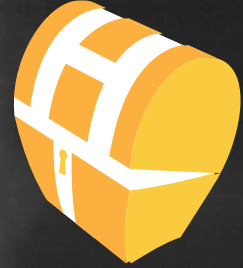


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STUDENTS OF BAND AND CHOIR

We first interviewed Issac Yater about his experience in band and choir. Issac, an eighth grader, has been in band (playing the trumpet) for three years, and joined choir for the first time this year. When asked why he chose to play the trumpet, he explained that his family already had one, so he chose that to avoid having to purchase a new instrument. The performance he found most memorable was the summer marching band's trip to the Indiana State Fair to perform on Indiana State Fair Band Day. He also recalled one instance where he rode alone on the bus to a parade, as everyone else rode there in their cars. Upon being asked what the toughest thing he had to learn for band or choir was, he mentioned the difficulty of hitting the F at the top of the staff. All in all, he enjoys band and choir, and has made several friends through these programs.

Next, we interviewed Micah Geyer. Micah is a sophomore and he is in band. Micah says that his favorite instrument to play is drums. Micah says he is unsure of his favorite song that he has performed and he remembers all of his performances equally fondly. He then said that the hardest thing about band for him was dealing with people's different parts playing while he performs. Micah said that overall, he loves being in band.

We then interviewed Gwendolyn Owsley, a sophomore, about her experience in band and choir. Gwen has been in band for five years and choir for four. Gwen told us that she joined band because it sounded fun and her dad did it, and she joined choir because she loves to sing. Gwen told us that she plays the saxophone because she wants to learn the music to saxophone-heavy songs. Gwen says that balancing band and choir isn't too difficult, except you will be unable to have a study hall. Gwen says that she has made many friends while she has been in choir, but she already knew most of the people in band.

Finally, we interviewed Grace Atwater. As an eighth grader, this is her second year in choir. She mentioned that she had made some friends in choir that she wouldn't have otherwise. For her, the hardest thing she had to learn was singing part of a song in a different language last year. Outside of those, she mentioned multiple memorable experiences and performances she had in choir. For her, the most memorable performance was during the final song of a concert last year. In between songs, the curtain fell. Quickly, the choir put on the floaties, sandals, etc. that they had stowed under the risers beforehand. When the curtain rose again, the audience laughed. All in all, Grace enjoys choir, and would recommend it to anyone who is considering joining.

MRS. HAMM

Mrs. Hamm has been teaching various classes about music for seventeen years. She currently teaches the school choir and seventh grade music class. She knew early into her life that she wanted to be a teacher, but was torn between social studies and music. In the end, two factors—amazing music teachers in high school (Mr. Brown and Mrs. Franklin) and a thought that ran throughout her senior year, that she just couldn't imagine it being the last time she performed onstage in front of an audience—helped her determine her path. She received an undergraduate degree from Indiana Wesleyan University and continuously looks for ways to improve her craft.

When asked how hard it was to teach choir, she replied: "There are many hard parts to being the choir teacher. First, auditions for anything are so hard to do. I am naturally a people pleaser and I have to select students for various roles, solos, and Dynamic Singations members each and every year. Second, trying to pick music for the choirs that has value but is also something they would enjoy keeps getting harder. And third, balancing the teaching of musical concepts with making sure we are on track to have a great performance can be difficult. My subject is very visible. What I teach in the classroom is put on a stage for an audience to see multiple times a year."

We asked her whether it was harder to teach older or younger students, she mentioned that she had tried teaching elementary students for 3 years. In her own words: "Oh my, I am not cut out for that! I'll take my middle school through high schoolers any day of the week!"

MR. BROWN

Mr. Brown has been teaching band for students from sixth to twelfth grade for thirty-two years. He had a very positive experience in band during his high school years, and decided that he wanted to provide that same experience for others.

Before coming to Westview, he earned his bachelor's degree at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, and earned his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. Whenever either him or Mrs. Hamm is absent, they will substitute for each other. When asked what it was like to teach each other's class, Mr. Brown replied, "While we might not be experts in other subjects, we are experts in teaching. When the absent teacher leaves really clear lesson plans, it's just a matter of using your teaching skills to present different information."

Every four years, the high school band goes on a trip, visiting places all throughout the world. One of Mr. Brown's most memorable performances, in fact, was on board a cruise ship in the Bahamas. While he believes it is more time-consuming due to all the performances, Mr. Brown does not believe that band is any harder to teach than any other subject.

When asked about his single most memorable moment from teaching over the years, Mr. Brown replied, "It's really difficult to pick just one moment. Every day is a new adventure, and great memories are made every year."



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From the Editor



Keep Moving Forward

At the time that this magazine goes to print, it is mid-January and I am already seeing a decline in my motivation to keep up my New Year's resolution. It is widely accepted that no matter what is picked, it will not stick. People continue to make them and some surprise themselves with a resolution that does stick! Alas, that glue will require a longer drying time for me.

Regardless, I am reminded of the Disney movie—with three young kids, cartoons have become my source of wisdom to pull from—"Meet the Robinsons" in which the family uses the phrase, "keep moving forward."

In the movie, failure is a thing to be celebrated as it brings the person failing one step closer to succeeding—clearly what was tried is not right so it can be eliminated as a solution and then you can move on to the next. They repeat the mantra, "keep moving forward" as a way to be motivated despite the disappointment of setbacks.

I'm finding my mindset—and what I choose to fill my thoughts with—play a big role in my mood and therefore how I handle the challenges and achievements that I run into.

This publication has both challenged me and given me a sense of achievement in different ways and at

different times. The last issue had more mistakes than I can happily admit to and yet I continue to "keep moving forward."

The potential to be more—and better than before—is always there if we choose to look for it and so this month, I hope the February issue in your hands will have less mistakes than its predecessor but only be a stepping stone of what is to come.

I hope you enjoy the news and the updates from the community and Westview schools. Make sure to read the cover story and historical feature by Harold. I found it to be an interesting read, as always!

Feel free to write to us to let us know what types of articles and content you would like to see. We'd love to partner with area businesses to bring you the editorial that appeals to you. Send your thoughts, comments, and recommendations to The Hometown Treasure PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565 or email them to news@lagwana.com.

