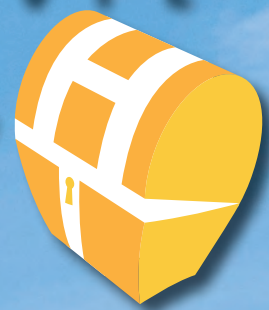


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Brett Byrkett is a 2018 Westview graduate and is currently a full-time salesman at S&H Metal Products in Topeka. His best high school memories are hanging out with friends at lunch, and he believes Westview played a key role in his academic development and led him to lifelong relationships.

Brett has undoubtedly taken a different path than many of his high school peers, and when asked if he regrets his decision to not attend college, he said, "I was never going down the college path whatsoever, and I am glad I never did because it has led me to a great point and a bright future." He claims the key to being a successful salesman is developing personal relationships with his clients, and his greatest role model is his father, who advises him in his career and personal life. Brett enjoys his job as a salesman and sees it as being a long-term career.

Brett remains involved in Westview's community as an assistant JV baseball coach. As a coach, his goal is to transform the JV players into varsity-caliber athletes. In his free time, Brett enjoys watching and playing sports and is currently developing an app. When asked what advice he would give to students, he said, "Trust that God will lead you to where He wants you to be." Overall, Brett enjoys Westview's community and plans to build a future in the area.



Brett Byrkett, a Westview graduate who currently works for S&H Metal Products.

SPORTS



Deann Fry, a Westview junior, runs cross country and track.

Deann Fry is a junior at Westview High School and has been a member of Westview's track and cross country teams since her sixth grade year. Deann first discovered her passion for distance running when her sisters convinced her to join the Junior High cross country and track teams, and has returned to both sports every year since. The past two years, Deann has been All-Conference in cross country and was awarded the title of Most Valuable Runner this past season.

Although she enjoys track, cross country is her preferred sport because she enjoys running longer distances on various courses. When asked why she enjoys running, Deann said that it's relaxing and a way for her to escape the stress of life.

Deann enjoys the atmosphere of the two teams because the support is incredible, and everyone encourages each other to work hard and become better runners. This encouragement has led to her teammates becoming some of her best friends. She claims that having a positive atmosphere when training is crucial to a team's success because attitude has the greatest effect on performance. One thing that Deann appreciates about the Westview sports program compared to other schools is that participants from each sport take interest in each other's successes and motivate each other while everyone is in season.

Deann feels that staying committed to running is not difficult for her because she always has her next goal in mind, and she finds motivation in the thought that her training will bring those goals within reach. Proper time management is crucial for her when balancing her training with other aspects of her daily life, like her studies. The most rewarding part of competition for Deann is finishing a race knowing that she gave it absolutely everything she had. Additionally, she values the role models in her life who take time to coach and run with her, despite their advanced training and busy schedules.

Spending time with friends and family and being a member of the Shore youth group are things Deann enjoys doing outside of training and school. After high school, she plans on attending college to study nursing, and as far as running goes, it is a habit she will continue to implement in her life, whether it be competitive or just for fun. Contributing to Westview's cross country and track teams has made Deann more confident, mentally strong, accountable, and has inspired her to put forth more effort in both running and in her daily life. When asked what advice she would give to an aspiring Westview athlete, she said, "always set goals, and once you reach one goal, cross it off and create a new one," and to "enjoy every season."

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STUDIES

Skyler Hawk is currently a high honor roll senior at Westview High School who is set to graduate in 2020 with an academic honors diploma. She has been an excellent student throughout her years in high school, devoting her time to achieving great grades and participating in programs such as National Art Honors Society, National Honors Society, PLUS, as well as peer tutoring the high school functional skills class. As a senior, Skyler was a finalist for the acclaimed Lilly Scholarship and says she is "excited and ready" for graduation in the spring. Some of the advanced classes

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Skyler has taken or plans on taking include AP Literature College Credit (CC), AP Composition CC, Chemistry II CC, Chemistry III CC, Trigonometry/ Pre-Calculus CC, AP Calculus CC, Spanish V CC, and Speech CC. Spanish and chemistry are among some of her favorite classes, while the most challenging class for Skyler has been "calculus by far. Calculus is just full of information I have never seen before," says Skyler.

