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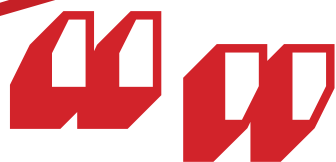
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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

After high school, I intend to attend college for acting. I hope to one day perform shows on Broadway or in big-time movies. It is a dream of mine to be able to entertain the world, and I know that I'm going to be able to do just that—no matter if that means I'm on a stage, in a movie, on an album, or in someone's favorite book.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR UNDERCLASSMEN?

No matter what it is you're going through, life will go on and things will get better. At the end of every storm, there's a rainbow. You just have to push through the lightning and thunder. Stress is a hard thing to manage but the best advice I can give you is find out what's important. Time is one of the only things you cannot get back, make sure you spend your time doing what's important to you. If I were to fill a mason jar with rocks and ask you "Is this full?" You'd most likely say yes. Now say I added smaller pebbles that fell between the rocks. After that I add sand. Now the jar is truly full. Nothing else can realistically fit. That jar represents all the time you will have in your life. Those rocks represent the important things to you, whether that be friends, family, your pets, or your hobbies. The pebbles are the less important things yet still essential. And the sand is just everything else. If you start by filling your jar with sand first, you won't have any room for the important things.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE POSITIVE QUOTE?

William Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage." This not only applies to theatre, but to literally everyone. The world's a stage and you are but an actor on that stage. You get to decide your character, your traits, and how you act. Make sure to put on the best performance you can no matter what role you choose to play.

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LUCY RENSBERGER

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

Outside of school, I participate in sports such as volleyball and track. During the Fall, I perform in the musical while playing volleyball. When I have free time, I enjoy painting, sewing, reading, or watching movies. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends, whether it's at youth group or during the weekend.

WHAT IS SOMETHING A COACH OR TEACHER HAS SAID THAT STICKS WITH YOU?

My choir teacher Mrs. Hamm told us to always have the desire to grow and continue learning even after high school. I think this has inspired me to take challenges head on and to allow myself to make mistakes and grow from them.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

After high school, I am planning to attend college to study pre-medicine. I would like to possibly dual major in neuroscience and studio art. I would also love to continue to throw shot put and discus for track in college. For a career, I would like to be a medical doctor: I could see myself being a physician or a medical illustrator or a neurologist—whatever I am called to do.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR UNDERCLASSMEN?

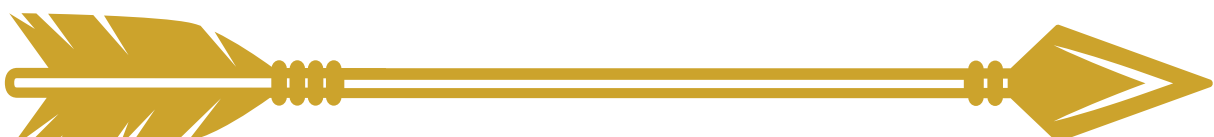
My advice for underclassmen is to not be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. Try new things. Don't worry about what others think of you. High school is the time to find yourself and your values. Have confidence and live in the moment. Some of the things you worry about in high school will not matter when you're older.



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I love stories. I love to read them, to write them, and to tell them. They have entertainment value and can be quite educational as well.

Embellishing those stories is a favorite of mine. Taking something that may have felt traumatic at the time and turning it into a funny tale of parenting woes—because most traumatic events in my life relate to my haphazard attempts at being a mom—helps me remember those memories and life lessons.

Of course none of them could be used as historical documents once they are written out or shared since the remaining facts are small nuggets encased in hyperbole. I sometimes consider this tidbit as I read historical accounts of events or excerpts from the past. There's always an element of bias to anything written based on point of view or information available so how accurate are they?

I guess that's why there are so many sources for stories found in today's news. They all have a slightly different take on what happened or is going to happen. It'll be interesting to see what future articles say about this publication when the time comes.

I've enjoyed reading the submis-

sions we get each month and finding ways to present it for you, the reader. As Harold's article pointed out, *The Hometown Treasure* is one of the few publications being put together in Shipshewana today which should bring us a sense of pride to be contributing towards.

There are sure to be more changes coming to *The Hometown Treasure*, one of which is the editor position. I will be handing over editor responsibilities to Chloe Lovell who is excited to make this publication better than ever!

Please continue to write to us to let us know what types of articles and content you would like to see. It's fun to hear from our readers and explore new topics.

We'd also 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,

Tamar Wilkins
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Heart and Soul

by Kim Ray Mishler

Are you Listening?

I'm a church secretary. Several years ago, the Pastor asked me to call a parishioner named Flo and schedule a visit with her for the next day at noon. Now, Flo was 93 and very hard of hearing. The phone call with her was a struggle. I gave my name and where I was from repeatedly and loudly. At last, Flo seemed to understand. Then came the arduous task of letting her know the Pastor's plan.

When the Pastor arrived the next day, Flo was sitting by the door with her coat on. She was waiting for "Karen" to pick her up and take her to her home for a visit. The Pastor visited with her as she waited, thinking it odd that she would schedule this visit with Karen, knowing he was coming at the same time. Back at the office, the Pastor told me this, and we began to piece things together. With her impaired hearing, Flo thought I was Karen and that I would pick her up at noon. Oh, dear! Not wanting poor Flo to spend her whole afternoon waiting on Karen, who wasn't going to show, I traveled to her home to iron things

out. It took a lot of yelling and hand gesturing, but I finally helped her understand. Bless her heart!

If only poor Flo could hear, she would not have

had her hopes dashed that day. Unlike Flo, I don't have an excuse for my poor listening skills; my hearing is fine! In fact, I sometimes am the opposite of Flo. I hear what's being said, but sadly, I don't listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth. Perhaps it was his intention for us to listen twice as much as we speak. Or was it? After all, besides being a great place to store wax, the ears' purpose is primarily for hearing. However, it is with our hearts that we listen. Truly listening to someone takes attributes of the heart, i.e., compassion, selflessness, understanding, and patience.

Proverbs 18:13 says, "He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame." Nothing is more annoying to me than when I'm trying to tell

someone something, and they are distracted or cut me off to speak before I'm done. And I know I've annoyed others by doing the same. I've also learned that when only bits and pieces of a conversation are digested, the results typically leave a bitter aftertaste!

According to James 1:19, listening should come first. This passage instructs the Christian to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Holding our tongues and opening our hearts to what others say builds trust in relationships. To genuinely be heard by someone is a blessing. Most of the time, folks simply need a heartfelt response, whether verbal or not.

I recently saw a quote that spoke to my heart—"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk." What a timely reminder to me. How about you, friend? Are you quick to listen and slow to speak? I've got big goals. I'm working toward that reward of wisdom!

Perhaps biblical Samuel set the example for us when he heard the Lord call out his name in the night. He said, "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." I aspire to apply this respect to my relationships today, "Speak, friend, I am listening." 📌



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Smart Choices

By Brittany N. Galloway, Pharmacy Student at Topeka Pharmacy

Imagine This

Pharmacies play the important role of providing medications to help improve your health so you can live a comfortable, happy life. But what are some other services that your local pharmacy can provide?


Imagine this: You walk into a pharmacy with your child because they need a tetanus shot. In response to this, the employee says, "Our pharmacist will start preparing the vaccine. In the meantime, feel free to take a look around!" Within a few minutes, you approach the counter holding a flower arrangement, some ear candles, compression stockings and a few healthy supplements and you notice the same employee is now holding a stuffed animal. "Follow me to one of our private rooms because the tetanus shot is ready. Afterwards, your child can take home this free stuffed animal as a gift!"

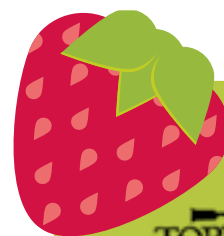
Now, imagine this: You were recently diagnosed with diabetes. What does this actually mean? Do I need to start taking medications? What in the world is an A1c? A pharmacy employee walks you to a room and, on the way there, you notice some shoes on the wall. Didn't the doctor talk about protecting your feet? After you enter the private room, the employee turns to you and says, "I have some good news! We can sign you up for a one-on-one class to learn more about how to manage your diabetes. Also, I noticed that you were looking at our shoes. May I talk about our shoe program?"

And finally, imagine this: Your doctor just told you that you have strep throat. After entering the pharmacy, you give your prescription to an employee and then you go upstairs to buy some fabric for a sewing project. When walking back to the counter, the employee is smiling. "Here is your medication! And if you're interested, we can do a quick test here in the pharmacy to see if your other family members have strep throat as well."