Sincerely,

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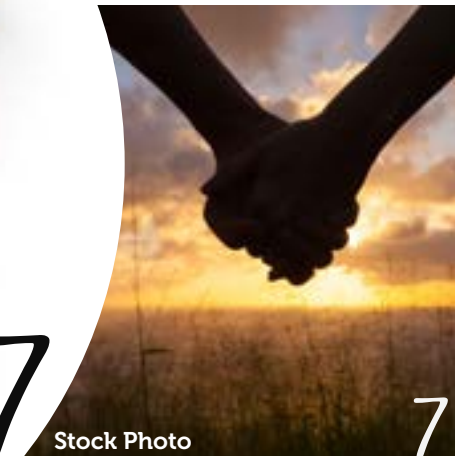
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A Reason, A Season, or Forever

Coming off the holidays, where I spent time with friends and family and moving into the “month of love,” I’ve been reflecting on relationships. Conclusion—I’ve been blessed with a lot of them!

Some were in my life for a reason, some for a season, and some are in it forever. No relationship in my life has been wasted. Even if they ended, there was a purpose. I’ve learned valuable lessons, shared laughs, and loved.

There have been individuals in my life whose paths have crossed briefly with mine. They have been placed there for a reason. Past teachers taught me essential lessons or skills. I’ve encountered people in the grocery store that I’m convinced were there for a purpose. This is how I learned to pick a good cantaloupe!

Then there are those people who were in my life for a season. Classmates, parents who I shared bleachers with and cheered our children on together, or friends who moved away. We didn’t part on complicated terms but moved on with good memories. I’ve also endured complex relationships for a season. I learned valuable lessons there, also.

Then there is the long-haul group. These forever people are my mainstays who have stuck with me no matter what. They are my parents, family

members, spouse, and lifelong friends. These are the ones that have loved me through the thick and thin of life. These individuals have grit and grace, and I can always return to them when I’ve lost my way. Even if I try, I can’t get rid of them (God love ‘em) because their love is deeply rooted in my heart.

Where are you in the lives of other people? Who fills in these categories in your life?

God created us uniquely and desires us to be in a relationship with each other. He saw Adam was lonely and created another human being for him. In Galatians 6:2, we are instructed to carry one another’s burdens. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says we are to encourage and build each other up.

No matter the status, there is a purpose in each encounter we make along the way.

Romans 13:8 (NLT) says: Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another.

Whether you are in someone’s life for a reason, a season, or forever you owe them nothing but love. Easily done if you’re in good standing, but more difficult if there are hard feelings. In time and through prayer, we can have love in any relationship. However, it must be sincere love, according to Romans 12.



This passage says we should be devoted to one another in love and honor one another above ourselves. It gives a list of how sincere love should look. This list applies no matter how you fit into someone’s life.

Here is what sincere love looks like: It is selfless, zealous, fervent, and service-oriented. It is joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. It’s hospitable, compassionate, and giving. It blesses and doesn’t curse. It rejoices with the joyful and mourns with the grieving. It is harmonious, humble, and never conceited. Sincere love does not seek revenge but makes peace with everyone. It overcomes evil with good!

How many can you check off this list in your relationships? I’m a work in progress on many of them. Let us strive to love each other sincerely—whether for a reason, a season, or forever.

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By Amela Agic, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

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Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for “additional information” pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information. These scam emails can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to be the IRS website or an online “tool” that can help process your refund faster.

But keep these points in mind:

- The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspondence to taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

- The IRS won't call to demand you make an immediate payment through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS


generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive—and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information. But these fake messages aren't the only tax season scams out there. You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department—but if you weren't expecting it, something's likely not right. This payment could be a sign that a fraudulent tax return was filed in your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to them. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to originate directly from the IRS, as

scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent “Bureau of Tax Enforcement.” Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If possible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or family member. And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, it may well be a sign that this individual is a “ghost preparer” who only wants to pocket your fee.

Tax scammers are, unfortunately, here to stay—but remaining vigilant can help you keep them from causing problems for you in this tax season and all the ones in the future. 



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Shipshewana • Friday, Feb. 10 • Register by Feb. 3 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.
LaGrange • Saturday, Feb. 18 • Register by Feb. 11 • 10 a.m.—Noon
Cost is \$5, due at class. To register, call 260-463-2841 x1030.
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LaGrange • Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 2 p.m.
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Feb. 21: *Thoroughly Modern Millie*; Feb. 28: *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

Second Saturday Book Club

LaGrange • Saturday, Feb. 11 • 11 a.m.
This month we will discuss *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas. The adventures of a young gentleman, D'Artagnan, and his three friends from the King's Musketeers—Athos, Porthos, and Aramis. Ages 16+
Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange library's Adult Information Desk.

Make-N-Take: Alcohol Paints

LaGrange • Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 6 p.m.
We will use alcohol paints to decorate bowls and/or mugs and/or wine glasses with striking designs! You can mix and match for a set of 4. Ages 12+
Cost is \$25 per person. *Space is limited. Reservation and \$15 deposit due by Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the LaGrange library.*

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, Feb. 25 • 11 a.m.
Cookbook Club is a great way to meet new people and try new things! Ask for the cookbook of the month at the LaGrange's Main Desk. Choose a recipe and make a free copy of it at the library. Cook the recipe and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.



Parkview Excellence in Infant and Maternal Health

Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview LaGrange Hospital have been recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA)—in partnership with Governor Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, FACOG—for the hospitals’ commitment to infant and maternal health. The announcement was made at the third annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health’s Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best-practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange earned the INspire Hospital of Distinction designation based on their having implemented best practices in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, and maternal hypertension.


This is the third consecutive year that Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange have been recognized in the program.

“I was thrilled to learn that Parkview Noble has been honored with the INspire Hospital of Distinction award for our Family Birthing Center,”

said Gary Adkins, president of Parkview Noble Hospital. “Our co-workers take great pride in providing their patients with the highest-quality care, and this award reflects the fact that we are meeting that important objective.”

“We are so blessed to have an outstanding team of dedicated nurses and physicians who have a passion for mothers and babies here in LaGrange County,” said Jordi Disler, president of Parkview LaGrange Hospital. “These providers work tirelessly to deliver superior care and exceptional quality in a comfortable, nurturing environment. This recognition shows why we are so proud of our Parkview LaGrange Hospital team.”

