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# BLUE FOR A DAY



schools in our pinwheel gardens. In addition, students and staff at the Junior-Senior high school wore blue to show our support for preventing child abuse. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped raise awareness.



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## Closing Doors

This past month, I watched my sister get married. It's strange to see an individual whom I've known my whole life vow to spend the rest of hers with someone I don't know very well.

However, I can tell she's happy and excited about the change. For her, she gets to start a new phase of life with her husband. And because of the change she has committed to, I have another brother-in-law to compete against in cornhole.

Going through a life change can be difficult, whether that may be getting married, switching jobs, graduating college or high school, and so on. There's no telling just how the new experience will impact you, or what the transition into it will look like.

Expanding our comfort zones and advancing into new stages is a part of life, however; we have to close certain doors to open others. The exciting part is that, sometimes, we get to choose the door.

During this month, Westview students are outgrowing certain stages in life and are moving on to the next. The seniors in particular have completed a significant chapter in their lives now that they have graduated high school.

It's an exciting journey to navigate life beyond high school and to determine the next steps to take.

Be sure to check out the Senior Section and celebrate the 2023 graduates as they close the door on this stage of life. A big congratulations and best of luck to these seniors as they proceed through whichever door they choose next.

As always, 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](mailto:news@lagwana.com).

Best Wishes,

Chloe Lovell

The Hometown Treasure Editor



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## Bless Your Heart

Down south, where I'm from, when people do something crazy or absent-minded, instead of speaking ill of them, we say, "Bless her heart" or "Bless Joe" (or insert the name of your own poor sap here). Just those gentle Southern ways, I reckon! With Father's Day upon us, I'm reminded of one of my greatest "Bless Kim" moments. Allow me to recount it for you. Prepare to say "Bless Kim" a lot while reading!

A few years ago, Father's Day fell on June 15. However, when speaking with someone, they mentioned that June 8 was Father's Day, and I locked in on that date. I didn't bother consulting a calendar.

Feeling bummed that my husband would be out of town that weekend, I mentioned that maybe we'd celebrate Sunday evening after his return. Meanwhile, I went to many painstaking lengths in the church office where I work to put just the right Father's Day touches in the Newsletter. Go ahead and say your first "Bless Kim" right here. I felt pretty proud of the unique clip art, quips, and quotes I chose for all the church publications dated June 8. I made a big splash! I was confident all dads in the church would feel encouraged by my choices. I also carried through with the Dad's Day gushing on the pre-service announcement PowerPoint.

The weekend was hectic, but it didn't stop me from planning a special treat for my hubby. The plan was to head to Walmart after church to buy all the fixings for his favorite dessert, strawberry shortcake.

On Sunday morning, I sent my hubby a heartfelt text message telling him what a great guy he is. I really laid the butter on thick! I texted the kids to remind them it was Father's Day. I was so impressed with myself, thinking about what a great start to his special day he must be having.

We were late to church, but I got there in time to notice they weren't running the announcement PowerPoint. "Must be a glitch in the system," I thought. Busy with church office things afterward, I missed opportunities to wish men of the church Happy Father's Day.

After church, I got a text from my son informing me that Father's Day is

next Sunday! WHAT? You've got to be kidding me! Sure enough, large banners hanging all around Walmart confirmed the error of my ways: Father's Day was June 15. I immediately texted the PowerPoint Technician to see if they didn't play the presentation because it said Happy Father's Day. I had imagined our leadership team scratching their heads, saying, "Bless Kim," and praying for their poor, absent-minded church secretary! Turns out, there were, in fact, glitches in the system. I prefer to call it "Divine Intervention." I'm guessing God himself was saying "Bless her heart" and intervened on my behalf! So glad He's got my back.

This whole situation left me red-faced, my kids in hysterics, my poor husband bewildered, and my church family in wonderment – even though they were very kind to me. Ironically, the Pastor talked about "flawed" humans in his sermon that day and challenged us not to live in our "flaws." I don't think this was the kind of "flaws" he was talking about but I felt "flawed" nonetheless!

I really have nothing else to say except "Bless Kim," "Bless Fathers everywhere no matter what day you celebrate them," and, well, "Bless those who have sound minds!" It's really a gift!

Happy Father's Day dads – now go have yourself some shortcake! 🍰



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By Megan Fuchs, PharmD Student at Topeka Pharmacy

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Vaccines are important for everyone to protect our community from diseases. Unfortunately, the cost has made many unable to afford them. Luckily, there is now funding available to make select vaccines free for adults at Topeka Pharmacy on certain days through 2023! This funding will cover the full cost of vaccines for people with no insurance, insurance that does not pay for vaccines, or insurance that charges co-pays for vaccines.

### Who can get these free vaccines?

Anyone 18 years or older or a person of any age with a disability can receive certain vaccines for free!

### What vaccines are free and why should I get them?

Four vaccines are available for free with this funding, including Shingles (two doses given 2-6 months apart for people 50 years and older), Pneumonia (one dose given to high-risk adults AND all people 65 years and older), Flu (one yearly dose given during cold and flu season, usually September-June), and COVID (one updated dose for most, regardless of past vaccination history).

By getting vaccinated, you are less likely to develop severe symptoms that come with these diseases.

### Where is funding coming from?

Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc. received a \$1,000,000 grant from USAging to work with local organizations to provide vaccine clinics throughout northeast Indiana. Together, they are The Northeast Indiana Vaccination


Collaborative (NIVC). Councils on Aging from Noble, LaGrange, and DeKalb Counties are helping. Topeka Pharmacy will provide vaccines for qualifying community members in DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties.

### Free Vaccines at Topeka Pharmacy:

Available from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the first Friday of every month (June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1) and on November 8 for the Town-wide Fall Sale day.

If you are unsure which vaccines you need or you have questions, please stop by Topeka Pharmacy or call us at 260-593-2252.

**Please Notice:** Topeka Pharmacy will continue to provide regular adult and children vaccine services during normal operating hours alongside this special program.



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## Don't Let Fear Drive Investment Decisions

In the past year, we've seen some big swings in the financial markets. This volatility may make you feel as if you have little control over your investment success. But the truth is, you do have more control than you might think — as long as you don't let fear guide your decisions.

Investment-related fear can manifest itself in a few different ways:

### **Fear of Loss**

Some investors may emphasize avoiding losses more than achieving gains. Consequently, they might build portfolios they consider very low in risk, possibly containing a high percentage of certificates of deposit (CDs) and U.S. Treasury securities. Yet, a highly conservative approach carries its own risk: the risk of not achieving enough growth to stay ahead of inflation, much less meet long-term goals such as a comfortable retirement.

To reach these goals, you'll want to construct a diversified portfolio containing different types of assets



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and investments, each of which may perform differently at different times. Your objective shouldn't be to avoid all risk — which is impossible — but to create an investment strategy that accommodates your personal risk tolerance and time horizon.

### **Fear of Missing Out**

You're probably familiar with the term "herd mentality," the idea that people will follow the lead of others for fear of missing out on something. This behavior is responsible for fads or the sudden emergence of "hot" products, and it's also relevant to investing. In fact, herd mentality may contribute to sharp jumps in the financial markets as investors drive up prices by buying stocks to avoid being left behind. And the same may be true in reverse — when the market starts dropping, skittish investors may accelerate the decline by selling stocks so they, too, can get out before it's too late. Buying or selling investments should be considered as needed to help advance your long-term financial strategy, not in response to what others are doing.

### **Fear of the Unknown**


Some investors fall victim to "familiarity bias," or the tendency to invest only in what they know, such as local or domestic companies. But this behavior can lead to under-diversified portfolios. If your portfolio is dominated by just a few investments, and these investments are fairly similar to each other, you could experience some losses when the inevitable market downturn occurs.

To help reduce the impact of market volatility, it's a good idea to spread your investment dollars across large and small companies in a range of industries and geographical regions. And that's just on the equities side; it's also wise to consider further diversifying your portfolio by owning bonds and government securities. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

### **Fear of Admitting Failure**

Some individuals don't like to admit when they've been wrong about something, and they may continue the same failed activities, hoping for eventual success. This behavior can be costly in the investment arena.

Sometimes, a particular investment or investment strategy just doesn't work out, but an investor is determined to stick with it — even if it ultimately means considerable financial loss. Don't let this happen to you. If it becomes apparent you need to change your investment approach, move on to something better.

Fear can hold us back in many walks of life — but don't let it keep you from making appropriate investment moves. 

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# LaGrange County Library

**Below are the events planned for June 2023.**  
All activities are **In-Person** unless noted. If you have any questions,  
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Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841

M - Th • 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday • 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## Topeka Branch

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030

M - F • 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## Youth Department

### Children's Summer Reading Program! (All Ages)

All Branches • June 1 – July 29

Sign up starts June 1 at any library branch. Watch for fun programs and activities all summer. *Reading Challenge* (age 5-18) includes prizes. *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* (Kids under age 5).

### Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: All Together Now!

LaGrange • Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 and 30 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 • 11 a.m.

### Lego Free Play! (All Ages)

LaGrange • Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29 • 2-5 p.m.

Shipshewana • Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29 • 11:30-5 p.m.

Topeka • Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29 • 11:30-5 p.m.

Kids under 11 years old must have a parent/adult stay. No registration required.

### Oculus VR Headset, Nintendo Switch, Wii Gaming Systems

LaGrange • One hour time slots in June and July • **Must call to sign up**

Ages: Must be 13 or older to play VR Headset and **MUST** have signed parent release form. Nintendo Switch and Wii for ages 11 and up only.

### Family Monday Movies (All Ages)

LaGrange • Mondays, June 5: *Toy Story*, 12: *Lego Movie*, 19: *Kung Fu Panda*, and 26: *Monsters University* • 1 p.m.

Free snack provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired. All movies Rated PG.

### Teen Monday Movies (Ages 13+)

LaGrange • Monday, June 5 and 19 • 6 p.m.

Free snack provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired. Movies Rated PG-13.

June 5: *Shazam - Fury of the Gods* June 19: *Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*

### Flower Power Program (Ages 5-8)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 14 • 2 p.m. or Friday, June 16 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesday, June 13 • 2 p.m.

Topeka • Monday, June 12 • 2:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Register on our website or by calling. Paint a flower pot, plant a flower and seeds. Also help plant flowers to be kept at the library.

### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, June 12 • 4-7:45 p.m. **\*\*Note the longer play time!**

Please register on our website or by calling. We will be playing some classics: Life, Monopoly, Yahtzee, Clue, and more while snacking and chatting with other teens!

### Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, June 20 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Humphrey's Creepy-Crawly Camping Adventure" and do a fun activity. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

### Donuts and Art Program Book Club (Ages 9-12)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 21 • 2 p.m. or Friday, June 23 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesday, June 20 • 2 p.m.

Topeka • Tuesday, June 26 • 2:30 p.m.