During March of her freshman year, Skyler gave birth to her son. Having a child in high school has been Skyler's biggest challenge; however, it has impacted her very positively, and her child has become her biggest motivation to succeed. When asked to comment on the matter, Skyler said, "not only have I made it through school with a child, but I have made sure to maintain good grades, and a high GPA. In addition, I will be graduating with nearly 40 college credits and plan to go to Purdue Fort Wayne to get a masters in communication sciences and become a speech

pathologist. I have done all of this for my son because I want him to see how much of an encouragement he has been to me, and that when life throws you a curveball, you don't have to give up; you just have to work a little harder."

Outside of school, Skyler enjoys spending time with her family. She loves taking walks with her son and boyfriend when the weather is nice, playing card games with her family, and likes binge-watching a good show on Netflix when she has the chance. Skyler is very passionate about helping people and volunteers her time assisting with the Special Olympics and participating in church activities. When asked who her role model is, Skyler said her father: "he has been such an inspiration to me because he has shown me good work ethic and putting others before yourself."

Although senior year has been stressful for Skyler with difficult classes and college decisions, she also says that, so far, it has been really enjoyable, and that she will miss seeing everyone after graduation. When asked what she likes about our school compared to others, Skyler said, "The encouragement. Teachers and staff here at Westview encourage each and every student to follow their dreams." Cheering on the athletes from the student section during Westview basketball games is one of Skyler's favorite memories from being at Westview. Since first entering high school, Skyler has grown more mature, patient, and says that becoming a mom has "opened her eyes to an entire new world." Advice Skyler has for lower classmen is to "always put forth your absolute best effort, [because] it will always be worth it," to "study hard, work hard, finish your assignments," and to "respect each and every one of your teachers."



Skyler Hawk, a Westview senior, plans to attend PFW to become a speech pathologist.

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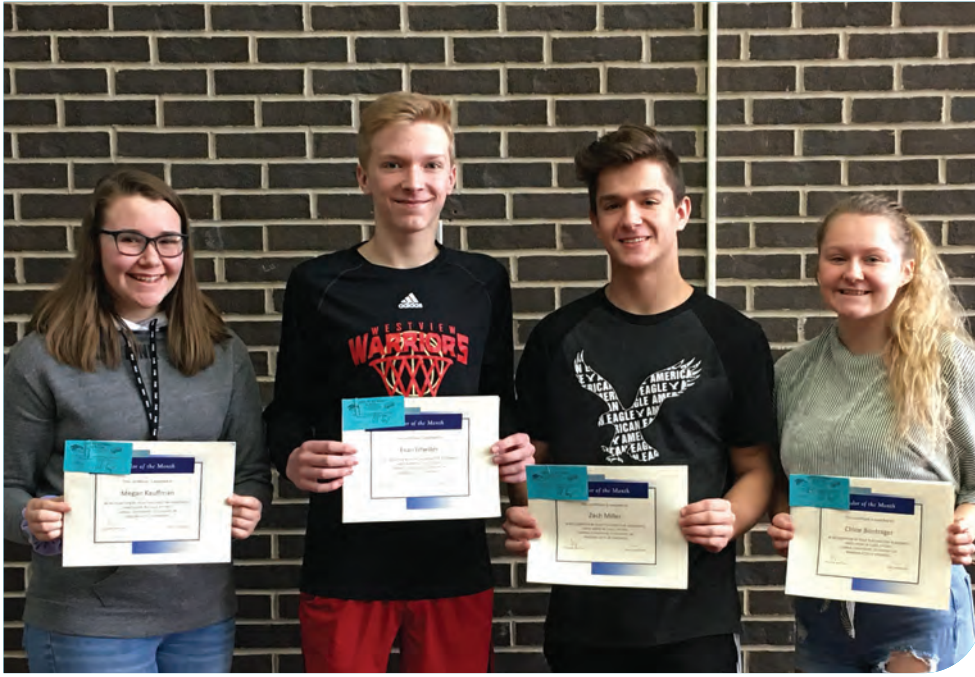
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Every month, my family gathers at my parent's house for Sunday lunch, and every month, I spend my Sunday morning scrambling to bake

something to take. What compounds this problem is that I can never think of what I want to make until Sunday morning at around 8 AM when I wake up to a barrage of texts from family members confirming what they are bringing.

I have discovered that the time of most bread's second rise and the drive to the Byler Ranch is the same. I've also discovered I can "preheat" the car, cover a loaf tin with the dough, and let it rise on the way there. This makes for super fresh breads, but a super nerve-wracking drive. 