Guess what? Your local pharmacy is capable of providing all of these services, to help you manage your conditions and take care of your family's needs locally. Pharmacies can offer diabetes classes, medication synchronization (all medications can be filled and picked up at the same time), on-site flu tests, free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, vaccines, smoking cessation counseling, one-on-one medication reviews and free home delivery of medications!

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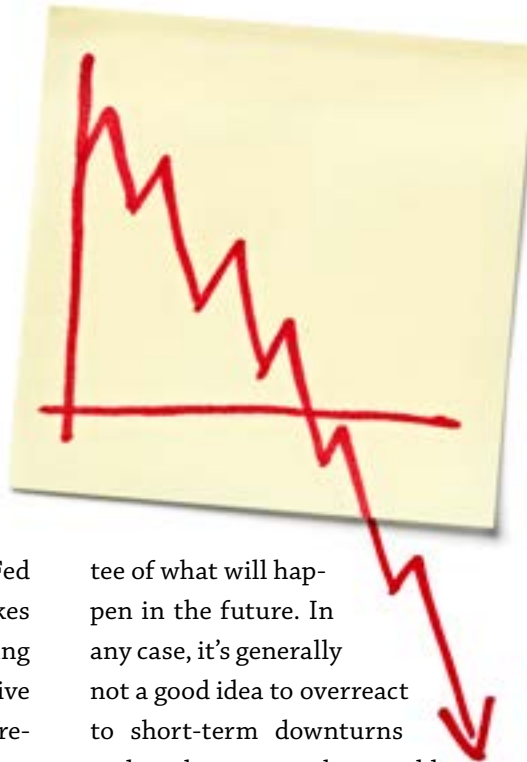
To begin with, here's what happened: 2022 was the worst year for the financial markets since 2008, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping nearly 9%, the S&P 500 losing more than 19% and the technology-heavy Nasdaq falling 33%. Several factors contributed to these results, including the moves by the Federal Reserve to aggressively hike interest rates to combat inflation, the Russia-Ukraine war, recession fears and increased concern over COVID-19 cases in China.

However, 2023 may be different. Many experts believe that inflation may moderate considerably, especially during the second half of the year. If that happens, the Fed may well pause its interest rate hikes and perhaps even consider cutting rates — a move that is often positive for the financial markets. Also, if a recession emerges, but it's relatively short and mild, as expected, the rebounding economy may be favorable for the investment outlook.

Regardless of what transpires this year, though, you can help move toward your financial goals by following some basic steps that make sense in all investment environments. Here are a few to consider:

- Focus on the long term. It can be disconcerting to look at investment statements containing neg-

ative results, as was the case for many people throughout 2022. But it's important to view a single year's outcome in the larger context — and historically, the stock market has had many more positive years than negative ones, though, of course, past performance is not a guaran-




tee of what will happen in the future. In any case, it's generally not a good idea to overreact to short-term downturns and make moves that could work against your long-term strategy.

- Keep adequate cash in your portfolio. The value of your investments may have gone down in 2022 — but you didn't really sustain any actual losses unless you sold those investments for less than what you paid for them. To avoid having to sell investments to supplement your income or to pay for unforeseen costs, such as a major home or car repair,

try to build the “cash” portion of your portfolio, so it covers a few months' worth of living expenses. When you're retired, and it becomes even more imperative to avoid selling investments when their price is down, you may need an even bigger pool of available cash.

- Look for opportunities. Although 2022 was certainly a down year for the financial markets, some developments have presented new opportunities for investors. For one thing, the contribution limits have increased for IRAs, 401(k)s, and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), all of which are pegged to inflation. Also, with interest rates considerably higher than they were a year ago, fixed-income investments may offer more income and provide added stability in portfolios during times of economic weakness.

When you've been investing for a long time, you will experience down years in the market, such as the one in 2022. These years are an inevitable part of the investment process. But since you can't control what happens in the financial markets, you need to concentrate on what you can control — and that may be a lot more than you think. 

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LaGrange • Friday, Mar. 10 • 10 a.m.

Topeka • Due to lack of interest in Topeka, we are asking any Topeka families to please join us in either Shipshewana or LaGrange.

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We will discuss the book we read over the last month. We will also do a fun activity and pass out the next book club book.

Sign up in the youth department by checking out this month's book.

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LaGrange • Tuesday, Mar. 21 • 4 p.m.

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We will be discussing our book and making a fun craft.

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

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Make-N-Take

There will be no Make n Take Class in March. Check back to see what fun and creative class we have planned for April 20th!

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Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, Mar. 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 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.

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March Events

Make-n-Take Crafts

Maple Syrup Activity Booklet

Saturday, Mar. 11 • 10 am or 2 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center - **Free!**

The booklet contains several pages of maple syrup themed activities. Stop into the Nature Center and pick one up for your child/student.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, Mar. 22 • 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Fee: \$5, given back to Parks

What is a UFO? If you answered an unfinished object, this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. RSVP to Linda Grobis at 260-351-3609.

Quilt Classes

Saturday, Mar. 25 • 9 am–3 pm

South Milford Community Center


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

The pattern is Amy's Quilt. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, at 260-854-2225. For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolhete, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Please bring a sack lunch and/or potluck contribution.

Folk Jam

Sunday, Mar. 26 • 1:30–5 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music with other styles occasionally added. Bring a snack to share, if you'd like. For more information, contact Erv Troyer at 260-463-2247 or by email at reo43@aol.com. 



Sap Run & Syrup Stroll

5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, Mar. 11 • 10 am start time
(9:15 am begins packet pick up)

Maple Wood Nature Center

\$30 includes registration and goody bag: water bottle, pint of maple syrup, coupon for kettle corn or maple popcorn at Maple Syrup Days.

\$15 includes registration and coupon for kettle corn or popcorn ONLY.

Walkers and runners of all ages and skill levels are welcome! Limited to 100 participants. The course is a limestone park trail and paved road. Printable registration forms and link to online registration can be found on the Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks. Hard copies are available at Maple Wood Nature Center and Dallas Lake Park Office.

Proceeds benefit LaGrange County Parks. Community sponsored!

Maple Syrup Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Mar. 11 • 2–4 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Participants will be given a list of clues to find ten items connected to the process of making maple syrup. Look in the nature center or head down the trail through the sugar bush to complete the scavenger hunt. If you find/answer all ten, you will get a prize!

This scavenger hunt takes place both inside and outside so dress for

winter weather. This activity is fun for all ages. Come any time during the posted hours to participate.

Maple Syrup Days

Saturday & Sunday, Mar. 18 & 19

7 am–2 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

South Milford Lions All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes and Sausage 7 am–1:30 pm.


Sugar Shack Open Tours 8 am–2 pm

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Maple syrup, maple kettle corn, maple cotton candy, maple suckers, and candy for sale! The syrup store will also have maple-themed cookbooks, activity books, stickers, and more. Cash, check or charge accepted.

Dress warmly to enjoy all that Maple Syrup Days offers. Pancake breakfast will have roomier seating just like 2022. If you are ill for any reason, or have been with someone who is ill, please stay home and purchase your syrup later. Please help keep park staff and volunteers healthy and safe. 





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Thrive by 5 Childcare and Pre-K Programs

Emerging Providers

Thrive by 5 serving LaGrange and Noble Counties wants to meet people we are calling, “emerging child care providers.” These might be folks who have thought—however briefly—about opening their home to children, high school students looking for a career path, stay-at-home moms who want to earn some extra income, or anyone who has thought it would be fun to work in a

child care center. This can even include existing child care providers who want to expand their business.

There is a serious lack of child care options in LaGrange and Noble County. Our regulated providers are full, and in some cases, children might be on a wait list for a year before a spot opens up for them. Parents are prevented from working—and are even losing their jobs—

because child care is not available. To solve these issues, we need to find more child care providers so parents can find someone to love and care for their children while they are at work. Thrive by 5 is committed to supporting these “emerging providers” as they embark on a career in early learning.

“We want to help,” said Thrive by 5 Coalition Coordinator Jenna Anderson. “But we know that the path will be different for everyone. While one person may need financial assistance to pay for their Child Development Associate, another may need a fence to become licensed. We know there is no one-size-fits-all approach to supporting emerging providers, so we want to work with each of you individually to determine the right approach to our assistance.”

To start the search for emerging providers, we are hosting a meeting for anyone interested in talking with Thrive by 5. It will be held on Thursday, February 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Albion Pizza Depot (112 N. Orange St., Albion). Thrive by 5 will be providing a buffet of Pizza Depot specialties.

Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/EmergingProviders>. If you aren’t able to make it but still want to talk with us, send an email to jenna@thriveby5coalition.org, or call coalition coordinator Jenna Anderson at 260-445-3369.

On My Way Pre-K

More families have been able to take advantage of On My Way Pre-K in the current school year than ever before.

For the 2022-2023 school year, On My Way Pre-K Manager Emily Syslo reports that six families qualified in LaGrange County, while 17 families from Noble County participated in the program this year.

On My Way Pre-K awards grants to 4-year-olds from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use it at any approved On My Way Pre-K program.

In LaGrange County, approved programs include Imagination Station, Lima Brighton Preschool, and Wolcott Mills Preschool. That’s more programs than in Noble County, where Avilla Elementary Preschool and the Kendall-

ville Day Care Center are approved to participate.

Participation is limited to programs that are Paths to Quality™ Level 3 or 4, and can include homes, centers, ministries, and schools. Children may be eligible for a grant if they live in a household that earns 185% or less of the Federal Poverty Level. For a family of four, that would total \$4,278.00 per month before taxes.

On My Way Pre-K applications are expected to open on March 1 for the 2023-24 school year. Governor Eric Holcomb’s Next Level Agenda for 2023 includes plans to expand these grants to include more families. Thrive by 5, the early childhood coalition serving LaGrange and Noble Counties, will be watching the legislation closely.

Information about On My Way Pre-K can be found at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/on-my-way-pre-k/>

Volunteers Needed

The Kendallville Day Care Center is looking for two or three people who may be interested in joining the board.

This group meets one night every other month and oversees the budget and operations of the Kendallville Day Care Center.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Kendallville Day Care Board, please contact Lee at west@kendallvilledaycare.org or 260-343-9902.

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Staying Up-to-Date

The Pumpkinvine has been completed from Goshen to Shipshewana and the Mapleheart Trail connects the trail to Elkhart. But one last section still needs to be completed to finish the off-road connection between Middlebury and Goshen. This section is between CR 35 and CR 20. A small 650 ft. segment west of CR 35 is finished. Thank you to the Bucks who allowed the Friends to purchase this land. Permission from all the government overseers have been given, and negotiations with the landowners along the last section have been completed. As of this writing, soil borings and final engineering are taking place. A construction company will be chosen by spring of 2023. Completion of the trail is expected by mid-year. Thanks to donations sent in by the community and other private individuals and foundations, there are sufficient funds

to finish this project. Thank you also to the landowner along the western section, who helped develop the final route




for the trail.

A new bathroom was built by Middlebury Parks along the Pumpkinvine beside Krider Garden.

Now the work on maintenance begins. A small section east of CR 26 where the berm is washing away, will be fixed this winter at a cost of \$4,500. Other sections of the path are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Government funding is not available, and therefore these projects will need to be done with community donations.

The trail offers the community a safe passageway between Shipshewana and Goshen. Many use this trail to go back and forth to work. The trail needs to be cleaned, plowed and mowed constantly which is done with many volunteer workers. This maintenance keeps the trail safe and usable for the community.

Please consider a donation for upkeep of the trail. There are two ways you may give. One is to call 574-200-0081 and use a credit card. You may call this number at any time. It connects directly to a voicemail and you can follow the instructions to make your donation. The second option is to mail a donation made out to "Friends of the Pumpkinvine" at the address below:

Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. P.O. Box 392 Goshen, IN 46527. Thank you for your ongoing support! 

CPR classes with Parkview LaGrange Hospital EMS

During American Heart Month, Parkview LaGrange Hospital is reminding area residents that learning CPR is an important way to be prepared in case of a cardiac emergency.

CPR, short for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, is an easy-to-pick-up skill that could help you save a life when medical assistance is not immediately at hand. Last fall, Parkview LaGrange Hospital's EMS team began offering quarterly classes of the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR for the public, and classes will continue to be available throughout 2023.

"In a heart attack, accident or drowning situation, every second counts because when a person's heart stops beating, their brain is being deprived of oxygen," said Logan Ison, EMS manager for Parkview LaGrange and

Parkview Noble hospitals.

"If someone present knows CPR, they can begin chest compressions on the person immediately to get the blood circulating again until our EMS team or other first responders arrive. The more area residents who know CPR, the better the chances that a life in jeopardy can be saved."


Classes in 2023 will be held at the EMS station, 982 N. Townline Road, LaGrange, on Tuesday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m., Thursday, June 8, from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 2-4 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 9-11 a.m.

Instructors will help participants become familiar with the technique for performing CPR. Participants will practice on training manikins, so class size is limited to 12 people per session to ensure everyone gets to practice. In addition,

basic first aid is covered in the class.

Anyone age 13 or older may participate. Cost for the class is \$20 per person. Participants will receive American Heart Association certification in the form of an official CPR card, delivered electronically.

One participant, Karen Flanhardt, director of Michiana Event Center in Shipshewana, praised the instruction she received in a 2022 class, saying, "It gave me the confidence and knowledge to be able to help if there is a need."

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Visit www.Parkview.com/CPR for information and to register. Registration and payment must be completed no later than two days ahead of the class date. Please email christina.blaskie@parkview.com or call 260-463-9389 to make payment arrangements. 

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Suicide Prevention Training

FOR YOUTH

Even before the pandemic, children and teens faced a growing number of complexities as they navigated academic, athletic, and extra-curricular activities at school; peer pressure; complicated family and interpersonal situations; and safety in person and online. COVID-19 presented new challenges—distance learning, isolation and increased anxiety—and now, helping kids cope with these stressors has become an urgent focus for families, schools and communities.

That's why Parkview LaGrange Hospital is expanding its suicide prevention training efforts to include training especially for youth.

This QPR (question, persuade, refer) training is tailored to youngsters by the QPR Institute, which provides the practical course the hospital uses to train adults. It can equip them to be able to identify when a friend or classmate is struggling with mental health issues and needs professional help. It can also offer them hope through positive action.

"We've been working with area schools, LaGrange Communities Youth Centers, the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and Juvenile Probation on putting this training program into place," said Christina Blaskie, manager of service excellence, volunteers, gift shop and community health initiatives. "It's one of several tactics we're pursuing to address the growing concerns we are seeing in relation to LaGrange County youth."

While plans to offer the QPR material for high-school- and middle-school-aged students as part of health class or another school format are still in the works, Blaskie said Parkview LaGrange


is now making youth small-group training sessions available to community groups and organizations.

Creating a Supportive Environment

QPR training was initially launched for adults, but mental health experts have agreed that wider use of the skills training, properly administered, can help identify not only young people who are at risk of suicide, but also those who are struggling with other serious mental health issues that need intervention.

According to the QPR Institute, "Research has repeatedly shown that students send suicide warning signs to friends and family first, and to school health professionals last (if at all)." Giving youngsters the tools to recognize when someone they know is in distress can help create a supportive social network and school culture where students look out for each other's well-being and alert adults when needed. It can also help students recognize signs in themselves, so they are more readily able to reach out for help.

Training is delivered in a structured environment with adult supervision and follow-up. Groups should have no more than 20-25 youngsters at a time, of similar age. Students who may be at-risk should be screened in advance of the training by a mental health or school health professional.

For questions, or to schedule youth suicide prevention training for a small group, call 260-463-9270. The Parkview LaGrange Hospital campus is located on N. Townline Road, just north of U.S. 20 in LaGrange. 

Training for youth encompasses:

- Suicide myths and facts
- Warning signs
- Verbal, behavioral and situational clues that a person might be vulnerable to suicidal thoughts
- Tips on asking if someone is considering suicide
- Persuading the person to choose to live
- Points to know about referring the person for help
- Referral resources for after school, weekends, holidays and summer vacation

QPR Training for Adults Continues

Trainers from the hospital are providing free QPR training for adults 18 and older every month in 2023. Classes are held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between in-person and virtual formats. Participants only need to take one class to obtain the necessary training and be equipped to recognize trouble, offer someone hope and connect them to expert, compassionate care.

Participation in a virtual class requires access to a computer, tablet or smartphone with the free app Microsoft Teams. Due to the types of discussions that arise in the training, all participants must be able to use a video connection that enables them to see and hear each other, and the Microsoft Teams app works well for that purpose.

Registration is required at least three days prior to the preferred training date, and capacity is limited. To register, visit parkview.com/preventsuicide. For additional information, or to inquire about training for adult small groups, call 260-463-9270.