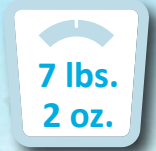
“The dedication of Parkview LaGrange Hospital and Parkview Noble Hospital to quality improvement in maternal and child health is truly inspirational,” said Brittany Waggoner, IHA Maternal and Infant Quality Improvement Advisor. “Despite the challenges our Indiana delivering facilities are facing today, they remain committed to creating a highly reliable obstetric care system for moms and babies across Indiana.”

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. 



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Seeking Volunteers

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The evaluation process is online and only requires a personal computer to participate. Volunteers can be professionals from any discipline or sector and must be at least 23 years of age. Volunteers should live or work in LaGrange County or have ties to the community to participate.

Volunteers should have 3–4 hours available, over a two-week period beginning March 1, 2023 to March 14, 2023, and should be comfortable evaluating:


- The applicant's record of academic

and personal achievement.

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- The recommendation of the academic or professional contact; and
- The substance and quality of writing in the essay and application.


To volunteer, reviewers must complete the online form by February 6, 2023, at www.lccf.net/scholarship-volunteers.

All volunteers will need to complete a conflict of interest and confidentiality form that must be signed and on file before February.

Volunteer opportunities or scholarship questions should be directed to Scholarship Manager, Laurie Sherck at lsherck@lccf.net, or by calling 463-4363. 



Maple Syrup Field Trip Opportunities

Maple syrup season is almost here! LaGrange County Parks and Recreation is now scheduling maple syrup tours for school children. Tours will take place at Maple Wood Nature Center, from March 1 to March 22, 2023. Morning tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and afternoon tours begin at 12:00 p.m. Each tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours. There are no Monday or weekend tours. This program is FREE to all LaGrange County Schools. The maple syrup making tour addresses several state proficiency standards. Children will learn about photosynthesis, the important role of weather and temperatures, and the water cycle. Students will take a short walk in the woods to learn about the tapping process, then visit the sugar shack. Everyone is treated to a sweet syrup sample. This tour is nearly 100% outside, so dress for winter weather. Space is limited and will fill up! To reserve your field trip, please call the Park Office at (260) 854-2225, or email Naturalist Leslie Arnold at larnold@lagrangecounty.org. For out-of-county schools, there is a \$3.00 fee per student. Maple Wood Nature Center is located at 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, Indiana. 

Parkview LaGrange Foundation Accepting Applications

The Parkview LaGrange Foundation is accepting applications for four scholarships for high school seniors and adults pursuing a degree or licensure in a healthcare-related field.


A total of four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Three scholarships will go to high school seniors, each residing in one of the three school corporations in LaGrange County. The fourth scholarship will be awarded to an adult who is enrolled in a healthcare-related program. Qualified applicants must currently reside in LaGrange County and be accepted or currently enrolled in an educational program leading to licensure or a degree in a healthcare-related field.

Applicants may apply for the scholarship through an online portal at

www.parkview.com/plhscholarship. For additional information about the scholarships, please email christina.blaskie@parkview.com or call

260-463-9389. To be considered, completed applications and required attachments must be submitted on or before Wednesday, March 15.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital scholarships are funded in part through income from the hospital gift shop.

This scholarship fund is also supported by the generosity of donors and is managed through the Parkview LaGrange Foundation. If you are interested in supporting this fund, please visit www.parkview.com/GiveToPLH then select "Parkview LaGrange Hospital Scholarship Fund" in the drop-down box under "Gift Designation." 

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Early Childhood Coalitions Combine



Noble Thrive by 5, an Early Childhood Coalition formed in 2020 to increase the capacity, affordability, and quality of child care and early learning in Noble County, is now expanding.

As of January 1, 2023, Noble Thrive by 5 has become Thrive by 5, serving LaGrange and Noble Counties. Rather than continue with a separate coalition in each county, Thrive by 5, along with its coordinator Jenna Anderson, has formed a unique partnership to create one coalition for both counties.

“We have all heard the saying that two is better than one and know that we will be better together,” said Andrea Howe, HR Manager for Farmers State Bank. “Noble has already showed great strides on this initiative with the addition of Jenna’s role, and we are excited to see her work come to life in LaGrange County without completely reinventing the wheel and starting from scratch.”

On Wednesday, January 11, steering committee members from both the LaGrange and Noble County early childhood coalitions met together for the first time as a combined organization to develop a shared vision and business plan. This is more than a collaboration...it’s an alliance that will take the progress already being developed in Noble County and allow the coalition to hit the ground running in LaGrange.

“Noble Thrive by 5 has seen success in supporting early learning opportunities, and we hope to learn, collaborate, and build upon that success in LaGrange County,” said Sara Patrick, Executive Director for the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce. “We’re excited about the marriage of both coalitions because it brings an even-greater impact in LaGrange County through the bounty of experienced stakeholders at the table. Great things are coming, and after several years of working towards solutions, I personally am excited to see the tangible fruit of that work!”

Some of that progress in Noble County to increase capacity includes working with those interested in starting an early learning program and providing the support and resources they need. The most exciting project is a collaboration with the Town of Albion, which is interested in committing Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District Funds to pay a portion of the construction costs to build a new licensed childcare center.

Thrive by 5 is also nearly ready to launch a Tri-Share Pilot Program to address affordability in Noble County. Funded in part by County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) dollars budgeted by the Noble County Commissioners, this program will drastically cut child care costs for families, while engaging employers to provide a unique benefit to retain and attract employees.

“What I’ve discovered in the role as coalition coordinator is that this work is about finding opportunities,” said Thrive by 5 Coordinator Jenna Anderson. “By building relationships,

working with a variety of organizations, and nurturing ideas, we will find those opportunities and develop them into something that can truly make a difference.”

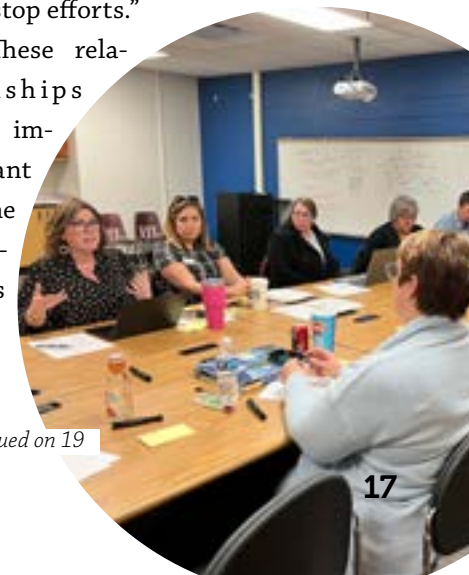
There is power in numbers and Thrive by 5 has effectively doubled its resources.