MUST register – call or sign up on website. Create individual paintings that will be put together to make a piece of Pop Art. Donuts and water will be provided.

### Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, June 20 • 4-4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street," and do a fun activity. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

## Youth Department (continued)

### Movie and Popcorn (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, June 23 • 6 p.m. • Movie: "Mary Poppins Returns," Rated PG.  
Free popcorn provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired.

### Teen Book Chat & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, June 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.

We will discuss "The Forgotten Book" and make a fun craft. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

### Lego Safari Escape Room! (Families or Grades 3-8)

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## Adult Interest

### Adult Summer Reading Challenge: All Together Now

All Branches • June 1 – July 29

Bee Kind! Select and complete three tasks from our entry form, then return your entry to any branch for a chance to win a prize!

### Caregivers' Circle

Howe Town Park, 443 4th St., Howe • Thurs., June 1 • 1-2 p.m.

Shipshe Town Park, 345 N. Morton St., Shipshe • Thurs., June 15 • 1-2 p.m.

Emma Church Park, 1900 S 600 W, Topeka • Thurs., June 29 • 1-2 p.m.

Taking care of an aging or ill loved one can be overwhelming. Take time to get out of the house and talk with other people who understand the struggles you face.

### Five-Minute Life Savers (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Mondays, June 5: *How to Jump Start a Car*, 12: *How to Perform the Heimlich Maneuver*, 19: *How to Sew on a Button*, and 26: *How to Replace an Electrical Plug* • 10 a.m. • Stuff you need to know in a 5-minute lesson.

### Classic Cinema: Hollywood Weddings (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Select Tuesdays, June 6: *Father of the Bride* (1934), 13: *Royal Wedding* (1951) and 20: *How to Marry a Millionaire* (1938) • 2 p.m. • Free movies and popcorn!

### Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, June 10 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. This award-winning contemporary classic is the survival story with which all others are compared — a page-turning, heart-stopping adventure, and recipient of the Newbery Honor.

Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange Library's Adult Desk.

### Make & Take with Deb (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 21 • 6 p.m.

Cost is \$20, registration & \$10 deposit due by June 14. Participants will make 2 allium garden art sculptures. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited.

### Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, June 24 • 11 a.m.

Choose a recipe, cook it, and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided. Families welcome.

### One-Day Motorcoach Trip: Chicago Ethnic Neighborhoods

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# June Events

## Sewing Group

Wed., June 28 • 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

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## Make-n-Take Crafts

Saturday, June 10 • 10 am or 2 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center - **Free!**

Nature Center Scavenger Hunt!

Prizes awarded!

## Patchwork Trails

Tuesday, June 20 • 6 pm

Krider World's Fair Garden Park


302 Bristol Ave., Middlebury, IN

This free walking program is a partnership between LaGrange County Public Library and LaGrange County Parks and Recreation. Each walking location was chosen for low-impact, easy trails. Patchwork Trails is designed to combine exercise with education, good company, and good fun. To learn more, contact Public Library Adult Services at 260-463-2841.

## Folk Jams

Sunday, June 25 • 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](mailto:reo43@aol.com). 



# Fitness Walking Club

## By Gone Days

June 12 – June 16 • 9 am – 3 pm

David Rogers Memorial Park

Grades 1-6 can enjoy daily outdoor games and activities at the historic log house village, led by a Park Naturalist. Finish the week with a traditional Campfire Cook Out. Registration is \$50. Please register with the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

## Adventure Bound

June 26 – June 30 • 9 am – 3 pm

Dallas Park • Registration: \$75

For Grades 6-9, special activities each day may include ropes courses, canoeing the Pigeon River, swimming, and more. Please register with the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

## Nature Bound

June 19 – June 23 • 9 am – 3 pm

Dallas Lake Park • Registration is \$50


Grades 1-6 can have fun outside each day with nature games, environmental education, outdoor skills, and hands-on activities. Enjoy swimming, hiking, games and crafts, led by a Park Naturalist. Please register with the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

## Delt Church Youth Event

Saturday, June 17 • 10 am – 2 pm

Delt Church Park - **Free!**

6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN

Grades 6-12 can enjoy activities, games, food and doorprizes at this event. This is a good chance to forge positive relations with our local law enforcement and community partners! 

Join us in the Every Park Every Trail Fitness Walking Club for 2023! There are five trails that will be used on designated days throughout the year until November. The next upcoming trail walk date will be June 3 at Delt Church Park, 6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN, starting at the East River Pavilion at 9 am.

It is free to participate! Each trail is approximately two miles; walk at your own pace and do your best! Remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Not only is this a good opportunity to meet new friends, but there are various health benefits such as boosting heart health, mood, immunity, sleep quality, and more.

There will be a fun reward for those who participate! On each trail walk day, a Park Naturalist will be present at the trailhead at 9 am to record participation and to answer questions. If you walk at least once at each of the five trails, you'll receive a fun participation reward. These rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.


Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on the AllTrails App, or on the LaGrange County Parks and Recreation website, [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org). For more information, contact the Park Office at 260-854-2225. 



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# Scholarships Awarded

## **Westview High School Scholarship Recipients:**

- Allread-Rife Family Scholarship – Paige Riegsecker
- Craig D. and Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship – Skye Growcock
- Farmwald Scholarship – Ella Yoder
- James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship – Ella Yoder
- Keith and Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship – Ella Yoder
- Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship – Paige Riegsecker
- LIFE Scholarship – Ella Yoder
- Lyle Smith Scholarship – Ella Yoder
- Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship – Skye Growcock
- Rheinheimer Scholarship – Emily Stutzman and Skye Growcock

## **Lakeland High School Scholarship Recipients:**

- Allread-Rife Family Scholarship – Mallory Mynhier
- Brian Evans Memorial Scholarship – Aurora Yoder
- Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship – Ezekiel Wachtman
- Bulldog Spirit Scholarship – Jeremiah Combs
- Chase Scott Memorial Football Scholarship – Owen Troyer
- Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship – Ezekiel Wachtman
- HOPE Nursing Scholarship – Peyton Hartsough and Alivia Rasler
- Joseph Willard Memorial Scholarship – Ezekiel Wachtman
- Judy Gage-Keenan Scholarship – Alivia Rasler
- Lakeland Scholarship – Ezekiel Wachtman
- Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship – Mallory Mynhier
- Olivia Bay Lemings Memorial Scholarship – Alivia Rasler
- Paul and Marian Krebs Memorial Scholarship – Gabrielle Hartman
- Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship – Alivia Rasler
- Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship – Ezekiel Wachtman
- Schlemmer Scholarship – Jeremiah Combs
- Virgil and Florence Hardin Memorial Scholarship – Alivia Rasler
- Waddell Memorial Scholarship – Mallory Mynhier

## **Prairie Heights High School Scholarship Recipients:**

- Amanda Lou Crotts Memorial Scholarship – Abigail Myers
- Beverly Todd Memorial Scholarship - Conner Keeslar
- Craig D. and Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship – Caylee James.
- Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship – Caylee James
- Kevin Lewis Purdue Agriculture Memorial Scholarship – Caylee James
- J.O. Mory Company Scholarship – Alyssa Burger
- LaGrange County Farm Bureau Co-op Scholarship – Caylee James
- Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship – Conner Keeslar
- Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship – Phillip Sheets
- Mory Family Scholarship – Phillip Sheets
- Perkins Family Scholarship – Trevyn Terry
- Prairie Heights Student Council Scholarship – Abigail Myers
- Prairie Heights High School Scholarship – Caylee James, Emma Wylie, Phillip Sheets and Trevyn Terry


The LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Community Scholarship Program, which aims to support the educational aspirations of students in LaGrange County.

Through the program, the Community Foundation will award \$93,250 in community scholarships to 19 graduating seniors. The program includes 45 donor-created scholarship funds, each with their own unique criteria. Funds are created by individuals, families and businesses and are managed by the Community Foundation.

The scholarship program is open to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing higher education at an accredited university, college, or trade school. The scholarships support a variety of career paths such as education, agriculture, health, science, nursing, and more. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 per award; several scholarships are provided for four years.

“Each year we look forward to awarding our community scholarships to high school seniors. These scholarships recognize the accomplishments the students have achieved in the last four years,” said Executive Director Octavia Yoder.

“We are grateful to the individuals, families and businesses who created these scholarship funds and have worked alongside the Community Foundation. We aspire to welcome new donors and fund more students as the program continues to grow. We are extremely appreciative of the community volunteers who take time to help read and evaluate scholarships. The process is quite an undertaking and is truly a community partnership of donors, volunteers, schools, and Community Foundation staff. It’s rewarding to help support the educational goals of students in our community,” Yoder added.

The scholarship recipients will be honored at their school’s senior awards ceremonies. 

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## Kauffman Nursing Scholarship

# Accepting Applications


The LaGrange County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the Natalie Kauffman Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship supports college students and non-traditional students pursuing a degree in nursing. The scholarship is open to students who have graduated from a LaGrange County high school or adults currently working in the healthcare field in LaGrange County. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited nursing program to be eligible.

The scholarship honors Natalie Kauffman, a 2010 Lakeland High School graduate. Natalie passed away on October 18, 2013, while a junior in the nursing program at IPFW. She had 14 months left of her education. Natalie demonstrated love, respect, and compassion for others, and carried the belief that people are on earth to help each other. The Kauffman family established the scholarship to promote those ideals, support aspiring nurses and continue Natalie's legacy of helping others.

"We are honored to support the Kauffman family in awarding this scholarship, which will help to meet the needs of students who have been accepted into a nursing program," said Octavia Yoder, LCCF Executive Director. "This scholarship will support students with demonstrated commitment to the nursing field."

Applicants must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance in a nursing program. In the application, students will need to reflect on the essay question: "Why do you want to be a nurse?"

Applications for the scholarship will be accepted online and must be submitted by June 15, 2023. To apply, visit <https://lccf.net/KauffmanMemorialNursingScholarship>. Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Scholarship Manager Laurie Sherck at 260-463-4363. 



## Nominees Selected

The LaGrange County Community Foundation will announce the recipient of the 14th annual Heart of Gold Award at its Annual Celebration on June 12.

The Community Foundation hosts the Annual Celebration to celebrate the work of philanthropy in LaGrange County, thanking volunteers, donors, and community partners for their part in improving the quality of life in LaGrange County.

The event, with the theme of "Let's Rise" will feature a panel of nonprofits sharing how their organizations are rising to meet community needs. Featured nonprofits include Elijah Haven Crisis & Intervention Center, Community Health Clinic and Rainbow Years Learning Ministry.

The evening will close with the presentation of the 2023 Heart of Gold nominees, as well as the naming of the 2023 Heart of Gold Award recipient.