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The Music of Our Lives:

Eight Decades of Music and the Culture That Shaped It

The Topeka Area Historical Society has planned a trip down Memory Lane on Tuesday evening, March 14. The evening will feature a unique look at eight decades of music (1900 to 1980), both secular and Christian, and the culture that shaped it. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Topeka Branch Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend and the public is invited.

The PowerPoint presentation includes a dozen audio and video clips of well-known artists like Al Jolson, Kate Smith, Roy Rogers and the Sons of the Pioneers, Elvis, the Beatles, Nancy Lee & the Hilltoppers, and many more. There is even a recording of the first Gospel song to sell a million records.

“Music is an artform, and artforms reflect both the culture and the values of their time,” says Harold Gingerich, Topeka Historical Society president.

“Putting all of this together has been a fascinating process. I was amazed by the story behind the song ‘God Bless America.’ And then there is the anti-Japanese song from World War II...definitely a tool to promote the war effort. Hearing again the songs of the 50s and 60s brought back so many memories. I believe people of all ages are going to enjoy hearing how the culture and current events influenced the music of the day, be it secular or Christian.”

Formed in 1988, the Topeka Area Historical Society maintains and operates The Depot Museum on South Main Street in Topeka. The Depot is open to the public during the summer months. The group

holds bimonthly public meetings and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Their new documentary series “Memorable Moments in Topeka History,” which features 6 to 10 minute videos, has been growing in popularity on YouTube. You can also find them on Facebook. For more information call 260-499-0126.



7TH GIRLS BASKETBALL

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2023 7th Girls Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Elizabeth Lehmer, Katie Weimer, Andrea Whetstone, Mari Jo Mast and Mabel Trethewey. Middle: Coach Kim Mast, Paige McDonald, Kya Roose, Josie Ryall and Mila Geyer. Front: Maggie Mast, Morgan Grossman, Alayah Hostetler, Madi Yoder and Janae Yoder. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



8TH GIRLS BASKETBALL

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2023 8th Girls Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Eva Bates, Camryn Christner, Addy Kauffman and Gloria Miller. Middle: Coach Kellie Bontrager, Graci Engle, Angela Miller, Jillian Bontrager and Olivia Bontrager. Front: Amber Miller, Memphis Bontrager, Kendra Nisley, Katy Miller and Janessa Miller Photo by Stopher-King Studio



100TH DAY!

Thursday, January 19, 2023 marked 100 days of school. Mrs. Bontrager's first grade class along with the 2A class celebrated in style. 📌



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Shining Citizens and



Shipshe-Scott held its second quarter award ceremony on Tuesday, January 31. Teachers selected shining citizens for each classroom who exhibited positive life skills on a regular basis. Each teacher also selected one boy and one girl to receive a Cooperation Award.

Kindergarten Back (left to right): - Jayden Yoder, Benjamin Bontrager, Kaiden Beechy, and Zayden Lehman. Front: Savannah Bontrager, Adra Miller, Tyra Yoder, and Ava Miller.

First Grade Back: Roarke Brohm, Dallas Stemm, Tyler Miller, Eric Yoder, and Jaydon Miller. Front: Melanie Fry, Kianna Yoder, Ina Miller, and Adalena Stemm.



Second Grade Back: Knox Cripe, Brent Troyer, Jacob Miller, Jack Stemm, and Benjamin Kline. Front: Keegan Miller, Jayonna Wingard, Kyrie Mauck, Samantha Bontrager, and Braden Detweiler.

Third Grade Back: Gage Miller, Kurtis Miller, and Colton Bender. Front: Kristen Lambright, Melanie Slabach, and Jayda Stutzman.

Fourth Grade Back: Jace Amsden, Jorden Troyer, and Daniel Schrock. Front: Mia Stemm, Reese Yoder, and Grace Miller.

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Shipshe-Scott Elementary

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These students were able to work successfully with their peers and teachers every day and always do what was asked of them. The staff wants to congratulate all of these students on their hard work and positive behavior! 🏆



Cooperation Awards

Kindergarten Back: Zoey Miller, Bristol Brandenberger, Leila Mast, and Kaylene Miller. Front: Kaiser McDonald, Michael Stutzman, Jaden Schwartz, and Aaron Bontrager.

First Grade Back: Kenzie Hochstetler, Lilly Miller, Retha Yoder, and Natalie Fillmore. Front: Makiah Lambright, Evan Mast, and Benson Hochstetler.

Second Grade Back: Alayna Schlabach, Janessa Wingard, Addison Gray, and Ellie Fry. Front: Braden Detweiler, James Bontrager, Evan Miller, and Ryder Lambright.

Third Grade Back: Avery VonGunten, Isabella Marcum, and Kinley Yoder. Front: Bradley Hochstetler, Christopher Yoder, and Andrew Martin.

Fourth Grade Back: Jasmine Graber, Alayna Hochstetler, and Tara Hochstetler. Front: Zach Jones, Obadiah Wingard, and Curtis Graber.

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What's Happening?

Students attended an assembly in January to honor those who worked hard in reading or math, or had a positive attitude during the second nine weeks. Congratulations to these students for their awards!

Fourth graders competed in a 13 team catapult tournament to see who could design and construct a complex machine using household materials. The students catapulted marshmallows to see who could record the farthest distance. The top two teams are pictured. Congratulations!

On Valentine's Day, the Westview Whippin' Warriors from the high school came to visit Topeka Elementary. The Whippin' Warriors showed their routine full of cool tricks and the elementary students loved it. Each grade level got a chance to come down on the gym floor to try their hand at jumping rope. Some students even go the chance to try some tricks with the team members. Such a fun assembly for Topeka! 



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Second Grading Period Citizens (in no particular order): Heidi Bontrager, 5A; Amy Miller, 5B; Anthony Otto, 5C; Chandler Engle, 5D; Kathlyn Bontrager, 5E; Hadley Yoder, 5F; Toby Miller, 5G; Joshua Troyer, 5H; Serena Otto, 6A; Hailey Otto, 6B; Keera Hostetler, 6C; Jesse Miller, 6D; Ethan Mast, 6E; Merle Miller, 6G; Britton Miller, 6H; Adrian Lehman, 6I.

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Overall Students' Hard Work

The outstanding citizens are chosen based on their ability to be responsible for their behavior, be responsible for their assignments, show respect for adults and peers, serve as role models for other students, respect the property and rights of others, display good

manners, participate in the classroom and other school activities, be honest and trustworthy, and be courteous and cooperative.

The PTO provided coupons to Jo-Jo's Pretzels and Kitchen Cupboard along with various food treats.

The annual Science Fair was a huge success! We invited judges from all fields of science to come in and judge our projects. Our winners will go on to regionals at Trine University on March 18th.

Other Winners Include: 2nd Place Winners: Karina Hochstetler (6), Tara

Sixth Grade Social & Behavioral Sciences: 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—Chloe Briggs.

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BioMedical Sciences (6th Grade): 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—Melody Miller & Kailey Mast.

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Sixth Grade Engineering & Physics: 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—Karl Bontrager and Deric Fry.

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Schwartz (6), Janelle K. Bontrager (6), Laura Miller (6), Durrel Frey (6), Kameron Meyers (6), Hope Brandenberger (6), Lyndora Schrock (6), Sara Bontrager (6), Faith Stump (6), Serenity Tennant (6), & Addy Gabbard (6). 3rd Place Winners: Cassidy Detweiler (6), Marilyn Yoder

(6), Lucas Miller (6), Adrian Miller (6), Alisyn Tetzloff (6), Klovor Marner (6), Ellie England (6), Kandice Parker (6), Chloe Turner (6), Destiny Mercer (6), Ivory Sprunger (6), Karla Miller (6), Jewel Lambright (6), Janelle Bontrager (6), & Belen Quiroga

The LaGrange County Shriners continued a long standing tradition at Westview Elementary by taking the fifth graders to the Shrine Circus in Fort Wayne on January 27. The Shriners provided a sack lunch for every student. 

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Sixth Grade Materials Science: 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—James Steglich.

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Sixth Grade Animal, Earth, and Environmental Sciences: 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—Darcia Yoder and Lisa Mast.

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Sixth Grade Chemistry: 1st Place and Qualifying for Regionals—Hailey Otto and Megan Lambright.

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Creative Learning and Court Action

Westview Elementary sixth grade students completed a unit studying Broadway. Classes were divided into small groups to do research on a particular Broadway show. They were also asked to put together a “creative” performance from their shows. Groups chose to act, sing, dance, build sets, and make food with their characters on them.

