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Westview Boys Varsity Basketball 2022-23 Season Wrap-up

by Jerry Hostetler

The Westview varsity boys' basketball team recently wrapped up a very successful season under their first-year Head Coach Chandler Prible. The Warriors ended their season with a trip to North Judson-San Pierre High School to compete in the regional tournament, where they ran into a very athletically gifted Gary 21st Century team. They fought hard but were defeated 67-58. On the road to their regional berth, the Warriors defeated Churubusco, Eastside and Central Noble to garner the Westview Sectional crown.

Highlights from the Season:

• In early December, the Warriors cruised to an 80-51 win over Churubusco thanks to Wiley Minix, who was on target with six three-pointers for 18 of his career-high 32 points. The 81-62 victory over LaVille on Jan. 6 highlighted five Warriors who scored in double figures:

Brady Yoder, 21; Jethro Hostetler, 17; Luke Helmuth, 16; Wiley Minix, 11; and Wade Springer, 10. In the NECC rivalry battle against the 3A Fairfield Falcons, sophomore Owen Brill had a breakout game. Scoring a career-high 13 points, Brill led his team to a three-point victory over the Falcons, 50-47, improving the Warrior's record to 9-4.

• The Warriors battled hard and snatched pre-sectional momentum on Feb. 24 by defeating the 4A Concord Minutemen in McCuen Gym, by a score of 40-36. Westview finished their regular season at 14-9. Westview won the Sectional opening round against Churubusco (74-49) and went on to gain a Sectional Semifinal victory over Eastside and former Warrior head coach, Ed Bentley, 50-26. The Sectional Finale brought about game two against Central Noble, where Westview took an

early lead and never looked back. Brady, Luke and Wiley each scored 23 points to lead the Warriors to a 78-65 victory: their first Sectional Championship since 2019.

• For the first time in a long time, regionals was a one-game contest: one win and your team advances to Semi-state. The Warriors started off strong, leading 21-16 at the end of the first quarter. Gary 21st Century took the lead at the half, 31-28. Westview stayed close in the third quarter, only outscored by one point, 12-11. The fourth quarter found the Gary team turning up the pressure and outscoring the Warriors 24-19, which locked up the regional championship for Gary 21st Century, 67-58.

• The Warriors ended their season at 17-9. Luke Helmuth had a career-high

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2022-2023 Sectional Champions!

23 points in the Warrior loss. Brady Yoder finished his high school career with a 21-point performance, giving him a 21-point performance, giving him 1,211 career points and placing him 9th on the Westview career scoring list.

Westview fans didn't know what to expect from their Warriors at the beginning of the season – with the addition of having a new coach, losing seniors Ma-

son Yoder and big-man Bucky Lehman, and having several potential players decide not to play this season. However, they took advantage of leadership from this year's senior players Brady Yoder and Jethro Hostetler and built around them. The players responded well to Prible's coaching style and came together as a team, and they were awarded a

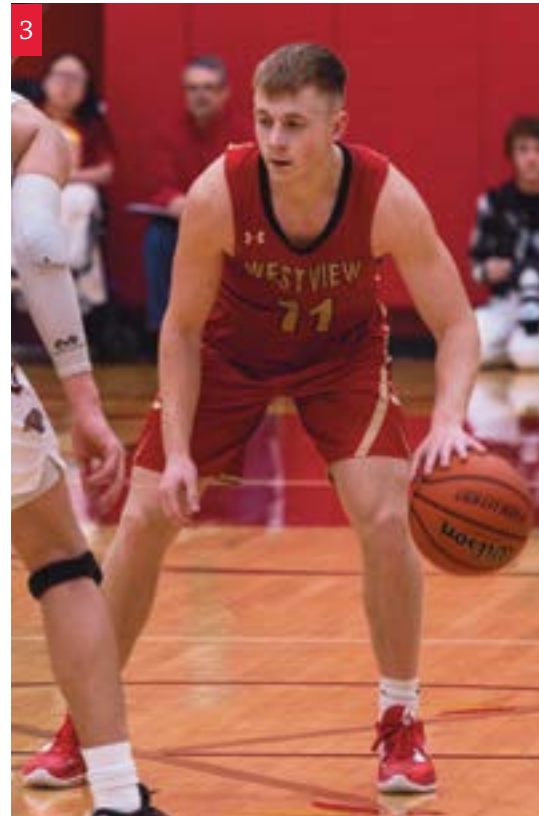
fine season. The team finished with a 17-9 record overall and finished in a tie for second place in the Northeast Corner Conference with Central Noble and Lakeland, all with 7-3 records, and won their 21st sectional championship in Westview history. ①



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- 1) Sectional Champs!
- 2) Wiley Minix looks for his opportunity to move toward the basket.
- 3) Senior Brady Yoder finished his high school career with 1,211 points.
- 4) Wade Springer works his way around his Central Noble opponent.
- 5) Senior Jethro Hostetler puts up two free throws in his final high school sectional game.
- 6) Luke Helmuth moves toward the Westview basket.

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But eventually, this unpredictable weather settles into the next season. The snow is gone, the sun is shining, and birds are singing in trees that are blooming once again. Knowing that spring is on the way helps us get through the winter. That knowledge is our light in the darkness, our point of reference as we journey through the cold and into warmer temperatures.

Finding that light or silver lining isn't always easy, though. Sometimes it takes years to see the light at the end of the tunnel and to find the good in the bad. Nonetheless, it is a valuable quality showcased throughout various articles within this issue.

The Historical Feature by Harold Gingerich, the activities of our Westview schools, and upcoming community events, among others, demonstrate the importance of finding the positives within the undesirable. However, that is not to say that other content within the issue lacks value.

The past few issues have continu-

ously grown in size due to an increasing number of submissions, a trend I hope to maintain. I want to thank everyone who has submitted community news, school news, or other editorial pieces and photographs to the Hometown. It is a joy to see what is happening in our area and to share it with others. I am excited to help create The Hometown Treasure and share all the fantastic events and changes in our community. I grew up reading the Hometown and I'm thrilled to work to expand and explore new content for our readers.

Feel free to write us to let us know what kinds of articles and content you would like to see. We love to hear from our readers and explore new topics! We'd also love to partner with area businesses to bring you editorial content that appeals to you. Please send your thoughts, comments, and recommendations to The Hometown Treasure, PO Box 70, Shipshewana IN 46565, or email them to news@lagwana.com.

Best wishes,

Chloe Lovell
The Hometown Treasure Editor

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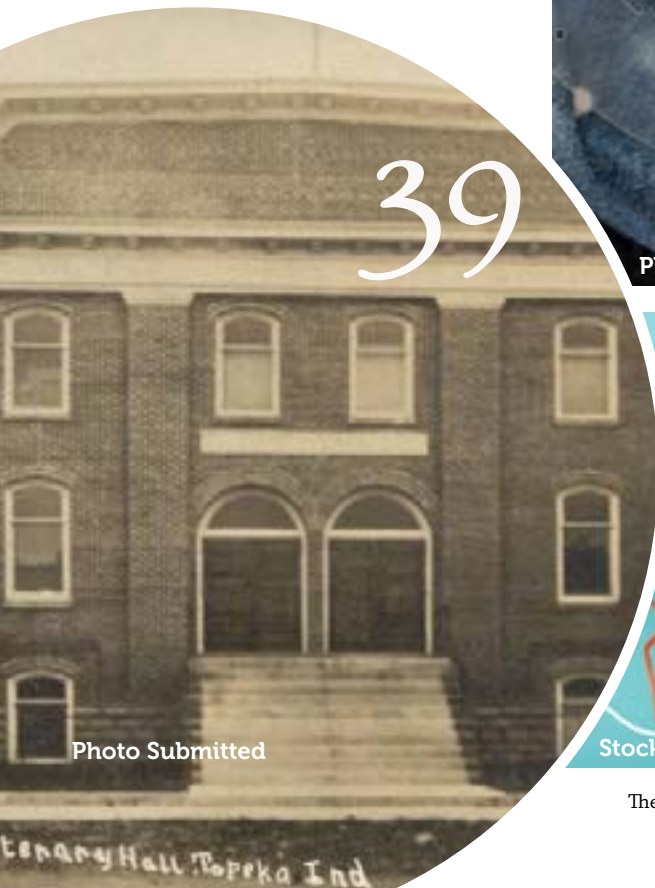
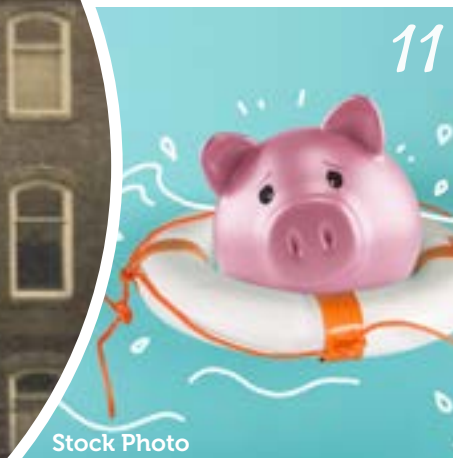


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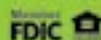
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How Ya Livin'?

This past month I experienced the circle of life in real-time. One day I held my newborn grandson; two days later, I held a friend as she said goodbye to her husband. Both moments will be etched in my memory forever. One day I was filled with joy; the next, I was filled with sorrow. However, on both days, I celebrated life. One life was beginning, and the other was well-lived.

This experience has caused me to pause. I have pondered and hoped for all the good times ahead with my grandson and reflected on all the good times of the past with my friend. Pardon the cliché, but it has brought me to the harsh reality of how short life truly is.

All the emotions running amuck in my soul have caused me to take a life inventory. How am I living? Am I cherishing all the moments, being intentional in encouraging others, and finding joy in all circumstances?

I want to answer a resounding yes to those questions. There is always room for improvement. Instead of intentionally making those things happen, I regret something

I did not do or say. I commiserate about the moments of life I have wasted on worry, anger, jealousy, or mindlessly staring at a screen. I kick myself for dwelling on past hurts instead of leaping forward into fresh new beginnings. How about you? How are you living?


There is a Proverb that says, "As the water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart" (Pr. 27:19). So, according to this, it is an inventory of the heart that needs a thorough once-over! Time to do the heart work.

