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WESTVIEW GRADUATES



Alex Burr graduated from Westview in the class of 2018. Throughout high school, Burr participated in chess club and Spanish club and played volleyball

and basketball. During her senior year, Alex chose a full-ride basketball scholarship to play division 1 basketball at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Michigan. Now a sophomore at Detroit Mercy, Alex is majoring in International Business with a minor in Spanish. Having an abundance of freedom is Alex's favorite part of being a college student. Burr says, "being a college athlete has taught me how to put the team's interest before my own. I have learned to train my mind to do whatever I can for my team and put my personal interests second." Alex's favorite part of being a student at Westview was the family environment and the strong community within the school. Her advice to current Warriors is to enjoy every day of high school and to immerse yourself into everything you can. Burr says, "Go be a part of the student section, go to every dance, and enjoy having a real relationship with teachers who care about you, because one day you'll graduate and the real world will make you realize how easy you had it in high school."

STUDIES

Aleka Ernsberger is a senior at Westview High School and the daughter of Ken and Amie Ernsberger. A focused, hardworking student, she spends hours studying and doing homework every week, as well as rigorously training for track and attending meetings for National Honor Society and Student Council. Aleka loves the small school atmosphere here at Westview and the understanding, approachable teachers she has the privilege of learning from. Her favorite classes include Spanish 5, Photography, and Interactive Media. She says, "Before every test, [Spanish teacher] Señora Booth reminds us that 'you are more than your grade.'" This encouragement and kindness is something that has stuck with Aleka throughout high school.

Aleka's accomplishments in track and academics are numerous. She has won the 200 meter dash and 400 meter dash at NECC and sectionals, as well as placed first at regionals and at eighth at state in the 400. Meanwhile, Aleka has maintained a GPA of over 4.0, scored remarkably well on the SAT and ACT, and acquired only one tardy in her high school career. She says the most rewarding part of working hard in school is the good work ethic it has taught her and the many academic scholarships she has been offered because of it. Her advice to underclassmen is to take freshman year seriously and do your best because it really does matter eventually. She also urges her fellow classmates, "get as much out of high school as you can; it goes by fast, so enjoy it while you are here."

The disciplined student and athlete is as motivated as she is talented. Aleka is driven by a desire to be successful and well-respected in everything she does. She also hopes to be an inspiration to others and to be known as a good person.

In her free time, Aleka enjoys going to concerts, taking pictures for her instagram account, @photos.by.aleka, and watching her favorite shows, *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Office*. Aleka's favorite movie is the musical *La La Land*, which stars her best-loved actors, Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling.

Next year, Aleka will be attending Taylor University. She plans to major in Graphic Art and minor in Business and Spanish.



ONE OF ALEKA'S SENIOR PHOTOS WITH HER LETTERMAN JACKET



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SPORTS

Brady Hostetler, son of Marlin and Waneta Hostetler, is a junior this year at Westview. In the fall, he played number two doubles on the famed Westview tennis squad. He and his teammate, Will Clark, were undefeated up until the State match. The nearly unstoppable Warriors were the most successful tennis team in Westview history. They were champions of the NECC regular season and tournament, sectionals, regionals, and semi-state. According to Brady, "we had our ups ... and more ups ... and then even more ups." This season was Brady's favorite by far; he loved the team chemistry, the amazing support from the high school student body, and of course, all the wins. The most rewarding triumphs for Brady were beating Penn, winning regionals, and coming out on top at semi-state.

Hostetler has been playing tennis since eighth grade and has grown to love the sport; he manages the girls tennis team in the spring and plays with the guys in the fall. In the off-season, he attends private tennis lessons twice a week to stay in shape and further improve his outstanding skills. His biggest role model is his older brother, Bailey. Bailey Hostetler, a 2019 Westview graduate, has taught Brady how to manage his time as a student athlete and helped him refine his musical abilities. He adds, "Bailey helped me get through tough times in my life and taught me how to be a better person."

As if attending all his practices and lessons is not time-consuming enough, Brady also performs in musicals and Dynamic Singations and maintains a 4.01 GPA. He played the part of Uncle Henry in the latest musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, as well as many other notable roles over the years. Brady is also enrolled in college credit Trigonometry/Pre-calculus, college credit Chemistry II, AP English Literature and Composition, and college credit US History; he has no shortage of hard work to do every week.

During free time, Brady enjoys playing more tennis, competing in games against his siblings at home, singing, playing piano, and spending time with friends. Brady is also committed to being a leader and growing in his faith. He helps lead a weekly Bible study with a small group of peers as well as holds prayer meetings every Wednesday morning. So far, some of his favorite memories from high school are of going out to eat with teammates and fellow cast members after tennis matches and musical rehearsals. A piece of advice he would like to give to underclassmen is to not take life too seriously, "Have fun! Do what you want to do, and don't let other people affect your decisions too much."

As for future endeavors, Hostetler does not have any concrete college plans yet, but is very interested in collegiate tennis. Next year, however, Brady is hopeful for another incredible season with his team and a lighter academic load.



BRADY AND HIS DOUBLES PARTNER WILL CLARK HOLDING THE SEMI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

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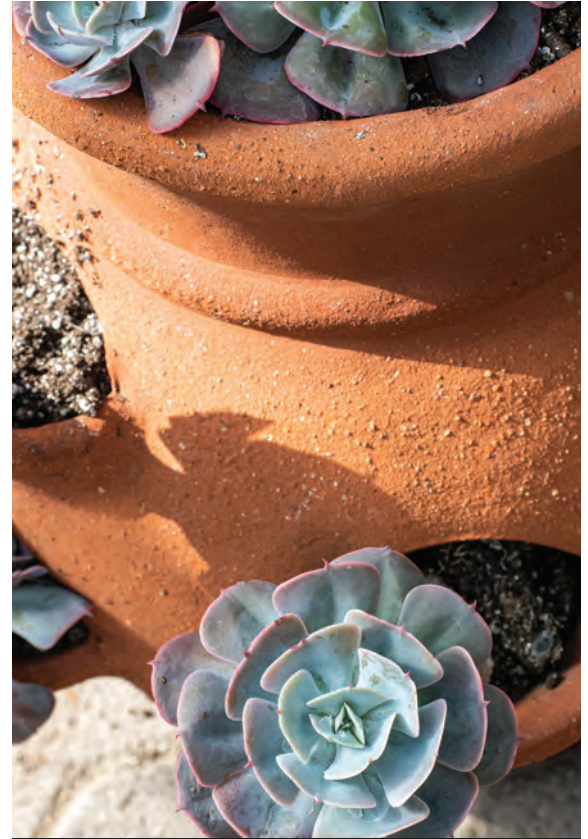
Student Ambassadors

WHS - January 2020

Left to right: Titus Schwartz, Abigail Bontrager, and Alaina Wright.

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Westview High School has selected three students to receive *Student Ambassador of the Month* honors for January 2020. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers. Westview strives to promote and acknowledge students doing more than what is expected of them. 



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I made bagels the other week. It was both a fantastic and terrible decision.

It was a fantastic decision because the

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It was a terrible decision because I can hardly go back to store-bought bagels now, but I don't have time to make them every week. Thankfully the recipe makes 24 bagels, so as long as I remember to freeze the extras I have bagels for a few weeks.

The first time I made them, though, I didn't realize until I was boiling them just how many bagels 24 is. My in-laws got surprise homemade bagels that week, because I forgot to freeze them, and they were going to go bad before I had a chance to eat them all. 🍌

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It takes courage to live outside your comfort zone, to be yourself in a world where everyone tries to copy each other. But something amazing happens when you take the risk to do so. When you do this, you build momentum. Being yourself gets easier. You receive joy from it.

Being yourself can be a struggle, though. Not everyone will “get” you. People might talk about you. You might be misunderstood. What will you do then? Will you lie down in despair or will you get up and try again? A wrestler takes many hits, but it’s when he *stays* down that he loses. The Bible talks about an evil man falling and staying down, but a righteous man who falls seven times gets up again (Proverbs 24:16). Let that be you!

Being yourself also involves growing personally and setting goals. When you go after goals, you might face resistance. Some resistance may come from people who don’t want you to succeed. It’s like a bucket full of crabs. One of the crabs becomes adventurous and starts crawling up the side of the bucket, headed for a better life. But the other crabs have something in their nature that makes them reach up and pull him back down.

There may be people who oppose your goals or personal growth because of jealousy, fear, or their own insecurities.

Instead of letting them pull you down, be confident in who God made you to be. Trust God more than you fear what others think of you.