The fun continued as students in both the fifth and sixth grades participated in a volleyball tournament. The classes then competed against one another. The winning fifth and sixth grade classes were then given the opportunity to play the Westview Elementary Staff. 🏐



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2023 Junior High Wrestling: Back (left to right): TJ Mitchell, Jacob Mccoy, Chris Terrones, Wyatt Murray, Head Coach Jonathan Fennell and Assistant Coach Tyler Prater. Middle: Dreyke Howard, Serenity Tennant, Ayden Kloth, Winchester Altimus and Dalton Brown. Front: Charlie Double, Isaiah Radcliff, Collin Vandergriff, Sage Mercer and Jace Kaufman. Not Pictured: Kohbey VanHoozer, Bryce Kowalski and Caleb Miller. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



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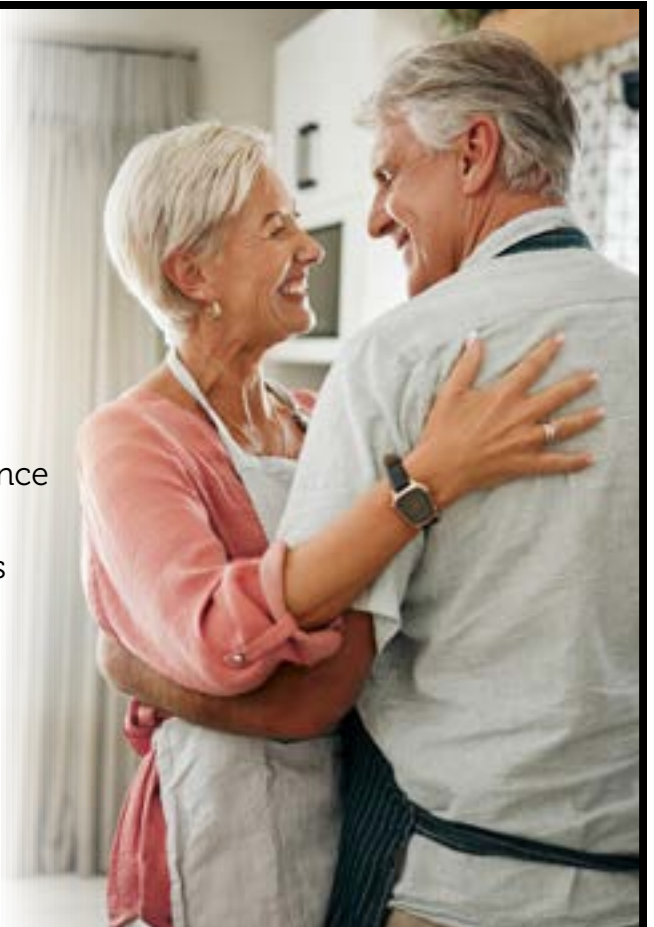


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2022-2023 Quarter 2: Regular Honor Roll (3.0-3.499)

In addition to the GPA requirements for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-

**Grade
7**

Somyh Aljaradie, Caleb Bontrager, Cyota Ferreira, Adam Frey, Myra Fry, Lyndon Helmuth, Jeremiah Lambright, Azriel Lehman, Karen McDonald, Adison Miller, Cole Miller, Justin D Miller, Justin R Miller, Jeremy Nisley, Kaylee Nuzum, Aiden Slabach, Malarie Steider, Hannah Troyer, Mason Walz, Kaitlyn Weimer, Ethan Yoder, Lukas Yoder, and Madalyn Yoder.

**Grade
8**

Ibrahem Alrasheed, Caleb Bontrager, Jane Bontrager, Jillian Bontrager, Cameron Eash, Josiah Fry, Caedmon Gates, Alyssa Hochstetler, Thomas Hoover, Ryan Hunsberger, Adrian Miller, Amber Miller, Caleb Miller, Kenlin Miller, Kevin Miller, Ryan Miller, Wyatt Murray, Amani Omar, Jayden Schrock, Daryl Schwartz, Alex Troyer, Lamar Troyer, Owen Weinberg, Devyn Whetstone, Kendra White, Emily R Yoder, Hailey Yoder, and Kloie Yoder.

**Grade
9**

Lilyan Bennett, Luke Hall, Landon Harris, Jasmine Litton, Becky Moore, Michael Schwartz, Savannah Vliet, and Dallas Yoder.

**Grade
10**

Maram Algaradi, Hudhaifa Almhn, Andrey Bergeron, Emily Bontrager, Owen Brill, Charlotte Duke, Lakota Everitt, Kyla Fryer, Alexis Harlan, Tetiana Jones, Quincy Lehman, Dena Miller, Noor Omar, Adelyn Rainsberger, Asma Sawal, Karlie Schrock, Karis Weinberg, Jordan Williams, Bryan R Yoder, and Kylie Yoder.

**Grade
11**

Mohammed Alziadi, Chloe Hagerman, Harper Klein, Hope Miller, Kirstin Stutzman, and Quinton Yoder.

**Grade
12**

Leilyn Bradley, Katelinn Bruce, Faith Christner, Jordan Collyer, Quade Ernsberger, Keylei Harman, Gabriel Harville, Madison Hoolley, Dylan Lindsey, Norah Massey, Diana Mendoza, Adrian L Miller, Salwa Sawal, Hannah Sprunger, and Paige Waldenville.

2022-2023 Quarter 2: High Honor Roll (3.5 or above)

In addition to the GPA requirements for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-

**Grade
7**

Zakaria Algaradi, Baylor Atra, Makenna Bender, Alayna Bontrager, Amy Bontrager, Evan Bontrager, John Bontrager, Joshua Bontrager, Laban Bontrager, Loraine Bontrager, Melissa Bontrager, Laine Bortner, Tyler Brewer, Liam Brill, Kari Chupp, Noah Chupp, Luke Eash, Anthony Fry, Cooper Fry, Mila Geyer, Travis Gingerich, Hailey Graber, Morgan Grossman, Victoria Halderman, Payton Hargrove, Remington Helmuth, Amy Hershberger, Caleb Hershberger, Katelyn Hochstetler, Alayah Hostetler, Jenisa Kauffman,

Rylan King, Alexis Lambright, Jacob Lambright, Julie Lambright, Melody Lambright, Elizabeth Lehmer, AJ Martin, Karson Mast, Maggie Mast, Mari Mast, Jada Mauck, Paige McDonald, Amber Miller, Anna Miller, Aurora Miller, Brandon Miller, Brendan Miller, Brent Miller, Cory Miller, Darrin Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller, Jaxon Miller, Kaylee Miller, Keith Miller, Landon Miller, Madilyn Miller, Michael Miller, Neil Miller, Nicholas Miller, Ryan Miller, Steven Miller, Ava Mishler, Saul Moreno, Laura Mullett, Shelby Mullett, Fisher Oakley, JoLinda

Otto, Landon Raber, Gavin Rainsberger, Zuriyah Reed, Kya Roose, Josie Ryall, Shawn Schmucker, Jerica Slabach, Justin Slabach, Lindsey Slabaugh, Emma Stinnett, Allison Stutzman, Tyler Stutzman, Alexandria Sweet, Lex Thompson, Bryan Troyer, Curtis Troyer, Merril Warrenner, Rylee Watson, Elijah Watts, Andrea Whetstone, Seth Whetstone, Aaron Wingard, Amy Yoder, Brandon Yoder, Braydon Yoder, Grace Yoder, Hudson Yoder, Janae Yoder, Kameron Yoder, Karla Yoder, Kasen Yoder, Melanie Yoder, Naomi Yoder, and William Yoder.