The Heart of Gold Award honors everyday LaGrange County residents who go above and beyond, and embrace the call to volunteer service. The Community Foundation received 10 nominations for the award during the month of April.

The 2023 Heart of Gold nominees include:

- Alexis Grossman of Wolcottville.
- Alice Bremer of LaGrange.
- Amy Whited of LaGrange.
- Heather Evenson of Howe.
- John Schmidt of LaGrange.
- Keith James of Howe.
- Kevin Myers of LaGrange.
- Mike Brudney of LaGrange.
- Randy Merrifield of LaGrange.
- Samantha Davis-Kania of LaGrange.

In selecting the award recipient, the award committee considers nominees who share their time for the sake of others, render a service that changes lives, work to create positive change, inspire others to volunteer and more.

All nominees are eligible to make a \$500 grant to the LaGrange County nonprofit of their choice in their name; the award recipient is eligible to make a \$1,000 grant.

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# CODE VIOLATION AND BURN ORDINANCE

## Indiana Law on Open Burning

### Section 13-17-9-1 - Open Burning of Certain Vegetation and Wood Items; No Permit Required

- (a) Subject to Section 3 of this chapter, a person may open burn the following for maintenance purposes:
- (1) Vegetation from: (A) a farm; (B) an orchard; (C) a nursery; (D) a tree farm; (E) a cemetery; or (F) a drainage ditch.
  - (2) Vegetation from agricultural land if the open burn occurs in an unincorporated area.
  - (3) Wood products derived from pruning or clearing a roadside by a county highway department.
  - (4) Wood products derived from the initial clearing of a public utility right-of-way if the open burn occurs in an unincorporated area.
  - (5) Undesirable:
    - (A) wood structures on real property; or
    - (B) wood remnants of the demolition of a predominantly wooden structure originally located on real property; located in an unincorporated area.
- (b) A person who is allowed to open burn under subsection (a) is not required to obtain:
- (1) a permit; or
  - (2) any other authorization;
- from the department, a unit of local government, or a volunteer fire department before conducting the open burning.

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### Section 13-17-9-3 - Conditions of Open Burning

All open burning that is allowed under this chapter must comply with the following conditions:

- (1) A person who open burns any material shall extinguish the fire if the fire creates a nuisance or fire hazard.
- (2) Burning may not be conducted during unfavorable meteorological conditions such as high winds, temperature inversions, or air stagnation.
- (3) All fires must be attended at all times during burning until completely extinguished.
- (4) All asbestos-containing materials must be removed before the burning of a structure.
- (5) Asbestos-containing materials may not be burned.
- (6) Except as provided under section 1 of this chapter, all burning must comply with state and federal laws.

The Code Enforcement Division of the LaGrange County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone of common health code violations and the Indiana Code Burn Ordinance.

The Code Enforcement Division's goal is to help property owners understand the proper improvements that need to be made and how doing so will improve the value of their property and the overall health and attractiveness of LaGrange County.

Owners with property in violation must take the appropriate action to correct the violation within a specified time frame or an order will be issued to the homeowner to appear before the commissioners. Fines will be imposed.



## Common Code Violations:

### **Trash and Debris:**

Properties with trash, debris and other prohibited material are considered to be in violation.

### **Weeds and Grass:**

Private properties, including vacant lots, should have grass and weeds below a height of twelve (12) inches.

### **Junk Vehicles:**

Any motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle that is either disassembled, non-operative, wrecked, or does not bear a currently valid license plate, and is not in a garage or other building, but is kept in open view upon private property is considered a junk vehicle.

### **Abandoned Vehicles:**

A motor vehicle that is at least three (3) model years old, is mechanically inoperable, and is left on private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than twenty (20) days.

*For more information on the Indiana Open Burn Law, the list of nuisance violations, or violation warning procedures, or if you have any questions, you can reach the Code Enforcement Division at the LaGrange County Sheriff's Office, 0875 S SR 9, LaGrange, IN or at (260) 214-4669.*

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# Parkview LaGrange Hospital Hosts Check-Up Day

Parkview LaGrange Hospital and Parkview Center for Healthy Living invite area residents in need of lab testing to attend Check-Up Day at the hospital on Thursday, June 8. Check-Up Day makes it convenient to obtain common lab tests at a reduced cost. The event will take place from 7 to 9:30 a.m. in Conference Rooms A and B on the lower level of Parkview LaGrange.

Participants have a choice between two blood test packages. The Green Package includes a lipid profile and glycohemoglobin A1C for \$50. Also, any of the following tests can be added for an extra charge: Comprehensive metabolic profile (CMP) (\$25), Complete blood count (CBC) (\$15), Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) (\$30), and Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for men (\$30).

The Diamond Package includes the two tests in the Green Package PLUS the four optional tests listed above for a total cost of \$115. The Diamond Package can also be

purchased without the PSA for \$100.

Individuals who choose either wellness package can also add additional tests such as Iron (\$15), Vitamin B12 (\$25), or Vitamin D (\$40).

Either wellness package requires a 10- to 12-hour fast before the appointment. During fasting, it is OK to drink water to avoid dehydration and take regular medications as prescribed. Questions may be directed to 260-347-8125.

Apart from the wellness packages, three single tests are available: Glycohemoglobin A1C (\$30), TSH (\$35), and PSA (\$35). Fasting is not required for these tests.


Participants must register for a Check-Up Day event in advance by calling 260-347-8125. Make sure to leave a voicemail if a Parkview Center for Healthy Living team member is unavailable to take your call. Payment may be made in advance, or by cash, check or credit card at the event.

The Francine's Friends Mobile

Mammography coach will also visit Parkview LaGrange on June 8 from 7 a.m. to noon. The specially equipped coach offers convenience and privacy for any person receiving a screening mammogram, which takes about 15 minutes.

Specially trained technicians from the Breast Diagnostic Center (BDC) provide the service, and all women over 35 are welcome. The BDC will bill insurance directly for any person who is insured. For people without insurance, the BDC offers a reduced rate if payment is made the day of service. Funding is available for women who need assistance.

Call 260-483-1847 to make an appointment for a mammogram. Advance scheduling is preferred; walk-in appointments may not be available.

Information about this event and other Check-Up Days can also be found at [parkview.com/checkupdays](http://parkview.com/checkupdays). Parkview LaGrange Hospital is located at 207 N. Townline Road in LaGrange. 

## SAHS Recounts a 1927 Local Plane Crash


The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will host a meeting open to the public on Monday, June 19. You will not want to miss this fascinating flashback to April 1927, when an airmail plane crashed just a mile south of Topeka.

Cletus and Lela Hooley heard the drone of the low-flying plane, then the crash moments later. Hooley ran to help pilot John Milatzo as the Douglas M-4 biplane went up in flames in a clover field owned by George Leming. The crash claimed Milatzo's life and

destroyed an estimated amount of over a million dollars' worth of stocks and securities.

Harold Gingerich, the president of the Topeka Area Historical Society and historic feature writer for the *Hometown Treasure*, will help retrace the events of that night. The program will feature a PowerPoint presentation with numerous photos including pictures of

the pilot, radiograms, and the plane wreckage.

The meeting will take place in the Farver School Museum at 315 North Morton Street in Shipshewana at 6:30 p.m. Make sure to bring a friend! 



# OB/GYN Returns to Serve Area

Northeast Indiana native Joshua Leichty, DO, MPH, joined Parkview Physicians Group – OB/GYN last year and is now welcoming new patients at his office, 420 Sawyer Road in Kendallville.

“It’s always a pleasure to see physicians who grew up in the area return to serve the communities that shaped them when they were growing up,” said Gary Adkins, market president, Parkview Health North. “Dr. Leichty is a great addition to our local specialty providers, bringing an appreciation for small-town life and a strong commitment to women’s health.”

Leichty completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital in Wyandotte, Michigan. He earned both a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Missouri. He received his bachelor’s degree in biology, minoring in chemistry, from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, graduating cum laude.

Leichty is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG). He is also an alum of the Sigma Sigma Phi Honors Society and was recognized nationally by ACOOG in 2020 with the Outstanding Resident of the Year Award in OB/GYN.

He is pleased to be back in the area, “I have family in Auburn, and my wife and I grew up in the area, so it


was important to us that we come back home to northeast Indiana,” he explains. “I am really looking forward to integrating my practice into the community, getting to know lots of people and working to elevate women’s healthcare in the area.”

Leichty says he chose to become a DO (as opposed to an MD) while also pursuing a master’s degree in public health because the dual training keeps him focused both on the holistic needs of each patient as well as on the broader perspective of population health (understanding and working to improve health outcomes and trends among large groups of people).


While Leichty provides care for the full range of women’s health issues, he has special interests in the management of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), endometriosis, and prevention of gynecologic disease. He also specializes in minimally invasive robotic surgery, which can mean faster healing time for patients due to smaller incisions and less blood loss during surgery.

Leichty says he takes a “shared decision-making” approach to caring for his patients. “I really want each visit to be more of a discussion and teaching moment,” he says, “so I can potentially not only treat the patient’s condition that needs to be treated, but also create a sustained positive impact on their life.”

Outside of work, Leichty keeps busy with his three young sons and his wife of eight years, Amber. The family lived in South Carolina for a time, and enjoy returning on vacation trips. Leichty reports being a fan of all sorts of sports, especially Indianapolis Colts football and Indiana University basketball.

Dr. Leichty is welcoming new patients. Call 260-347-8030 for appointment scheduling. 

# Mayfest Road Run Winners

Each year, runners from the area join in the annual road run festivities of Mayfest. Participants compete in their age-respective runs, from the kid’s One Mile Fun Run to the adults 5K Run. The top three winners for boys and girls in each run are determined based on the best time. Congratulations to this year’s Mayfest Road Run Winners! 



**Women’s 5K Winners:** (left to right): Memphis Bontrager, Petrana Petkova and Yvette Rojas.



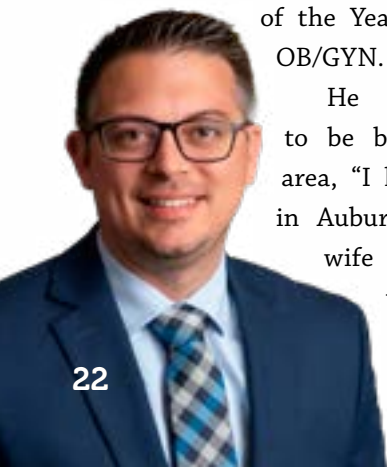
**Girl’s Fun Run Winners:** (left to right): Eloise Nichols, Emily Garcia and MaKenna Bender.



**Boy’s Fun Run Winners:** (left to right): Emmett Niccum, Ethan Rainsberger and Joseph Hershberger.



**Men’s 5K Winners:** Ethan Hoffman, FG Garcia and Kyle Yoder. All photos submitted







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**U Weep While We Sweep** - (L-R) Bryce Yoder, Cooper Schwartz, Lucas Swanson, and Grady Yoder.