Often, however, the most dangerous resistance in growing or being yourself comes from inside of you. We all have fears, insecurities, and doubt. Stepping out of what’s comfortable



is scary. It’s easy to see nothing but obstacles ahead of you. The insecurities inside of you make you feel intimidated about being authentic. When you dwell on these things, fear can cripple you.


But you build courage when you move ahead in your goals, even though you are afraid. The worst things you imagine usually don’t happen. Even when fears do materialize, you find

you’re able to handle the situation better than you thought you could. It takes courage to step out of your comfort zones and do new things. Each time you do something new, you’re less afraid.

When you overcome fear, you develop perseverance, problem solving, and resilience. You also lead those around you, because people see your perseverance. Did you set a few goals at the beginning of 2020? Don’t throw them away. List one or two steps to achieve them. Ask God for wisdom, and walk forward, even if you’re afraid.

Psalm 23:5-6 says God “prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.”

Life can be like a lavishly set table just out of reach. You find crumbs on the floor and believe it’s the best there is. Or you can take a risk and crawl up on the table and find joy. Will you consider that God has good things for you, even if you haven’t seen good things in the recent past?

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correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Marvin & Ella Hochstetler, 3845 S 400 W, Topeka**. Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a lighted pen, a notepad set, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to **Daniel & Erma Miller of 200 S, Topeka**. Third prize went to **Pete & Mary Barkman of 550 S, Wolcottville**.



There were 48 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Wayne & Wilma Mullet, Dean & Wilma Graber, David & Erma Schrock, John & Lorene Kurtz, Willard & Lorene Schrock, John Hochstetler, Wilbur & Doreen Herschberger, Calvin & Susan Miller, Vernon & Esther Beechy, LaVern & Lorene Lambright, James & Sara Miller, Mervin D & Edna Yoder, Elmer & Irene Miller, Paul & Mary Etta Nisley, John B & Mary Esther Herschberger, Maynard & Judy Hostetler, Michael & Ruth Schrock, Amos Jay & Ida Anna Miller, Levi & Wanda Miller, David & Alta Schrock, Sammy & Viola Eash, Harley & Lisa Schrock, Merle & Wilma Hochstetler, Glenn & Ruth Yutzy, Dan & Loretta

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Smart Choices

By Dylan Burns, Manchester University Pharmacy Student at Topeka Pharmacy

Keeping a Healthy Heart

Did you know that every year, millions of Americans pass away from heart disease? Heart disease includes any condition that causes the heart to not function properly. Without treatment, heart disease can lead to heart attacks and heart failure. The good news is that healthy choices can protect your heart, allowing you to have a healthy, active lifestyle for years to come.

What increases the risk of heart disease?

High blood pressure is a big risk factor for developing heart disease, yet many people are unaware that they have high blood pressure. High blood pressure damages the inside of blood vessels and can lead to blood clots, heart attack and stroke. Lifestyle factors such as weight gain and lack of regular exercise increases the risk.

Diabetes also greatly increases the risk for heart disease. Yet again, many people do not know they have elevated blood sugar levels.

High cholesterol levels increase the risk of heart disease through the hardening or narrowing of blood vessels.

Smoking is the most preventable risk of heart disease, and

one of the greatest causes of preventable death in the US. Smoking can damage the heart, increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.


How to prevent heart disease?

Know your numbers. Do you know your blood pressure? Your blood sugar levels? Your cholesterol levels? Your health care provider may already have these numbers in your chart. Talk with your doctor about any numbers you don't understand.

Exercise 30 minutes a day, most days of the week. Walking, biking and strength training help lower weight, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

Eat healthier. Fruits and vegetables are great foods to substitute for junk food, such as chips, candy and desserts. Cutting portion sizes in half and avoiding deep fried foods like fries and breaded meats help with weight control. Work on your eating a little at a time and you will find success.

Quit smoking! The risk of heart disease decreases by 50% after one year of successfully quitting smoking. Don't stop trying to quit, as it often takes multiple tries to succeed. If you need help quitting, talk to your doctor or call Quit Now Indiana at 1-800-QUIT-NOW for no cost help.

Stop by Topeka Pharmacy to check your blood pressure or call us at (260) 593-2252 for more information about smoking cessation or heart disease prevention. We are always here to help! 



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Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old David lee Bontrager of 600 S, Topeka was our winner for the February Coloring Contest. He won an ice cream treat of choice at E & S Sales in Shippshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by E & S Sales for a free small ice cream cone through March.

Runners-up were Myron Schlabach, age 6; James Bontrager, age 5; Kaitlyn Jean Mullet, age 4; Sophia Miller, age 3; and Kara Deann Miller, age 2. Honorable Mentions: Adrian James Bontrager, age 4; Karen Sue Herschberger, age 4; Elijah Raber, age 5; Myra Jayne Wagler, age 6; Jenise Eash, age 6; Aaron David Whetstone, age 6; and Lori Beth Yoder, age 6. Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

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



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MONEY Wise

by Brittney Schori, *Extension Educator, Purdue Extension - LaGrange County*

A Financial To-Do List for March

Have you recently set a financial goal for yourself? What are your next steps? Maybe you haven't made a financial goal and that is okay! Where should you begin if you did make a goal?

Either way, your first step is to figure out where you are spending your money. This doesn't mean your large purchases like rent, your car payment, and insurance. I am talking about the little things that add up without you realizing it. I am going to give you a challenge and you can do this without changing a thing in your daily routine.


I challenge you, for the next seven days, to carry a small notebook or a piece of paper with you and write down *everything* that you purchase!

- \$4.25 Starbucks run in the morning?
- \$12.50 salad at lunch?
- \$25 Amazon purchase over your lunch break?
- \$30 nail appointment?
- \$55 hair appointment?

After seven days, you should have your data. This is an accountability

thing and anyone can do it right now.

Do you accept my challenge?

If you are interested in creating a budget based on how you spent your money over these seven days, contact Brittney Schori to schedule a financial class. You can schedule by calling 260-499-6334 or by emailing her at bpender@purdue.edu. 

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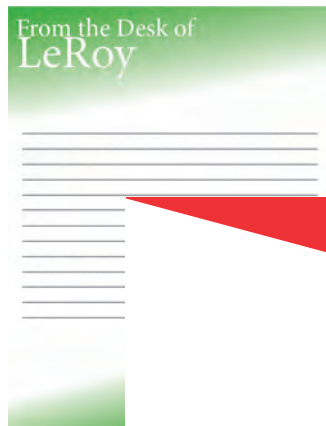
Grade 7

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Grade 8

Eli Atra, Eric Beachy, Kristie Bolling, Caleb Bontrager, Geneva Bontrager, Jaden Bontrager, Kayla Bontrager, Mark Bontrager, Melissa Bontrager, Mia Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Vera Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Jayce Brandenberger, Geneva Chupp, Emily Detweiler, Angie Eash, Katie Engelage, Elaine Frey, Olivia Frey, Sharla Frey, Amy Fry, Mary Fry, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger,

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Meadowview Elementary

Zoomobile

The Ft. Wayne Zoomobile recently visited the first grade classes to share their knowledge of insects and spiders.


The students enjoyed observing the insects up close and were able to touch them if they wanted to. 



Western Day

Meadowview Elementary students celebrated Winter Fun Fridays in

February! They kicked off the special events with Western Day by wearing their best Western, Cowboy, and

Meadowview Mustang gear. Hats off to a mild winter so far! 

All Photos Submitted



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H. Honor Roll ... cont. from prev. page

Judson Hershberger, Kevin Hershberger, Lori Hochstetler, Braden Kauffman, Luke Kemp, Grace A. Lambright, Grace E. Lambright, Jayna Lambright, Kari Lambright, Matthew Lambright, Elijah Lehman, Maria Lehman, Kaylin Mahon, Adam Miller, Austin Miller, Bruce Miller, Curtis Miller, Karli Miller, Karly Miller, Kayla Miller, Travis Miller, Vonda Miller, Douglas Minix, Lily Mishler, Teague Misner, Kaitlin Nisley, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Luna Osorio, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Amy Schlabach, Melissa Schlabach, Julie Schrock, McKynze Sivits, Kristyn Slabach, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Austin Stutzman, Kirstin Stutzman, Anita Swartzentruber, Audrey Taylor, Landon Troyer, Michael Troyer, Hope Welsh, Luke Wingard, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Brian Yoder, Christopher Yoder, Curtis Yoder, Elijah Yoder, Emily Yoder, Jeremiah Yoder, Jeremy Yoder, Keith Yoder, Laura Yoder, Nicole Yoder, Olen Yoder, Scott Yoder, and Suzanne Yoder.