Just what is the condition of my heart? How does my life reflect it? After some dusting and cleaning, I have an extensive wish list. It includes more

compassion, empathy, and joy for a start. I am working to eliminate arrogance, judgment, and an unforgiving spirit.

In Psalm 139, King David acknowledges that God is the life-giver. God created his innermost being and knit him together in his mother's womb. He praises God because he recognizes how fearfully and wonderfully He has made him and all life. This beautiful Psalm gives the reader a glimpse into David's complete gratitude for his life and his desire to live it according to God's plan. He ends the Psalm with a heart check as well.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).

Taking my cues from King David, I also want to make this my prayer. With God doing the heart check and pointing out where I need to change, my life will reflect a heart that desires to do his perfect and pleasing will. And well, friends, that is a life worth living. 



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What do they do?

Compression stockings are specialized socks that apply gentle pressure to the ankles and lower legs to move blood up toward the heart and increase blood flow to help prevent fluid from pooling in your legs. These items come in knee-high or thigh-high lengths. You need to be measured to choose the correct size.

Do I need compression stockings?

If you have a job that requires standing for a long period of time or have aching legs after standing, these would help you! They are used to help decrease aching legs, prevent swelling, and prevent blood clots when you travel by plane for long flights. Compression socks are encouraged in these situations.

Who should avoid compression stockings?

People with peripheral neuropathy, peripheral artery disease (PAD: symptoms of pain upon walking), skin infection, pulmonary edema from congestive heart failure or massive leg swelling should always consult their doctor before wearing compression stockings.

Various levels of compression stockings and the possible uses:

Compression stocking levels are measured in mmHg. 10-15 mmHg is the ideal compression size for those who stand for long periods of time to help minimize fatigue and ache.

It helps relieve minor swelling of ankles or legs and helps prevent varicose veins during pregnancy. They also help avoid blood clots when traveling by plane for long flights.


20-30 mmHg helps provide relief of moderate to severe varicose and spider veins (including in pregnancy) and treats moderate to severe edema (swelling). They are used for post-surgical treatment of varicose veins and other surgeries, as well as to manage post-thrombotic syndrome (blood clots) and thrombophlebitis (inflammation due to a blood clot).

The 30-40 mmHg compression stocking level requires a doctor's prescription.

Putting on compression stockings:

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Have You Built an Emergency Fund?

Many people make financial New Year's resolutions, such as reducing their debts or contributing more to their retirement accounts — both of which are certainly worthy goals. But among those who planned to make a financial resolution for 2023, the primary reason was the desire to build an emergency savings fund, according to a December 2022 study by research firm Morning Consult.

Factors such as economic concerns and the sharp rise in inflation seem to be driving this greater interest in building an emergency fund. But it is extremely valuable to maintain this type of fund in any economic environment. An emergency fund can help you prepare for a temporary job loss or early retirement, or pay for large home or auto repairs, sizable medical bills and other needs.

So, how much do you need to keep in an emergency fund? The answer depends on your stage of life. If you are still working, you might want at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund. If you are already retired, however, you may need at least three months' worth of expenses for emergencies, plus another 12 months' worth of expenses, after accounting for your other sources of income, to cover your everyday spending needs.

And if you are retired, it is especially important to maintain this larger emergency fund so you can avoid dipping into your investment portfolio to pay for any unforeseen costs and daily

expenses. As you know, the financial markets can be volatile. If it is possible, you will want to avoid having to sell investments when their prices may be down.


When building an emergency fund, where should you keep the money? You will need it to be accessible, so you will want it in a liquid investment vehicle. At the same time, you do not want to take risks with this fund. You will want to be confident that your principal will be preserved. Some possibilities might include short-term certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts. But wherever you put the money, keep it separate from your regular checking or savings account — it's called an "emergency" fund for a reason. You do not want to mingle it with the accounts you use every day.

Given the high cost of living, it is not always easy to sock away money for emergencies. If you wait until all your bills are paid before addressing an emergency fund, you may only make very slow progress. One possible strategy is to pay yourself first, so to speak, by having some money automatically moved from your checking or savings account each month into your emergency fund. And whenever you get a financial windfall, such as a tax refund or a year-end bonus at work, you might use some of it for this



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fund.

It will take time and discipline to build and maintain an emergency fund. But once you have such a fund in place, you will feel more confident in your ability to deal with unexpected costs that could potentially disrupt your progress toward your financial goals. So, make it a priority this year to build or strengthen your emergency fund. It will be worth the effort. 

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LaGrange County Library

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*All activities are In-Person unless noted. If you have any questions,
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Shipshewana • Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 11 a.m.

Theme: *Weather*

Spring Break Teen Oculus VR Headset and Nintendo

Switch Play (Ages 13+)

LaGrange • April 3, 4, 5, 6 • Time is by sign-up only!

MUST SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT ON THE WEBSITE OR BY CALLING.

Reserve a one hour time slot to play the Oculus VR Headset or to play the Nintendo Switch by yourself or with up to three friends. The room will be open to watch others play while you wait for your turn.

Lego Play (All Ages)

LaGrange • Wednesday, April 5 • 2–5:00 p.m.

Come enjoy our large collection of Lego Bricks and build whatever you can imagine! No registration required.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, April 10 • 4–5:45 p.m.

Please sign up—either by calling or registering on our website.

Homeschool Group (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, April 14 • 10 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 6.

Register on our website or by calling.

One meeting all together this month for our first **Science Fair!**

Choose any project you would like to do and bring it to share with the group. They can be individual or family projects. There will be tables for the projects and others can walk around to see and talk with you.

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Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, April 18 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss "The Toad." 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.

Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, April 18 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss "Lightning Thief," 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.

Teen Book Chat & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, April 24 • 4–5:15 p.m.

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

We will also be passing out the book for next month. Sign up in the youth department by checking out this month's book.

Youth Department (continued)

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

LaGrange • Wednesday, April 26 • 4–5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 19. Registration available on our website or by calling. Theme: Spin Art! Brittany with Purdue Extension will be bringing the 4-H Spin Bike so we can spin paint to make art. We will also have other art projects available. *Ages 8-12, Grades 2-6.*

Movie and Popcorn (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, April 28 • 6 p.m.

Movie: "Meet the Robinsons," Rated G.

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Movie Tuesdays – Classic Comedies

LaGrange • Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 • 2 p.m.

April 4 – *It Happened One Night* (1934)

April 11 – *My Man Godfrey* (1936)

April 18 – *Bringing Up Baby* (1938)

April 25 – *The Lady Eve* (1941)

Movies and Popcorn are FREE! Recommended for viewers 12+

Second Saturday Book Club

LaGrange • Saturday, April 8 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss *Amber & Clay* by Laura Amy Schlitz.

Blending verse, prose, and illustrated archaeological "artifacts," this is a tale that vividly transcends time, an indelible reminder of the power of language to illuminate human history. *Ages 16+ Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange Library's Adult Desk.*

Learn to Crochet!

LaGrange • Saturday, April 15 • Register by April 1 • 10 a.m.–Noon

Cost is \$5, due at class. To register, call 260-463-2841 x1030.

This class is for adults who have never crocheted before. You'll learn all of the basic stitches, which can be used to make anything from afghans to doilies! All materials will be supplied. *Ages 12+*

Patchwork Trails – Maple Wood Nature Center (All Ages)

4550E 100S, LaGrange • Tuesday, April 18 • 6 p.m.

Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot. Walks will be led by Leslie Arnold of LaGrange Co. Parks & Recreation. No fees or registration required, just meet at the designated starting point.

Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, April 22 • 11 a.m.

Cookbook Club is a great way to meet new people and try new things! Check out the cookbook of the month at LaGrange's Adult Services Desk. Choose a recipe, cook it, and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided.

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April Events

Sewing Group

Wed., April 26 • 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.

Make-n-Take Crafts

Closed for Easter Weekend

Quilt Classes

Saturday, April 15 • 9 am–3 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN

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

Irish Chain: This quilt block dates back to pre-Civil War era. We will be offering the double Irish Chain with two colors and a background. 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, April 23 • 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. 

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Mike Metz Fen Trail Dedication & 5K Course

Patchwork Trails

Tuesday, April 8 • 6 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Join the LaGrange County Park Naturalist and the LaGrange County Public Librarian for a lovely stroll through Maple Wood's spring wildflower show. The Naturalist will identify different flowers as we walk. Trails are crushed limestone and rated easy. We will walk approximately 1 mile in 1 hour.

Self-guided Wildflower Trail

April 12 – May 3

Maple Wood Nature Center

The Naturalist will mark blooming spring wildflowers along a designated trail. A brochure with identification information will be available to read while you walk. Please feel free to take pictures, but do not pick or cut the wildflowers. The trail is crushed limestone and is ADA Accessible.

Woodworking Workshop

Thursday, May 4 • 10 am–12 pm

Dallas Lake Lodge - **Free!**


Join members from the Northeast Indiana Woodworkers to make a wooden flower. Children must be at least 8 years old and accompanied by an adult over 18. Each child will cut dowel rods, sand, drill holes, and paint their flower. For safety, please have long hair tied back, no baggy clothing, and wear clothes suitable for painting. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Park Office by April 26, at 260-854-2225. Cash donations for supplies appreciated. 

Walkers and runners of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join park staff to officially open the new Mike Metz Fen Trail!

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on Fen Trailhead (Blue Trail), north of the archery tower at 10 am, Saturday, April 22. The fəNGkē 5K Fun Run & Walk will follow the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:15 am, starting at the Fen Trailhead. The course is a combination of boardwalks and crushed limestone paths that meander through the woods and around the beautiful wetland.

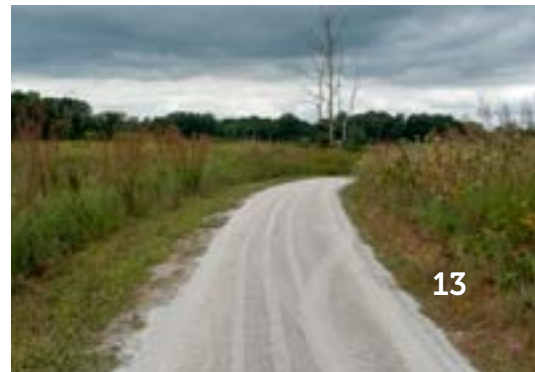
Registration fees, pre-registration goody bag contents, and more details like food are coming soon to Facebook: [LaGrangeCountyDepartmentofParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/LaGrangeCountyDepartmentofParksandRec) and Website: lagrangepark.org.