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2022-2023 Quarter 2: High Honor Roll (3.5 or above)

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Grade 8

Nada Algaradi, Grace Atwater, Eva Bates, Evan Beechy, Karleen Bender, Lexy Bennett, Matthew Bibbee, Emily Bontrager, Janae Bontrager, Kaitlyn Bontrager, Loren Bontrager, Mark Bontrager, Memphis Bontrager, Olivia Bontrager, Seth Bontrager, Vonda Bontrager, Camryn Christner, Ava Chupp, Isaac Drake, Jarrett Dunker, Josephine Eash, Graci Engle, Janie Fry, Landon Gingerich, Luke Haarer, Briana Hagerman, Makenna Helman, Boe Helmuth, Amanda Hershberger, Karl Hershberger, Keegan Hershberger, Carly Hicks, Angela Hochstetler, Daron Hochstetler, Faron Hoch-

stetler, Seth Hochstetler, Alyssa Hooley, Kaden Hostetler, Ibraheem Hussein, Rayna Jackson, Addison Kauffman, Erica Lambright, Jarius Lambright, Lisa Lambright, Seth Lambright, Tresa Lambright, Andrea Lehman, Ashlyn Martin, Kaitlyn Mast, Jacob McCoy, Emilia Mendoza, Sage Mercer, Abigail Miller, Alivia Miller, Allison Miller, Angela Miller, Austin Miller, Benji Miller, Coleen Miller, Diane Miller, Ethan Miller, Eva Miller, Gloria Miller, Jannessa Miller, Jared Miller, Jen Miller, Jenna Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Karen Miller, Katy Miller, Krista Miller, Lachelle Miller, Luke Miller, Peyton Miller, Travis Mitchell, Lucas Mullet, Kendra

Nisley, Seth Nissley, Keegan Norberg, Wafa Omarouf, Jeremy Otto, Ryan Otto, Isaiah Radcliff, Kaine Reinhold, Duaa Saleh, Austin Schlabach, Marc Schlabach, Jeniece Schrock, Jaylen Schwartz, Luke Stults, Carver Stump, Kianna Stutzman, Kristin Stutzman, Chris Terrones, Geneva Whetstone, Braydon Wingard, Jared Wingard, Jason Wingard, Micah Wingard, Sophia Wingard, Cameron Yoder, Chris Yoder, Cynthia Yoder, Daniel Yoder, Diane Yoder, Emily G Yoder, Gavin Yoder, Janel Yoder, Jaryl Yoder, Marilyn Yoder, Olivia Yoder, Pierce Yoder, Ryan Yoder, Savannah Yoder, and Sherri Yoder.

Grade 9

Gurmi Al Gurmi, Hyde Al Yahiri, Noriah Aldhuraibi, Kristen Bender, Katana Bibbee, Noah Bontrager, Breann Cory, Chayenne Diaz, Hunter Egli, Madison Grossman, Ava Hostetler, Dakota Hubbard, Kaleb Iddings, Alyssa Kauffman, Briana Kaufman, Hailey Lambright, Janell Lambright, Janissa Lehman, Bailey Manns, Audri Mar-

tin, Lanita Mast, Miley Mast, Mykayla Mast, Eden Mauck, Kaiden Miller, Katie Miller, Milan Miller, Myra Miller, Samuel Miller, Lilly Mullet, Kailey Nissley, Majid Omer, MaiCee Orozco, Nathan Peruski, Aaron Roth, Bentley Ryall, Kylie Singleton, Brett Springer, Levi Trethewey, Jordynn Wasson, Jalayna Whetstone, and Brina Williams.

Grade 12

Mohamed Aamer, Ahmed Alamari, Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, Kylen Bender, Asher Bontrager, Ava Brown, Andrew Byler, Brianna Caldwell, Isabella Carmona, Ella Clark, Kaylee Cleveland, Alyssa Collier, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Braden Eash, Thibault Gillet, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Courtney Hall, Chadwick Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Kyle Hochstetler, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Jethro Hostetler, Bailey Kenner, Aidan Kohlheim, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Bianca Leonard, Kylee Liechty, Precious Litton, Evan Litwiller, Collin Martin, Keyera Martin, Cole Mast, Adrian Miller, Andrea Miller, Chase Miller, Cora Miller, Dayshayla Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kaci Miller, Kamryn Miller, Katelyn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, , Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Evangeline Niccum, Brandt Norberg, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Peyton Roberts, Logan Schwartz, Paige Schwartz, Taylor Sherman, Dawson Shrock, Samantha Stump, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, Caden Suddarth, Julia Trethewey, Piper Tullis, Christian Uresti, Kymberlyn Wilkinson, Brady Yoder, and Ella Yoder.

Grade 10

Sarah Alshuga, Cole Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lilly Bontrager, Clarinda Byler, Mason Clark, Nico Cochs Clapers, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Max Engle, Zackary Fry, Micah Geyer, Ava Gilbert, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Hussein Hussein, Beau Jackson, Olivia

Jasso, Asher Kennedy, Kiana Mast, Curtis Miller, Shanna Miller, Gwendolynn Owsley, Tristan Pearson, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexzander Sanchez, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Bryan M Yoder, and Kamden Yoder.

Grade 11

Eli Atra, Layna Avila, Kristie Bolling, Caleb Bontrager, Maryah Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Carson Brown, Tanner Bryan, Valentino Cevese, Katie Engelage, Khatab Fadil, Joshua Heidorn, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Stephen Jones, Braden Kauffman, Jace Lang, Ciara Mikel,

Karli Miller, Karly Miller, Wiley Minix, Teague Misner, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Mahasen Omarouf, Luna Osorio, KeeLee Palmer, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Taven Schrock, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Skye Stump, Audrey Taylor, Lauren Vanderpool, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Colin Yoder, Danika Yoder, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder.



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2023 Concert Band: Back (left to right): Clarinda Byler, Brody Barton, Luke Hall, Micah Geyer, Dallas Yoder, Noah Bontrager, Ethan Hibbs, Christien Noward and Kaitlin Nuzum. Third: Nick Bontrager, Braden Rogers, Justin Kindig, Emily Bontrager, Lauryn Bontrager, Lilyan Bennett, Makenna Feipel, Aaron Roth and Mearl Miller. Second: Audri Martin, Lexi Warren, Kiana Mast, Gwen Owsley, Kyle Hochstetler, Jonathan Roth and Eden Mauck. Front: Jasmine Litton, Sorcha Stewart, Kaleb Iddings, Kaitlyn Cupp, Kaylee Barger, Annagail Warren, Lanita Mast and Ian Donat. Not Pictured: Jordan Collyer and Mai-Cee Orozco.
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2023 Jazz Band: Back (left to right): Kaitlin Nuzum, Kiana Mast, Kaleb Iddings, Micah Geyer, Noah Bontrager, Audri Martin and Lily Bennett. Front: Lanita Mast, Braden Rogers, Nick Bontrager and Ethan Hibbs. Not Pictured: Jordan Collyer.
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2023 Concert Choir: Back (left to right): Gwendolynn Owsley, Karli Miller, Lakota Everritt, Kaleb Iddings, Kyle Hochstetler, Bentley Ryall, Sorcha Stewart, Miley Mast and Chloe Donley. Fourth: Natalie Privett, Ella Williams, Hunter Egli, Aiden Norberg, Brett Springer, Noah Bontrager, Sasha Champagne and Bailey Manns. Third: Faith Christner, Lanita Mast, Corra Owens, Tetiana Jones, Kristen Bender, MJ Canturk, Andreyra Bergeron, Kyla Fryer and Skye Growcock. Second: Ava Hostetler, Emily Bontrager, Lilly Mullett, Lilyan Bennett, Lexi Warren, Ariel Owens, Adelyn Rainsberger and Morgan Rich. Front: Ava Williams, Jacqueline Treatheway, Brina Williams, Janell Lambright, Abbie Ponce, Olivia Jasso and Chayenne Diaz. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



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- 1) Jethro Hostetler works to get around his Fremont opponent.
- 2) Owen Brill guards his opponent.
- 3) Brady Yoder goes for a layup.
- 4) Wiley Minix looks to pass the ball to an open teammate.
- 5) Luke Helmuth gets around his Fremont opponent.

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- 1) Jacob Watts muscled his way around a Fremont opponent.
- 2) Christien Noward goes for a layup.
- 3) Milan Miller brings the ball to the Westview half of the court.
- 4) Eli Atra earns a point for Westview after being fouled in the fourth quarter.
- 5) Brett Springer charges down the court.

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Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6, 2023

At The Cove

705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Division: Boys Girls

Ages: 10 - 12 13 - 15 16 - 18

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of May 5)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 5)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 5)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 5)

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

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

Entry Deadline April 21, 2023

Student Division \$60

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Facility Rules: shorts must be fingertip length or longer.



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

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

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Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OPEN & CENTURY DIVISIONS

Saturday, May 6, 2023

At The Cove: 705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email _____

Division: Open Century

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of May 6)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 6)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 6)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 6)

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For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.

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Players cannot play in both the Century and Open Divisions.

Guidelines:

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

competition to take place. Each team to pay \$75 entry fee with pre-registration (in our office by April 21). **All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts.** After that, please bring your \$75 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments. **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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SHIP SHEWANA NEWSPAPER...

ALL BUT BURIED AND GONE



It's a question that has been rolling around in my mind for years, but up until now no one seemed to know the answer. Did Shipshewana have its own newspaper. If so, when was it published and for how many years, who published it, and why did they stop publication.

