and rebuild completed within one hour and fifteen minutes.

Congratulations to Aaron and Keegan on representing Westview FFA at the state level and showcasing their hard work and dedication! 



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The result of this is that upon entering stage two sleep, the breathing becomes shallower, the blood oxygen level drops and the carbon dioxide level rises until the brain intervenes and causes the body to make a large and immediate inhalation. This causes a large pressure differential in the pharynx and literally sucks the sagging soft palate into the airway. This obstructs the flow and causes a loud snort, partially or fully awakening the subject.

THE SOLUTION

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According to the CDC, millions of people experience digestive distress each year related to something they've eaten. Most of these cases are not linked to major outbreaks and many happen around holiday time when food sits out for too long. But it's not always just a single meal. Many people deal with ongoing digestive discomfort from time to time, and urinary discomfort is also a common concern, especially for women. These issues can come and go, often without warning, and can disrupt daily life in frustrating ways.



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Nature's Rite products, especially the colloids, are always in my medicine cabinet—on hand and ready.

— Colin Frank



Using antibiotics to rid yourself of a urinary infection often leads to a yeast infection. They can kill off so many good-cultures all over your body that the candida takes over.

The world is not sterile. The concern comes when the numbers of unwanted microbes get so high that your body's natural defenses are overwhelmed. Microbial populations can multiply rapidly under the right conditions.

Don't get lost in the numbers, don't get consumed by worry. There is a way to get those children feeling better and back to sleep in an hour. There is a way to do this safely and without antibiotics or hospital emergency rooms. There is a way to help restore your digestive and urinary tract.

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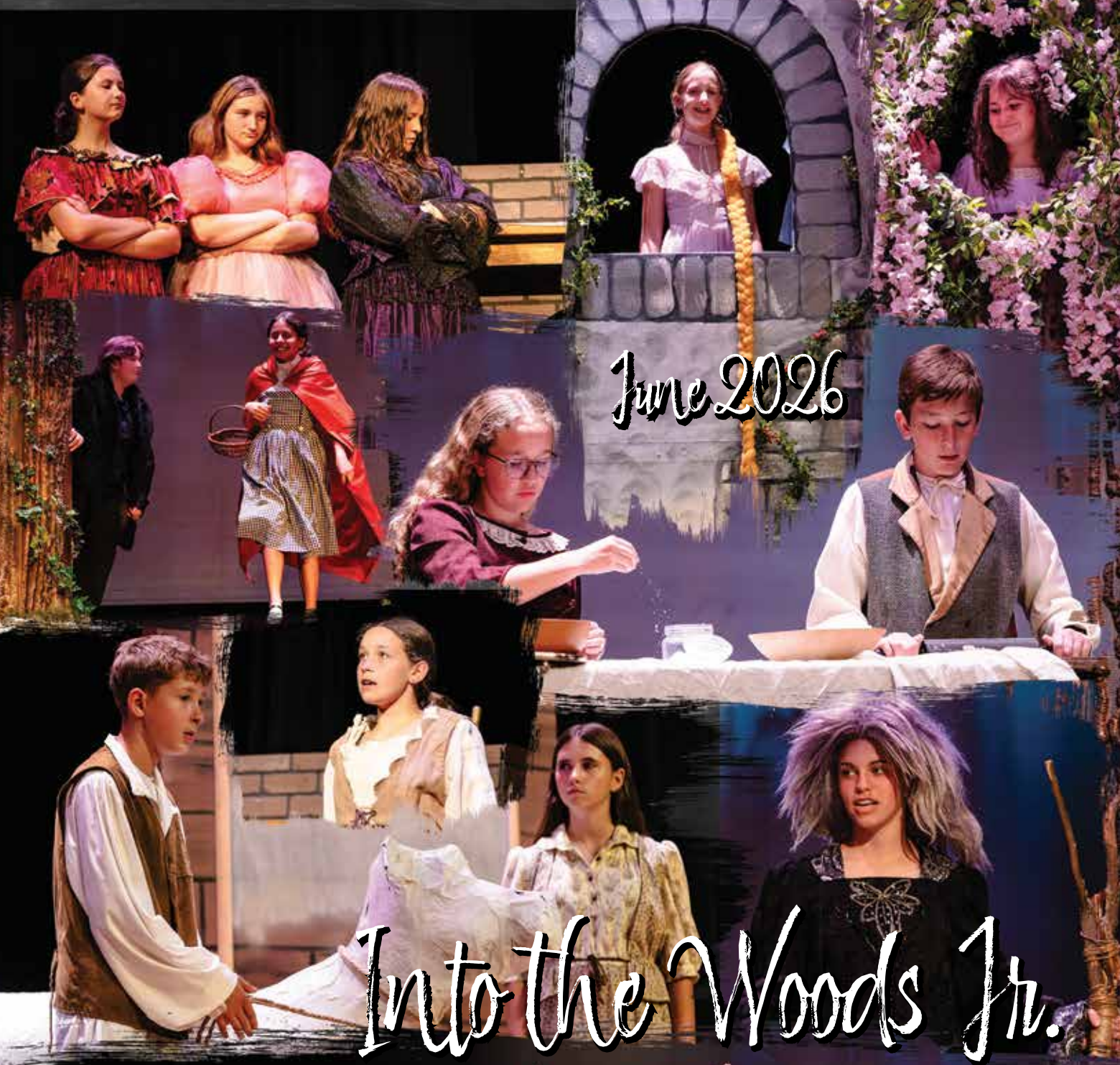