Grade 9

Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, Kaylee Barger, Kylen Bender, Ava Brown, Andrew Byler, Brianna Caldwell, Faith Christner, Ella Clark, Alyssa Collier, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Braden Eash, Daniel Fry, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Courtney Hall, Chadwick Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Bailey Kenner, Aidan Koehler, Aidan Kohlheim, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Evan Litwiller, Bodie Martin, Collin Martin, Jaxon May, Adrian Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kamryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Tyler Miller, Katelyn Mishler, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Evangeline Niccum, Natalie Privett, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Haluh Saleh, Derek Schrock, Paige Schwartz, Dawson Shrock, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, Christian Uresti, Kate Welsh, Shane Wood, and Baylee Yoder.

Grade 10

Mukhammadamin Abdurakhmonov, Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Brennan Beachy, Landon Bennett, Abigail Bontrager, Bohdy Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser,

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Solution to puzzle on page 6



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**BAGELS:
A GOOD ON-THE-GO
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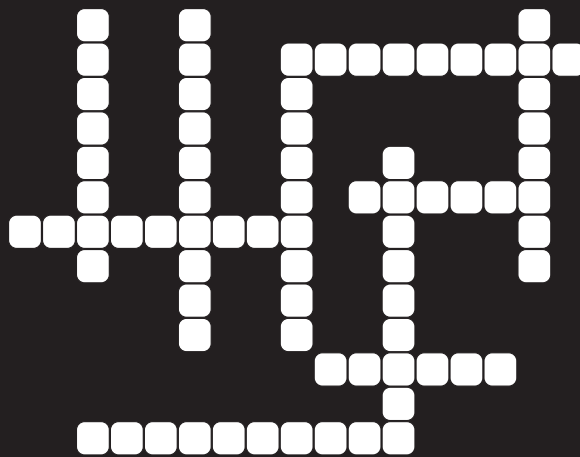
No Sun Yet

St Patrick

Not Easter

Coming Soon

Praise God



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*Solution to Clueless
Crossword is on pg 24.
by Issa Miller*

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Math Day

Shipshe-Scott Elementary students and staff participated in different math games and activities throughout the day. 



Science with Millipedes

Fourth grade students, with the help from the Ft Wayne Zoo, learned about millipedes. Students recorded how much the millipede eats, the humidity in its habitat, and temperature of its environment. They had specific jobs and each one recorded the data in their booklet. 




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Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Pennies for Patients

Shipshe-Scott Elementary School collected money to give to Riley Hospital to help them find a cure for cancer. Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten


class brought in the most money with \$500.00. The grand total the school collected was \$4,458.14. 

All Photos Submitted



Communities

Mrs. Mast's second grade class learned about urban, suburban and rural

communities. They made dioramas for the different kinds of communities. 



H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 9

Sarabeth Drew, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Gramm Egli, Kaylyn Gates, Tylar Glick, Elijah Hostetler, Megan Kauffman, Brookelyn Lambright, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Martin Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Sean Nordman, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Anthony Sanchez, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Elaine Troyer, Drew Walker, Maria Weaver, Aiden Wisler, Edna Yoder, and Jadon Yoder.

Grade 11

Kaylee Adelmann, Hadel Alammari, Addison Bender, Raegan Bender, Timothy Brandenberger, Hailee Caldwell, Douglas Calvillo, William Clark, McKenna Collier, Caleb Cory, Andrew Cupp, Hannah Davidson, Deann Fry, Isabelle Helmuth, Brady Hostetler, Dominic Hostetler, Mary Hostetler, Savannah Huddleston, Keegan Kohlheim, Drew Litwiller, Hallie Mast, Rosamaria McMahon, Andrea Mendoza, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Erika Miller, Gloria Miller, Inah Miller, Lyndon Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Cael Misner, Cassandra Moreno, Nicholas Mortrud, Janice Mullet, Joseph Mullett, Jorge Munoz, Hannah Neff, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Hannah Schwartz, Katrina Schwartz, Peyton Schwartz, Katherine Stutzman, Nicole Stutzman, and Abby Welsh.

Grade 12

Chloe Bontrager, Melayna Borg, Kurtis Davis, Blake Egli, Aleka Ernsberger, Kyle Fennell, Aiden Gingerich, Skyler Hawk, Corrina Hochstetler, Jodi Hostetler, John Kelly, Bryant King, Ryan Klaassen, Paul Klopfenstein, Hannah Knabe, Allie Kruckeberg, Christen Lantz, Lavinnia Lantz, Trevor Lindsey, Addison Martin, Payton May, Rasha Muharam, Ashley Mullett, Peyton Myers, Drew Nordman, Kaylie Rolin, Kiah Schrock, Anthony Schwartz, Justin Schwartz, Rosalyn Schwartz, Titus Schwartz, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Andre' Stutzman, Darrion Thornburgh, Ashley Weaver, Chelsea Weaver, Jack Welsh, Zoe Williams, Charles Yoder, Micah Yoder, and Russell Yoder.

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Shipshe-Scott Elementary


100th Day

Students at Shipshewana-Scott did a number of different activities for the 100th day of school. 



Canned Food Drive

Shipshewana-Scott Elementary had a canned food drive in correlation to the "Souper" Bowl. The school col-

lected 269 canned food items to give to a local food bank. 

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Grade 7

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Grade 8

Dale Bontrager, Darin Bontrager, Eric Bontrager, Carson Brown, Ashley Chupp, Lynn Eash, Luke Fry, Phaylon Gingerich, Joshua Heidorn, Jaylon Herschberger, Kayla King, Jeryle Lambright, Teasha Lambright, Brady Lehman, Ciara Mikel, Geneva Miller, Karl Miller, Karolyn Miller, Lyle Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Miller, Izaak Moore, Jason Otto, KeeLee Palmer, Katie Rheinheimer, Janell Schlabach, Andrea Schwartz, Dennis Schwartz, Ireley Sherman, Sierra Stump, Jalen Stutzman, Abriana Suddarth, Lauren Vanderpool, Amy Wagler, Joseph Weaver, Dena Whetstone, Anthony Wingard, Alayna Yoder, Danika Yoder, Eric Yoder, Jerica Yoder, Lynette Yoder, and Melissa Yoder.

Grade 9

Hoyda Al Yahiri, Leilyn Bradley, Isabella Carmona, Braden Helman, Kyle Hochstetler, Jethro Hostetler, Bianca Leonard, Norah Massey, Cole Mast, Diana Mendoza, Adrian L. Miller, Andrea Miller, Dayshayla Miller, Kayden Moore, Kaylee Noble, Logan Schwartz,

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Westview Elementary

Science Fair


Westview Elementary held their annual Science Fair on Feb. 13. The following students won first place in their respective categories.

1. Engineering 1st Place: Carver Stump.
2. BioMedical 1st Place: Darin Miller and Isaiah Bontrager.

3. Chemistry 1st Place: Hannah Schlabach and Annette Whetstone.

4. Animal Sciences 1st Place: Isaac Nissley and Shawn Raber.

5. Materials 1st Place: Lily Mullet and Madison Grossman.

6. Behavioral 1st Place: Brett Springer and Sawyer Beechy (not pictured). 

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Geography Bee

Westview Elementary completed their annual National Geographic Bee on January 28, 2020 in the school's Media Center. Principal, Mrs. Juli Leeper and the Bee Coordinator, Ronda Hostetler directed the Bee in accordance with the rules of the National Geographic Bee.

Ninety-six students took a written preliminary test and the top ten scores qualified to advance to the Bee. Those who participated were: Fifth Graders: Carver Stump, Seth Lambright, Lucas Mullet and Sixth Graders: Lanita

Mast, Audri Martin, Kristen Bender, Brina Williams, Isaac Nissley and Hannah Schlabach. Qualifier, Collin Herschberger was absent the day of the Bee.

Sixth-grader, Hannah Schlabach, daughter of Freeman and Jane Bontrager of Millersburg, was named the school champion. Kristen Bender, also a sixth grader, was our bee runner up.


Hannah will take an online state qualifier test to see if she will advance to the state level. 

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Honor Roll ... cont. from page 28

Taylor Sherman, Ami Williams, Brady Yoder, and Regina Yoder.

Grade 10

Brieonna Baker, Andrew Baughman, Hailey Bibbee, Wyatt Cranor, Sabrina Eller, Lukas Emehiser, Layna Engelage, Brandon Lehman, Joslyn Marner, Logan McNamara, Zachary Miller, Maddison Mishler, Saleh Omar, Amina Omarouf, Tanner Pruitt, Kendall Schwartz, Anthony Stevens, Savana Strater, Caleb Yater, Alexander Yoder, and Mason Yoder.