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BOYS 10-12

**Pudgy Piggies** - Josh Slabach, Britton Miller, Brendon Yoder, and Eric Miller.



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BOYS 13-15

**All the Single Ladies**- (L-R) Daniel Yoder, Austin Schlabach, Seth Bontrager, and Kevin Miller.



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BOYS 13-15

**Team Austin**- (L-R) Ethan Lehman, Austin Lehman, Adrian Miller, and Alex Troyer.



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BOYS 16-18

**Team Ethan**- (L-R) James Yoder, Daryl Miller, Andrew Yutzy, and Ethan Lambright.



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*Back (left to right): Brandon Palmer, Quinton Yoder, Taven Schrock and Caden Suddarth. Front (left to right): Kelsie Ward, Ava Gilbert and MyKayla Mast. Not Pictured: Taylor Sherman. Photo Submitted*

## Student Ambassadors

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

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# Learning to Become

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, lessons are coming to a close while students wrap up their projects. From Junior Achievement to Mustang Awards to the traditional Legacy Walk, Meadowview students are finishing out strong.

For five weeks, 3A was visited by the Safety Coordinator from KZ RV, Jesse Diaz. Mr. Diaz taught all sorts of economic topics to the class. They learned about the ways to use money:

save, spend, donate, and earn. They also learned spending is the most fun, but a responsible person does a little of all four!

Mustang Awards were given out at the end of the year approaches. Each nine weeks, a maximum of two students are chosen by the classroom teacher. Winners are chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect, and responsibility.

Winners received a Mighty Mustang tag on a chain and were given a choice of a bag from the principal, Mrs. Helmuth. Check out the winners for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. Go Mustangs!

The 2023 Westview Graduates came to Meadowview Elementary for the annual Legacy Walk! The students gave seniors high fives as they walked through the school. Congratulations to the 2023 Westview Seniors! 📢



*Above: Mrs. Willard's second grade class wrapped up their Junior Achievement lessons with Mr. Younce. Students learned a lot and had fun too. All photos submitted.*



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Meadowview Elementary

Home of the Mustangs



# the Legacy

**Kindergarten Mustang Winners:** Back (left to right): Caleb Miller, Isaac Hershberger, Justin Bontrager, Miciah Slabach and Kendra Bontrager. Front: Samantha Lehman, Alice Miller, Adrianna Wingard, Ellianna Miller and Sadie Yoder.

**First Grade Mustang Winners:** Back: Maddox Wolfe, Derek Lehman and Elijah Miller. Front: Addyson Lambright, Braelynn Neff and Heidi Bontrager. Not Pictured: Vonda Mishler.

**Second Grade Mustang Winners:** Back: Casper Hershberger, Adrian Troyer, Jeremy Troyer and Lucas Miller. Front: Kara Yoder, Peyton Lambright and Allison Bontrager.

**Third Grade Mustang Winners:** Back: Aaron Hershberger, Zachary Detweiler, and Zachary Miller. Front: Kenady Miller, Nora Yoder, and Celise Bontrager.

**Fourth Grade Mustang Winners:** Back: Jordan Yoder, Joshua Otto, Lycan Ferrera, Darin Yoder and Gideon Peterson. Front: Zienna Yoder, Janae Hershberger and Kimber Helmuth.

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# Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Home of the Scotties



# Fundraiser and Field Trips

Shipshe-Scott PTO held an auction fundraiser for the school in April. Each classroom created a project to be sold, and many community members donated items as well. There was a variety of donations including quilts, games, BBQ kits, cooking supplies, gardening supplies, hotel stays, theater tickets, and so much more! The PTO also supplied food for haystacks and baked goods to sell, while school staff helped out serving the meal. Shipshe-Scott wants to thank the PTO for all their hard work, those who donated for their generosity, and the community for such a great turnout! This community is truly a blessing!

Students have been enjoying some end of the year field trips! The second grade recently went to the Ft. Wayne Zoo to see the animals they've been researching in some beautiful weather. A special thanks to all the parent chaperons as well as the bus drivers who made this field trip possible!

Third grade students have been reading and learning about how ice cream is made, so they walked to Vanilla Bean Creamery in town. The owner, Clara, showed them how they make their ice cream and how they come up with their tasty flavors. Students even got to sample several kinds and enjoyed a dip of their favorite flavor! The students (and teachers) thought this may be the best field trip yet! 🍦





# Trips, Visits, and Legacies Made

The "Kindergarten Celebration" was a fun time had by all! Our students sang songs and acted out Fairy Tales for their families and friends. Kindergarten Teachers and Assistants worked hard with the students to prepare this special program. They did a wonderful job!

On May 10, 1st graders at Topeka Elementary were visited by Smokey the

Bear. They learned about trees and were even given a sprout of their own to take with them!

On May 10, the third graders enjoyed a beautiful day at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend! The students worked hard learning about animals and their habitats, and today they were excited to see some of those animals in person. Thank you to the teachers, assistants,

and chaperones who spent the day with our third graders!

The Topeka Elementary students and staff enjoyed seeing the Seniors during their annual Legacy Walk. Some Topeka Elementary students were able to see their siblings or PLUS partners who are graduating. We are proud of all of the Westview graduates of 2023!



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# Topeka Elementary

Home of the Bears





Above: Mrs. McDonald and the seniors who attended Topeka Elementary School.

Below Left: Kyle with fourth grade teacher Mr. Reinhardt.

Below Right: Ava with fourth grade teacher Mrs. Brassel.

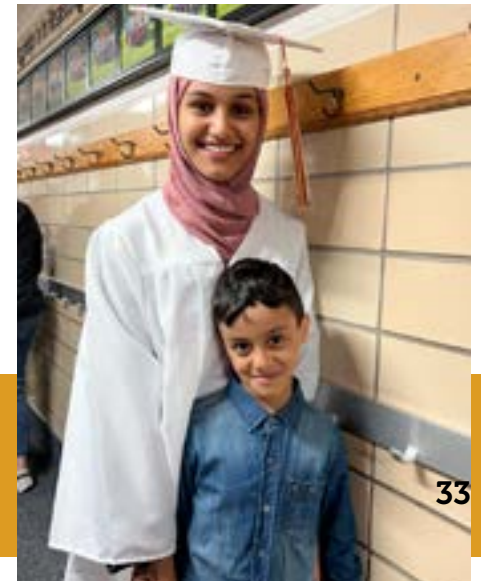
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Top (Left to right): Xaviah Howard and Ella Yoder.

Middle: Braden Eash and Miss Eash.

Bottom: Salwa Sawal and Ahmed Sawal.

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## Fourth Grade Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to Kyle Hershberger and Ava Wingard for receiving the Fourth Grade Citizenship Awards this year at Topeka Elementary. This award is given to one boy and one girl who has exemplified the life skill of Citizenship throughout their years at school. Six students, three boys and three girls, are nominated by their teachers for this award. Support Staff are given the chance to give qualities and traits for each of those six students, then the Principal selects the winners. Congratulations again to Kyle and Ava!





# Finishing In

Westview Elementary sent six groups/individuals to the regional science fair to compete against other schools from northern Indiana at Trine University. We had two teams win their categories and division and one student who went on to state. Not only did Chloe Briggs win the school science fair in her category, but she also placed first at regionals, winning her division and qualifying for state.

On March 25 at IUPUI in Indianapolis, Indiana, Chloe Briggs represented Westview Elementary at the State Science Fair competition where she went up against all other qualifying sixth-grade projects in the state. She had to give her presentation several times to many different judges. We are so proud of all of her hard work and the time she spent preparing and attending the competition. We have yet to hear if she received any awards.

The two teams who won their categories and division include Karl Bontrager (first place in Junior Computer Sciences 175), Deric Fry (first place in Junior Engineering 175), Melody Miller (second place in Junior Behavioral and Social Sciences 134), and Kailey Mast (second place in Junior Biomedical and Health Sciences 134). Congratulations!

On April 20, Westview Elementary students embarked on their annual field trips to Indianapolis (fifth grade) and Chicago (sixth grade). We would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations, which helped offset the cost of the transportation: Dry Forest Wood Products, Frontline Auto Tech, Wana Feed, Shipshewana Harness & Supplies, Bullseye Industri-



Students in the pictures include (in no particular order): Josiah Miller, Kameron Meyers, Jaylen Bontrager, Kaci Troyer, Deanna Yutzy, and Allyse Miller.



Mr. Boyer's class celebrated the launch of their Learn Like A Champion Podcast by wearing their fresh apparel.

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# Westview Elementary

Home of the Warriors



# the Year Style



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On May 5, 132 fifth and sixth graders from Westview Elementary qualified to celebrate Young Hoosier book reading. Our theme this year was "Donut Go A Day Without Reading!" The treat of course was donuts from Rise'n Roll Bakery!

European countries was the research and learning topic for 6E. Each student created a salt dough map of a country with details of places to visit and important landforms. They also created a digital travel brochure to share the facts they learned while researching the culture, history and geography of their country. Thank you to Mrs. Yutzy (Deanna's mom) for helping out with the salt dough process!

Meanwhile, 6G worked on their independent novel studies by incorporating their interests, catering to their learning styles, as well as picking the genre and book series.

That's not all! The students stayed busy as they collected over 69,000 aluminum cans to be recycled by a local facility. The proceeds, over \$1,500, will be donated to Riley Hospital for Children. Mrs. Suzie Sheets' class brought in the most cans this year, with a total of 14,975. To reward students for their hard work, a school-wide drawing was held for a pizza party at each grade level. The Westview Elementary PTO will provide a pizza party for Mrs. Sheets' fifth-grade class and Mrs. Gongwer's sixth-grade class.

As the end of the year quickly approaches, positivity is an important reminder for all which is why Westview Elementary Students were greeted with positive sidewalk messages during the first week of May.





At the NECC meet on May 13, Austin Schlabach broke his previous record for the 110-meter hurdles event with a time of 15.08 seconds.



# JH BOY'S TRACK: Defending Titles and Breaking Records



Daniel Yoder (right) with former school record holder for the 1600-meter run, Noah Bontrager (left).

The Westview Boys' Jr. High Track team has had a successful season this year. Not only did the team defend their NECC Title and reach State, but several members of the team broke multiple school records.

new school record, alongside Carson Niccum, Kaine Reinhold and Austin Schlabach. The new record time of 3:47.60 beat the old school record of 3:50.40 set in 2012 by Braden Reynolds, Brock Miller, Nic Yoder and Lindon McDonald.



The State 4x400 Relay Team of Daniel Yoder, Austin Schlabach, Carson Niccum and Micah Wingard broke the school record with a time of 3:47.39.