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No

one seemed to know. But then a short paragraph in the 1920 two volume edition of the History of Northeast Indiana provided several valuable nuggets of information. And with that, the investigative adventure began in earnest.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, the more I discovered, the more questions I began to have. But let's start with the paragraph as it appeared in the History of Northeast Indiana.

The newspapers at Shipshewana have included the Tribune, the Sun, the News, the Advertiser, and the present publication, the Chronicle, established in September 1916, by M.H. Greenhalt of California. This is an independent local paper, published every Friday at a subscription rate of \$1.25 per year. It is a six-column eight-page quarto journal. Four pages are home print. It is run from a power Prouty country press. It has a circulation, more or less, in all but five states in the Union. (History of Northeast Indiana (published in 1920) Vol. 1, page 69).

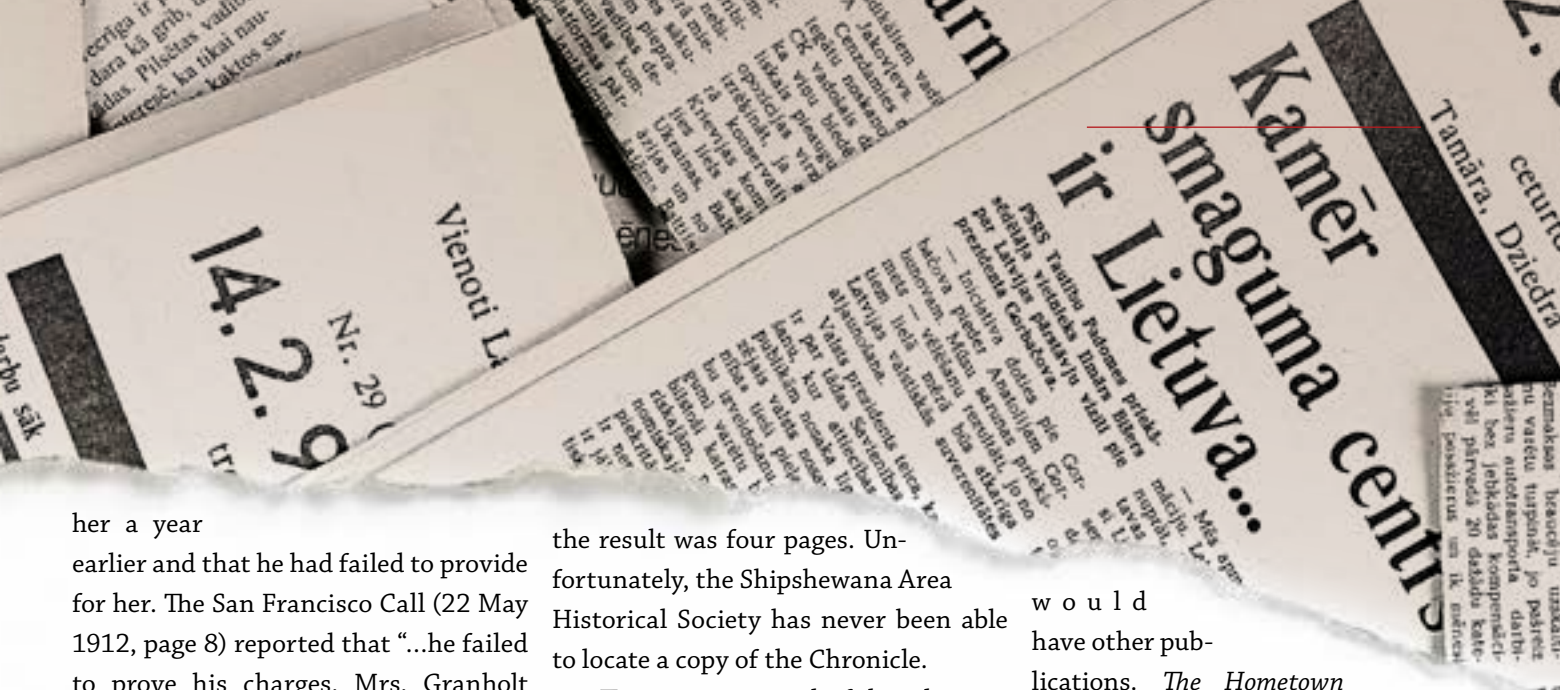
Of those papers listed in the above paragraph the only newspaper I could find anything about was the Chronicle. But who was M.H. Greenhalt. It says he was from California, but how did he end up in Shipshewana. And what did it mean by "quarto journal." Inquiring minds not only want to know...they have to know! Otherwise they will be up until the wee hours of the morning searching the internet.

As it turns out, the name Greenhalt was a misprint; his last name was actually Granholt. His initials stand for Martin Hanson Granholt. He was born in California, in San Francisco, on April 8, 1875, to Andrew and Hanne Hanson Granholt. His 1935 Indiana death certificate verifies that information. His occupation was listed as that of a printer. His 1918 draft card shows him living in Shipshewana, a self-employed printer, and that his wife's name was Elizabeth. So, we can be confident that we have found the right person.

Why Andrew and Hanne Granholt were living in California is yet to be discovered. But we do know that young Martin lived somewhat of an interesting romantic life.

The Saturday, Jan. 9, 1897, edition of the Petaluma (California) Daily Morning Courier carried the announcement of his impending April marriage to Miss May Walker. Apparently May was an accomplished violinist because her name appears in numerous newspaper articles. The news item stated that, "Miss Walker is a daughter of G.A. Walker, a railroad man of Sacramento, and niece of Capt. Fred Walker." To date I have been unable to verify that the marriage ever took place.

What can be verified is that Martin did get married in 1898. 1900 U.S. Census records show him being married to Jessie I. Granholt who was born in 1875. That marriage would end in a flurry of scandalous headlines. The page five headline in the Alameda Daily Argus (page 5) read "WIFE LIKED THE BRIGHT LIGHTS BEST, HE SAYS." Martin had filed for divorce claiming that "his wife went out two and three nights each week, not returning to her home until the wee small hours of the morning." In the end Martin could not substantiate the charges before Oakland judge T.W. Harris. Jessie claimed that Martin had deserted



her a year earlier and that he had failed to provide for her. The San Francisco Call (22 May 1912, page 8) reported that "...he failed to prove his charges. Mrs. Granholt proved that he deserted her for another woman." Jessie was awarded the interlocutory decree.

Who was the other woman. We don't know. But we do know that on June 7, 1913, a marriage license was granted to Martin H. Granholt and E. Elizabeth Leer (LA Evening Express, page 19). And it may have been Elizabeth (1882-1972), with family ties to the Millersburg and New Paris area, that persuaded Martin to move to Indiana.

Granholt started printing the Chronicle in June of 1916. It was a weekly publication with a subscription rate of \$1.25 a year. It was printed on a Prouty Country Press with a circulation that covered all but five states. We do know that the paper's format was a six-column eight-page quarto journal. Quarto comes from the Latin. Simply put, it means that the sheet of paper was printed in such a way that when it was folded in half


the result was four pages. Unfortunately, the Shippshewana Area Historical Society has never been able to locate a copy of the Chronicle.

There is a wonderful video on YouTube (Printing on an 1880's Prouty Newspaper Press aka The Grasshopper Press) that demonstrates the vintage printing press in operation.

Tragically Martin suffered a stroke and died on June 23, 1935. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church the following Wednesday in New Paris, Indiana, by Rev. J.N. Steward. Burial was in the Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Elizabeth worked for the Farmers Exchange in New Paris for 23 years following Martin's death. She retired in 1957 as the publication's assistant editor. Elizabeth lived to the age of 90. She died in June of 1972 and was survived by two daughters Mrs. Harriet (Leroy) Miller of Goshen and Mrs. Mildred (Albert) Fout of South Bend. Rev. C.S. Priest, pastor of the Sugar Grove Church, officiated the service with burial taking place at the Sugar Grove Cemetery.

In the years that followed Shippshewana

would have other publications. *The Hometown Treasure* and *The People's Exchange*, printed and published by LaGwana, are the only ones that still survive. 



Lee... of 314 W Wilden Ave, died at 1:40 p m Wednesday in the Nicholson Nursing Home w been a patient Born in Harrison hart County, M she worked for assistant editor ers Exchange

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I finally made it to the nearby Asian grocery store a couple weeks ago. I was finally able to stock up on and try a couple foods I've been meaning to pick up for quite some time!