Grade 11

Jason Al-Faisal, Younis Algaradi, Spencer Carpenter, Emily Christner, Tiffany Goff, Hannah Martin, Amber McHenry, Sacha Mitchell, Payton Oliver, Kassandra Schlabach, Krissia Schlabach, Payton Schreiber, Macy Swihart, and Kiyee Thibos.

Grade 12

Bradley Chupp, Amy Hershberger, Jack McCoy, Anthony Miller, Michael Miller, Hannah Mishler, Jessa Owens, Leon Raber, Alexis Roth, Darrian Weaver, and Austin Yoder.

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Buddies

Some of Westview's elementary students along with their high school buddies enjoyed time together recently to kick off the second semester of the school year. **i** *All Photos Submitted*



Cheyenne Daniels, 3rd grader, with her high school buddy, senior Kaylie Rollin.



Jaxson Marks, 2nd grader, and his buddy senior Jack McCoy.

Science Central

Second and fourth grade students listened to a Science Central instructor who recently visited Topeka Elementary with a program centered on Earth's atmosphere and weather. Below, Charlie Lassen and Atzimba Munoz-Huerta help out with a demonstration on atmospheric pressure. **i**



Topeka Elementary

Pennies for Patients

As part of its Bears that Care initiative, each February, Topeka Elementary collected money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through their program "Pennies for Patients." The containers were out and ready to be filled with a friendly grade level contest

as part of the fun. At the end of the two weeks, students and staff hoped to top last years total of \$2,134. First grade teacher, Mrs. Dawn Miller, heads up the collection and two of her students, Erika Mast and Kyle Hershberger, are shown with the collection containers. **i**



Camping Day

Mrs. Miller's first grade class at Topeka Elementary enjoyed a camping day in their classroom. They worked on math activities

using marshmallows, enjoyed reading in a tent that was set up, and they did a lot of activities sitting around the campfire. **i**



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Topeka Elementary

Snow Fort Time

Finally...enough snow for Topeka Elementary students to enjoy playing in during recess! Second graders fill

buckets with snow to work on building a snow fort. 

Photos Submitted




(left to right): Abdulrahman Alyaharee, Nassar Yahya, Rahaf Alyaharee, Morgan Bontrager, and Ramona Speicher pose with the fort.



Orientation to Westview High School


Westview Jr/Sr High School is hosting an "Orientation to High School" meeting for parents on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Wilson Auditorium. Parents of current 8th graders, whose child will be attending Westview as a freshman in the fall, are invited to attend. Items to be discussed include graduation requirements, graduation pathways, diploma options, four-year academic plans, college credit opportunities, vocational programs, and post-secondary planning.

If you have any questions, please contact school counselor, Jennifer May, at (260)-768-4146 or at mayj@westview.k12.in.us. 

Westview High School

District III FFA Contest

The Westview FFA Small Engines teams placed first, second, third and sixth in the 17 team District III FFA Contest held at Lakeland High School. The students were required to assemble an engine in 75 minutes, demonstrate 5 engines skills, identify 30 tools and parts, complete a Specifications Sheet and answer a 25 question test. The top two teams will be competing in

the State FFA Small Engines Contest on April 25, 2020 where \$10,000 in scholarships are available. The winning team consisted of Ronnie Raley and Chadwick Herschberger. The second place team consisted of Paul Klopfenstein and Andrew Baughman. The third place team was Jace Everett and Aidan Kohler. The sixth place team was Aiden Wisler and Nate Eichelberger. 

(left to right): Jace Everett, Ronnie Raley, Aidan Kohler, Chadwick Herschberger, Aiden Wisler, Andrew Baughman, Nate Eichelberger and Paul Klopfenstein.

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It's been a busy beginning of the year for the LaGrange County Health Department (LCHD), and we have already been thinking about "Back to School" as this school year comes to an end. I encourage you to contact your health care provider or the LCHD to schedule your child's immunizations now. The new 2020-2021 Required & Recommended School Immunization List is available. Give us a call at (260) 499-4182 extension 1 to schedule your appointment or to check status of recommended immunizations.



Life is precious.
Protect those you love
Do not wait. vaccinate.
VACCINES SAVE LIVES.

Why vaccinate? - We vaccinate to protect our future.

Immunizations play an important part in the steps to erasing diseases, such as small pox. The polio virus vaccine has eradicated 99% of polio worldwide (now left in a few countries).

We do not vaccinate just to protect our children. We also vaccinate to protect our grandchildren and their grandchildren. Our children don't have to get smallpox shots anymore because the disease no longer exists. **Smallpox is now only a memory.**

Immunizations prevent illness, disability, and death from preventable diseases such as cervical cancer, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhea, rubella, and tetanus. Immunizations currently stop an estimated 2-3 million deaths worldwide every year from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and measles.

The LaGrange County Health Department's Immunization Improvement Program is focus on continued care for our county's children and families. We provide immunization clinics for scheduled appointments in the LaGrange office on Monday and Tuesday, and walk-ins on Wednesday, as well as off-site clinics in Topeka and Shipshewana alternating weeks on Thursdays. Outreach clinics have also been scheduled in the Wolcottville area. The staff is committed to continually reach out to the community to provide other off-site clinics. If you are interested in hosting a clinic, please contact the LaGrange County Health Department at (260) 499-4182, extension #1.

What if we stopped vaccinating?

Diseases that are almost unknown would stage a comeback. For example, if we stopped immunizations, measles would increase to pre-vaccine levels, and 2.7 million measles deaths worldwide could be expected.

IMMUNIZATIONS: LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (260) 499-4182 extension 1

Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY

*Friday, May 1,
Saturday, May 2, 2020*

At The Cove

705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

CAPTAIN Age _____

(as of May 2)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____

(as of May 2)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____

(as of May 2)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____

(as of May 2)

T-Shirts for everybody!

All games will have refs!

Teams limited to 4 players. Tournament is double elimination. Must be at least 3 entries in a given division for competition to take place.

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

Entry Deadline April 17, 2020

Student Division \$50

Make checks payable to LaGwana.

Send completed form and entry fee to:

LaGwana, PO Box 70
Shipshewana, IN 46565
phone: 260-768-7878

After April 30th, call 260-585-6050 for 3 - on - 3 schedule and info.

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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Boys 16 - 18 division will be played Friday evening starting at 6. Boys 13 - 15 division will start Friday evening at 6 and finish up on Saturday morning. Both divisions need to check in by 5:45pm (doors open at 5pm).

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, [facebook.com/LaGwana/](https://www.facebook.com/LaGwana/), or call 260-585-6050 after Thursday April 30th.

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Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 2, 2020

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 2)

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

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 2)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 2)

T-Shirts for everybody!

All games will have refs!

Open and Century Divisions \$60

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Cash Prizes

STARTS AT 2 PM

For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.

OPEN DIVISION: Teams limited to 4 players, can be over 18 (but don't HAVE to be). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 2.

STARTS AT 3 PM

Must keep 100 years of experience on the court.

CENTURY DIVISION: Teams limited to 4 players (Century Division must keep 100 years on the court with 3 players at all times). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 3.

Guidelines:

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

competition to take place. Each team to pay \$60 entry fee with pre-registration (in our office by April 17). **All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts.** After that, please bring your \$60 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments. **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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“CAN I GET AN AMEN?”

But, was it the Sermon or the Sweet Cream?

by Harold D. Gingerich

Sometimes the funniest things happen in church. Craig Helman shared one of those hilarious moments with Maggie Glick who included it in "Celebrating a Century 1893-1993," published by the Topeka Area Historical Society. It involved Craig's great, great grandfather John Shover Ramsby, whose sweet cream hair tonic made for an interesting Sunday morning service at Eden Chapel. But first, a little family history will be helpful.

It was in October of 1834, Mrs. Elizabeth (Stevens) Ramsby (1789-1869), the widow of John H. Ramsby (1772-1830), came from Ohio with her five sons and two daughters settling on land in Section 27 of Eden Township (2 miles west and a half mile north of Topeka on what is now the west side of State Road 5). John Ramsby was

born in Germany on February 29, 1772. Exactly when he immigrated to America is not clear. However, genealogy records on Family Search website indicate that he married Elizabeth Stevens in 1807 in Hawkins, Ohio. Their oldest daughter Mahala (1812-1880) was born in Ross County, Ohio, in January of 1812. John died on May 18, 1830, in Hocking, Ohio. In October of that same year, Mahala married John Hostetter (1808-1885) and they moved to Indiana where their son Simon D. Hostetter was born in 1832. Simon is said to have been the first white child born in Noble County. With her daughter living on the Haw Patch it is easy to understand why Elizabeth would move to this area.