Prizes awarded to 1st place runners! 1st male and female in adult, teen, and child categories. One prize awarded to overall top funky costume!

The trail is now open dawn to dusk daily. The fen trail can only be accessed from the trailhead at Pine Knob Park. Parking only at Pine Knob. 

fəNGkē is the phonetic spelling of "funky" and it contains the word fen, like Fen Trail!

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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!

Shipshewana Table Tennis League

The Shipshewana Table Tennis League recently completed another successful season during the months of January and February. Approximately 65 players met each Tuesday evening at the Shipshewana-Scott School gymnasium for hours of competitive play. A big THANK YOU goes out to the players and parents for their continued support of this league and to Shipshewana-Scott School for providing the venue. Yoder’s

Shipshewana Hardware is the proud sponsor of this event.

A double-elimination tournament was held on the final evening. Kenny Fry of Topeka continued to dominate the league and lived up to his #1 ranking by winning his 5th league title. He defeated long-time attendee Jason Lambright. Lambright played great table tennis all night and had to beat the dynamic brother duo of Anthony (2022

champ) and Aaron Lambright (2022 runner-up) on his way to his first final, but it wasn’t quite enough as he lost to Fry in 5 games.

The players were divided into 5 groups for the double-elimination tournament based on skill level and their regular season records. Winners of each group are displayed below.

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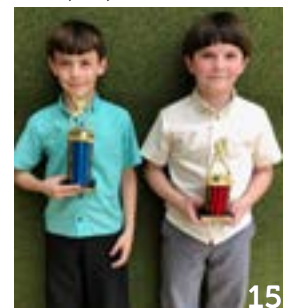
Group 1: (left to right): Kenny Fry (1st) and Jason Lambright (2nd).

Group 2: (left to right): Kevin Whetstone (1st) and Jared Mullet (2nd).

Group 3: (left to right): Kyle Mullet (2nd) and Daryl Yoder (1st).

Group 4: (left to right): Daryl Bontrager (1st) and Caleb Fry (2nd).

Group 5: (left to right): Isaiah Miller (1st) and Lyle Whetstone (2nd).



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n March 8, Ark Animal Rescue and Adoption received a call about a stray dog hit on the road. The Ark, as they provide animal control services for LaGrange County, responded to the call. The person who hit the dog stayed with him until the Ark arrived, an action the Ark appreciated greatly.

The stray, later named Cole, was rushed to the Kalamazoo Emergency vet at 10:50 p.m. that night. The vet believed his injuries were mild after the initial exam as Cole would stand up and appeared fine overall, showing no signs of extreme pain. Following X-rays, however, it was discovered that he had a broken pelvis and a broken growth plate in his knee. It is amazing that the little guy didn't show anyone how "broken" he was, wagging his tail and happily accepting chin scratches.

It was determined that Cole is only 6 months old – just a baby. The emergency vet decided to keep him overnight at 3 a.m. and the Ark volunteers returned home. Unfortunately, after the hour's drive back, they received a phone call that Cole had had a respiratory episode and the vet had to do emergency chest X-rays. The poor little guy was found to have contusions on his lungs from the accident. The next few hours were rough, waiting to see how he was doing. Later that day, thankfully, the Ark received the good news that he did not have any more respiratory epi-

STEAK FRY

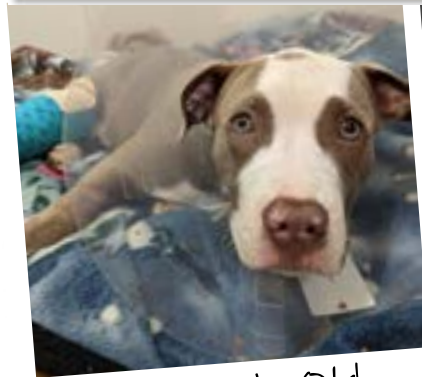
Friday, April 14 -- 5 to 8 pm



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6-Month Old "Broken" PUPPY



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sodes and he was stable.


The Ark volunteers worked hard to find a foster home and a vet that would complete the necessary surgeries at an affordable cost, aiming for less than the \$4,000 bill from the emergency vet. With great support, they were successful. Cole received an FHO surgery for his broken pelvis and now sports a Spiderman splint for the broken growth plate in his knee. Cole is now recovering

in a foster home and is in love with the kids in the home. The fantastic community stepped up and donated over \$1,500 towards Cole's emergency bill. However, between the emergency bill and his required surgery, he still has a hefty bill left.

To cover the bill, the Ark is hosting a dinner fundraiser with the Sons of the American Legion. The Ark hosts a variety of events to fund emergencies just like Cole's, along with the overall care of the 600+ animals that filter through the shelter each year. The

Ark prides itself on the medical care they provide for each animal to come through the shelter, providing spay or neuter services, timely vaccines, micro-chipping for dogs, and heartworm testing and prevention treatment.

You can show your support at the upcoming fundraiser on Friday, April 14 from 5-8 p.m. located at the American

Legion in LaGrange. With a variety of dinner options (including shrimp and steak), a raffle, and a bake sale, the Ark hopes to raise enough money to help pay Cole's bills and provide the best treatment for all animals in its care. For more information, you can reach the shelter at 260-463-4142. The Ark cannot thank the community enough for supporting such events! 

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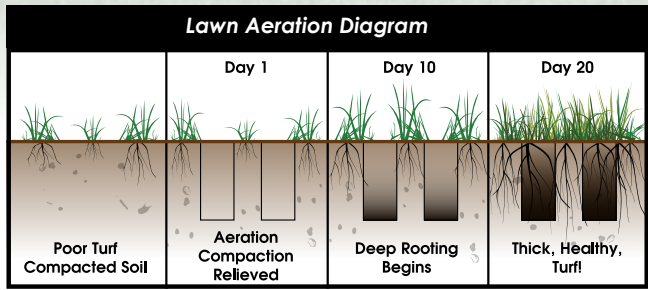
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Adkins Leads Parkview Health North

Parkview Health leaders have announced that Gary Adkins has taken on a new role within the health system. Adkins will not only lead Parkview Noble Hospital, but also Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

The change comes in the wake of the departure of Jordi Disler, the former president of Parkview LaGrange, who transitioned to another leadership position within Parkview Health at the end of 2022.

“Gary has served as interim president at Parkview LaGrange for several months now,” said Greg Johnson, DO, MMM, CPE, regional market president for Parkview Health. “The transition has been a smooth one, and I am confident that he will continue to serve our LaGrange co-workers and patients well.”

“Gary’s leadership at both Parkview Noble and Parkview LaGrange will enhance the synergy and partnership that already exists between the facilities, as well as within each community,” Johnson continued. “Gary’s 20 years of executive leadership at Paulding County Hospital, as well as his eight years as Parkview Noble president, have well prepared him to successfully lead both facilities.”

In light of the evolution of his role, Adkins’ new title will be “market president of Parkview Health North,” Johnson noted as he extended congratu-

lations to Adkins.

“I am honored and delighted to be directing our hospital teams in both the Noble and LaGrange communities,” said Adkins. “Our two counties share more than a few commonalities. Many people live in one county and work in the other. For years, folks in Noble and LaGrange counties have worked together on community events and projects, and recently, those joint efforts have extended to addressing broad challenges and quality-of-life issues. I am excited to see what lies ahead for our region, for area residents and for our outstanding Parkview LaGrange and Parkview Noble co-workers, who are proud to serve them.”

In his new role, Adkins will direct the efforts of almost 450 hospital co-workers, 300 at Parkview Noble and 149 at Parkview LaGrange.

“Both of these teams are driven by their commitment to Parkview’s mission and values, and they’re focused on providing excellent care to every person every day,” said Adkins. “I have been so proud to lead the Noble team, and I’m enjoying getting to know the LaGrange team as well. I’m sure both teams will continue to excel in their professionalism, collaboration, innovation and other efforts for our two-county region.”


A Paulding County, Ohio, native, Adkins has lived in northeast Indiana since 2013. He and his wife of nearly 33 years, Annette, recently moved to Auburn from Angola. The couple has two sons: Benjamin, who resides in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, and Jackson, who lives in Louisville, Kentucky. In his leisure time, Adkins enjoys following Cleveland professional sports and The Ohio State University collegiate sports. 

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Left to right: School Board member Carrie Schrock, new Director of Finance Kendra Sandquist and Westview Superintendent Randy Miller.

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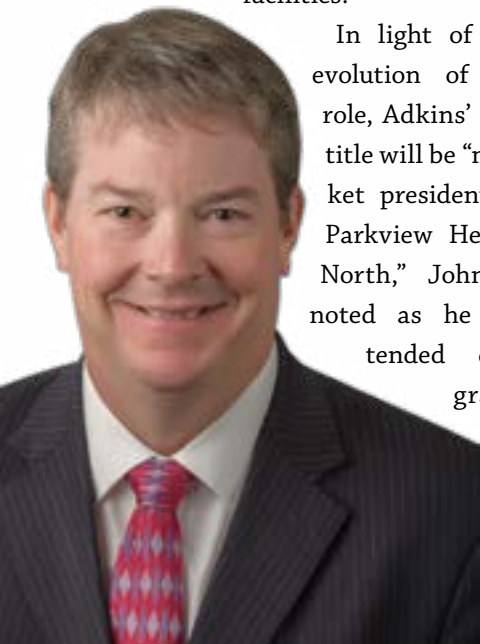
New Director of Finance Announced

The Westview School Corporation approved Kendra Sandquist as their new Director of Finance at their March board meeting. Kendra brings eleven years of school business experience to Westview.

Sandquist made it through the interview process which included nine total candidates. Her accounting knowledge, experience wearing multiple leadership hats, passion, and energy were the qualities that set her apart.

Westview looks forward to Kendra’s leadership and is excited to welcome her family from McLaughlin, South Dakota.

She will be starting at Westview on the first of July. 