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A County Called *LaGrange*

By Harold D. Gingerich

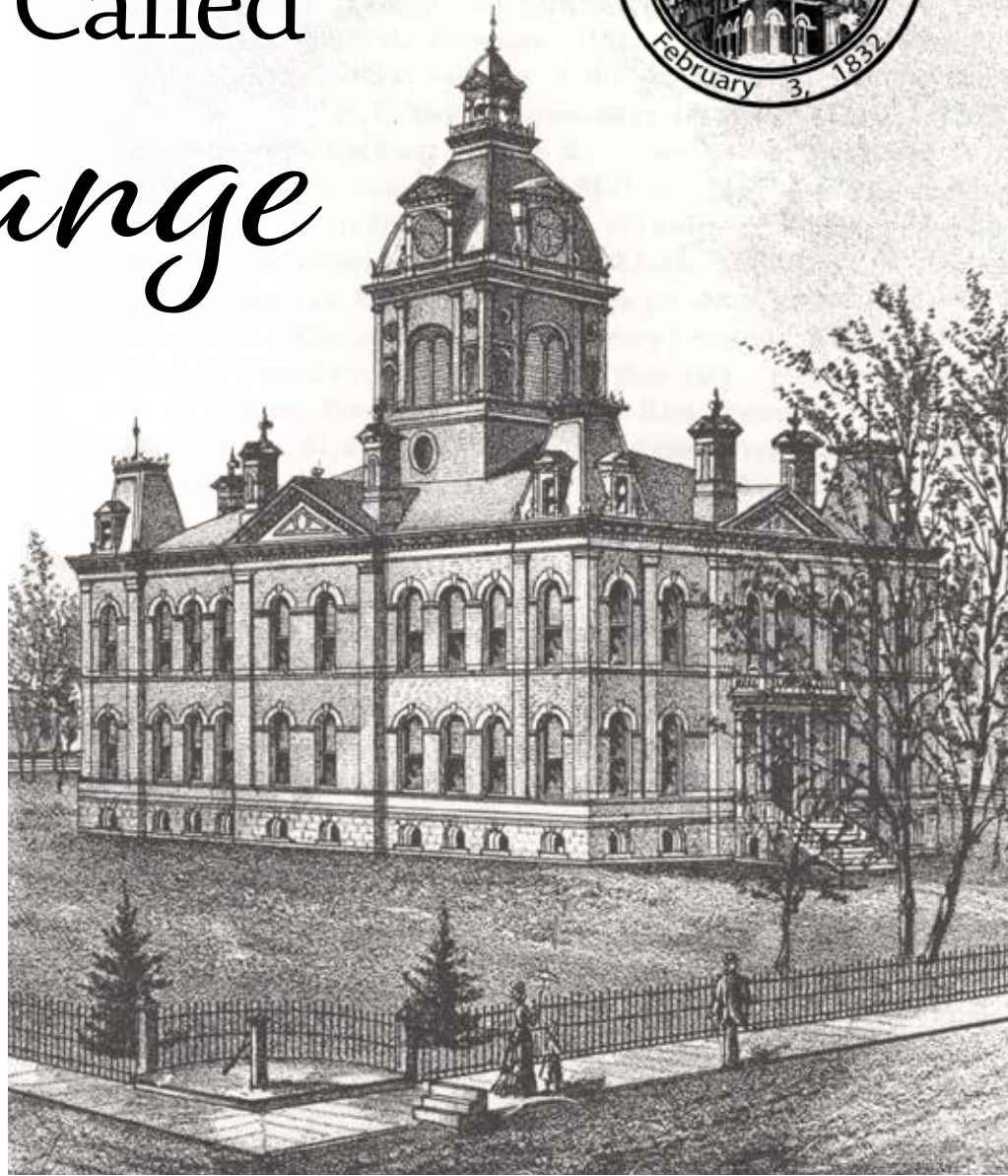
As America celebrates her 250th Anniversary, it also causes us to think about the formation of our own county and the area that comprises the West-view community.