John Shover "Jack" Ramsby (1814-1898) was Elizabeth's second

child. He married Hannah Reynolds on December 28, 1837. Hannah's sister, Mary, married Jack's brother Robinson Crusoe Ramsby (1823-1909). Jack (John) and Hannah would have 10 children who all lived to adulthood. Their fifth child, Alfred (1844-1936) was Craig Helman and his twin sisters, Tamra Gerber and Paula Yoder's great grandfather. And thanks to the painstaking scrapbooking work of Craig, Tamra, and Paula's late mother, Theda Lou, who was the only child of Homer and Elma Weaver Ramsby, we have a wealth of both family history and family photos.

John Shover Ramsby is mentioned in both the 1882 History of LaGrange County, Indiana and the LaGrange County Centennial History 1828-1928. The 1882 history (page 187) notes that

“besides being a wealthy farmer, (he) has become noted as an admirer of the chase.” It went on to say that, “Deer and bears in the early days, and foxes and coons of later years, furnished the sport. Bears, of course have long since gone. Thirty years ago, Mr. Ramsby captured three, but since then only a straggler has now and then appeared.”

We are left to wonder how John Stover found time for all that, given what the 1828-1928 history says about him (page 90). “Alvin Ramsby’s father, J. S. Ramsby, being somewhat crippled and therefore unable to do any farm work, did teaming. He took grain of all kinds and beans to Fort Wayne for farmers and brought back supplies to such trade concerns as Benton, Waterford, Middlebury and Lima.” We are left to wonder what caused him to be “somewhat crippled”.

The Topeka Journal article of February 10, 1916, on the history of Eden Township quotes his daughter Harriet Ramsby Douglas and confirms his work as a teamster. During hauling season Ramsby would make two trips a week to Ft. Wayne. He would leave home early on a Monday morning with a load of wheat, returning home after dark on Wednesday night. The following morning, he would leave again and get home late Saturday night. All that time

traveling back and forth to Ft. Wayne didn’t keep him from attending church. And this is where Craig’s story, as told by his great grandfather Alvin Ramsby, continues.

“Father was very particular about his appearance on Sunday. When he was ready for church his daughter Har-

riet put a tablespoon of sweet cream in a saucer. Father dipped his fingers in the cream and rubbed it into his hair –

When church opened, the flies circled and followed the sweet cream right to Father’s hair. “He would ‘Amen’ and swat from brow to the back of his neck with his left hand, and ‘Amen’ from the crown of his head to the ridge of his nose with his right hand. That was the most thoroughly ‘Amen-ed’ sermon the preacher ever had!

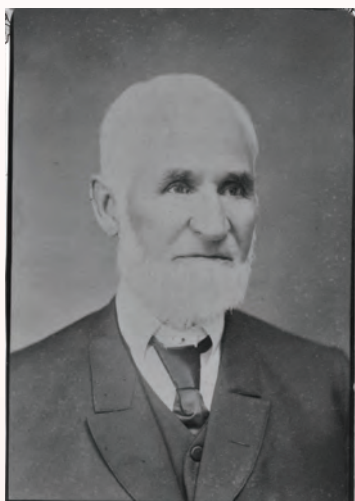
“It also was Father’s last time with sweet cream in his hair.”

John Shover and Hannah Reynolds Ramsby and numerous members of the Ramsby family, including all 10 or their children, are buried in the Salem Cemetery a mile south of the LaGrange - Noble county line on the east side of State Road

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Back (left to right): Albert, Harriet, Alvin, Mary, and Alfred. Middle: Emily, Sarah, Hannah Reynolds Ramsby, John Shover Ramsby, and Allen. Front: Martha & Ellen.



John Shover Ramsby Photo Submitted



Alfred Ramsby Photo Submitted

riet put a tablespoon of sweet cream in a saucer. Father dipped his fingers in the cream and rubbed it into his hair – for the shine.

“One year Spring was early and, with a heavy wood fire in Eden Chapel, by church time a few flies had hatched. The first requisite of all life is food.

5. Among them is Allen J. Ramsby, another son of John Shover. Allen was a member of the Ligonier Regulators, who captured the horse thief Gregory McDougal. McDougal was hung at Diamond Lake on Tuesday, January 26, 1858.

Of interest to the writer’s wife: The four sons were named Allen, Alfred, Alvin, and Albert. Poor Hannah! You must wonder how she managed to get out the right name when she called one of her boys, especially if he was being naughty!!

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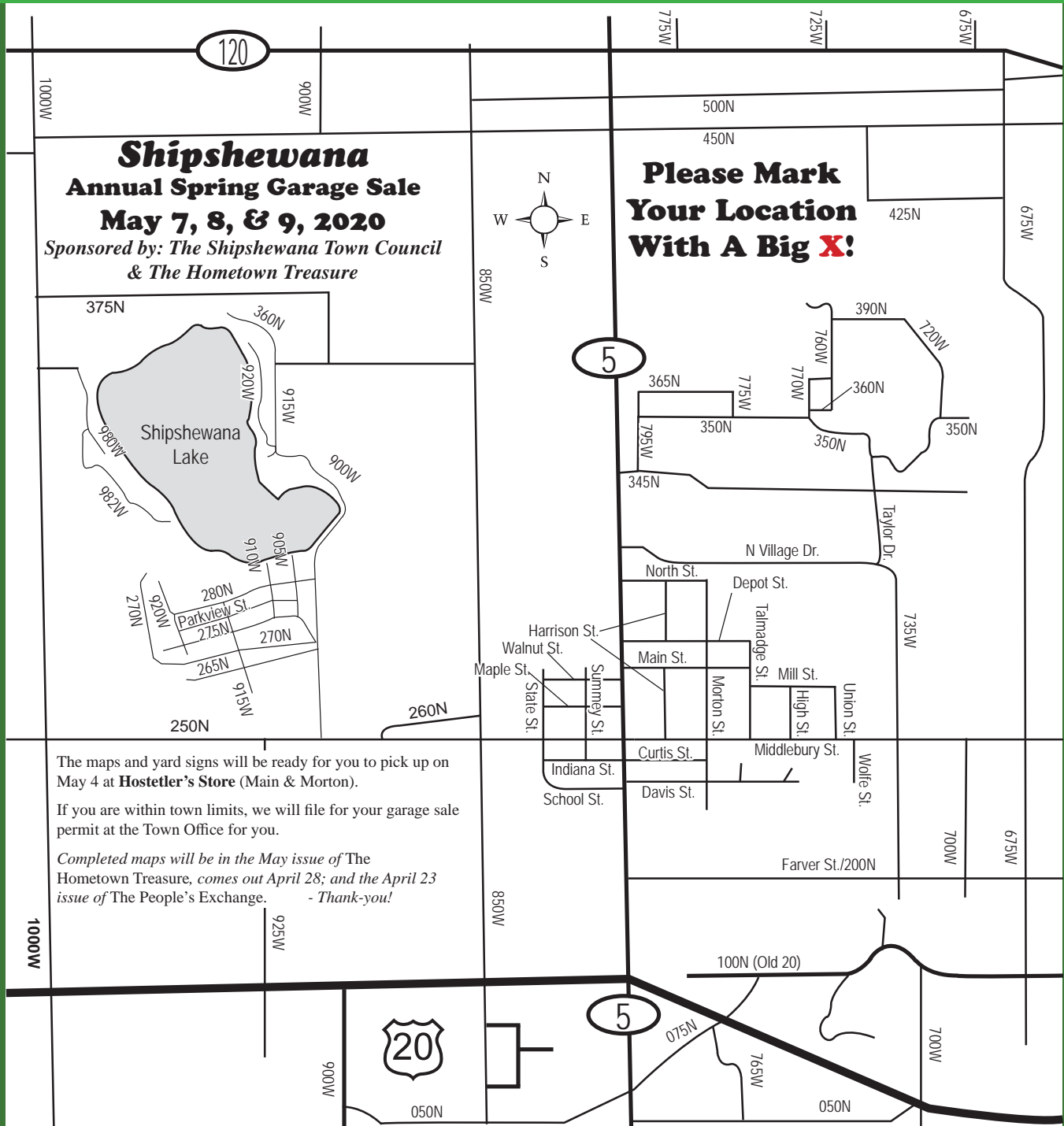
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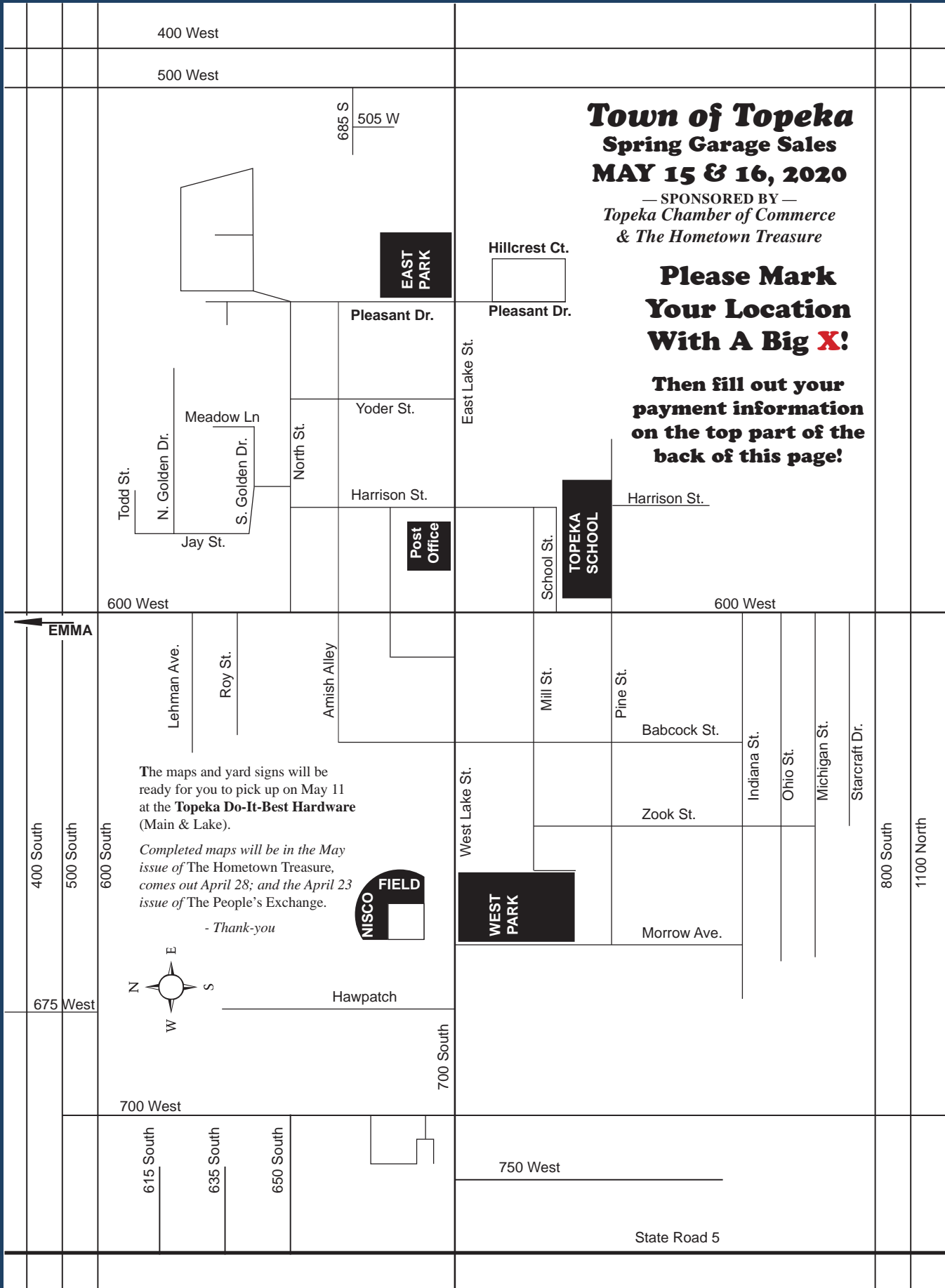
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Lake City Bank
proudly serving the community