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Time is flying right into the third quarter where a maximum of two students were chosen by the classroom teachers for Mustang Awards. Winners were chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect, and responsibility. They received a Mighty Mustang tag on a chain and are given a choice of a bag from the principal, Mrs. Helmuth.

Some fun events happening included celebrating the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and visiting with local author Kiaya Martin and her one-year-old Great Dane, Axl.

The Monday after the Super Bowl, 3A had their own football celebration. Students rotated through a variety of math stations, all football themed as a review before NWEA testing. Students were even able to enjoy some football snacks! Touchdown, 3rd grade!

Celebrating Valentine's Day at



Kindergarteners: Back (left to right): Caleb Miller, Micah Otto, Seth Yoder and Camden Brewer. Front: Janae Miller, Sara Miller, Leah Petersheim and Mila Yoder. Not Pictured: Daxtyn Delagrange.

First Graders: Back (left to right): Jamie King, Isaiah Graber and Leon Hershberger. Front: Ruby Davis, Kara Miller and Audrey Bontrager. Not Pictured: Timothy Schrock.

Second Graders: Back (left to right): Grayson England, Lyle Bontrager, Trenton Detweiler and Tidus Schrock. Front: Avery England, Samantha Yoder and Elena Bostain.



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Meadowview Elementary

Home of the Mustangs

a Dull Moment

Meadowview can get a little messy. Students were able to blow bubbles and play with slime while enjoying some sweet Valentine's treats.

The fun continued with a visit from Kiaya and Axl. Kiaya spoke to students about the steps it takes to become an author. Axl participated in a whipped cream eating contest with a few select students. The group of 3A students got their picture taken with Kiaya and Axl. 📸



Third Graders: Back (left to right): Ethan Rainsberger, David Miller, Bryan Lehman and Kara Lower. Front: Nicole Miller, Sariah Detweiler and Alayna Bontrager.

Fourth Graders: Back (left to right): Derek Hochstetler, Jeryle Miller, Jaylin Lehman, Jaydon Hershberger and Jace Dauscher. Front: Emma England, Hannah Troyer and Jayna Otto.



3rd Qtr
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Awards


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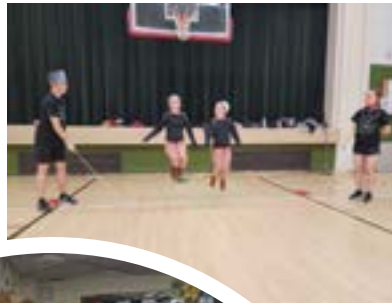
Jumping and Reading for Fun

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The Whippin' Warriors from Westview High School came to show off their skills to students and staff in February. They demonstrated all kinds of tricks and athletic feats and put on a great performance. Students and staff were even allowed to give it a try!

The week of February 27 to March 3 was "Read Across America Week". Kin-

dergartners celebrated by highlighting different authors and their stories each day, dressing up like different characters, and listening to special guest readers. The whole school joined in to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. You could find many "Thing 1's & 2's" as well as "red fish and blue fish" roaming the building that day! 



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Shipshe-Scott Elementary Home of the Scotties

Learning Lots While Staying Active

Mr. Williams sixth grade classroom has spent the month of February celebrating Black history month and learning about the civil rights movement and the important people involved.


In celebration of National FFA Week, students from Ms. Alexander's Westview High School FFA shared a program with fifth grade classes covering the cost to produce and the origin of all the ingredients needed to make a pepperoni pizza.

Thanks to a visit from our high school's Whippin' Warriors team, students from Mrs. Jasso's, Mr. Miller's, and Mrs. Sheet's classes had fun trying new things with the jump rope at recess.

Speaking of recess, when Mother Nature forces classes to stay inside for recess, Ms. Rachel provides fun alternative games for students.

Staying active and having fun can clearly go hand-in-hand as the fifth and sixth graders experienced with their volleyball tournament.

Fifth grade students from Mrs. Mowery and Mr. Stump's class competed in the championship game for the volleyball tournament. Mrs. Mowery's class won the championship game and will play the Westview Elementary staff in a couple of weeks.

Volleyball teams 6C and 6A played in the championship game for the sixth grade. It was an intense match that went into three games. Mrs. Gongwers 6C class ended up winning and will be playing the staff in a few weeks. 

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Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors

Fairs, Awards, and Visits.

The learning fair is an annual Topeka tradition where students have a chance to show off their smarts. Students can choose from a variety of different categories that fit their interests and strengths. Students can also choose to enter projects in more than one area. Students complete their proj-

ects at home and then bring them in on learning fair day. Our awesome volunteer judges then take the time to assess each project and choose grade level winners and overall winners for each of the categories. After projects are judged, all of the students and teachers love heading down to the gym to take a

look at all of the amazing projects. It is an awesome day for learning at Topeka Elementary!

On Monday, March 13, Topeka Elementary held its Quarter 3 awards. Congratulations to these students for earning an award in the area of reading, math, or positivity. Thank you to our



2D Art:

*Daimon Yoder,
Austin Miller,
Terra Harlow,
Andrea Barkman,
Aliya Yoder and
Lachelle Bontrager.*

Poetry:

*Jalayna Fry and
Emily Yoder.*



3D Art:

*Larry Lambright,
Edison Martin,
Cameron Bontrager,
Lilleigh Mast,
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Science:

*Gavin Bauman,
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Bake/Cooking:

*Emmalyn Smith,
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Sewing:

*Kyahsondra Collins,
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Olivia Everage,
Wilma Fry,
Heidi Miller and
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Books are Fun:

*Jada Nissley, El-
lisynn Hamm
and Caleb Lehman.*

Short Story:

*Brynnley Shueneman,
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Math:

*James Mast,
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Oh My!

SROs, Officer Flowers and Officer Conwell, for the treats to reward the quarterly winners.

A local dentistry group came to visit the Kindergarten classes at Topeka, providing a fun hands-on experience for the kids. 


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Winter Academic Awards

Westview High School held their Academic Awards Ceremony on February 17, 2023 between the JV/V Goshen vs Westview basketball game.

In the interest of recognizing academic excellence, Westview High

School is in their 31st year promoting an incentive program that provides students the opportunity to earn specially designed academic blankets, stars and rings. A total of 93 Westview scholars were honored. 



Left to right: Hussein Hussein and Ella Williams.

Not pictured: Tommy Raley. Photo Submitted

Sophomores

31 sophomores received an academic blanket for establishing at least a 3.75 cumulative GPA for the first three semesters of their high school careers.

Cole Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lily Bontrager, Clarinda Byler, Mason Clark, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Micah Geyer, Ava Gilbert, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Hussein Hussein, Olivia Jasso, Asher Kennedy, Kiana Mast, Curtis Miller, Tristan Pearson, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexander Sanchez, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Bryan Yoder, and Kamden Yoder.

Juniors

28 juniors received a star or an academic blanket for establishing at least a 3.70 cumulative GPA for five semesters.

Eli Atra, Layna Avila, Caleb Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Carson Brown, Katie Engelage, Luke Helmuth, Johny Henard, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Stephen Jones, Braden Kauffman, Jace Lang, Wiley Minix, Teague Misner, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Audrey Taylor, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder.

Seniors

*33 seniors received an academic ring for establishing a 3.75 cumulative GPA or better for seven semesters. Three additional seniors received an academic blanket or star for establishing at least a 3.65 cumulative GPA for seven semesters (marked with *).*


Ashwaq Waleed Aldhuraibi, Kylan Bender, Asher Bontrager, Ava Brown, Brianna Calwell, Ella Clark, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Chad Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Isaiah Hostetler, *Bailey Kenner, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, *Kylee Liechty, Evan Litwiller, Adrian Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kacie Miller, Kamryn Miller, *Katelyn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Natalie Privett, Lucy Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Dawson Shrock, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, and Ella Yoder.

Students line up in the gym for their awards in Westview High School's 31st Annual Academic Awards


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Student Ambassadors

Westview High School has selected three students to receive "Student Ambassador of the Month" honors for February, 2023. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displayed great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend. 

ISSMA

This past January and February, members of the Westview Jr/Sr High School Music Department participated in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble. Westview's 37 entries included 48 choir and band students, with some students participating in both the choir and band events. In all, Westview's entries earned 30 gold medals and 7 silver medals at the district events held at Fairfield High School and Angola Middle School. Of those earning gold medal ratings, 10 of the entries qualified for the state event in Indianapolis where Westview students earned 9 gold medals and 1 silver medal. Congratulations to everyone who participated! 



Westview Jr./Sr. High

Home of the Warriors

LOGO DESIGN

The Principles of Digital Design class had a real-life opportunity to create a logo for Meals of Hope Inc, a non-profit organization that helps families throughout LaGrange County who are dealing with food insecurity by delivering meals to children during the summer and school breaks.

“The Meals of Hope board contacted me to see if designing a logo would be something the students in design class would be able to do, and I was excited to give them the opportunity for their designs to be used beyond the school walls,” said Mrs. Manns, “I thoroughly enjoy bringing real-world experiences into the classroom, and I’m thankful the board



reached out to me. I’m proud of the students and the effort they put into their designs.”

Each of the students in the design class created at least one logo for Meals of Hope, so they had quite a few to choose from.