“As collaborative organizations of diverse members who are working toward a common goal, one coalition gives us the opportunity to combine and leverage resources from multiple and diverse sources,” explained Margarita White, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Noble County.

Thrive by 5 isn’t alone in this work. It also has the support of the Northeast Indiana Regional Early Childhood Coalition (NEIRECC), which works to support and build local coalitions in our eleven counties.

“The child care crisis is complex and will take a concerted effort, we can work smarter and go farther together,” said Allie Sutherland, NEIRECC Coordinator. “Working together we can pool resources and make a larger impact for longer. We can also ensure we can continue the work and not continually start and stop efforts.”

These relationships are important to the success



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of this work.

“The lack of childcare and early learning opportunities affects all counties in northeast Indiana and across the state,” said Octavia Yoder, LaGrange County Community Foundation Executive Director. “This is a state-wide and regional issue and it can’t be solved by each county alone. Many people living in LaGrange and Noble counties cross county lines for work and share common interests. By partnering with a neighboring county, we can share logistic resources, reduce the programing operating costs, and focus on the

important work of building communities with increased access to childcare and early learning.”

While that work focuses on increasing the capacity, affordability, and quality of early learning, long-term success is vital to our communities.

“We can support working families in our community and provide opportunities to give them peace of mind their children have access to good care,” said Yoder. “Strong families build strong communities. We want to see families thrive.” **1**



LaGrange County Community Foundation Executive Director Octavia Yoder (right) and LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Sherri Johnston listen as Gensyn Design guides the group through strategic planning to form a single early childhood coalition serving two counties. Photo Submitted

Holcomb's Next Level Agenda

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb recently released his 2023 Next Level agenda, and it includes several measures to improve the landscape of early childhood education.

“This is a great time to be involved in early learning,” said Jenna Anderson, Early Childhood Coalition Coordinator for Thrive by 5 of LaGrange and Noble Counties. “The need for support to increase capacity, quality, and affordability of child care

is getting recognized by our legislators, and with the work being done both locally and regionally here in Northeast Indiana, we have the opportunity to make some important changes.”

The lack of access to child care is really an economic development issue, said Anderson. Governor Holcomb’s plan to establish a \$25 million Innovation Grant to provide funding and licensing support for employer-sponsored child care options demonstrates that.

“Parents simply can’t find quality, affordable child care these days,” said Anderson. “Employers really recognize that this is creating an employment issue for them, and they are looking for ways to demonstrate their support for increased capacity.”

Work is already underway in the state to re-design regulations for new and existing child care providers, but Governor Holcomb stressed that need in his agenda. He also mentioned modernizing and updating Paths to Quality to better measure kindergarten readiness standards.

“These items are so important in our work to increase capacity and quality,” said Anderson. “Those who could

emerge as new providers are deterred by the mountain of regulations and paperwork needed to become licensed in Indiana. Existing providers get frustrated, as well. We need to have regulations for the health and safety of our children, but there has to be a way to streamline the process so that it is not so overwhelming for all involved.”

Governor Holcomb’s final early childhood agenda item will help increase affordability for families. By expanding access to Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers and On My Way Pre-K assistance, another 5,000 more families will qualify.

“By increasing the income threshold to qualify for state assistance, more families will be able to take advantage,” said Anderson. “An increase in access to these state programs, coupled with the Tri-Share Pilot Program to address affordability in Noble County, will put money back into the pockets of many more families struggling to pay for child care.”

Early childhood leaders throughout Northeast Indiana will be watching the state legislature as they consider the Governor’s Next Level agenda items. **1**

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- Jesse Doremus, Peyton Lambricht, Alyssa Miller
- Davey King, Lucas Raber, Amy Yoder
- Daryl Beechy, Kurtis Miller, Toby Miller
- Avionna Holmes, Khaled Omer, Marcus Runyan, Rylan Spencer
- Paisley Brandenberger, Ashlyn Lay, Easton McDonald, Jeryle Miller, Lillith White, Dustin Yoder
- Evelynn Brown, Lukas Gingerich, Kinley Hershberger, Andrew Martin, Jared Mast
- Ava Miller, Josiah Miller
- Colton Beechy, Bentley Craig, Jeremy Miller, Austin Yoder
- Landon Fry, Abigail Hershberger, Carson Schwartz, Kelsey Smith
- Lucas Lambricht, Angela Miller, Hunter Trinh
- Kaiden Beechy, Kayla Beechy, Derek Bontrager, Austin Miller, Jayda Stutzman
- Alayna Hochstetler, Landyn Honyoust, Chloe Turner
- Maverick Hueston, Lori King, Andrea Lambricht, Briana Yoder, Taya Yoder
- Alyse Bontrager, Ethan Riehl, Isla Slabach

Birthdays for children in the area up through sixth grade may be submitted free of charge. Suggestion: Send in your complete list a year at a time. Hometown Treasure, Kids' Birthday List, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565



- 17 Jenna Miller, Kinsley Miller,
Treva Miller, Eric Schlabach,
Justin Schlabach
- 18 Brandon Bontrager,
Janessa Caldwell, Isaiah Graber,
Raymond Howard, Isaac Miller,
Adriana Stutzman
- 19 Sage Fisher, Makenna Grossman,
Destiny Mercer, Lucas Miller,
Kandice Parker, Emmery Spencer
- 20 Cohen Shepard, Sean Slabach,
Alex Stutzman, Derek Wingard,
- 21 Hannah Jasso, James Lambright,
Caleb Lehman, Avery Mast,
Josiah Schlabach, Kenlin Yoder
- 22 Dixie Altimus,
Cameron Bontrager,
Carsyn Haines, Kyrie Mauck,
Chondra Quinn, Lyndon Yoder
- 23 Lillian Berkey, Julie Bontrager,
Bentley Harman,
Aaron Hershberger, Isaiah Miller,
Tidus Schrock
- 24 Sara Bontrager, Archer Geigley,
Curtis Graber, Raylan LaForce,
- 25 Jariah Lehman, Austin Miller,
Darin Stutzman, Kylie Wingard,
Isabella Yoder, Deanna Yutzy
- 26 Kyle Hershberger, Caleb Mast,
Beckham Misner,
Janae Stutzman, Kara Yoder,
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- 27 Eli Christner, Miles Glassman,
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Final Christmas News