By Harold D. Gingerich

“I love the people who work here,” a lady said to me when I went in to interview the folks at Lake City Bank in Shipshewana. “They make me feel like a people not a number!” So, if hometown customer service with folks you know and who know you is what you’re looking for in a bank, Lake City’s Shipshewana branch is a good place to go. Located at 895 North Van Buren, Jen Wilson and her staff at Lake City Bank are ready, willing and able to take

care of all your banking needs.

The third oldest state-chartered bank in Indiana and Warsaw based, Lake City Bank was founded in 1872. Their first home was next to Wynant’s Drug Store. Three years later, Lake City moved to the Indiana Building on the south side of Warsaw’s town square. Today with 50 branches serving 15 counties, Lake City is a \$5.0 billion dollar bank and the sixth largest bank to be headquartered in Indiana.

Through times of booming economic growth, days of recession, even during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Lake City has continued to serve the people of northern Indiana. Lake City Bank is understandably proud of their financial stability and history of service to the community. They have been a subsidiary of Lakeland Financial Corporation since the 1990s.

“Personal attention is what makes us (Lake City) special,” Wilson says.

“Many of the larger banks have moved away from this, but we are still very traditional in that respect. We want to know our customers on a personal basis and when they walk in the door, we want them to feel relaxed.”

Lake City’s commitment to personalized customer service has not come at the expense of the latest digital banking conveniences. With mobile and online banking, it’s easy for people to check their account balance, make deposits, and pay bills. One of the latest mobile banking features is named Zelle. “Zelle is an easy way for people to transfer money,” Jen says. She explained it this way, “Let’s say we went out for dinner and I paid for it ...and you wanted to send me some money for it, you just send it (from your smart phone) and it’s there almost instantly. It’s pretty impressive!”


Lake City offers a full line of busi-

ness and commercial banking services. From agricultural loans and lines of credit, to commercial cash management solutions designed to automate banking transactions and mitigate the risk of fraud, they want to help you grow your business.

Individuals and families can also take advantage of a variety of Lake City’s services beyond normal banking. In addition to loans tailored to meet your individual needs, Lake City offers Trust, Investment Planning, and Brokerage services. Twelve wealth advisors and six investments representatives are available; all dedicated to helping Lake City customers build and maintain wealth.

Lake City Bank’s Shipshewana location is open Monday – Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and

Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. You can call them at (260) 768-4590 to set up an appointment to talk about your banking needs.

For more information on Lake City Bank, visit their website: www.lakecitybank.com. You can also find them on Facebook. Better yet, stop in and say “Hello” to Jen and the staff. 



A New Decade – A New Look!

We are expanding our Topeka location to better serve you in 2020!

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Plus a larger store to shop for garden seeds, bag and liquid fertilizers, insect repellents and grass seed.

***Bulk river rock, lime stone, top soil and mulch (3 colors available).**

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Landscape Center

**Located just 3 miles west of downtown Topeka on CR 700 S,
watch for our opening in late March (weather permitting).
260.593.3003 or 574-825-0089**

Four Man Golf Scramble to benefit LaGrange County Special Olympics

A golf benefit is being held Saturday, May 2, 2020 to benefit the LaGrange County Special Olympics. Registration starts at 8:00 am that day with tee-off following at 9:00. An awards presentation and lunch will be immediately following the tournament. In addition to the first, second and third place prizes, there will be door prizes, a longest drive prize, raffle prizes, and a chance to win \$10,000 on a hole-in-one contest. The hole-in-one is sponsored by the Howe-LaGrange Insurance Agency.

Entry Fees are \$260 for a team of four, \$150 for a hole sponsorship or \$360 for both. Register at the Heron Creek clubhouse or by calling 260-463-2906. Heron Creek is located at 615 W 50 N, LaGrange IN 76761. 



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(left to right): Town Board President Ron Troyer, Topeka Fire Chief Stewart Bender, Mike Cunningham, Justin Cunningham, and Pioneer Area Manager Paul Georgen. Photo Submitted

Pioneer Donates Grain Bin Rescue Unit

Thanks to the generosity of Pioneer Seed Company and their local distributors, Mike and Justin Cunningham, the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department now has a valuable lifesaving tool. Paul Georgen, Pioneer Territory Manager from Plymouth, IN, along with the Cunninghams came to Topeka's Station 30 to present Fire Chief Stewart Bender with a check for \$5,000 on January 29th. The donation will cover all but \$300 of the cost of the Great Wall of Rescue grain bin rescue device.

"We are so grateful to Pioneer for a lifesaving tool like this," Chief Bender commented, "and I hope that we never have to use it." While there are not many calls to rescue someone entrapped in a grain bin, when those calls do come, they present a high risk for both the victim and the first responder. Bender went on to say that training exercises are being planned for the 28 member department which serves a 110 square mile area in LaGrange and Noble counties.