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Are you struggling with fear, anxiety, or uncertainty because of the COVID-19 virus? Most of us are trying to figure out how much worry is appropriate, and how to make immediate, short-term, and long-term decisions.

I'm encouraging you to remember to use old skills we seldom see these days. They are **common sense**, **problem solving**, and **a balanced perspective**.

Even before the COVID-19 scare, I have been talking with people across various spectrums about *living in the middle*. Being balanced in thoughts, choices, and opinions. I'm sharing a few tips to bring our thoughts to the *middle* not only for COVID-19, but in multiple areas (faith, politics, behavior, thoughts, etc.).

- **Avoid extreme words**, like ALL, EVERYONE, NO ONE, NEVER, ALWAYS. Because these words are *rarely* the case.

- **Take what's relevant from both sides for a balanced perspective.** For COVID-19, take the relevant information and make balanced decisions for your family.

Is the virus contagious? Yes,

so
take

the recommended precautions.

Are things frightening? Yes, but also focus on the positive truth, not just the negative headlines.

Is your life interrupted? Yes. You're disappointed. Use your problem-solving skills. Be flexible, creative, and wise.

Now, do the same for politics, behavior, and other areas of life.

- **Be a calm presence for those around you.** This includes family members, peers, and those with whom you have influence. Does it help to rant about things on Facebook? Probably not. Does it help to check on an elderly neighbor? Probably so.

- **Pray, trust God, and humanity.** Our bodies are terminal. Life has both good and hard experiences. Let's put the current crisis in perspective. Could any of us have a major traumatic experience any day of our life? Can we lose significant income outside of a crisis? Yes, but it doesn't prevent us from being wise, living each day with purpose, loving others well, and having hope.

Friends, **our world needs wisdom.** We need wise


people who are neither fatalistic nor *laisse faire*. We need people in the middle. As we walk through this crisis together, will you take on the role of a wise person, with a balanced perspective people need to hear?

In times of plenty, let's not forget the Creator of the universe is taking care of us. We can expect suffering and hardship in the human experience. Remember the hardships of the past? The Great Depression. The Dust Bowl. World War II. Communities supported each other through the hardship. We will get through this. There is hope on the other side. And God is there, too.

Romans 8:35-39 says,

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?"³⁶ As it is written: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,³⁷ neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Smart Choices

By Connie Lehman, RD, CDE at Topeka Pharmacy Diabetes Education Program

Healthy Snack Ideas

When schools are closed, parents and caregivers look for great ideas for snacks which will taste good and not be full of sugar, fat and salt. One good habit to get into is to always start with those foods we don't get enough of: fruits, vegetables & dairy. Try some of the ideas below!

- Make a smoothie (see recipe below)
- Serve vanilla Greek yogurt with canned pineapple chunks on top
- Serve baby carrots and grape tomatoes with a dollop of ranch dressing for dip.
- Spread apple slices with a smudge of peanut butter & some granola cereal on top.
- Try hummus, if you haven't yet. Serve it with cucumber slices or whole wheat crackers.
- Mozzarella cheese is low-fat and comes individually wrapped in "cheese sticks". Try it with cut up apples, or any fruit.
- Whole wheat tortillas can be rolled up with various fillings: use peanut butter and banana slices, turkey, cheese and spinach, tuna salad and diced cucumbers or refried beans and salsa.

- Stick plastic forks into half bananas. Roll in melted chocolate chips, then in

granola or nuts. Eat or freeze for a cold snack later.

- Combine nuts, popcorn, whole grain cereal and banana chips in a large bowl.
- Portion corn tortilla chips into single serving bags, serve with fresh salsa (see recipe below).
- Find some healthy cookie recipes (example below).

RECIPES

Healthy cookies

2 ripe bananas, mashed
 1 cup rolled oats
 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
 1/4 cup chocolate chips
 Combine all ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 350° F.

Smoothie

1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
 1 cup sliced strawberries, frozen
 1 banana, frozen in chunks
 1/2 cup apple or orange juice
 Combine all ingredients in blender. Process until smooth. Makes 2 servings.

Salsa

2 cans diced tomatoes
 1 can corn, drained
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Five year old Amy Sue Miller of 400 S, Topeka was our winner for the March Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka. Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free small ice cream cone through April.