Meals of Hope and Mrs. Manns would like to thank Michael Yeip for his winning design. For more information about

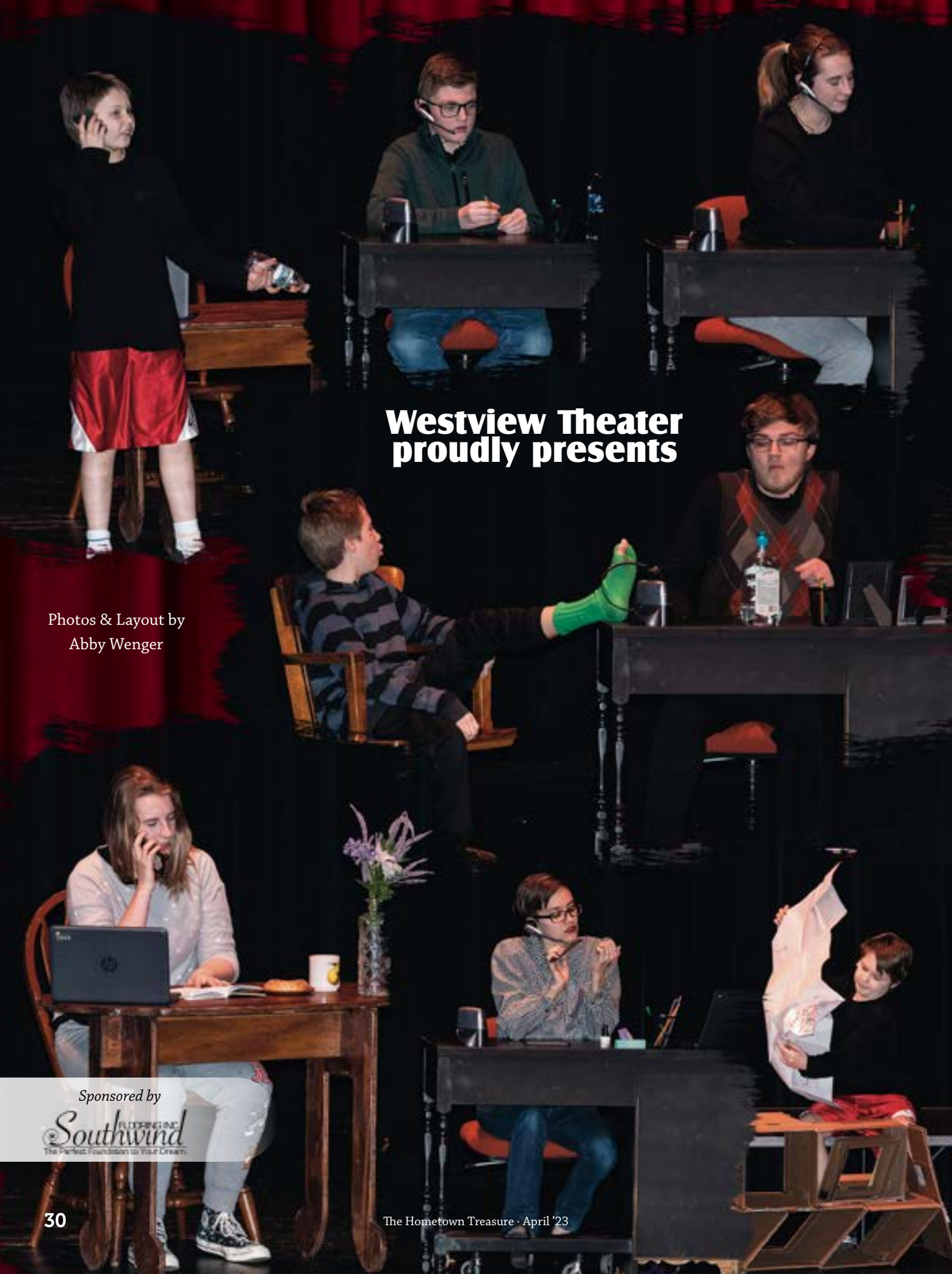
Meals of Hope, email mealsof-hopeinc2022@gmail.com, or call Sonja at 260-336-3528. 📞

Solo and Ensemble



Back (left to right): Natalie Privett, Carly Hicks, Lexy Bennett, Annagail Warren, Lilyan Bennett, Lexi Warren, Janell Lambright, Brina Williams, Lanita Mast, Sorcha Stewart, Bailey Manns, Ethan Hibbs and Dallas Yoder. Third (left to right): Emily Bontrager, Chayenne Diaz, Jarrett Dunker, Isaiah Radcliff, Matt Bibbee, Gavin Rainsberger, Caedmon Gates and Isaac Yater. Second (left to right): Audri Martin, Paige McDonald, Kaleb Iddings, Lucy Rensberger*, Samantha Stump*, Kaylee Cleveland*, Jordan Collyer*, Asher Kennedy*, Micah Geyer and Nick Bontrager. Front (left to right): Ella Williams*, Gwen Owsley*, Adelyn Rainsberger*, Hope Miller*, Kaitlin Nuzum*, Kiana Mast*, Noah Bontrager*, Cole Bontrager* and Silas Haarer*. Not Pictured: Andreyia Bergeron, MJ Canturk, Sasha Champagne, Faith Christner, Tetiana Jones, Bailey Manns, Miley Mast*, Morgan Rich* and Braden Rogers. Asterisk (*) indicates State Solo and Ensemble Participant*

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STUDENT & SPORTS

We asked Samantha Stump, an upcoming 2023 Westview graduate some questions about her time at Westview and what she has planned for the future. After high school, Samantha plans on attending Grace College and pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in Spanish. After college, Samantha would like to move to Texas to teach and start her adult life. Her favorite subject is math, a subject she has always enjoyed. Samantha is very passionate about being able to tell others about Christ and being able to know him as her Lord and Savior and being able to help others when they need help.

Samantha states that her favorite memory of high school is going to sporting events and participating in the student section, along with playing sports with friends. Her favorite quote comes from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

Outside of Westview, Samantha likes to go to youth group, church, cheer on her brother who plays football at Lakeland, spend time with

family and friends, and play fetch with her dogs.

We asked, "What advice would you give to underclassmen?" Samantha said you always hear that high school goes by quickly, and it's true; you walk in the door freshman year, and the next thing you know, you're leaving as a senior. Don't take your high school years for granted; you can only do them once! Make sure to have fun in high school, go to sporting events, try a sport, or try new things in general. And most of all, stay on top of your grades. Along with having fun, school needs to be a top priority." Samantha described her high school career as interesting. The first normal year wasn't until her senior year. Her freshman year, she went to a school out of state. She

said the Fall semester was awesome—she was able to cheer on her brother, a senior who played football, and their school made history. Spring of her freshman year, Covid hit, and being away from school makes Samantha feel like it would be okay with her if she had another year of

"DON'T TAKE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS FOR GRANTED; YOU CAN ONLY DO THEM ONCE!"

Samantha Stump



**Samantha Stump, Senior
Westview Jr-Sr High School**



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SPOTLIGHT

high school to make up for it.

Samantha's sophomore year, she moved to Indiana. Her junior year was pretty cool, but also one of the hardest years of school with testing to prepare for college. She went to sporting events and played volleyball, basketball, track and field and also went to school dances.

As Samantha's senior year is here, she has had a good year so far playing volleyball, watching her siblings play volleyball and football, and spending a lot of time with family and friends and making new memories. We asked Samantha to recall something a teacher has said that has stuck with her. She responded with, "It's not about what you

say; it's the things that you do that matter."

Next, we interviewed Adelyn Rainsberger who runs cross country and track. Adelyn is a Varsity cross country runner. Her favorite sport is track. What Adelyn likes most about cross country is being with her teammates and all of the fun things they do. Some of the strengths Adelyn believes make her a great athlete include being competitive and working hard.

Adelyn said the most challenging part of cross country is to get yourself to just run it, and do it as fast as you can. Adelyn stays in shape in the off-season by running throughout the year, and also does some core

work. She is motivated by the feeling of accomplishment she gets from running. She said being able to say that you ran a long distance and the accomplishment you feel after a good race is the most rewarding part of being a running athlete. Adelyn's favorite quote is, "it's just a hill; get over it."

In addition to cross country and track, Adelyn has been in the school play and musicals *Newsies* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Adelyn said she looks up to her parents. She said, "they do so much for me, especially during the season." Adelyn's advice for anyone considering cross country or track is to just do it. It's a lot of fun and you get to make great memories and some amazing friends.

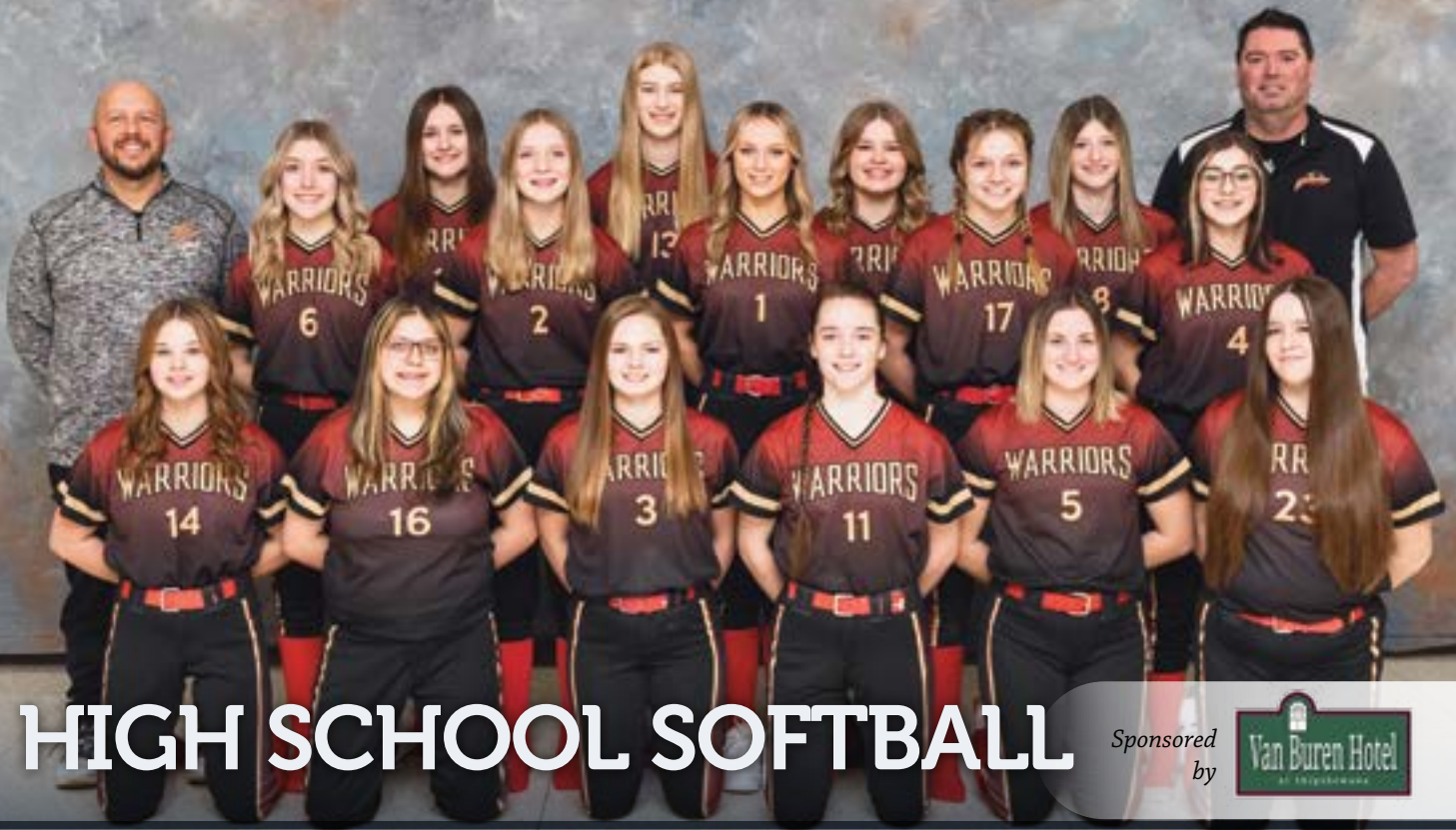


**Adelyn Rainsberger, Sophomore
Westview Jr-Sr High School**

**"IT'S JUST A
HILL; GET
OVER IT."
Cross Country
Girls**

Created By: Lili Terrones (9th grade) and Courtney Hall (12th grade). Lili is on the softball team for Westview. Courtney is in 4-H and shows beef cattle.