Looking back in 3A, students celebrated their classroom Christmas party by wearing pajamas, eating breakfast casseroles and cinnamon rolls, and exchanging gifts. Each student brought in a new card or board game as a gift. After gifts, the rest of the day was spent playing games. Students in the Reading and Math Clubs participated in a STEM activity in which they had to build the tallest snowman out of marshmallows and toothpicks. The students used teamwork,

problem solving, and creativity. 🧑‍🎓



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Meadowview Elementary

Home of the Mustangs



Kindergartners Back (left to right): Caleb Miller, Austin Bontrager, Ethan Miller, Derek Wingard, and Logan Bontrager. Front: Dena Miller, Cynthia Lehman, and Erick Miller. Not Pictured: Bethany Miller. Photo Submitted



First Graders Back (left to right): Colton Beechy, Kurtis Bontrager, and Easton Hostetler. Front: Neva Bontrager, Constance Killian, Jana Miller, and Adriana Wingard. Photo Submitted



Second Graders Back (left to right): Carsyn Haines, Kohler Yoder, Nicholas Bontrager, and Landon Slabach. Front: Kyla Thompson, Jenise Miller, and Brenna Mauck. Not Pictured: Emmery Spencer. Photo Submitted

2nd Quarter Mustang Awards

A maximum of 2 students are chosen by the classroom teacher each 9 weeks. Winners are chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect, and responsibility.

Winners receive a Mighty Mustang tag on a chain and are given a choice of a bag from the principal, Mrs. Helmuth. Pictured are the winners for the 2nd quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Go Mustangs! 📌



Third Graders Back (left to right): Julian Flores and Kenlin Yoder. Front: Kylah Miller, Grace Beechy, and Natalie McDonald. Not Pictured: Isaac Bontrager. Photo Submitted



Fourth Graders Front (left to right): Landon Bontrager, Seth Lambricht, Ava Yoder, and Julie Bontrager. Not Pictured: Kinley Hershberger, Graison Yoder, Natalie Yoder, and Gideon Peterson. Photo Submitted



HARVEST of the Month

Students in 3A sample a locally grown vegetable as a part of Parkview's Harvest of the Month program.

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Christmas Wrap Up

School is back in session after Christmas and the New Year but there are still photos to share from all the fun before break.

Buddy the Elf made an appearance all throughout December, and our own Mr. Ben even got in on the fun! We held our annual all-school Christmas caroling in the gym on the day before Christmas break led by our Shipshe Singers: Mrs. Short, Mrs. Mast, and Mrs. Miller.

Other fun events happening around the school included Elf day, candy cane day, Christmas Around the World, Polar Express STEM activities, Gingerbread day, and snow day. There was crafting, baking, decorating, building, and loads of fun! 🎉



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Quarter 1 *Back (left to right):* Gloria Miller, Angela Hochstetler, Austin L. Miller, Ryan Yoder, and Sage Mercer. *Middle:* Olivia Bontrager, Alyssa Hochstetler, Elijah Watts, Landon Raber, and Janae Yoder. *Front:* Kaitlyn Miller, Katelyn Hochstetler, Amy Bontrager, and Grace Yoder. *Photo Submitted*

Students of the Quarter

Quarter 2 *Back (left to right):* Nate Fether, Collin Vandergriff, Pierce Yoder, Kaine Reinhold, and Chris Terrones. *Middle:* Paige McDonald, Alyssa Hooley, Tyler Stutzman, Seth Bontrager, and Jacob Lambright. *Front:* Amy Yoder, Grace Yoder, Laine Bortner, and Graci Engle. *Photo Submitted*



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- 1) Jaxon Miller passes the ball to open teammate Jacob Lambright.
- 2) Laban Bontrager puts up a two point shot.
- 3) Hudson Yoder shoots for three
- 4) Josh Bontrager brings the ball down the court toward the Westview basket.

Photos by Abby Wenger

These photos and more will be available for purchase at lagwanaphotos.com.

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8th Boys Basketball



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- 1) Pierce Yoder scores three for Westview.
- 2) Luke Haarer works his way around his Garrett opponent.
- 3) Adrian Miller faces heavy opposition under the Westview basket.
- 4) Micah Wingard passes the ball to an open teammate.
- 5) Austin Schlabach makes it around his Garrett opponent and heads to the basket.
- 6) Daniel Yoder puts up a two point shot.

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2023 7th Cheer: Back (left to right): Madilyn Miller, Jaylynn Brown, and Janae Yoder. Front: Rylee Watson and Kya Roose.

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Funeral Service For George Henderson Held Sunday

George Elmer Henderson, 77, former sheriff of LaGrange county, died Friday morning at his home in Topeka, after having been bedfast for several weeks, from heart complications.

The funeral was held in the Topeka Methodist church at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, with burial in Sloan cemetery, 6 miles northeast of Topeka. The services were in charge of the Rev. Edridge Saunders.

The deceased, son of Anthony and Nancy Henderson, was born April 26, 1868, on a farm 6 miles east of Topeka. His marriage to Elvora Castleman took place Jan. 29, 1888, in Sturgis. They lived on the Henderson homestead until Mr. Henderson was elected sheriff about 35 years ago. At the end of his term he located in Elkhart, and with a partner named Mishler erected and operated the H. & M. garage at 742-744 South Main in Elkhart. He also for a while was employed at the Foster Machine Co. After living in Elkhart 6 years he moved back to the homestead and was again chosen sheriff, locating in Topeka upon completion of that term.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson had 3 children, all deceased. There are 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral For Mrs. Elvora Henderson Held Sunday

After an illness of 2 months since the death of her husband, George Henderson, which occurred Feb. 9, Mrs. Elvora Henderson, 80, died of a heart attack early Thursday morning at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Iva Henderson of Topeka.

Mrs. Henderson was born Sept. 24, 1864, in Clearspring township, the daughter of John and Carolyn Murray. She is survived by 9 grandchildren, one of whom is with the 7th army in Germany and another in the air corps in Amarillo, Tex.; 9 great-grandchildren; and her daughter-in-law.

Funeral services were held at the Iva Henderson home Sunday 1:30 p. m. in charge of the Rev. Edridge Saunders of the Topeka Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Phay Plummer of

Bandits Kill One and Rob Circus Train

Swarming over a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus train, a gang of negro bandits killed one man and wounded another in a holdup north of Howe Saturday night.