Runners-up were Kristine Ann Otto, age 6; Luke Lambright, age 5; Janelle Diane Miller, age 4; Jaydon Lynn Helmuth, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Kayla Ranae Lambright, age 6; Cheryl Jane Bontrager, age 6; Myra Jayne Wagler, age 6; Hannah Rose Miller, age 6; Julie Grace Hostetler, age 6; Erin Schwartz, age 6; Colleen Joy Mullet, age 6; and Sara Jean Bontrager, age 6; . Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

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Traditional: A retirement account where you make contributions that are tax deductible in the year you contribute. For example, if you make \$60,000 salary a year and contribute the max


amount of \$6,000 (in 2020), you will pay income taxes this year on \$54,000. However, you pay taxes on it when you cash it out.

Roth: A retirement account you make contributions to, but you don't get a tax deduction on the year of contribution. But when you cash it out, you won't pay taxes on it.

SEP: Mainly adopted by self-employed individuals, this is a retirement account that allows owners to make tax deductible contributions for themselves and their employers.

What should you choose? Most of you will probably choose between

Traditional or Roth. Since everyone's income tax levels and scenarios are different, it's difficult to say. Working with a financial advisor is beneficial in this decision because things like income phase-outs can come into play. In general, however, the goal is to generate the tax deduction in a year you're in a higher tax bracket.

If you have more questions about this topic, Brittney Schori recommends that you reach out to a financial advisor! 

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Whippin' Warriors and Test Lady Advise Students

The Whipping Warriors and the Test Lady gave WISE words of advice to Meadowview students. The Mustangs were encouraged to work hard, never give up, and stay positive, especially when facing challenges.



Meadowview Elementary

First Graders Visit Maple Wood

Students were able to see the process of making maple syrup.



Tri Kappa Art Fair Winners

Tri Kappa sponsors an art contest each year for all of the schools in LaGrange County. Students were allowed to create artwork about the subject of their choice and were encouraged to use creativity and craftsmanship in their pieces. Ten artists from each school were chosen from each grade level to receive a ribbon and move on

to the second level of judging. From those ten, the top three students from each grade level received another ribbon, had their artwork displayed at Parkview LaGrange Hospital for about a month, and were invited to an Art Show reception at the hospital on Saturday, March 7.

All Photos Submitted

Back Row (left to right): 4th Grade Winners: Tyler Stutzman, Paige McDonald, and Bryan Troyer. 3rd Grade Winners: Kenzie Detweiler, Amber Miller, and Evan Mast. Middle: 2nd Grade Winners: Justin Miller, Declan Ryall, and Jolene Bontrager. 1st Grade Winners: Jace Wingard, Kimber Helmuth, and Emily Otto. Front: Kindergarten Winners: Grace Beechy, Sariah Detweiler, and Easton Engel.



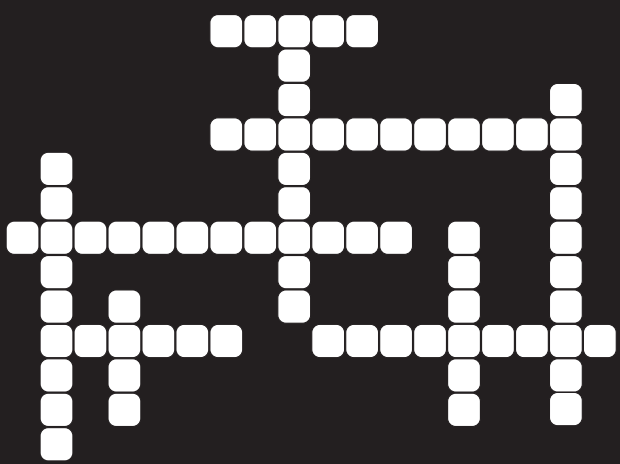
First Grade Friends

Mrs. Willard's first graders wrote about all the things that were more precious than gold. We realized how lucky we are to have amazing friends!



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- Pray
- God has us all
- Spring
- March
- Go outside
- No sports on tv
- Read a book
- Eat cookie
- Play in dirt
- School



Clueless Crossword

Solution to Clueless Crossword is on pg 20.
by Issa Miller

Use the words listed to fill in the spaces!