In the meet against Fairfield on April 21, the Westview Boys' Jr. High Track team set two school records. Daniel Yoder set the school record in the 400-meter race with a time of 54.48 seconds, beating the old record of 54.89 seconds set by Bohdy Bontrager in 2018.

Following this match on April 24, Westview runner Austin Schlabach broke the school record in the 110 Hurdles, setting the new record time at 15.32 seconds. This time beats the old mark of 15.75 seconds set by Nic Raber back in 2009.

Daniel Yoder was also the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay team that set the

The next record-breaking race occurred during the meet on May 4



Austin Schlabach set the school record for the 400 meter dash on May 4. All Photos Submitted





against Angola and Hamilton. Austin Schlabach beat the school record for the 400-meter dash, running the race in 54.32 seconds. This beat the newly broken record of 54.48 seconds set by Daniel Yoder just two weeks prior.

At the NECC Championship on May 13, the boy's team came out victorious, winning the Championship meet for the 12th consecutive year. This is the longest winning streak in Westview history between the boys' and girls' teams in both Jr. High and high school.

"I'd like to say that I'm very proud of this group," said Coach Don Williams. "Winning conference 12 years in a row is an incredible achievement and I'm personally grateful to all the kids that have run for me over the years to accomplish the longest conference winning streak in school history."

During the NECC meet, Austin Schlabach set another school record in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.08 seconds. This broke his own school record time of 15.32 seconds that he set two weeks ago. According to athletic.net, this is the fastest time in Indiana this year for Jr. High and the second fastest time in the United States.

The Warriors moved on to State on May 20 and placed first in the meet, beating the second-place team by 12 points. During this meet, Daniel Yoder broke the school record for the 1600-meter with a time of 4:37.36. The 4x400 relay team consisting of Carson Niccum, Austin Schlabach, Micah Wingard and Daniel Yoder also broke a school record, with a new time of 3:47.39. Congratulations to Westview's Boys' Junior High Track Team! 📌

# GIRL'S TENNIS

## Season Leads to Sectionals

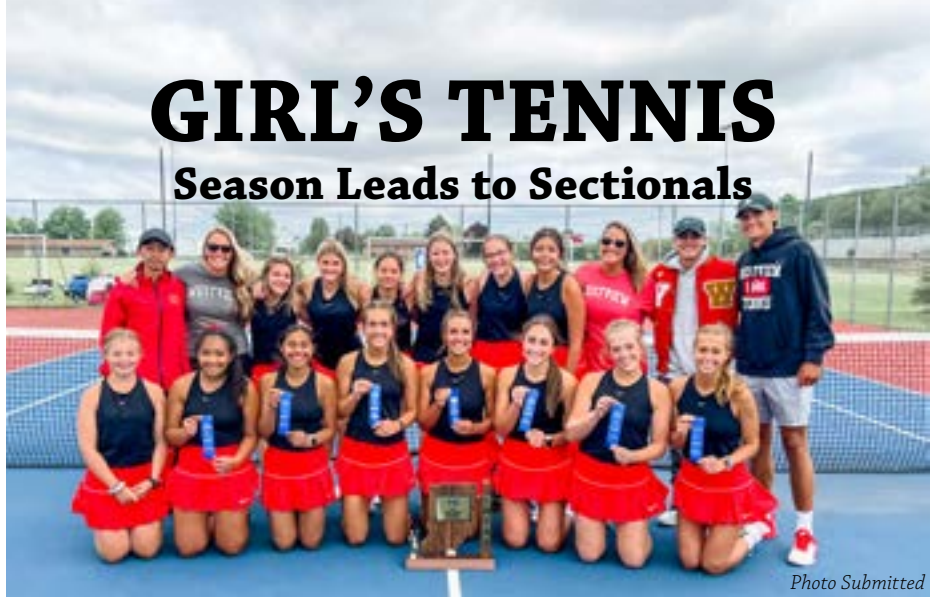


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The Westview Girls' Tennis team has had a dominating season this year. The team began the season with Varsity claiming 5-0 wins against Wawasee, Angola, Prairie Heights, Lakeland, and West Noble. These wins brought the team to 5-0 in the season and 4-0 in the NECC.

The JV Invitational at Angola on April 22 also proved successful. One singles Kristin Bender defeated Angola 6-0 and two singles Ava Hochstetler defeated Central Noble 6-2. The one and two doubles teams were playing in the championship round when the match got rained out, however, this was enough to push Westview into first place.

After victories over East Noble and Northridge, the Westview team encountered their first loss in the season. The 2-3 losses in Varsity and JV against Fairfield drove the Lady Warriors through their next three matches, claiming victories against Churubusco (JV and Varsity winning 5-0), Fremont (JV and Varsity winning 4-1), and Central Noble (JV winning 4-0 and

Varsity winning 5-0). This domination on the court brought the Warriors to 10-1 in the season and 7-1 in the NECC.

On May 18, Westview faced Central Noble in the first round of Sectionals. The Warriors dominated the Cougars once again at 5-0, with 6-1, 6-0 scores in the one and two doubles teams, and perfect 6-0, 6-0 games in one, two, and three singles. Westview played East Noble in the Sectional Championship round on May 20 and won 4-1. The win bumped Westview up to 12-1 in the season and advanced them to Regionals on May 23, where they will play Northwood.

Congratulations to the High School Girls' Tennis team for such a successful season, and best of luck at regionals! 📌

*Below: Westview Girls' Tennis Team places 1st at the April 22 Angola Invitational. Photo Submitted*



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# Hostetler, Miller and Stutzman: Your 2023 Co-Valedictorians

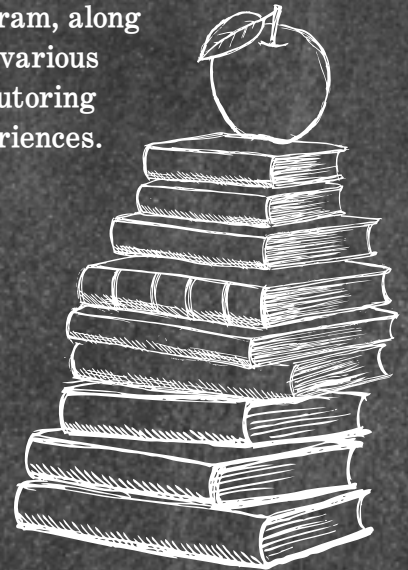
Isaiah Hostetler, Kamryn Miller and Emily Stutzman have been named co-valedictorians for Westview Jr-Sr High School's Class of 2023.

Isaiah Hostetler is the son of Marion and Ina Hostetler of Shippshewana. He is active in National Honor Society, Student Council, LIFE, PLUS, Dynamic Singingsations, Musicals, Tennis, and Track and Field. Isaiah plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University to study accounting. After college, he plans to return to LaGrange County to start an accounting firm.

Kamryn Miller is the daughter of Brian and Brooke Miller of LaGrange. She is active in National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Student Council, Basketball, Track and Field, Student Athlete Leadership Club and Dairy Club (Elkhart County 4-H Fair). Kamryn plans to attend Bethel University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Emily Stutzman is the daughter of Mike and Kris Stutzman of Shippshewana. She is Vice President of National Honor Society, Secretary of

National Art Honor Society, a member of PLUS, and she volunteers at EAM with Bible School and the after-school program, along with various aid/tutoring experiences.



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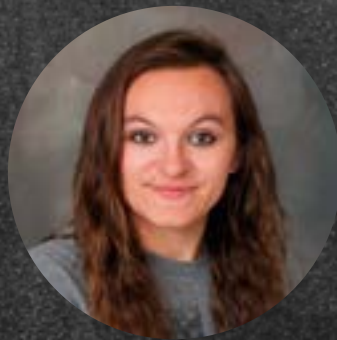
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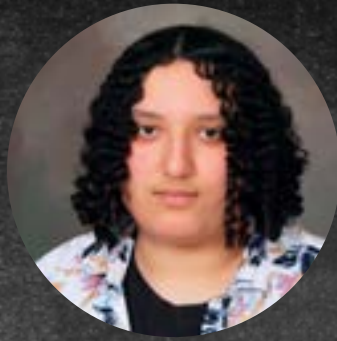




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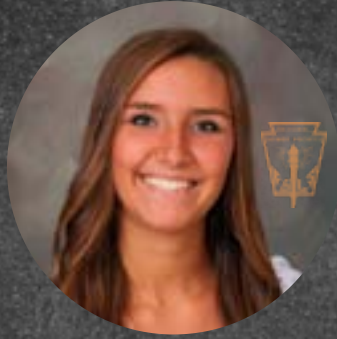
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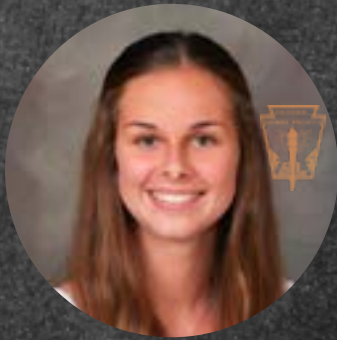
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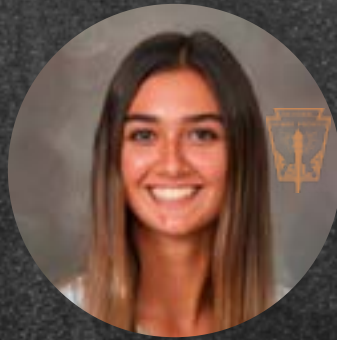
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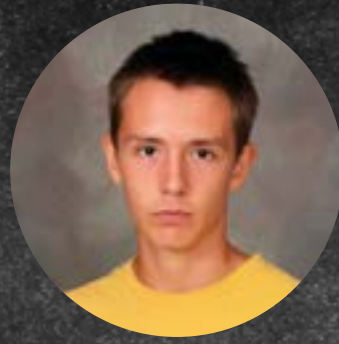