Kimchi: a spicy pickled cabbage that originated in Korea. So far I have quite enjoyed it, though I keep forgetting that the kind I picked up is pretty spicy so I need to stop just grabbing a couple bites for a snack while I work on cooking supper.

Lao Gan Ma (Old Godmother): a specific brand of chili crisp that a friend recommended to me. Essentially, it is dried chilies in oil with a few other seasonings. I give it a 10/10 rating, I am never frying my eggs in anything else ever again. 

Solution on page 49.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **March 21, 2023.** Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

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LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

Rebekah Nissley of 700 W correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Martha Herschberger, 7255 W 400 S, Topeka.**

Congratulations! They won a 1 Year Subscription from *The Connection*, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Vernon J. Miller of 1100 W, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Ryan & Ina Miller of 900 W, Topeka.**



There were 74 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Wilbur & Doreen Herschberger, Edna Herschberger, Dean & Julie Yoder, Calvin & Sue Otto, Floyd & Sharon Lambright, Linda Fry, Wilbur & Ida Weaver, Edna Borkholder, Vernon & Rachel Mast, Larry & DeAnna Miller, LaVerda Miller, Jesse & JoElla Lambright, Leonard & Norma Miller, Mark Millers, Crist & LeAnna Miller, Loren & Jolynne Miller, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Dewayne & Luann Lehman, Chris Jr. & Norma Lambright, Ben & Wilma Bontrager, Vernon & Maryetta Beechy, Junior & Mabel Miller, Elmer & Lizzie Yoder, James & SueAnn Miller, Lori Bontrager, Perry & Carolyn Miller, Lloyd & Ida Herschberger, Mary Miller, Alton & Katie Bontrager, Ernest & Leona Mast, Mahlon Miller, Esther Miller, Linda Lehman, Vernon & Martha Miller, Laverne & Dorothy Whetstone, Jr. & Ruth Miller, Junior & Mary Sue Lehman, Edward & Ruby Herschberger, Duane & Lou Ida Bontrager, Mary Hochstetler, Myron & Rachel Miller, Harley & Etta Fry, David Schrock, Lavern & Wanita Borkholder, Daniel & Erma Miller, Glenn & Ruth Yutzy, Dave & Loretta Yoder, Kenny & Ruby Fry, LaVerda Fry, Harley & Marsha Miller, Perry & Katie Mast, Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler, Alvin Yoder, Larry & Tina Yoder, LaVern & Lorena Lambright, Kyle & Delores Yutzy, Vernon & Marlene Miller, Lyle Hershberger, Dorene Mullett, Don & Sue Miller, Karl Hershberger, Menno & Glenda Hershberger, Ernest & Mary Alice Yoder, Wilma & Susie Kurtz, Myron & Inez Kuhns, Lyndon Bontrager, Sam & JoEtta Schlabach, Joe & Mary Miller, Ezra & Elsie Hochstetler, Steven & Elaine Hochstetler, Jeland & Susan Bontrager.

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Coloring Contest Winners

Five-year-old Vanessa Hershberger of 700 S, Topeka was our winner for the February Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at The Dutch Kernel in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by The Dutch Kernel for a free small ice cream cone through March.

Runners-up were Renae Jo Petersheim, age 6; Nathan Miller, age 5; Julia Bontrager, age 4; Jannessa Dawn Helmuth, age 3; and Justin Bontrager, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Kara Beth Mast, age 6; Brian Jace Hochstetler, age 6; Lamar Bontrager, age 6; Lisa Fern Whetstone, age 6; Kendra Joy Troyer, age 6; and Grayson Doss, age 6. 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. **i**



- Abject
- Abroad
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- Bitten
- Jigsaw
- Object
- Rotate
- Safety
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Clueless
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Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 49.
by Emily Vandevander

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!

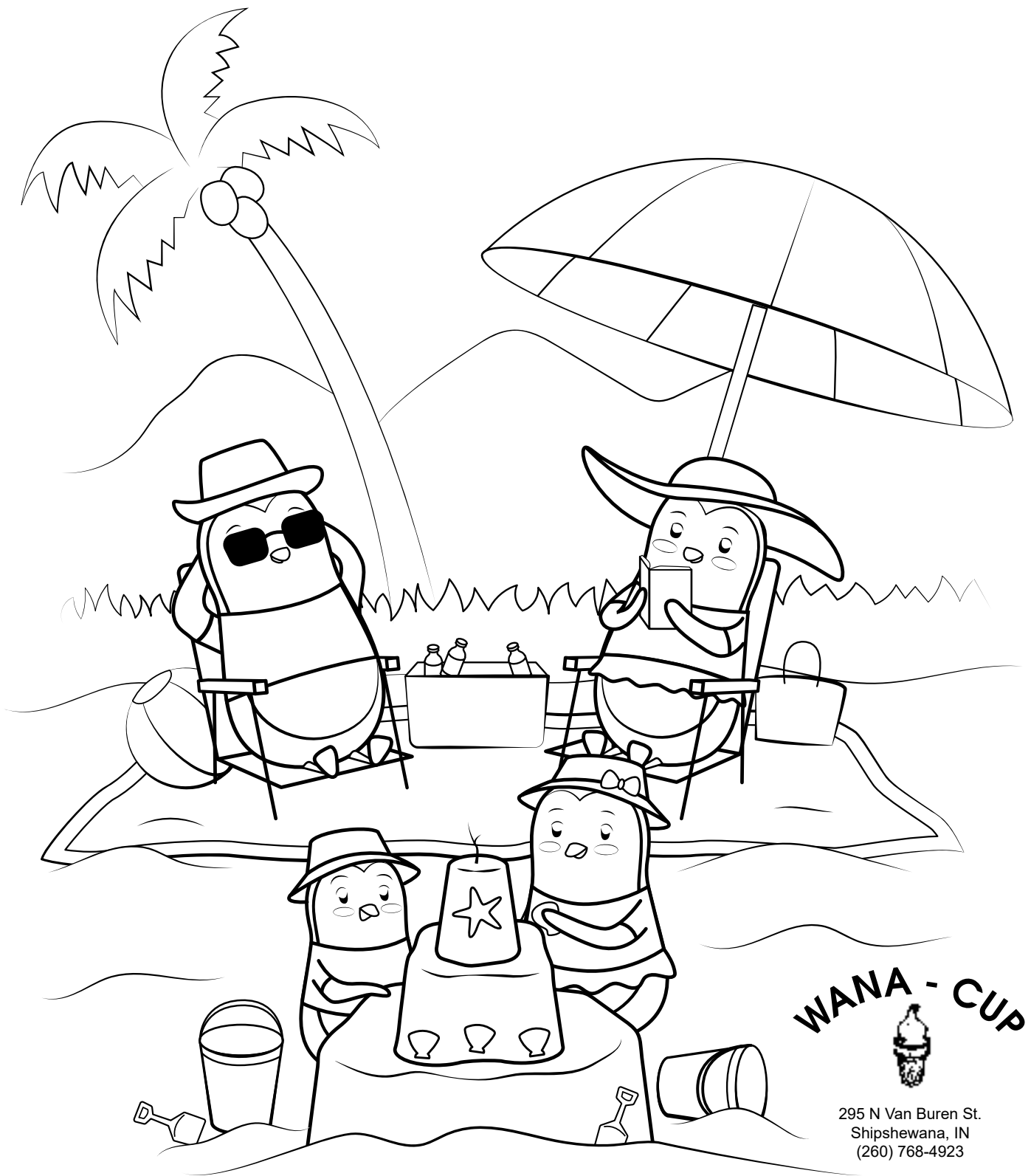
Why was Cinderella kicked off the basketball team

?

Solution on pg 49.

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Clueless CROSSWORD Solution

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to the puzzle on page 46.

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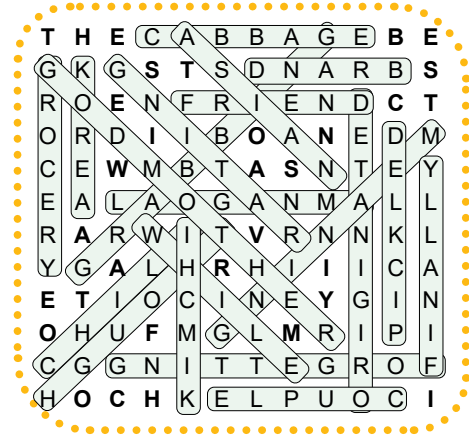
Answer:

Because she ran away from the ball.

Riddle on pg 46.
<https://www.ez-school.com/Riddles/Riddle196Ans.html>



Solution to puzzle on page 45.



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