Solution to puzzle on page 6



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Chocolate


Justin and Danae Bell from The Nut Shoppe came to Mrs. Short's third grade class to teach the students about different types of chocolate and how they are made. Her class is reading "The Chocolate Touch and Chocolate Fever." 



Shipshe-Scott Elementary


Junior Achievement

A Junior Achievement representative, a local business leader, comes to present to first through fourth grades. The students learn about different

kinds of communities, the economy, and town government. Junior Achievement presents once a week for six weeks. 




One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Students and staff dressed in their PJ's to have a Dr. Seuss read in day. This week was filled with different activities honoring Dr. Seuss. 



Worm Farming

First grade had a worm farmer present to students about the benefits that worms provide in our soil. They also learned about different kinds of

dirt (clay, sand, soil), and about erosion and how the different kinds of dirt hold water. 

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Clueless Crossword Solution

By Melissa Miller
to the puzzle on page 18.

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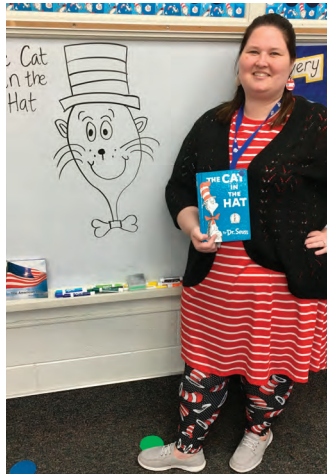
Pajama Day

Friday, March 6 was a lucky day for one first grade class at Topeka Elementary. Not only was it pajama day but Miss Wiard's class also enjoyed an ice cream treat for collecting the most box tops in the PTO's box top collection contest. 📌

All Photos Submitted

Dr. Suess

Each month many students look forward to celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday and this year was no exception as several classes at Topeka Elementary enjoyed many activities centered around the favorite child's author. Shown in the photos, after enjoying the activities, are the first grade classes of Mrs. Dawn Miller, Mrs. Christi Miller, Miss Molly Wiard, and the kindergarten class of Mrs. Jennifer Warrenner. 📌



Miss Molly Wiard's Class



Mrs. Christi Miller's Class



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Westview High School

In the interest of recognizing academic excellence, Westview High School has an incentive program that provides students the opportunity to earn specially designed academic blankets, certificates and rings. Ninety-two Westview scholars and their parents were honored between the JV and Varsity games on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. This was the 28th annual academic winter recognition event.

Twenty-eight sophomores received academic blankets. They have established a GPA of at least 3.75 cumulative for the first three semesters of their high school careers.

These students are Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Brennan Beachy, Bohdy Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Kaylyn Gates, 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, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Elaine Troyer, Maria Weaver, Edna Yoder, and Jadon Yoder.

Thirty-six juniors received a star or an academic blanket. They have established a GPA of at least 3.70 cumulative for five semesters.

These students are Hadel Saddek Hamood Alammari, Addison Bender, Raegan Bender, Tim Brandenberger, Hailee Caldwell, Doug Calvillo, Will Clark, McKenna Collier, Andrew Cupp, Hannah Davidson, Deann Fry, Brady Hostetler, Mary Beth Hostetler, Keegan Kohlheim, Drew Litwiller, Hallie Mast, Rosamaria McMahan, Andrea Mendoza, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Erika Miller, Inah Miller, Lyndon Miller, Melissa Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Joseph Mullett, Jorge Munoz-Jimenez, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Hannah Schwartz,

Katrina Schwartz, Katherine Stutzman, Nicole Stutzman, and Abby Welsh.

Twenty-eight seniors participated and received awards. Twenty-one received an academic ring and star, they must establish a GPA of 3.75 or better for seven semesters. There were also seven seniors who established a GPA of at least 3.65 cumulative for 7 semesters (marked with *). They received a blanket or star.

These students are *Chloe Bontrager, Melayna Borg, Kurtis Davis, Blake Egli, Aleka Ernsberger, Skyler Hawk, *Amy Hershberger, Corrina Hochstetler, John Kelly, Ryan Klaassen, *Paul Klopfenstein, Hannah Knabe, Allie Kruckeberg, Payton May, *John McCoy, *Michael Miller, *Jessa Owens, Kaylie Rolin, *Kiah Schrock, Justin Schwartz, Rosalyn Schwartz, Titus Schwartz, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Andre' Stutzman, Chelsea Weaver, Jack Welsh, Zoe Williams, and Russell Yoder. 