When Mike Cunningham, a Pioneer sales representative for 41 years, and his son Justin learned that Pioneer's parent company Corteva Agriscience offered a community grant program they went to work. "We appreciate this community and wanted to do something to help," Cunningham said. "Every (rural) fire department should have one of these."

The lightweight wall sections of Great Wall's design are easily maneuvered and can be aligned around the entrapped victim to form a tube, a wall, or other irregular shapes depending on the circumstance. Detachable steps can be inserted into each panel which allows the rescuer to use his own body weight to push the sections into the grain around the victim. Platforms were also included to provide a sturdy base for rescuers. One additional panel feature is a built-in auger that can move 1.5 bushels of grain per minute. Topeka was able to purchase 12 panels along with carrying bags that can easily be carried by two firemen. 

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Varsity Boys Basketball



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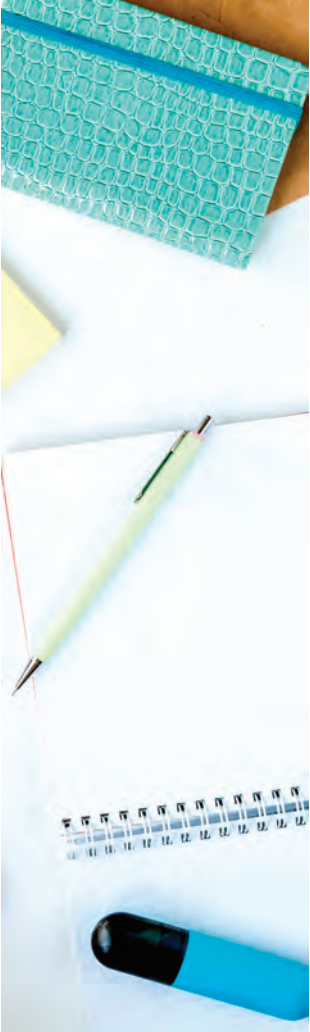


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- 1) Luke Miller shoots for two.
- 2) Drew Litwiller scores from just inside the three point line.
- 3) Lyndon Miller holds the ball for a last second basket at the end of the first quarter.
- 4) Charlie Yoder brings the ball down the court.
- 5) Blake Egli makes both free throw shots.

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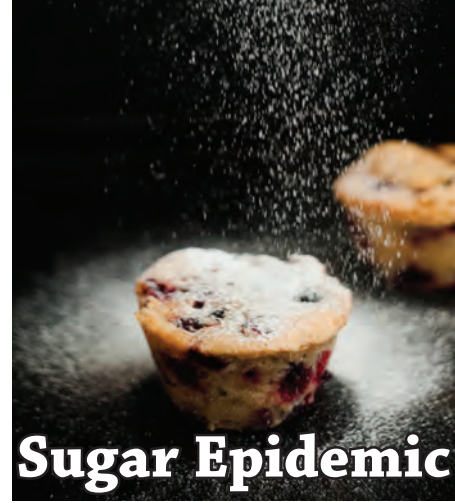
Community Impact Grants Now Available

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for Community Impact Grants program. Community Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations serving LaGrange County. These grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have supported the 'unrestricted' and 'field of interest' charitable funds at the Foundation.


The Community Foundation will be


conducting two funding rounds in 2020. Grant applications will be due April 1 and September 3. The Community Foundation seeks proposals for innovative or creative projects with significant impact on the community in five areas: arts & culture, recreation, health and human services, education and environment

Nonprofit organizations are invited to attend the Grant Workshop on February 19 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation. To submit an application visit lccf.net/community-impact-grants. All applications for the first round are due April 1, 2020 and the second round are due September 3, 2020. Please contact Leanna Martin at lmartin@lccf.net or call 260-463-4363 for questions or more information. 



Sugar Epidemic

Sue Delagrange, MS, RDN, LD from LaGrange County Council on Aging Cancer Services will present a free program called 'Sugar Epidemic'. In this program you will learn the health benefits of removing excess sugar from your diet. It will be held at the LaGrange County Council on Aging, 410 Central Avenue (US 20), LaGrange, IN on Friday, March 27, 2020, 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Reservations are recommended, but not required. For more information or to reserve a seat, call toll free to 1-866-484-9560. 



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BREAST CANCER: BEST PROTECTION IS EARLY DETECTION!!!!...

Breast cancer will affect an average of one in seven women during their lifetime and is the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths in women. Regular screenings are a good way to keep your health in check. Cancer screenings help to save lives as mammograms can find cancer before symptoms are present. Diagnostic mammography is used when an abnormality is found during screening or in women who have breast complaints, such as a breast mass, nipple discharge, breast pain or skin irritation.

<p>03/18/20 LaGrange County Health Department — 304 North Townline Rd, LaGrange</p> <p>03/26/20 Parkview Lagrange Hospital — 207 N. Townline Rd, LaGrange</p> <p>03/30/20 Dayspring Christian Healthcare — 1155 N 1200 W, Middlebury/LaGrange County</p>		
<p>CALL US TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT: (260) 483-1847 & (800) 727-8439 ext. 68120</p>		
<p>**Please note: For women without insurance, a high deductible or resources to pay, funding (\$\$\$) is available**</p>		
<p>*IMMUNIZATIONS: LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (260) 499-4182 Extension 1*</p>		
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">LaGrange Clinic</p> <p>LaGrange County Health Department</p> <p>Monday Appointments; 8:00-11:30 am & 1-3:30 pm</p> <p>Tuesday Appointments; 7:30-11:30 am & 1-5:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Walk-ins; 8:30-11:00 am & 1-3:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Shipshewana Clinic</p> <p>Wolfe Building's Community Room</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">Only 1st & 3rd Thursday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Topeka Clinic</p> <p>Topeka Fire Station</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">Only 2nd & 4th Thursday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</p>

Varsity Girls Basketball



- 1) Allie Springer goes up for a layup.
- 2) Hailey Miller gains control of a loose ball.
- 3) Gloria Miller readies herself for a shot.
- 4) Alexys Antal jumps above her LaVille opponent and shoots for two.
- 5) Erika Miller fend off her LaVille opponents during sectional playoffs.
- 6) Julianna Miller shoots for two and scores.

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LaGrange County Parks News

Maplewood Hosts Maple Syrup Days

Like clockwork, every March, maple sap starts running all across northern Indiana. And like clockwork, Maplewood Nature Center gears up to make maple syrup and to host the festivities of Maple Syrup Days. It's time to let the aroma of wood smoke and boiling maple sap lure you in to enjoy all that Maple Syrup Days offers! Kick off the day with the South Milford Lions "all you can eat" pancakes and sausage from 7:00am - 2:30pm.

Save room for maple kettle corn, maple cotton candy, and take in games, and backyard sugar making demonstrations. Help to support the Maple Syrup Days tradition and reward yourself with some maple syrup and maple syrup candies to take home with you.

Other activities running from 8:00am - 3:00pm include:

- Sugar Shack tours.
- The Roz Puppets returns! Nature themed children's activities will alternate with shows.
- Horse drawn wagon rides into the Sugar Bush.

Be sure to dress warmly so you can take it all in!

This year, Maple Syrup Days run **March 21 & 22 from 7:00am to 3:00pm** at the Maple Wood Nature Center at 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN. More information can be found at <http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org>.



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Sap Run & Syrup Stroll

The Friends of LaGrange County Parks invite you to a 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Stroll on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00am. Walkers and runners of all skill levels are welcome! The course is a limestone park trail and paved road. Goody bags include an event stocking cap, syrup, and a ticket to the all-you-can eat pancake and sausage meal at Maple Syrup Days, March 21 & 22! The cost is \$30 for full goody bag but there is an option to pay \$15 for the run and meal ticket only.

Printable registration forms and links to online registration can be found on the Facebook page: Friends of LaGrange County Parks.

The run will be held at the Maple Wood Nature Center at 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN. Proceeds will go to LaGrange County Parks Department.



MONTHLY EVENTS

Other LaGrange County Parks Activities in March

Breakfast with the Birds at Maple Wood

Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 - 10:00am,
Maple Syrup Recipes

Spend the morning with fellow nature lovers. All ages are welcome. Doughnuts and hot beverages will be served while supplies last. This is a casual, social atmosphere. We'll take a short walk after the talk if weather permits.

Enjoy samples of freshly made recipes incorporating maple syrup.