What had originally been home to the peaceful Pottawatomie, LaGrange County was created in accordance with Indiana's General Assembly act that was approved on February 3, 1832. The name LaGrange was chosen in honor of Revolutionary War hero Marquis de la Fayette's home (Château de la Grange-Bléneau) outside of Paris, France. It means, the farm.

The opening of "The Northwest Territory" triggered extensive westward expansion. When the first New England immigrants settled just west of what is now Howe in 1828, the area was home to one of the largest Indian settlements in all of the United States.

The Illustrated Historical Atlas of LaGrange County Indiana, published 1874 by Andreas & Baskin (page 11) provides a fascinating history.

At the date of the first settlement in the county the Pottawattomie Indians occupied this region, and their principal village was located where the Village of Lima now stands. It was



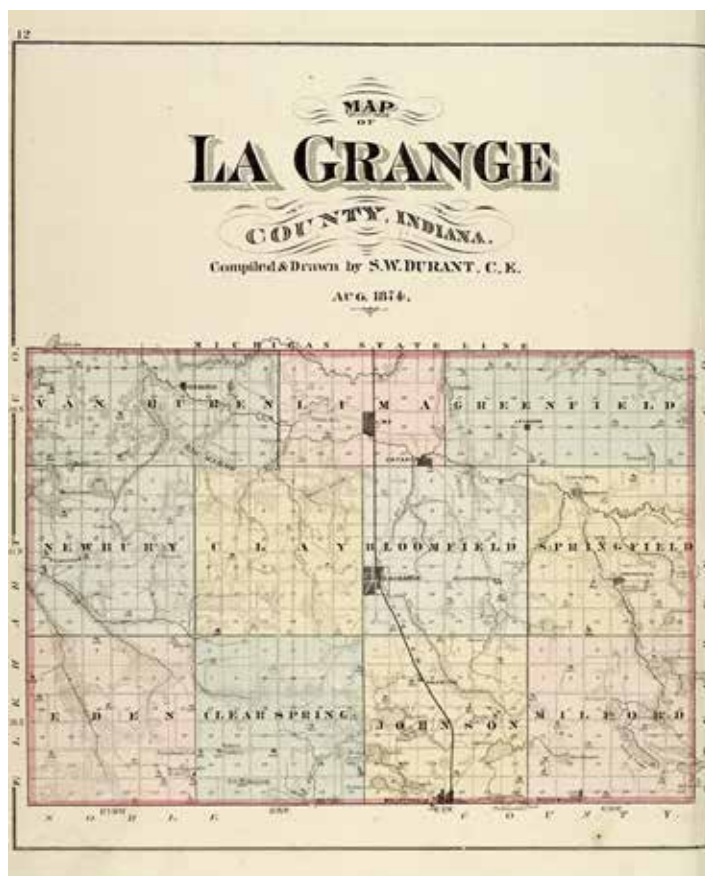
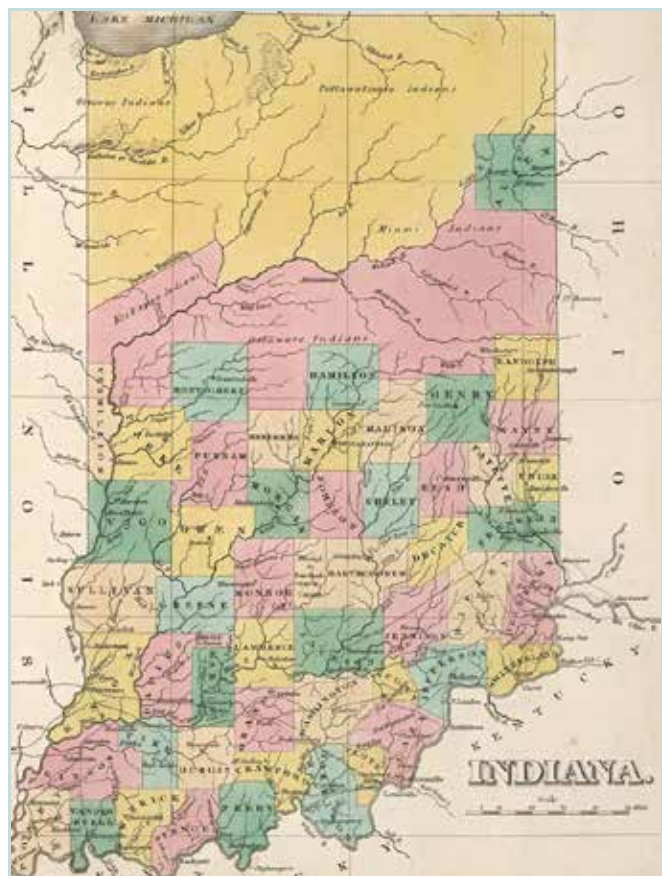
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one of the largest Indian towns in the country, extending for several miles along the Pigeon River, and containing from 1,500 to 2,000 people. The sandy loam of the beautiful Mongo-quinong Prairie afforded the Indians unusual facilities for the production of corn and what few vegetables they were familiar with, and it was no doubt a busy capital for the red men. Deep worn trails from all directions

centered there; game was abundant, and its natural advantages made it one of the most important points in all the vast country of the Northwest.

The interpretation of "Mongo-quinong" is said to be "Big Squaw Prairie," but the Indian names are so little understood that it is extremely uncertain what the correct meaning in English may be, but one thing is tolerably certain, the Indian language

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was very significant, and very proper name exceedingly appropriate, and no doubt this high sounding word had its characteristic application.

From 1828 to 1832 the area saw a dramatic influx of settlers into what we know today as Lima, Springfield, and Van Buren townships. Many were descended from the Puritans. They were part of a wave of New England settlers moving west into what was then the Northwest Territory following the completion of the Erie Canal.

When they arrived, there was nothing but virgin forest and wild prairie land. The settlers went to work clearing the land, building farms, constructing churches, and turning Indian trails into roads.