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2023 Boys Baseball Team: Back (left to right): Asst. Coach Mason Atra, Mason Wire, Micah Miller, Scott Yoder, Jack Massey, Jaxon Engle and Max Engle. Middle (left to right): Asst. Coach Mike Antal, Gavin Engle, Luis Osorio, Caiden Schrock, Zach Fry, Asst. Coach Adam Christner and Asst. Coach Matt Jones. Front (left to right): Asst. Coach Steve Christner, Kylan Bender, Jayce Brandenberger, Riley Helman, Braden Kauffman, Matty Mortrud and Head Coach Jason Rahn. Photo by Abby Wenger



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2023 Boys Track Team: Back (left to right): Head Coach Matt Jones, Kaleb Iddings, Omar Saleh, Curtis Miller, Caden Suddarth, Christien Noward, Isaiah Hostetler, Adrian Miller, Lyndon Miller and Volunteer Coach Lindon McDonald. Middle (left to right): Asst. Coach Mandy Stone, Tristan Pearson, Luke Hall, Chase Miller, Chandler Johnson, Kaiden Liechty, Noah Bontrager, Cole Bontrager and Asst. Coach Autumn Montoya. Front (left to right): Jacob Peruski, Dallas Yoder, Asher Kennedy, Nick Bontrager, Milan Miller, Chad Hershberger, Bentley Ryall, Adrian L. Miller and Alex Yoder. Photo by Abby Wenger



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2023 Girls Track Team: Back (left to right): Head Coach Meghann Rainsberger, Bailey Manns, Jordynn Wasson, Samantha Stump, Lucy Rensberger, Natalie Privett, Brina Williams and Asst. Coach Dianne Hostetler. Middle (left to right): Manager Courtney Hall, Chayenne Diaz, Maria Miller, Tetiana Jones, Kamryn Miller, Stacy Stutzman, Kyla Fryer, Leigha Schrock and Asst. Coach Phil Hostetler. Front (left to right): Jasmine Litton, Hailey Lambright, Dena Miller, Kiana Mast, Eden Mauck, Gwendolynn Owsley, Annagail Warrenner and Adelyn Rainsberger. Not Pictured: Regina Yoder. Photo by Abby Wenger



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2023 Boys Golf Team: Back (left to right): Head Coach Jeff Marchant, Silas Haarer, Evan Litwiller, Wade Springer and Landon Bennett. Front (left to right): Bryan Yoder, Hunter Egli, Jace Lang, Judson Hershberger and Brett Springer.

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2023 Junior High Choir: Back (left to right): Camryn Christner, Addison Kauffman, AJ Martin, Pierce Yoder, Carver Stump, Kaine Reinhold, Nasser Khairedine, Jarrett Dunker, Chris Terrones, Grace Atwater and Jessica Stump. Fourth: Rayna Jackson, Josie Ryall, Lilly White, Mason Walz, Luke Haarer, Hudson Yoder, Luke Stults, Sage Mercer, Ethan Miller, Josie Eash, Alyssa Hooley and Mari Jo Mast. Third: Merrill Warrener, Emilia Mendoza, Makenna Helman, Memphis Bontrager, Carson Niccum, Caedmon Gates, Isaac Yater, Baylor Atra, Gavin Rainsberger, Mabel Treadthway, Lexi Sweet, Carly Hicks and Savannah Nelson. Second: Olivia Bontrager, Graci Engle, Jada Mauck, Kya Roose, Lucas Mullett, Kaden Hostetler, EJ Watts, Jaxon Miller, Cole Miller, Jaylyn Brown, Lexy Bennett, Peyton Miller and Savannah Yoder. Front: Karleen Bender, Grace Yoder, Madi Yoder, Angela Miller, Lindsay Schlabach, Laine Bortner, Alayah Hostetler, Maggie Mast, Janessa Miller and Jaylyn Schwartz. Not Pictured: Richard Meyer, Jacob Seneca, Jacob McAnich, Boe Helmuth and Owen Weinberg. Photo by Stopher-King Studio

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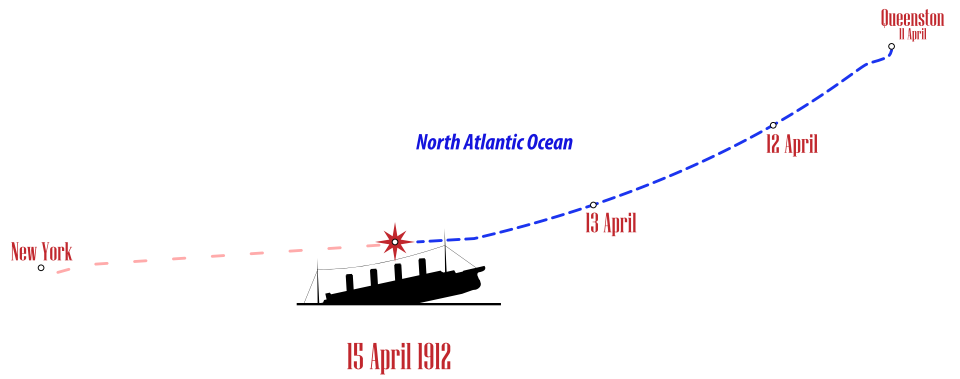
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The Titanic:

How History Influences Us Today

by Chloe Lovell

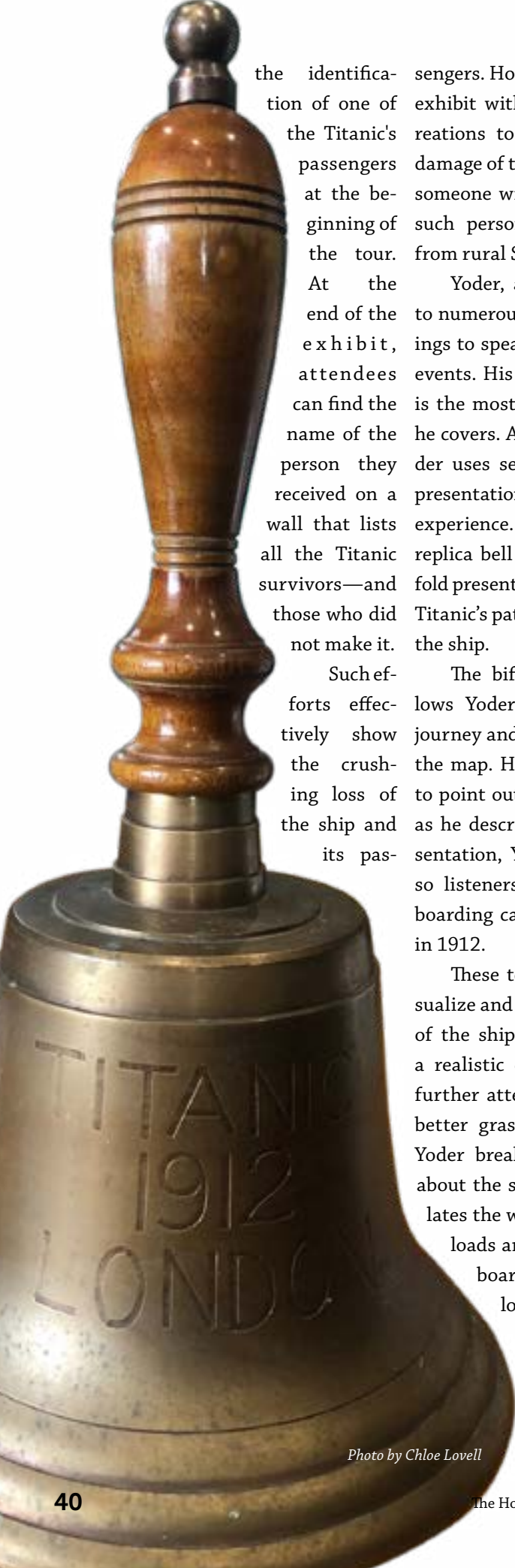
In 1912, the Titanic was to be one of the three largest ships to sail from Europe to the New York harbor. On the way, however, the ship hit an iceberg that tore through the metal hull. As the Titanic began to take on water, three classes of passengers, including staff and crew, gathered on the top deck. Women and children loaded into the lifeboats as the ship submerged just before midnight on April 14. The captain reassured passengers that help was coming; another boat was on the way to rescue them. Once the lifeboats were filled, the news came: help would not arrive for several hours. The ship would be fully submerged and lost by then.

Many of us know the tragic history of the Titanic. Of the ship deemed unsinkable, the ship that struck an iceberg and sank. The calamity inspired the movie “Titanic,” featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. This

April marks the 111th anniversary of the fateful event that claimed numerous lives. With each passing day, we drift farther from the night the Titanic submerged to the bottom of the Atlantic. However, we have not forgotten the tragedy.