Seniors receiving awards Back (left to right): Paul Klopfenstein, Titus Schwartz, Andre Stutzman, John Kelly, Ryan Klaassen, Michael Miller, John McCoy, Jack Welsh, Justin Schwartz, Russell Yoder, and Blake Egli. Front: Amy Hershberger, Hannah Knabe, Kiah Schrock, Chelsea Weaver, Aleka Ernsberger, Chloe Bontrager, Skyler Hawk, Allie Kruckeberg, Zoe Williams, Corrina Hochstetler, Melayna Borg, and Payton May. Not pictured: Kurtis Davis, Kaylie Rolin, Rosalyn Schwartz, Lindsay Stoltzfus, and Jessa Owens. (Photo Submitted)



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Westview Jr/Sr High School had a total of 43 entries at the district level. Of those entries, 38 earned gold medal ratings, while 5 earned silver medal ratings. Westview had 14 Group I entries that qualified for the state event, but only 12 were able to

Westview High School

attend. At the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble event, Westview students earned 1 silver medal, while the other

11 entries earned gold medals, including two soloists that earned "Gold with Distinction". 



State Participants: *Back Row (left to right):* Cory Hochstetler, Braden Barton, Bryant King, Ryan Klaassen, and Kendall Schwartz. *Front:* Rosamaria McMahon, Hannah Davidson, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Mary Hostetler, and Lucy Rensberger. *Not Pictured:* Kaitlyn Burton. (Photo Submitted)

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At this time, we do not know when we will be back in the classroom, but we have confidence in the strength of the Westview community as we work through this together. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we adjust to the day-to-day changes that result from COVID-19. Stay safe. We look forward to the time when our buildings are filled once again with our students and staff.

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The Good Samaritan Fund at the Community Foundation will be used to support the communi-


ty response to COVID-19. Donations made to the Good Samaritan Fund will support the COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants, ensuring local nonprofits have the ability to provide critical services.

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serve the critical needs of our neighbors as we work together in response to the public health crisis,” said Community Foundation Executive Director Octavia Yoder. “With the partnership with United Way, we will mobilize local resources to help support our nonprofits that provide assistance to individuals in need.”

Donations to support COVID-19 relief efforts in LaGrange County can be made securely online at lccf.net/covid-19donate. Administrative fees to the Good Samaritan Fund will be waived; one-hundred percent of donations will support relief efforts. For more information about the Community Foundation’s response to the public health crisis, please visit lccf.net/Covid-19. 

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

Schedule for Saturday games will be available at the Friday evening tournament, at lagwana.com, facebook.com/LaGwana/, or call 260-585-6050



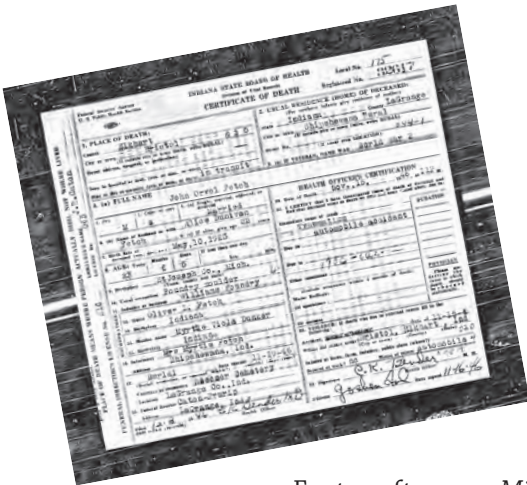
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FATHER AND SON KILLED ON TWIN LAKES ROAD

by Harold D. Gingerich



Far too often history, as well as life itself, is marked by tragedy. The fabric of a nation, a community, and that of a family, is defined by how they respond to those devastating events. With the end of World War II, the Fetch family was faced with double tragedy in 1946. Oliver Fetch and his son John both lost their lives in separate car accidents exactly nine months apart to the day on what was known then as Twin Lakes Road.

The story begins with Lewis Fetch (1857-1943) who came to America with his parents Henry and Caroline (Walter) Fetch in the spring of 1859 from Prussia (Germany). The family first settled near White Pigeon, MI. But in July of 1861, Henry moved his wife and son (Lewis) to Van Buren Township. Sadly, Caroline died the following December. Two years later Henry married Carolina Enderly with whom he would have six children.