Anthony La Russo, Newark, N. J., circus employe was shot through the head and William Smith, Chicago, another employe was cut, in a desperate attempt to break up the robbery.

La Russo died immediately Smith's were dressed and he continued with the circus to Ft. Wane.

The negroes arrested were taken from freight train near the scene of the robbery by a posse led by Sheriff George Henderson and State Police from Ligonier barracks.

James Manuel, Raleigh, N. C., has allegedly confessed the murder and implicated James Garret, Yazoo, Miss., and John Gordon, New Orleans. They are being held in the LaGrange county jail pending the Grand jury session due in September.

THREE ADMIT CIRCUS MURDER

By Associated Press.
LAGRANGE, Ind., Aug. 3.—Three Negroes were held for grand jury action today following pleas of guilty when arraigned in a justice of the peace court charged with the murder last Saturday of Anthony La Russo, aged 26 Newark, N. J., a circus employe.
La Russo was shot and killed when he resisted an attempted robbery by the Negroes aboard a circus train. The Negroes held are James Manuel, John Gordon and James Garret.

“Within less than 10 minutes after sentence was pronounced the slayers were on their way to prison.”

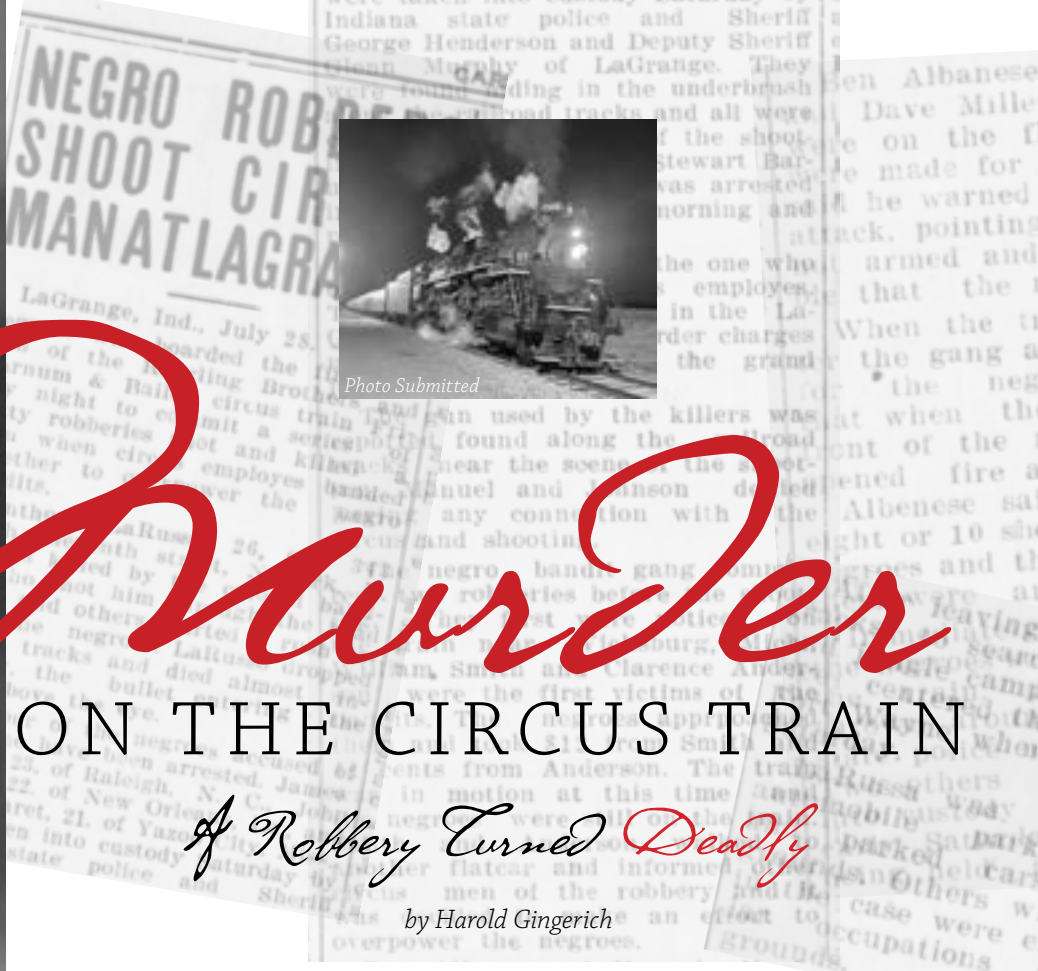
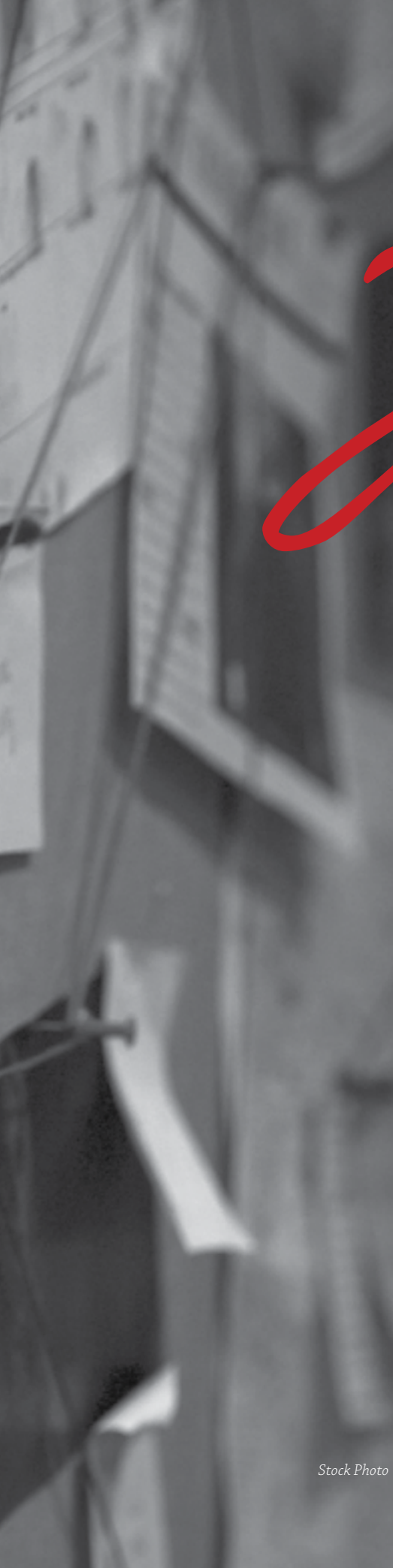


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Murder

ON THE CIRCUS TRAIN

A Robbery Turned Deadly

by Harold Gingerich

Newspapers across the Midwest ran the story with headlines dramatizing the unsettling events. The Garrett Clipper headline read, “Negro Robbers Shoot Circus Man at LaGrange.”