Various exhibitions exist within the United States to honor the ship and those who died in the wreck. These exhibitions showcase reconstructions of rooms within the Titanic, including the living spaces of passengers and the boiler room. These recreations often display artifacts from the Titanic and, occasionally, recognizable props from the movie.

In addition to tangible relics, exhibitions create an opportunity for attendees to understand and experience the devastation of the incident. The Titanic exhibit in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, provides each attendee with



the identification of one of the Titanic's passengers at the beginning of the tour. At the end of the exhibit, attendees can find the name of the person they received on a wall that lists all the Titanic survivors—and those who did not make it.

Such efforts effectively show the crushing loss of the ship and its pas-

sengers. However, it doesn't take a large exhibit with numerous relics and reactions to express the multi-faceted damage of the wreckage. It just requires someone willing to tell the story. One such person is (Fence) Merve Yoder from rural Shippshewana.

Yoder, an avid historian, is called to numerous schools and social gatherings to speak about different historical events. His presentation of the Titanic is the most requested of all the topics he covers. A captivating storyteller, Yoder uses several tools throughout his presentation to give listeners the best experience. Such materials include a replica bell from the Titanic and a bifold presentation board that depicts the Titanic's path and displays a painting of the ship.

The bifold presentation board allows Yoder to pinpoint the Titanic's journey and where she went down with the map. He can also use the painting to point out different parts of the ship as he describes them. During the presentation, Yoder rings the replica bell so listeners can experience what the boarding call would have sounded like in 1912.

These tools help viewers better visualize and comprehend the magnitude of the ship and the wreck and create a realistic encounter for listeners. In further attempts to help the audience better grasp the size of the Titanic, Yoder breaks down various statistics about the ship. For example, Yoder relates the weight of the Titanic to semi-

loads and the number of people on board the Titanic to charter bus loads. Such comparisons help the audience understand the vastness of the ship and the number of passengers—and thus the number of deaths that re-

sulted from the wreck.

Yoder makes the presentation both realistic and relatable to listeners. He explores various life lessons the Titanic teaches us and how we can apply those lessons to our lives. A select few of the life lessons he examines are below. Yoder discusses two lessons from before the Titanic hit the iceberg, one relating to its construction.

Chasing the potential fame of building the three largest ships to cross the Atlantic rather than focusing on just one ship could be blamed for the fatal result. Builders split resources in three ways to account for each ship rather than reinforcing one ship. Additionally, the time taken to build each vessel shaped the timeline leading up to the collision with the iceberg. This decision prompts the first life lesson: Do not be showy; do your best like everyone else.

A second life lesson can be found in the actions of passengers the morning before the wreck. According to Yoder, many passengers were up late Saturday night, April 13, and thus were too tired to attend the church service the following morning. That would have been the last opportunity for some passengers to attend church. The life lesson here is to attend church every Sunday because you never know when it will be your last. Yoder applies the same logic to watching the sunset: appreciate every sunset you can because you never know when you will have another chance to.

Two additional life lessons Yoder inserts into his presentation are evident after the Titanic hit the iceberg. The first comes to light as passengers and crew gather on the top deck to load into the lifeboats. Here, Yoder points out that they were equals and not characterized by class. The lesson to

Photo by Chloe Lovell


learn here is that we need to treat each other as equals because no one is superior to another.

One of the final life lessons that Yoder includes, and emphasizes, is found near the end of the presentation. Capt. E.J. Smith told passengers that another ship was coming to help them in an effort to keep everyone calm while the Titanic took on water. Once the

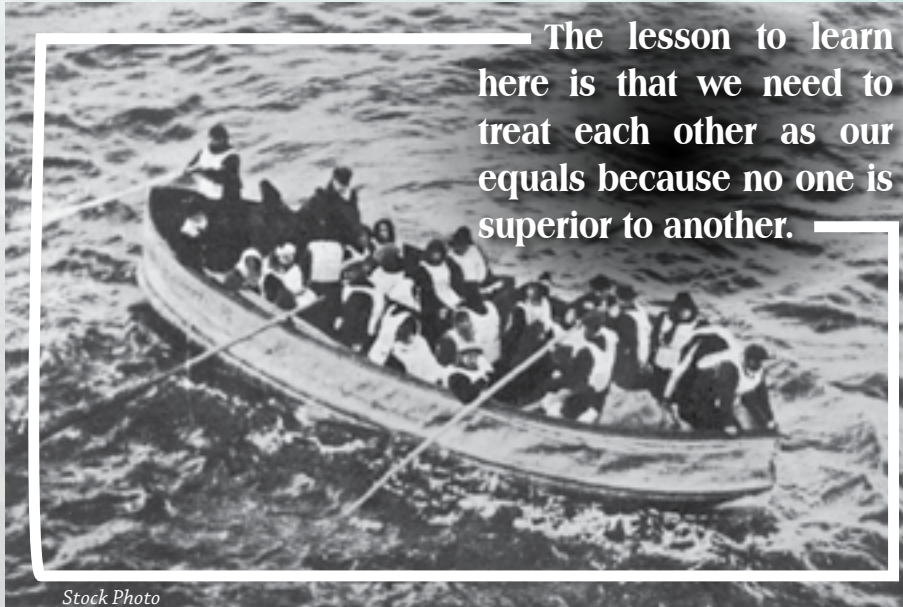
lifeboats were full, Smith admitted that a ship would not arrive in time to help. When the Titanic had fully sunk, survivors wanted to know if another boat was really coming to help them. Bruce Ismay, supervisor over the passengers for the voyage, had snuck onto one of

the lifeboats even though the ship's crew were supposed to wait until all

tion of Yoder's presentation, but they reinforce the idea that we can learn from history. We remember the Titanic and her fallen passengers with each passing anniversary. Whether large exhibits or small-scale presentations, we find ways to spark more interest in the topic. We continue to discuss and reflect on the events that unfolded that fateful night in 1912.

We honor those who passed by learning from their misfortune and applying those lessons to our lives. The Titanic may rest at the bottom of the Atlantic, but the memory of her passengers and her story will not soon be forgotten—if we continue our efforts to learn and teach. 

The lesson to learn here is that we need to treat each other as our equals because no one is superior to another.



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passengers had exited the ship. Ismay said that Smith had contacted another boat and it would be there in a few hours, but no one believed him. Because of this, Yoder stresses to listeners the importance of always telling the truth.

These life lessons are only a por-

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TITANIC Maiden Voyage

Sunk April 14, 1912



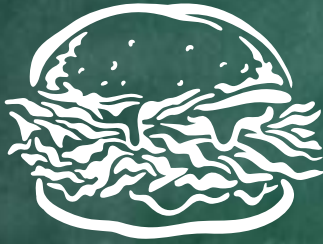
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The Story Behind the Building

Sycamore Hall

by Harold D. Gingerich

"If Mrs. Chadwick had not robbed the Ohio Banks...perhaps we never should have had this splendid building."

Those words of J. Norman Babcock, spoken at the November 24th, 1905 dedication of Sycamore Hall, are another illustration that history is often filled with strange twists and turns. While those of us who were raised in the Topeka area knew about the first Sycamore Hall and that it was Andrew Carnegie and Jacob Straus who made substantial donations toward its construction, very few people know the story behind the contributions. Thanks to the detailed reporting of the Ft. Wayne Daily News (November 25, 1905, pages 1 and 11) we know more of the amazing chain of events that led to the completion of the once iconic literary hall.

It was in 1902 that Indiana Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, who would later become the 26th Vice President of the United States, encouraged Babcock in his quest to build a literary hall in Topeka.

"Sir," Fairbanks said, "your society stands for more than it is merely a country literary club. Why not go to some man of means and ask him to help you." Many people laughed at the idea that any person of wealth and means would help a bunch of farmers build a literary hall.

At the dedication ceremony, Babcock recounted the story of one morning, reading in a Chicago paper about Andrew Carnegie being summoned as a

witness in the Cleveland banking fraud trial of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. It was that newspaper article that set in motion a plan to personally ask Carnegie to donate funds for the building of a new literary hall in Topeka. Babcock immediately reached out to his brother, John, who was a judge in Cleveland. It was Judge Babcock in Cleveland who connected his brother J. Norman in Topeka to Carnegie's host (during the trial), who in turn arranged for a private meeting with Carnegie.

Thanks to the diligence of the Ft. Wayne Daily News reporter, we have a detailed account of the meeting J. Norman Babcock had with Andrew Carnegie on Friday morning, March 10, 1905. Here is the newspaper's account of Babcock recounting of his meeting with Carnegie.

When Mr. Carnegie came into the room the host withdrew and the following dialogue between Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Babcock took place:

Mr. Carnegie: "If you are here asking for assistance to build a library, I cannot see you. You must forward your application to the New York office in the regular way."

Mr. Babcock: "I am not here in the interest of a library."

"What then."

"I am the president of a literary society in a farming community of Indiana. We claim to be the only incorporated literary society in the state of Indiana. We are twenty-seven years old

and during those twenty-seven years we have assembled each Friday evening with the exception of perhaps a half a dozen. I have documents which will tell you that Senator Fairbanks, Governor Hanly and others are much interested in our society. Will you see it?"

"I will."

After looking over the papers, the multi-millionaire asked:

"How large a town is Topeka?"

"We recon quality, not quantity there, sir. Recently we took an enumeration of the people and found just 426 counting two children less than two weeks old."

"How can you maintain an organization of this kind?"

"The question of maintenance is not troubling us. What we need is a better place of meeting."

"How do you raise money for maintenance?"

"By giving entertainments."

"What kind?"

"Well, we give plays sometimes."

"What plays?"

"Once we gave 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'."

"Any other?"

"Yes, we've presented 'Ten Nights in a Barroom.'"

"Yes, any others?"

"Yes, once we presented 'Way Down East.' I took the part of the New England farmer myself."

"Well," laughed Carnegie, "you look the part, sir. I've made up my mind to give you the last half of the amount

HISTORICAL FEATURE

needed to put this building provided you can raise the first half in your own locality.”

Whereupon the ironmaster wrote the following and handed it to Mr. Babcock:

March 10, 1905

My Dear Mr. Babcock,

You have interested me this morning. I'll give you the last half the six thousand dollars you need for the hall. Farmers like you are rare and I am satisfied you are doing great work for the young men and women around you.