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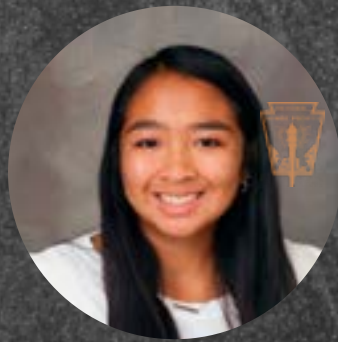
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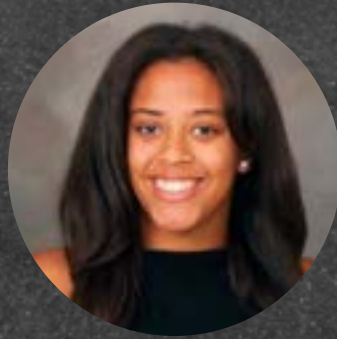
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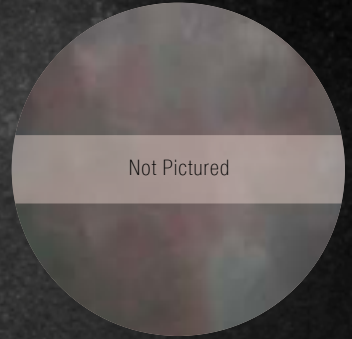
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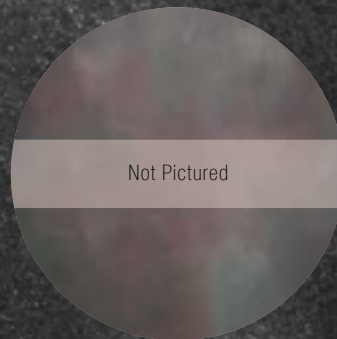
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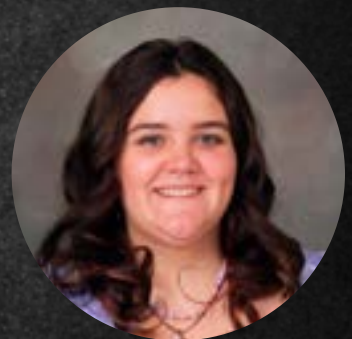
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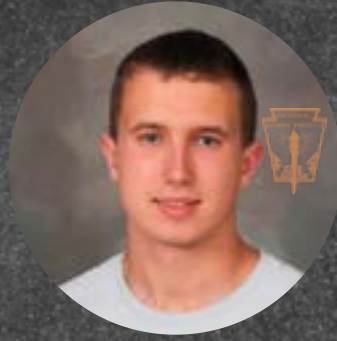
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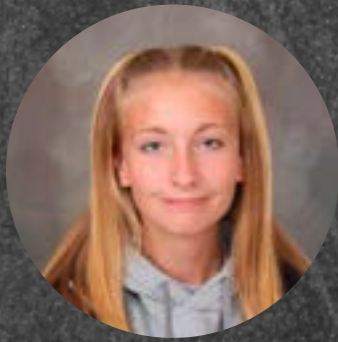
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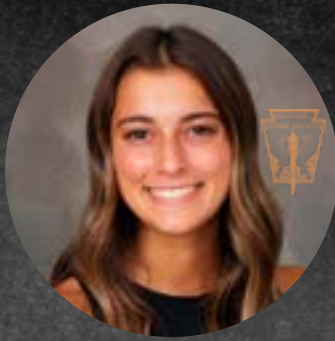
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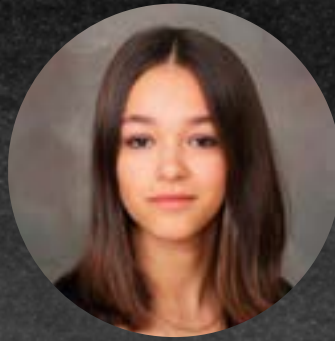
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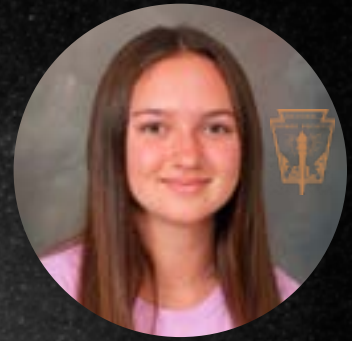
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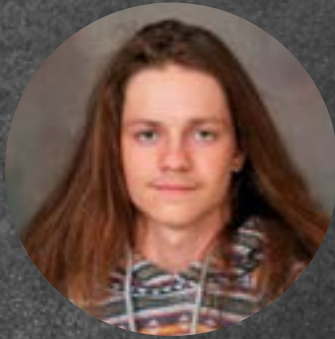
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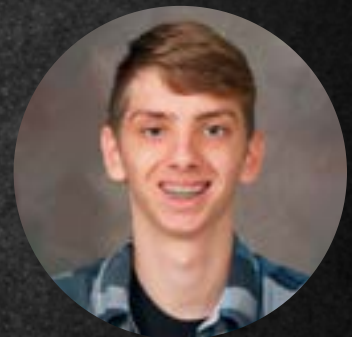
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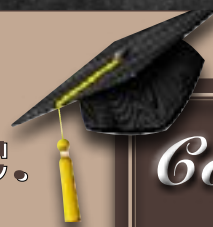
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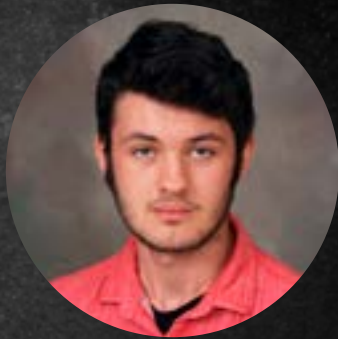
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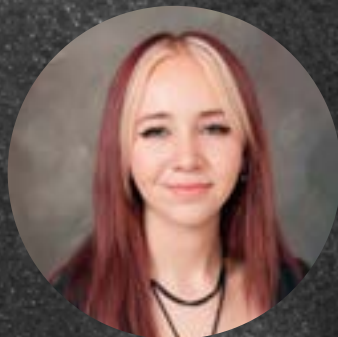
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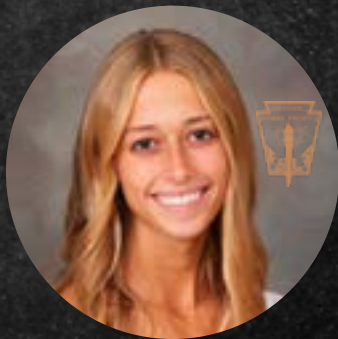
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# Exchange Student

## Thibault Gillet

*By Chloe Lovell*

Thibault Gillet had an idea of what to expect when he left his hometown in Belgium to participate in the exchange student program. He had previously visited New York City and Miami before and had found Tik Toks from other exchange students giving advice and helpful information. What he didn't expect, however, was that he would be able to participate in two of his hobbies: travel and horseback riding.

Thibault's host mom, Jean Martin, has many barn animals, including over 20 horses. Together, Thibault and Jean traveled to 18 states to compete in horse-riding competitions, making it all the way to Nationals. At Westview, Thibault joined Cross Country and ran the hurdles in Track & Field. He found it very surprising that sports are taken so seriously here. Schools in Belgium do not have sports, students instead join club sports after school.

Thibault's found his favorite class at Westview to be Algebra

because he likes numbers and because everyone in his class was very friendly. Where he enjoyed pulled pork and mac and cheese, Thibault found the weirdest food he ate during the exchange student program to be Jell-O.

The biggest adjustment for Thibault was using English. One thing he was nervous about before arriving was that his English would not be good enough to make friends or to make good grades. But this is one of the bigger reasons why he decided to become an exchange student. Overall, Thibault wanted to work on his English. He also wanted the opportunity to live by himself away from his parents and to improve himself.

Thibault said he was very shy when he first arrived and had to push himself out of his comfort zone to meet people and make friends. Nearing the end of the exchange student program, Thibault found that he became more social, gaining confidence in himself and his English. He also

found that he was more open-minded about other cultures and curious to learn about them.

When asked what advice he would give to students considering being an exchange student, Thibault exclaimed, "Do it! If you have the possibility to, do it. It will change you and you will learn new things." At the end of the program, Thibault will be returning to his parents, older brother, and dog in Belgium. He plans to attend college next year for business, eventually working in a bank or a big company.

Warm wishes and best of luck,

Thibault Gillet! 📍







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# Exchange Student

## Valentino Cevese

*By Chloe Lovell*

Valentino Cevese traveled from the countryside of Siena, Italy, to join his host family, Dave and Dorothy Hostetler, as part of the exchange student program. Curious to learn about U.S. culture, Valentino wanted to join the program to better his English and challenge himself. Valentino stepped out of his comfort zone from the moment he arrived, spending a 14-hour plane ride and navigating an American airport by himself.

Although nervous about living with a family he had never met before and making friends at school, Valentino found the people to be very friendly. In the time that he's been here, Valentino has made many friends at school. He was also nervous about what the school would be like here, as he had seen American high schools depicted in TV shows but was unsure how

realistic those would be.

Schools in Italy differ vastly from schools in America — from class structures, school day hours, and opportunities to participate in sports — Valentino found he preferred the school structure here. His favorite classes at Westview were P.E. and U.S. History, and he joined the varsity soccer team which made it all the way to Semi-State this year. At the end of the soccer season, Valentino joined a club soccer team in Fort Wayne.

Along with the high school, Valentino is going to miss the friends he's made since he arrived, and he hopes to come back to see them again someday. What Valentino will not miss, however, is the long distances it takes to travel to most places.

Through his time as an exchange student, Valentino learned the importance of patience. When it comes to making friends in a new country while learning the language, “it takes time to understand the people and learn the culture,” Valentino explains. A piece of advice Valentino would give to others joining the exchange student program is to be open to the culture and do your best to understand.

Although he is uncertain of just how he has changed since beginning the exchange student program, Valentino is anticipating a culture shock when he returns home to his parents, two sisters, and brother in Siena. Valentino is unsure of what he would like to do in the future but has considered owning a business of his own and knows that he wants to continue traveling abroad.

Warm wishes and best of luck, Valentino Cevese! 🍀





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# Exchange Student

## Nico Cochs Clapers

By Chloe Lovell

Nico Cochs Clapers came to Shipshewana, Indiana as an exchange student from Barcelona, Spain. Leaving his mother, father, and three brothers, Nico came to live with his host family Dave and Dorothy Hostetler during the exchange program. He was curious about U.S. culture and wanted to make new experiences while improving his English. But he was nervous about two things before arriving.

Nico was nervous about making friends and meeting new people. He was also nervous that he would miss his family too much while away. Despite these worries, Nico found the experience made him more open-minded about making new friends and helped him feel more confident about himself. Back at home, Nico depended on his family for help with many different things. Now that he is nearing the end of the program, Nico feels as though he can

do more things on his own. He also feels that out of his experience as an exchange student, he is going to miss his friends and the people he's met the most.

Nico is excited to share various stories about his time here with his family and friends back home. He especially is looking forward to sharing about the local high school football games he attended at Northridge and Northwood, and what it was like to see all the players, fans and cheerleaders.

A big sports fan, Nico enjoys watching football and basketball, but his favorite sport is soccer. At Westview, he joined the varsity soccer team which made it to Semi-State in Fall 2022. He also joined Westview's Chess Club. His favorite class has been P.E. because his school in

Barcelona does not have a weightlifting gym like Westview's.

Another difference that Nico experienced during his time as an exchange student is having to drive to get to most places. Back in Barcelona, Nico lives in the city and is not used to having to take a car to get everywhere. The need to drive long distances to get somewhere is one thing Nico is not going to miss about his time in the U.S.

Despite this, Nico would suggest other exchange students come to this area because it is really fun. Overall, he believes the exchange student program is "a unique experience you'll never get to experience again, and you'll never forget it."