These Yankee immigrants were primarily members of either the Presbyterian or Congregational Church.

It is said that they had an unwritten agreement, if there was a Congregational church in a village the Presbyterians would not start one. But, with the Second Great Awakening, many of the faithful became Baptists, Methodists, or Pentecostals which lead to more churches being established.

On February 2, 1832, sixteen years after Indiana had become a state, Gov. Noah Noble signed the act that would create LaGrange County. The act provided that *“from and after the 1st day of April next, all that tract of country included in the flowing boundaries shall form and constitute a new county, to be known and designated by the name of the county of La Grange”* (1882 History of LaGrange County, Indiana, printed by F.A. Battey & Co., Publishers, page 33). LaGrange County was created from a portion of Elkhart County with Lima

being named as the county seat.

County elections were held that spring with the following results: Joshua T. Hobbs, Clerk; Daniel Harding, Sheriff; Thomas Gale, Treasurer; David St. Clair, Recorder; Jacob Vandevanter, Edmund Littlefield and Arthur Barrows, Commissioners. The LaGrange County Board of Commissioners met for the first time on May 14, 1832. At that initial meeting, the county was divided into two townships, Lima and Greenfield. Benjamin Blair was appointed Assessor for Lima Township and Ephraim Seely for Greenfield.

The first Circuit Court was convened at the home of Moses Rice with the Honorable Judge Charles H. Test presiding. Court was initially called into session between two stacks of hay before being moved into the house. Two cases were presented for trial,

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both were continued.

The town of LaGrange was platted on June 18, 1836, settled in 1842, and incorporated in 1855. Being closer to the center of the county, it became the county seat in 1843. The historic county courthouse still in use today, with its central clock tower, located on Detroit Street, was designed by architects Thomas J. Tolan, & Son of Ft. Wayne and built in 1878 at a cost of \$46,700. On July 17, 1980, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The areas around the towns of Shipshewana and Topeka began to be settled around 1831. It was in that year that Anthony Nelson recorded the ownership of two 80-acre tracks of land just east of what is now Topeka. In the spring of the following year Robert Latta moved his family from Urbana, Ohio, to a mile west of Topeka. The post office was called Haw Patch. The town that began to spring up was known by a variety of names from Hudson's Corners to Slabtown because of the numerous sawmills and buildings constructed of slab lumber. It wasn't until 1892 when the railroad came through that the village name was officially platted as Topeka. The first organizational meeting with elected officials was not until 1913.

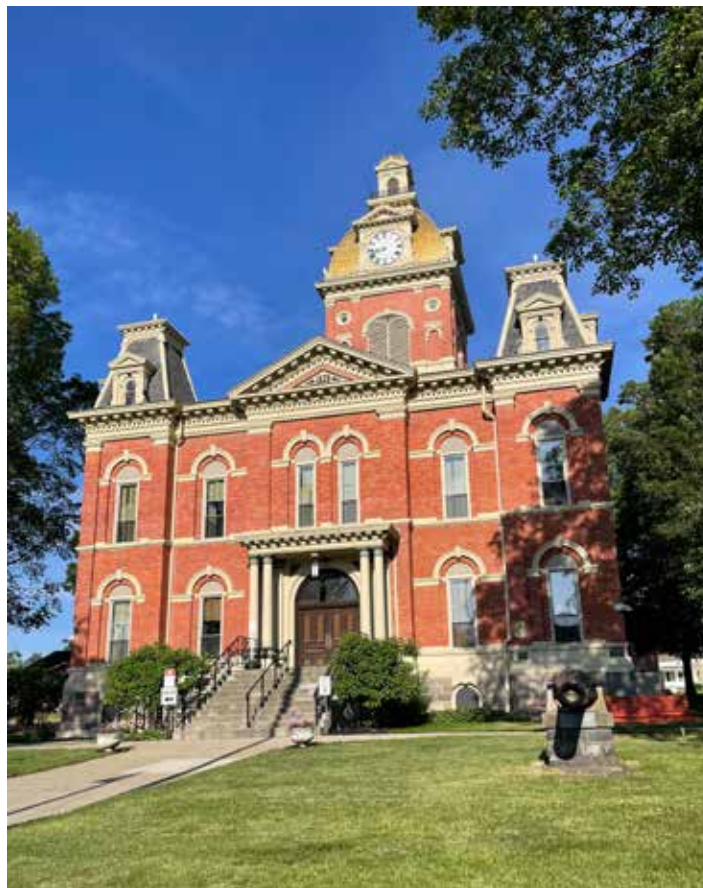
The first building in what is now Shipshewana was the railroad depot in 1888. However, Shipshewana's history also involves a feud between Hezekiah Davis and Abraham Summey who had adjoining farms on the opposite sides of what is now State Road 5. What developed was a growing rivalry with "Davis Town" to the east and "Summey Town" to the west. Animosity and accusations of vandalism from both