Spring Quilt Classes at South Milford Community Room

March 28, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The March class will be a piece called "Liberty" and would make a great table topper or wall hanging.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225, or email lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks) For more information, contact the instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.

Make - n - Take Crafts

Second Saturday, March 14, 10 am & 2 pm

Maple Syrup Activity Sheets
Easy nature crafts for the entire family! Free of charge (donations appreciated).


Maple Wood Fiber Guild

No March meeting!

Folk Jams

Fifth Sunday this month,
March 29, 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added.

For more information, contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, reo43@aol.com, or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022. 

Maple Wood Nature Center Donations Wish List:

- Plastic Totes of all sizes with lids
- Bird Feed of any kind
- Finch Socks for thistle
- Washable, Child Safe Ink Pads in any color

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7th Boys Basketball



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- 1) Hayden Lower goes up for a layup.
- 2) Max Engle passes the ball to an open teammate under the basket.
- 3) Anson Chupp looks for an open teammate.
- 4) Kamden Yoder brings the ball across the time line.
- 5) Owen Brill shoots and scores over the head of his Lakeland opponent.
- 6) Jaxon Engle works to escape his two Lakeland opponents.

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BUILT FOR BIG

National Truck & Tractor Pull to Invade The MEC

On Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, the Michiana Event Center and Grogg-Martin Auctioneers and Realty will proudly present the second annual Deutz-Fahr Wakarusa Ag NTPA Shippshewana Spring Nationals Indoor Truck and Tractor Pull and Michiana Farm Show. Having been expanded to three sessions and seven competing divisions plus Exhibition Super Semis, the 2020 event will build on the tremendous success of the inaugural edition which converted the Center's gargantuan Trade Show Building into a regulation-length arena to the delight of thousands of first-time and long-time pulling fans alike.

Competitors in this internationally contested motorsport construct specialized, high-performance vehicles that resemble farm tractors, trucks, and dragsters in order to pull a weighted sled the greatest distance along a straight, dirt course.

"We were simply blown away by the response in 2019 in our first year for this event at the MEC," said the Center's Jeff Fought. "We had fans attend from several states away, and I feel the building and time of the year are the perfect scenario for a national indoor pull. We say the MEC was 'Built For Big,' and that's what the NTPA Spring Nationals will be!"

Deutz-Fahr Wakarusa Ag NTPA Shippshewana Spring Nationals II will be conducted Friday at 6 pm. (Session One) and Saturday at noon (Session Two) and 6 pm. (Session Three). Each show will feature a slightly different slate of invitation-only classes from among the following NTPA Championship Pulling divisions: Super Farm Tractors (Sessions One and Two); Light Super Stock and Limited Pro Stock Tractors, Exhibition Super Semis, and Modified Minis (each in Sessions One and Three); Hot Farm Tractors

and Two-Wheel-Drive Trucks (each in Session Two only); and Pro Stock Diesel 4x4 Trucks (Sessions Two and Three).

Discounted pre-event tickets for the Deutz-Fahr Wakarusa Ag NTPA Shippshewana Spring Nationals and Michiana Farm Show are on sale at the MEC's Box Office (455 East Farver Street in Shippshewana; 260.768.4990) and at the checkout register at O'Reilly Auto Parts outlets nationwide. Moreover, electronic tickets are on sale 24/7 at ShopNTPA.com/tickets. Admission prices for adults (ages 11 and over) are as follows: Session One or Two, \$25 bleacher/\$30 VIP Trackside; Session Three, \$30 bleacher/\$35 VIP Trackside; Weekend Pass (all three sessions), \$65 bleacher/\$80 VIP Trackside. The admission price for children ages 4 through 10 is \$15 per session (bleacher or trackside), with children 3 and under admitted free. Day-of-show adult ticket prices will increase. **i**





HS CONCERT BAND

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2019-20 High School Concert Band: Back (left to right): Taylor Davis, Aidan Kohler, Ethan Hibbs, Chad Hershberger, Isaac Rogers, Aiden Gingerich, Nicole Stutzman, Wyatt Cranor, Kaylee Adelman, and Lukas Emehiser. Third: Braden Barton, Justin Kindig, Jackson Minix, Nathan Miller, Gaven Miller, Quade Ernsberger, Braden Helman, Jordan Collyer, Caleb Yater, Landon Bennett, Hannah Klein, Lexi Roth, Krista Byler, Bryant King, and John Kelly. Second: Ryan Klaassen, Joey Ratliff, Corrina Hochstetler, Kyle Hochstetler, Aidan Kolheim, Tanner Pruitt, Kendall Schwartz, and Rosamaria McMahon. Front: Katlin Burton, Kaitlyn Cupp, Kaylyn Gates, Mary Hochstetler, Andrea Mendoza, Maddie Mishler, Kaylee Barger, and Stacy Stutzman. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

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2019-20 High School Choir: Back (left to right): Megan Kauffman, Madison Marks, Lucy Rensberger, Isaiah Hostetler, Jordan Collyer, Riley Vliet, Alex Trittipi, Madison Hooley and Alexis Cline. Fourth: Paige Riegsecker, Mackenzie Williams, Kylene Bender, Dawson Shrock, Andrew Baughmann, Jason Al-Faisal, Hope Haarer, and Lilli Schlabach. Third: Skye Growcock, Kaylee Barger, Courtney Beechy, Jethro Hostetler, Cole Mast, Ethan Hibbs, Joslyn Marner, and Abigail Bontrager. Second: Savana Strater, Sarabeth Drew, Ami Williams, Brie Baker, Sierra Eller, Katelynn Anderson, Stacy Stutzman, Isabella Carmona, and Kamryn Miller. Front: Skyler Welty, Page Nowicki, Ella Clark, Frida Kaske, Ava Brown, Belle Bartley, Norah Massey, and Faith Christner. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



JAZZ BAND

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2019-20 Jazz Band: *Back (left to right):* Jackson Minix, Isaac Rogers, Nathan Miller, Ethan Hibbs, Kendall Schwartz, Gaven Miller, Braden Barton, and Corrina Hochstetler. *Middle:* John Kelly, Kaylee Adelman, Aiden Gingerich, and Rosamaria McMahon. *Front:* Landon Bennett, Jordan Collyer, Ryan Klaassen, and Caleb Yater.

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2019-20 Dynamic Singations: *Back (left to right):* Nathan Miller, Kaitlyn Burton, Zack Miller, Brookelyn Lambright, Aiden Wisler, Allie Springer, Kiah Schrock, Lillian Eash, Will Clark, Melayna Borg, Andrew Cupp, Penelope Eash, and Caleb Yoder. *Middle:* Leon Raber, Kaylyn Gates, Landon Bennett, Hannah Davidson, Anthony Miller, Ava Miller, Brady Hostetler, Nicole Miller, Isaac Rogers, Jasmine Bontrager, and Aiden Gingerich. *Front:* Mary Beth Hostetler, Elijah Hostetler, John Kelly, Taylor Davis, Peyton Myers, Rosamaria McMahon, Drew Walker, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Jackson Minix, Michael Miller, and Allie Kruckeberg.

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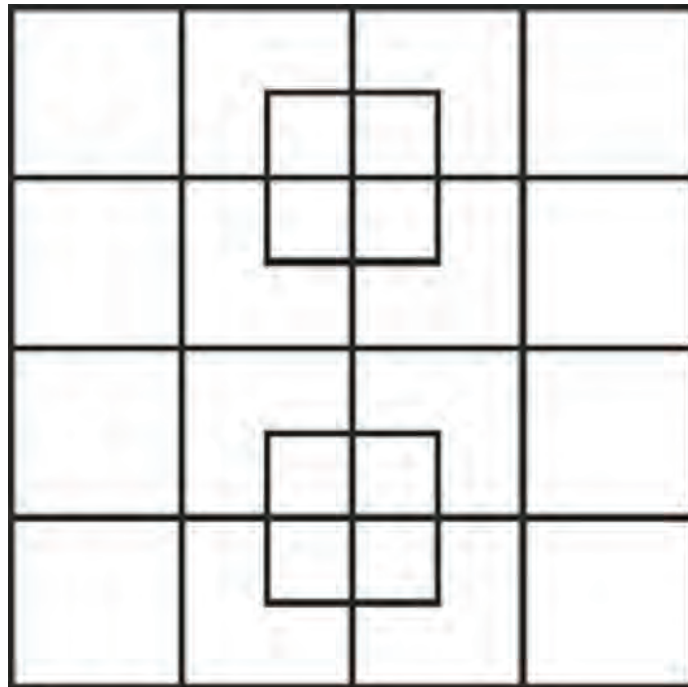
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