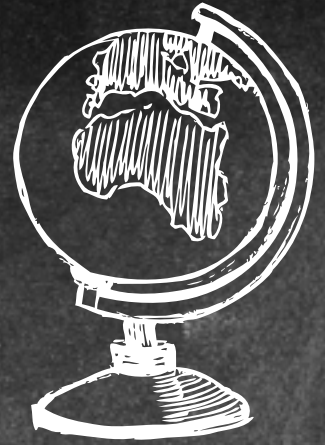
In the future, Nico wants to remain close to his family in Barcelona and hopes to work towards a career in engineering, or something sports related.

Warm wishes and best of luck, Nico Cochs Clapers! 🍀





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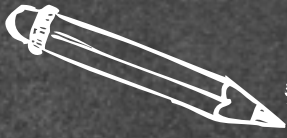


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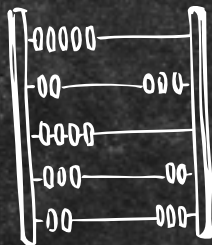
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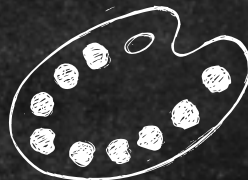


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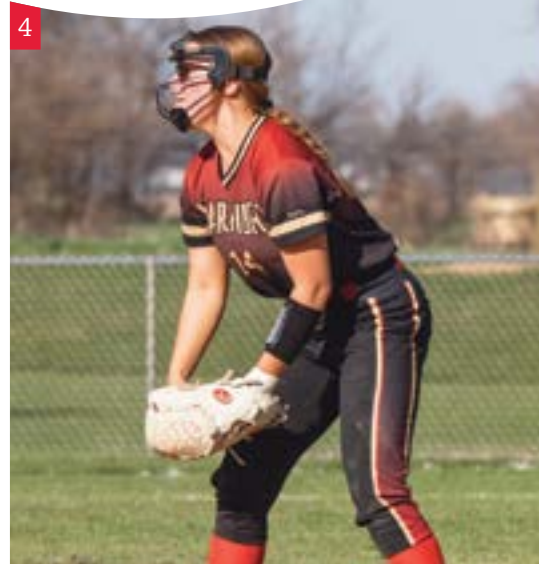
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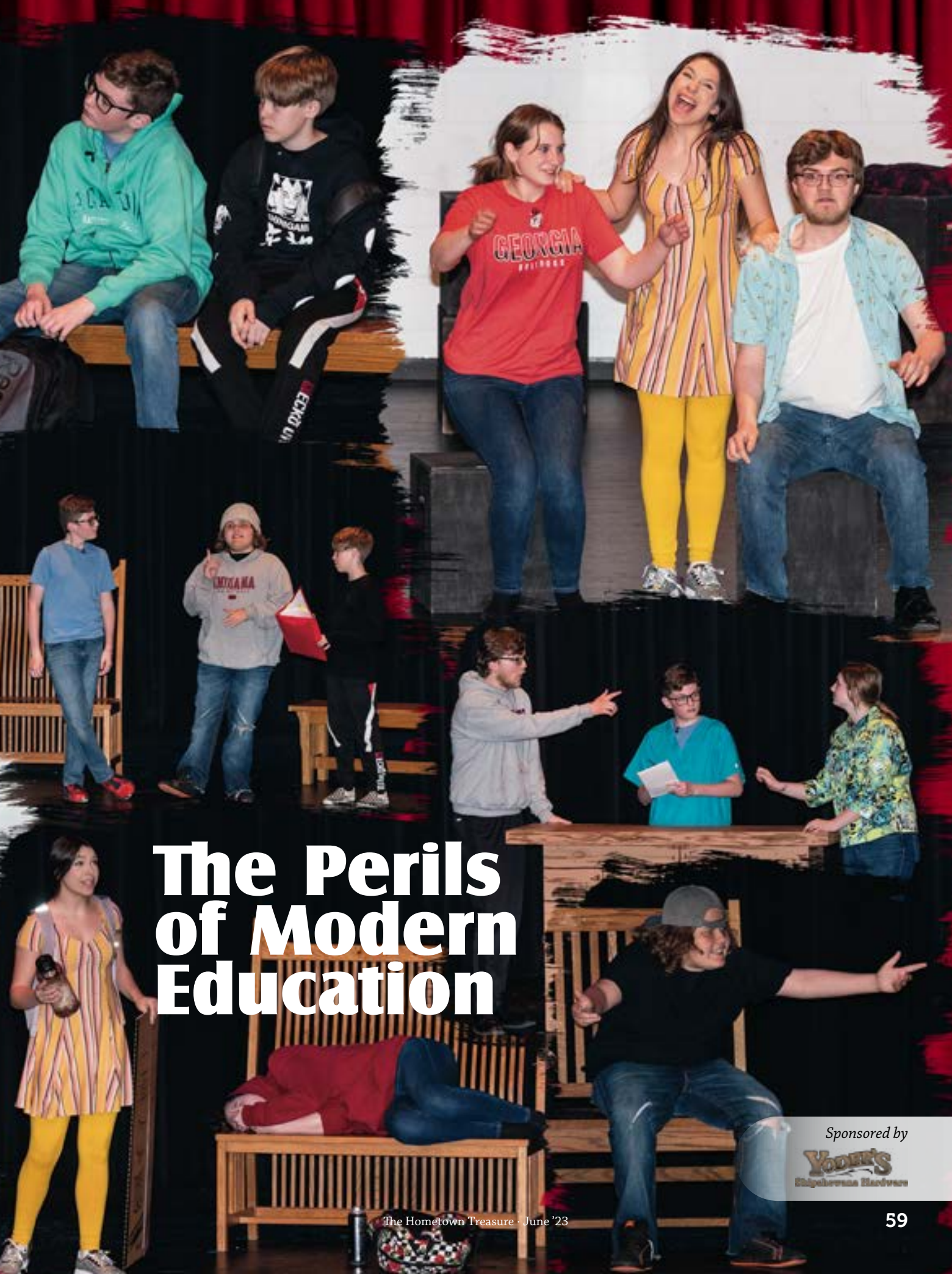
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## HISTORICAL FEATURE

# Oakie Huff's History Grows

by Harold D. Gingerich

There are still a few people around Shipshewana who remember the town's hobo, Oakie Huff. Writing for A Patchwork Sampler (page 32), Roger Slagle recounted several stories about Huff that were told by the late Olive Troyer Bontrager (1907-1998). Those stories were included in the June 2021 issue of The Hometown Treasure in an article entitled

"Shipshewana's Town Hobo."

As is often the case, when people read something about the past it triggers a host of memories and people will stop me at the post office or in a store eager to share their once-forgotten memory. As a writer, it is always gratifying when that happens. One of those "gems" from the past was the story that Paul Mishler told me about the day Oakie Huff's dog died ... or should I say, had help dying.

In the 2021 article, I wrote that it is not exactly clear when Olive Bontrager first met Oakie Huff. But the story does begin with Olive teaching in a one-room school and Melvin Bontrager being one of the school trustees. To get paid Olive had to go to Melvin's store on Morton Street in Shipshewana (the old Buggy Wheel Restaurant) and have him write her a check. Well, over the course

of time, one thing led to another and on May 19, 1938, Olive and Melvin were married.

What she related to Roger Slagle involved two of her children. So, the incidents with Huff must have taken place sometime in the 1940s.

"He was very dirty, wearing the same clothes all the time," Olive told Roger. "Once he came into the store and Mel gave him a new pair of pants. Oakie went back to the woodshed and put them on." From that day on, he had a fondness for the Bontrager children, Joe and Harriet. Roger wrote,

"Olive remembers Oakie going over to the restaurant and getting the children ice cream cones. He'd bring them back, one in each hand, melting all over his dirty grimy hands."

Now, for what Paul had to say about Oakie and his dog.

"Well, I can tell you a story about him if you want to hear it," Paul Mishler said to me one day.

"I want to hear it. Tell me the story!" How could I not want to hear it!

"It's not a very good one,"

According to Paul, Oakie often walked around town and frequently went into the hardware store to warm himself by the big heating stove in the back. "They didn't mind him so much," Paul said with a wry smile, "but they didn't like the dog."

Paul said that Oakie always had a dog following him. Who knows what Oakie's mangy mutt must have looked like? But if the hound was as dirty as Olive Bontrager described Huff, you can certainly understand why nobody wanted it in the hardware store.

Apparently, the big stove was a regular meeting place for men from Shipshewana. One day, several of the men decided to act and poison the dog. The identity of those men remains a mystery. But Paul says that Oakie never knew what these guys had done. "If he would have known ... it wouldn't have been good."

No one is quite sure how or when Oakie found his way to Shipshewana. We don't even know if Oakie was his legal name. Hobos from Oklahoma who migrated to escape poverty and the Depression were frequently dubbed



# HISTORICAL FEATURE

“Okies.” Paul does remember that there was a place east of town, about a mile east of the Huff school, where hobos camped out. It would be possible that Okie was a nickname, and he took the name Huff from the school. (This might just be my brain running wild!)

Whatever happened to Oakie Huff is a mystery. In researching for this and the 2021 article, the only “Okie” Huff I could find was born in 1887 and he spelled his first name with an “a”. The census of 1900 showed him living in Marcellus (Cass County) Michigan. If this is the same Oakie that Olive knew in Shipshewana, we may never know.

“One day I was in Nappanee,” Paul said, “I had heard that he moved there. I think he had a niece or a nephew, I don’t know which one. But they took him there, cleaned him up, and he stayed at their place. I saw him on one corner of the square and I yelled at him.”


Paul’s final comments were, “I don’t think he ever hurt anybody ... he was just a hobo.” “I can tell you one thing; our dog didn’t like him ... you knew he was coming before you’d ever see him.”

The number of hobos had dramatically increased during the 1930s and the onset of the Great Depression. Most of them, not all, were good men who were just down on their luck. With no jobs and no prospects at

home, thousands of men decided to catch a “free ride” by hopping a freight train in hopes of trying their luck somewhere else.

With the end of World War II, railroads began to replace their steam locomotives with faster and more efficient diesel models. That also made jumping on a freight train more difficult unless it was stopped in a railyard. But then railyards were also filled with railroad detectives. In addition to that, a booming postwar economy and plenty of jobs led to a rapid decline in the number of hobos.

The era of hobos had largely come to an end by the time I was a teenager. Today the younger generations know only what they have read in history books or have seen in a Norman Rockwell painting. Then again, the younger generation probably doesn’t even know who Norman Rockwell was or how his artwork in the Saturday Evening Post captured everyday life in America.

I suspect there may still be a few “golden agers” in the Shipshewana area for whom Oakie Huff, the Shipshewana Hobo, remains a memory that continues to live on. 