Yours truly,

ANDREW CARNEGIE

Topeka is the smallest town to ever receive a donation from Andrew Carnegie, whose generosity built so many libraries across the nation. It was also the first time that Carnegie contributed to this kind of a project. Ligonier banker Jacob Straus matched Carnegie's generosity and Sycamore Hall became a reality.

It is not an overstatement to say that the dedication of Sycamore Hall, with opera style seating for 550 people, was one of the greatest moments in Topeka history. The town swelled with dignitaries and reporters. Invitations to attend the dedication were sent to President Theodore Roosevelt, V.P. Fairbanks, and philanthropist Helen Gould, none of whom were able to attend. However, among the dignitaries who spoke for the daylong celebration were Indiana's Governor J. Frank Hanly, Congressman Newton W. Gilbert, the Honorable Judge John J. Babcock, Judges Francis E. Baker, John H. Baker and James S. Dodge of Goshen, Jacob Straus, Rabbi Emil Hirsch from Chicago, and Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley.

Because of the uniqueness of the



occasion, Riley broke his rule about not participating in such events. The Ft. Wayne Daily News article noted that “James Whitcomb Riley was at his best during the whole day. His toast was entitled ‘Salad

Days,’ which he explained as the youthful days of lovesickness.”

The LaGrange Standard had a glowing description of the hall's dedication:

“It was a most unusual dedication—possibly without parallel in the United States—a \$10,000 opera house in a village of less than 500 population, dedicated to the use of a literary society and to the intellectual development in general, by the governor of the state, America's greatest poet, and other distinguished men, and the gifts of two wealthy men, one of whom had not heard of the Hawpatch, the ‘Garden of Eden’, and Sycamore Corners until successfully interviewed by the moving spirit of the whole affair, Jaynes Norman Babcock.”

The day of celebration and dedication concluded with R.L. Thompson presenting Babcock with a beautiful upholstered leather chair, a gift from the Sycamore Literary Society to the man esteemed as its “father.”

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On March 10, 1905, Cassie L. Chadwick was convicted on seven counts of conspiracy against the government and conspiracy to wreck the Citizens National Bank of Oberlin (a federally chartered bank). She was sentenced to 14 years in prison and fined \$70,000. On January 1, 1906, she was transferred to the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus.

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Saturday, May 6, 2023

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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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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 _____
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Players cannot play in both the Century and Open Divisions.

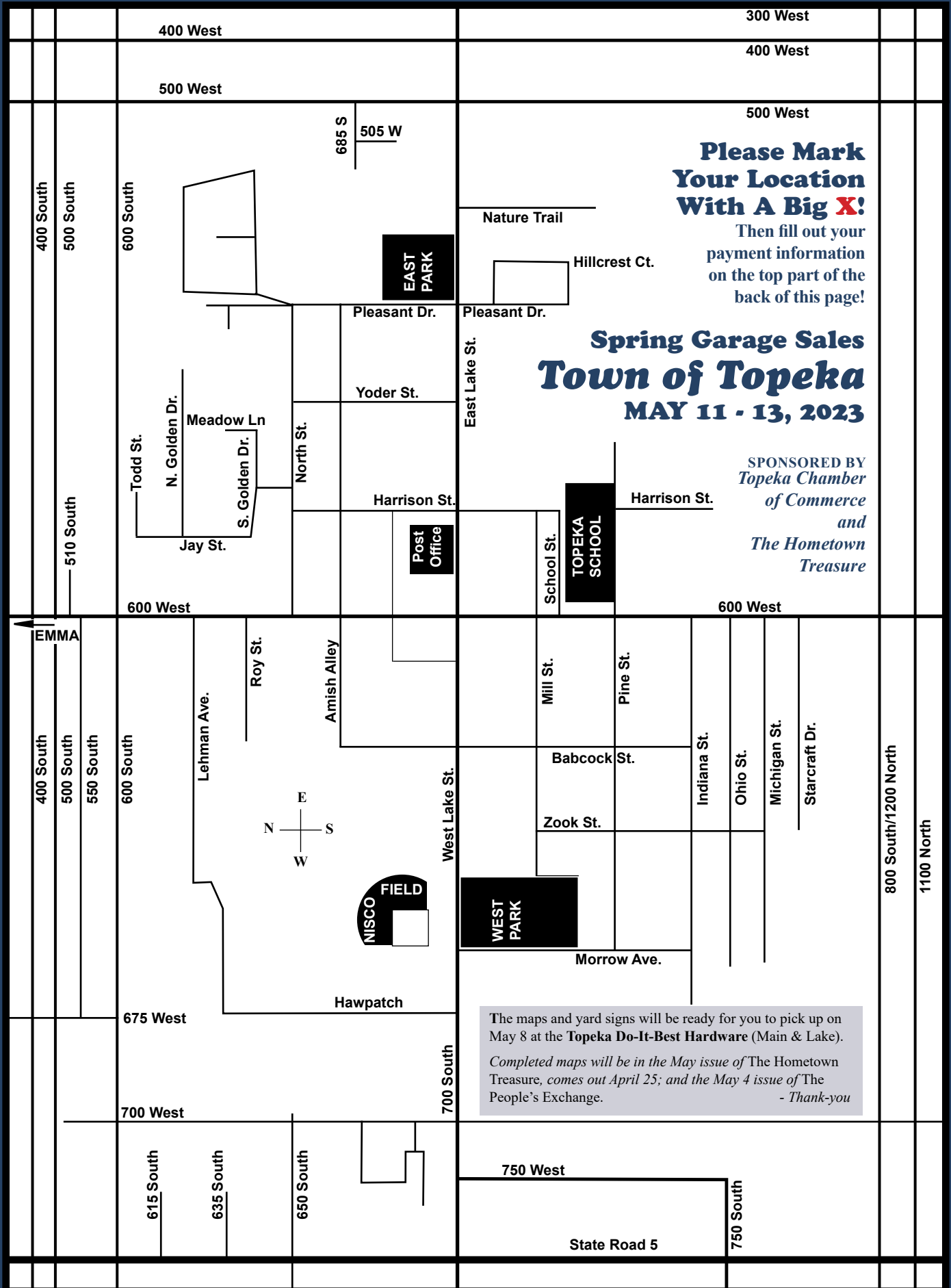
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Referees will call the games (their decisions are final). Tournament is double elimination. Cash awards of \$200 (first place) and \$100 (second place) will be awarded. Entries (in these divisions only) will still be accepted until day of tournament. 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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Enter remaining letters starting at the top and going left to right.

Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

Today is the Spring Equinox, which means a few things are just around the corner! Warm weather (that will actually stick around), Easter, and the Spring Play! In just a few hours I will be heading to the school for the first read through for our show, a fantastic little comedy about the trials and tribulations of high school.

It may feel like the show is a long ways away if we just held auditions and picked out our cast last week, but I know how quickly the next month will go by. Once I get caught up in rehearsals time really flies and before I know it I'll be standing backstage watching my kids perform, some of them for their first time here on our stage, and for others, their last. **i**

Solution on page 57.

T	I	P	R	O	P	E	R	F	O	R	M
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- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: **April 18, 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

Kenneth & Brenda Beachy of 400 N, Howe correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Vernon L. & Sue Miller and Carl D. & Melinda Miller, 4235**

W St Rd 120, Shipshewana. Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Floyd & Lisa Graber of 1100 W, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Eva Lambright of 450 W, Shipshewana.**




There were 23 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Elizabeth Weaver, Harley & Sherri Schwartz, Vernon & Ruby Mullet, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Galen & Glenda Lambright, LaVern & Clara Kauffman, Steve & Wilma Kauffman, Wilbur & Valerie & Sandra & Wendell Brandenberger, Rudy & Mary Chupp, Virgil & Doretta Bontrager, Floyd & Leona Beechy, Dena Miller, Marion & Ruby Miller, Herman & Emma Miller, Orva & Dorothy Beechy, Merlin & Liz Miller, Merv & Treva Miller, Homer & Lovina Miller, Orva & Marlene Herschberger, and David & Marietta Miller.

Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Julie Diane Schlabach of 300 N, Shipshewana was our winner for the March Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Wana-Cup in Shipshewana.

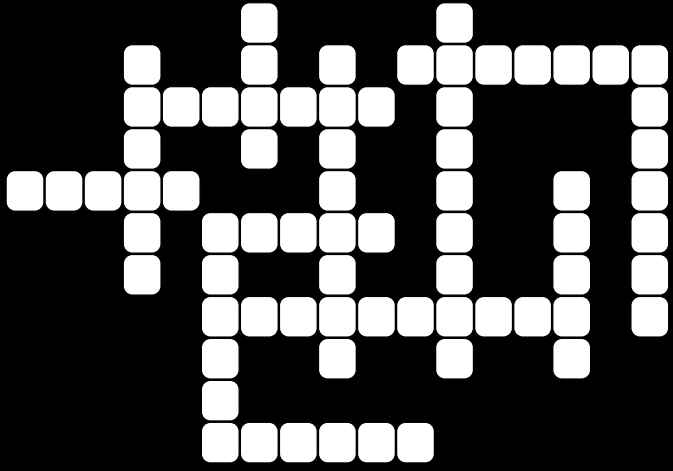
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Wana-Cup for a free small ice cream cone through April.

Runners-up were Alisa Bontrager, age 6; CalliAnn Slabach, age 5; Lance Nissley, age 4; Ava Otto, age 3; John Mark Coblenz, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Emily Bontrager, age 6; Alysse Petersheim, age 6; Alyssa Otto age 6; Kristopher Raber, age 6; Charity Miller, age 6; and Aaron Bontrager, age 6.

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. 



- Basket
- Bloom
- Brunch
- Bunny
- Chocolate
- Daffodil
- Rain
- Revival
- Risen
- Seasons
- Showers
- Springtime
- Tulips



Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless Crossword is on pg 57.
by Chloe Lovell

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!



Billy's mom had four children. The first one was April, the second was May, and the third was June.

What was the fourth child named?
Solution on pg 57.

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Clueless Crossword Solution

By Chloe Lovell

to the puzzle on page 54.

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Answer:
Billy.

Riddle on pg 54.

<https://www.ezscool.com/Riddles/Riddle163Ans.html>

Solution to puzzle on page 53

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