The Topeka Journal was less racially oriented, Bandits Kill One and Rob Circus Train.” The Great Depression was gripping the nation and times were hard. Hard times often make people desperate; so desperate that they do the unthinkable. On July 28, 1934, the unthinkable happened over \$12.41 shocking area residents. While the crime occurred just north of Howe, Indiana, there is an interesting link to the local community.

It was the kind of story that movies are made of. Unfortunately, this story ended in robbery and murder. And three men would be sentenced to spend the rest of their lives in prison at Michigan City.

It was a Friday night; the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus train was enroute from Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Ft. Wayne, Indiana. A gang of as many as five bandits committed two robberies before the shooting. One newspaper described them as “circus roustabouts.” Another reported that they were first noticed on board the circus train around Vicksburg, Michigan. Were they traveling with the circus? We don’t know. But it was the Depression and seeing men hop a train (for a free ride) was not unusual.

How and when the robbery plans were hatched is not clear. While the train was moving, the robbers approached two circus workers, William

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Smith and Clarence Anderson. They stole \$12 from Smith and 41 cents from Anderson. By today's standards that is not much money. But keep in mind it was the Depression. The phrase, "Brother can you spare me a dime" had real meaning because nobody had money. So, \$12.41 in 1934 was a significant amount of money to a lot of people.

Following the robbery, while Smith and Anderson made their way to another flatcar to tell other circus men what had happened, the bandits stayed on the train. Plans were quickly made to overpower the bandits and recover the stolen money. One circus employee, Ben Albanese of Newark, New Jersey, warned the men against the attack saying that the negro bandits were armed.

When the train stopped to take on water north of Howe, the vigilantes assembled and started for the bandits. Albanese told authorities that when the circus workers confronted the bandits the negroes opened fire. He believed that two of the bandits were armed and that 8 or 10 shots were fired.

Anthony LaRusso, 26, of Newark, New Jersey, dropped in his tracks and was killed almost instantly with a bullet wound above his eye. William Smith

from Chicago, and who had been one of the robbery victims, suffered a gunshot wound to the left side of his face. Smith's wounds were bandaged, and he continued with the circus train to Ft. Wayne.

Immediately following the shooting, the bandits jumped from the train and scattered. A posse led by LaGrange County Sheriff George Henderson, Deputy Sheriff Glenn Murphy, and the Indiana State Police (Ligonier post) combed the area for the suspects. James Manuel, 23, of Raleigh, North Carolina; John Gordon, 22, of New Orleans, Louisiana; and James Garet, 21, of Yazoo City, Mississippi, were found hiding in the underbrush along the railroad tracks and were captured on Saturday morning within a mile of the fatal shooting. Another negro man, Theodore Colman, age 45, was also detained as a material witness. A fourth suspect, Stewart Barnett of New York City, was arrested in Ft. Wayne on Sunday morning and returned to LaGrange.

Justice came swiftly.
Prosecutor Theodore

Wood addressed the grand jury on July 30th and indicated that based on statements by four Negroes, who were being held without bond, criminal charges were being filed. The August 2, 1935, edition of the Topeka Journal reported that "James Manuel, Raleigh, N.C. has allegedly confessed the murder and implicated James Garret, Yazoo Miss, and John Gordon, New Orleans."

On Thursday, September 6th, three defendants appeared in the LaGrange Circuit Court before Judge Clyde C. Carlin. Manuel, Garet, and Gordon pleaded guilty to second degree murder. Judge Carlin accepted their plea, found them guilty and sentenced each to life in prison. The Waterloo Press (Waterloo, IN) noted that "Within less than 10 minutes after sentence was pronounced the slayers were on their way to prison." What happened to Stewart Barnett and Theodore Coleman is yet to be discovered.

Sheriff George E. Henderson (1868-1945) has an interesting connection to the community. His February 15, 1945,



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obituary published in the Topeka Journal contains a wealth of information. He was born six miles east of Topeka to Anthony and Nancy Henderson. He married Elnora Castleman on January 29, 1888, in Sturgis. George and Elnora would have three children. The couple lived on the Henderson homestead until he was elected sheriff, presumably in 1910.


The front page of the August 6, 1914, Topeka Journal reported that Henderson was a candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket. State law limits a sheriff to two terms. It was probably after his second term that Henderson moved to Elkhart and operated the H & M Garage that is mentioned in his obituary. Six years later he moved back to the area and again ran for sheriff.

The Henderson House, which still stands at 221 North Main Street in Topeka, was home to George & Elnora's oldest son Walter (1890-1944). Walter married Iva Bowsher (1890-1969), on June 12, 1910. We do not know when the home was built, but it was mostly built

by George and Elnora when they moved back to the community. Growing up two houses north of the Henderson House, I remember the winter I was paid 50 cents a week to carry in firewood for Iva Henderson's kitchen stove.

George Elmer Henderson, former sheriff of LaGrange County, died on Friday morning February 9, 1945, at his home in Topeka. Henderson had been bedridden for several weeks with heart complications. His funeral service, conducted by Rev. Eldridge Saunders, was held the following Sunday afternoon at the Topeka Methodist Church with burial at the Sloan Cemetery six miles east of Topeka. Two months later at the age of 80 Elnora died of a heart attack. Following a funeral in the Henderson House conducted by Rev. Saunders and Rev. Phay

Plummer from the Topeka Baptist Church, she was laid

to rest next to George. 



Henderson House.

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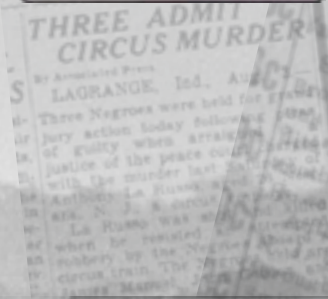
Postscript: In the process of researching newspaper articles for this story, two things were striking. First, newspaper reports repeatedly identified the bandits/

killers as "negros." In today's political correctness, such ethnic references would be regarded as blatant racism. Second, unlike today,

the graphic details of exactly how Anthony LaRusso died were there in print for all the world to see.