**"We don't even know if Oakie was his legal name."**

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Born on February 3, 1894, in New York City, Norman Rockwell dreamed of becoming an illustrator. Attending various art schools in his youth and learning from famous artists, Rockwell eventually began working for the Saturday Evening Post. In 1916, Rockwell began creating covers for the magazine, working with the company for 47 years. In his career, he illustrated over 322 covers for the Post. These covers often featured the experiences of the American people, including both favorable and detrimental moments.

Rockwell titled the October 18, 1924, cover of the Saturday Evening Post *Hobo and Dog*. This cover was created during his eighth year of employment with the Post, featuring James K. Van Brunt, a model from the period that Rockwell favored. Throughout the beginning of his career, Rockwell liked to illustrate hobos in his covers wanting to display them with care and understanding.

Even today, Rockwell remains the most famous illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post due to his dedication and passion for his work.



Sources: <https://www.saturdayeveningpost.com/norman-rockwell-biography/> • <https://www.sothebys.com/en/auctions/ecatalogue/2016/american-art-n09503/lot.22.html>

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# Middlebury Summer Festival

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Saturday, June 24, 2023

Next to the Fire Station

**Check-in/Registration: 7:15-7:45 am**

**Games start at approximately 8 am.**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Boys  Girls

Ages: 10 - 12  13 - 15  16 - 18

Open Division  (no age groups)

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of June 24)

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of June 24)

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(as of June 24)

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(as of June 24)

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### Cash Prizes

**STARTS AT APPROX. 2 PM**

**For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.**

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# Topeka 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY

### Tuesday, July 4, 2023

At Topeka Town Park

**Check-in/Registration: 7:15-7:45 am**

**Games start at approximately 8 am.**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Boys  Girls

Ages: 10 - 12  13 - 15  16 - 18

Open Division  (no age groups)

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of July 4)

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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# LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds

## 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Friday, July 14, 2023

Fee required to enter fairgrounds. Forms received by **June 30, 2023** will receive a voucher in the mail to get into the fairgrounds for free.

**Games start at approximately 1:30 pm.**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Boys  Girls  Open  Ages: 10 - 12  13 - 15  16 - 18

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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**For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.** *Cash Prizes*

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

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Summertime means different things to different people, but to me, it means camping! I've got annual trips planned out with friends and family all throughout the summer, and even some going into the fall.

I kicked my summer camping off this past weekend with several of my best friends from high school. We've kept in touch thanks to the internet, but it's always lovely to be able to be back in the same location again!

We spent the weekend up in Holland, MI, enjoying the lovely views of Lake Michigan, the state park, and some good old fashioned campfire cooking! The fire was certainly an essential part of our weekend; we had a high of 56F on Saturday! That's a chilly "summer"! 📌 Solution on page 69.

# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

C	T	Y	H	A	K	S	K	N	A	H	T
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**2nd Prize(s):** A pen, notepad set, a letter opener, and *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana.

**3rd Prize(s):** *The Honeyville Journal*.

\*Additional 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded for every 50 entries over 100 received.

#### 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: **June 20, 2023.** Please allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed. Next month's winner will receive a 1 year subscription to *The Connection* and more!
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

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### LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

**Laverda Eash of 300 S, Topeka** correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **John Beechy, 4420 W 350 S, Topeka.**

Congratulations! She 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 **William and Amelia Eash of 300 S, Topeka.** Third prize went to **Vernon Beechy of 1000 W, Shipshewana.**




There were 23 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Wayne & Fannie Bontrager, Lavern & Leah Eash, Perry & Fannie Lehman, Leroy O. Yoder, David & Ruby Mullet, Daniel & Emma Beechy, Orla & Sally Bontrager, Jr. & Esther Beechy, Freeman & Freeda Lehman, Verlin & Mary Bontrager, Amos & Lorene Beechy, Dan Beechy, Jake & Loretta Kuhns, Steven & Darla Weaver, Steven & Rhonda Petersheim, Elmer Beechy, Daniel & Erma Miller, Chris Jr. & Edith Lambright, Christy & Kathryn Miller, and John & Lorene Kurtz.

# Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Kristopher Raber of 700 S, Topeka was our winner for the May Coloring Contest. He won an ice cream treat of choice at Brenda's Ice Cream in Wolcottville.

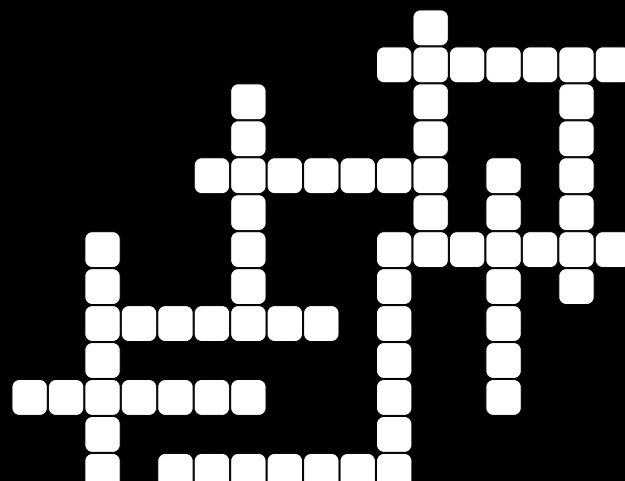
Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Brenda's Ice Cream for a free small ice cream cone through June.

Runners-up were Lincoln Bortner, age 6; Brylee Wilson, age 5; Luke Kevin Yoder, age 4; and Luke Emerson Mullet, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Deloris Ann Miller, age 6; Julie Schlabach, age 6; Emily Diane Bontrager, age 6; Lavera Jean Hostetler, age 6; Faith Abigail Farmwald, age 5; and Mark Adam Otto, 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. 



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Solution to Clueless  
Crossword is on pg 69.  
by Chloe Lovell

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BUT  
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Solution on pg 69.

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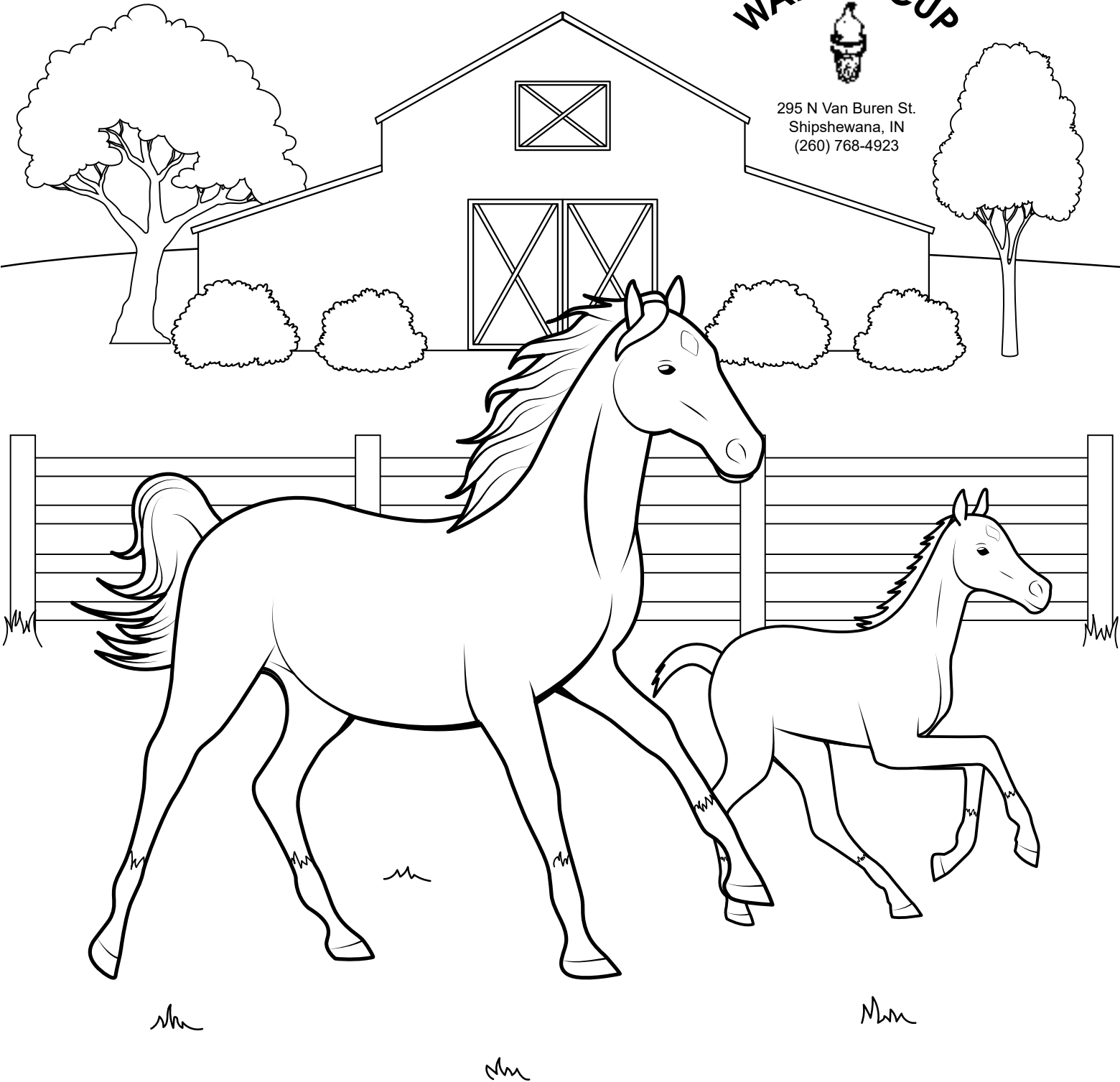
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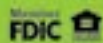
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# Clueless Crossword Solution

By Chloe Lovell

to the puzzle on page 66.

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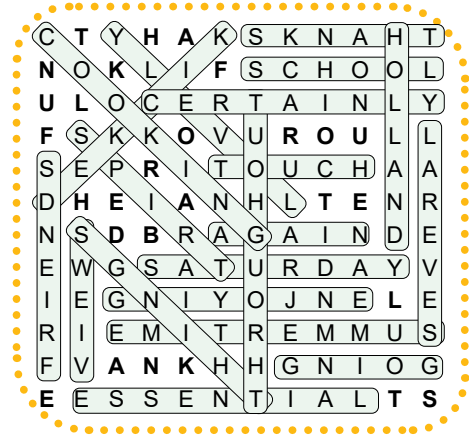
ANSWER:  
**MISSISSIPPI**



Riddle on pg 66.

<https://www.ezscool.com/Riddles/Riddle5Ans.html>

Solution to puzzle on page 65



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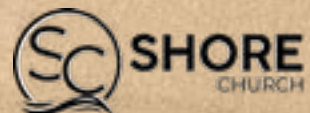
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