sides went on for several years. Davis went so far as to designate a 150-foot-wide strip of land on his side of the road, where nothing could be built - thus creating a wide "no man's land" between the two competing towns.

Eleven years prior to their fathers' disagreement over building a town, Hezekiah's son Eugene began to "keep company" with Abraham's daughter Alice. Roger Slagle, writing for Doris Davis (Abraham Summey's great granddaughter) in "A Patchwork Sampler" says, "*I don't know if there was a lot of opposition about their dating—there might have been.*" But whatever the feelings were at the time, on April 19, 1877, Eugene Davis and Alice Summey were married. The irony is that the feuding fathers were going to be forced to share grandchildren.

In January of 1889, "Davis Town" was re-platted as Shipshewana (named by Hezekiah's wife, Sarah Reynolds Davis, honoring a Potawatomi Indian Chief who had befriended the early settlers). In the fall of that same year "Summey Town" became the "First Summey Addition to Shipshewana". This, however, did not end the feud.

It was only after the death of Davis that the strip of land, which had divided the two towns for so many years, was laid out in lots and sold. Today the Blue Gate Restaurant & Theater occupies much of what was previously



known as "No Man's Land". However, legal restrictions imposed by Hezekiah Davis still had to be resolved before Mel Riegsecker could begin construction on the Blue Gate.

In 1909 the village of Lima's name was changed to Howe and to date has never been incorporated.

The last large migration into LaGrange County was the Amish in 1844. Today they represent about 50% of the county's population making it the third largest Amish settlement in the United States. 

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Megan Elise Bontrager of 500 W, Shipshewana was our winner for the June Coloring Contest. She won a pretzel at JoJo's Pretzels in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by JoJo's Pretzels for a pretzel through July.

Runners-up were Audrey Bontrager, age 6; Carson, age 5; Janessa Bontrager, age 4; Hailley Lambright, age 3; Lonnie Bontrager, age 1. Honorable Mentions: Allison Kate Schlabach, age 4; Malachi Bontrager, age 6; Lyla Raber, age 6; Karson Noah Miller, age 5; and Haiden Lehman, age 5. Check out page 38 for this month's coloring page.

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



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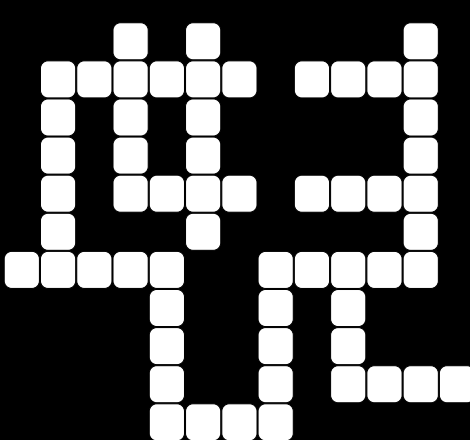
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Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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