While justice was swift, one has to wonder if the crime had occurred in the South given the racial prejudice in the 1930s, would the accused have lived long enough for there to have even been a trial.

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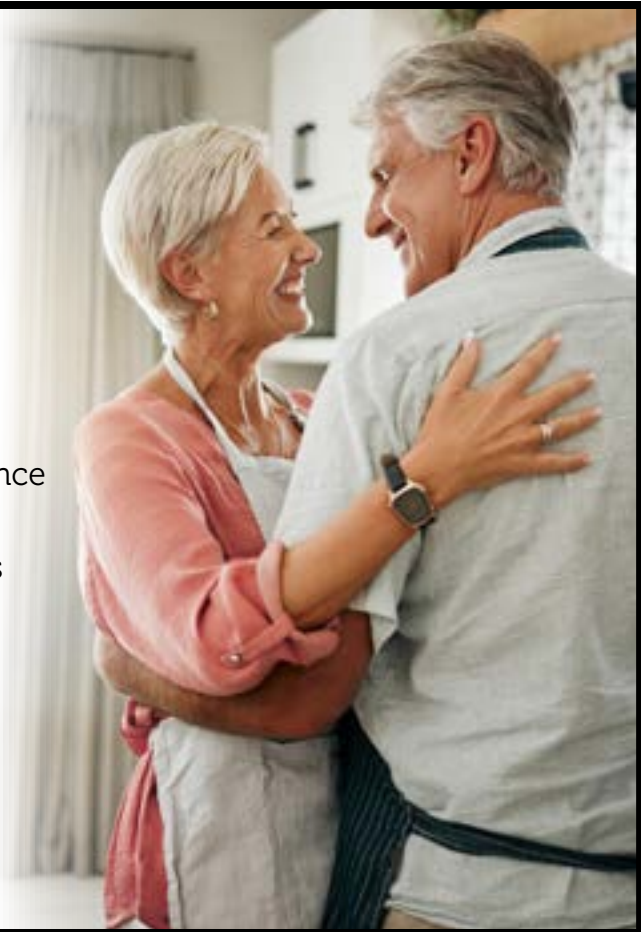
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Well, I've had to switch my schedule around a couple times recently, and as it turns out, I'm actually just a morning person. I apparently work my best between 7am and noon, no matter where I am or who is around, and after that, my brain just begins to feel a bit like pudding. **i**

Solution on page 45.

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Second prize went to **Justin & KayAnna Detweiler of 500W, Shipshewana.**

Third prize went to **Lavon & Esther Knepp of 450W, Shipshewana.**

There were 37 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Lester & Marlene Mullett, Sharon Glick, Wilbur & Ida Weaver, Richard & Sharon Lambright, Dale & JoEllen Yoder, Dave & Wilma Chupp, Nelson & Susan Miller, Adrian & Veronica Petersheim, Doris Miller, Jr & Marilyn Bontrager, David & JoAnn Bontrager, Duane & Mary Miller, Joe & Fannie Mae Bontrager, Leonard & Becky Schwartz, Lonnie & Joann Bontrager, Jerry & Erma Miller, Richard & Brenda Miller, Benjamin Raber, Richard & Waneta Miller, Dean & Tina Bontrager, John & Cathy Miller, Marlin & Velma Detweiler, Virgil & Doretta Bontrager, Richard & Jolene Bontrager, Elmer & Loretta Lehman, Mel & Marla Lehman, Orville & Lettie Miller, Daniel & Cristina Bontrager, Larry & Freda Bontrager, Gene & Rose Yoder, Jr & Ruby Schlabach, Karl & Karen Yoder, Homer & Wilma Miller, and Carl & Melinda Miller.




Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Delilah Faith of 500 W, Topeka was our winner for the January Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka.

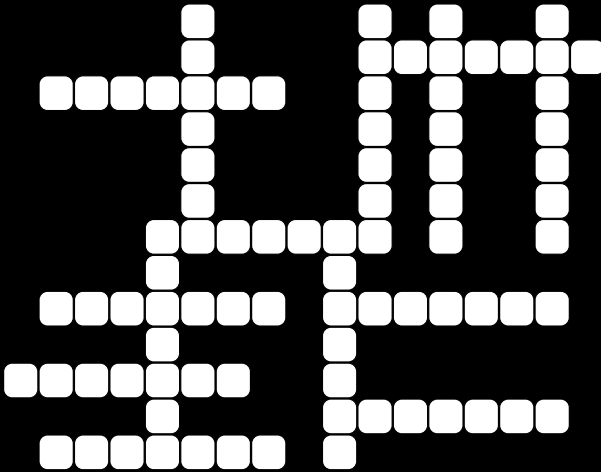
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free small ice cream cone through February.

Runners-up were Gary Yoder, age 6; Derek James Yoder, age 5; Lance Nissley, age 4; and Erika Miller, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Alice Miller, age 6; Faith Abigail Farmwald, age 5; Vanessa Joy Hershberger, age 5; Adra Miller, age 6; Alisa Bontrager, age 6; and Angie Bontrager, age 5. Check out page 43 for this month's coloring page.

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



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Clueless
Crossword


Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 45.
by Emily Vandevander

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!

What can a child make but no one can see?

Answer on pg 45

<https://brainly.in/question/47739058#:~:text=What%20is%20it%20a%20child,Answer%3A%20Noise.>



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Clueless CROSSWORD Solution

By Emily Vandevander

to the puzzle on page 42.

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Answer:
Noise

Riddle on pg 42

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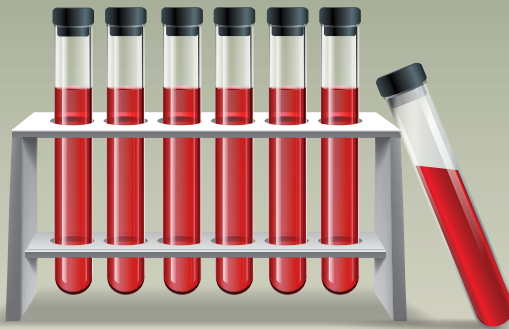




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