The History of Northeast Indiana (Vol. II, page 192), published in 1920, has a four-paragraph section about Louis Fetch. From it we also discover several other interesting facts about Henry. "Henry Fetch showed his patriotism by enlisting in the Fourteenth

Michigan Infantry in 1864 and was with his regiment in all its engagements until the close of the Civil War. He then returned home to Van Buren Township and lived there the rest of his life, becoming the owner of a 68-acre farm. He died in 1882, at the age of fifty-two."

What that 1920 history records about Louis is equally interesting, especially given the writer's choice of words. "Lewis Fetch started into the world empty handed so far as inheritance was concerned, had only his native industry and intelligence to rely upon, for several years was known in LaGrange County as a farm laborer and day workman. He had determination, thrift and unlimited energy, for many years there has been a steady progress in his material circumstances. He is regarded as one of the best farmers and has one of the best farms in Van Buren Township." (IBED)

Reading those paragraphs, one is impressed with the glowing praise Lewis was given. "Lewis Fetch acquired all his education at the Stone Lake School in Van Buren Township. He was working

to pay his own way in the world when only a boy and for six years he was employed by different farms and accepted any work that would afford him an honest living. He realized his ambition to become a land owner by a very modest start, his first purchase being eleven acres. With that as a nucleus he has gradually increased his property until he now owns 311 acres."

In May of 1884, Lewis married Lavada Kline (1867-1941), the daughter of a St. Joseph County, Michigan, farmer. Both had been raised in the Lutheran Church. The following year their son Homer Charles Fetch was born. The couple's only other child, Oliver Lewis (1890-1946), grew up and married Myrtie Dunker. And it is Oliver and his son John who are at the center of our story.

On the front page of the February 21, 1946, issue of the Topeka Journal, the headline reads "Oliver L. Fetch Dies as Gas Blows Up." The story reported that police blame a container of bottled gas for the explosion which took Oliver's life. Fetch was reportedly driving on Twin Lake Road, a mile east of Scott, when his car ran off the road, struck a utility pole, rolled over several times before bursting into flames. Leonard Myers ran from his near-by home but was unable to rescue Fetch because of the flames and intense heat. The story concludes by naming the surviving family members which included "T-5 John, now serving in the Pacific." During World War II the "T-5" (Technician fifth grade) rank was equivalent to that of a corporal.

As of this writing we do not know when John Fetch was discharged from the Army. It is highly unlikely that he was able to come home for the funeral.

Yet nine months later he would be killed when his 1937 convertible coupe hit a tree on the same highway.


From John's draft registration card, we learn that he worked for Williams Brothers in Elkhart prior to entering the Army. On the death certificate it says that he was employed at Williams Foundry. We assume that this was the same place.

According to the Topeka Journal story in the November 2, 1946, edition, John had just finished working a double shift (16 hours). The crash took place a little before 11 pm on a Friday night. The newspaper story contained graphic details of the wreck, including the condition of the body and that upon impact he had been thrown more than 25 feet from the wreck. The Sheriff's Department determined that Fetch had fallen asleep and was traveling at a high rate of speed when he hit a large elm tree. He died on impact. Funeral services were held in Scott Methodist Church with burial in the Sidener Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were handled by J.R. Caton of Caton-Frurip Home in LaGrange.

Born on May 10, 1923, John Orvel Fetch married Alice May Dunivon (1924 -2014) in 1941. At the time of John's death, the couple had two children Dexter (4 yrs) and Patsy Jo (2 yrs).

Alice would remarry several times. In 1954 she married William Edward Dayton. Following his death, she got married again in 1974. Alice would in fact outlive five husbands. She died in Clearwater, FL, on April 30, 2014 at the age of 89 and is buried in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, IN.

For more Shipshewana history visit the Shipshewana Area Historical Society's Facebook page and their website (www.sahs.us). 



Alice May Dunivon

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A double-elimination tournament was held on the final evening. Kenny Fry (Topeka) continued to dominate the league with his 4th overall victory. After sneaking by his father Dan Fry in the first round (3-2), he cruised

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If there is one thing that the recent Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has done is that it has given us all a new appreciation for our local restaurants. We don't think about how often we frequent them or how much they are a part of our daily routine until something like a pandemic shuts them down. One of those is The Country Corral at 260 E. North Village Drive in Shipshewana.

Every morning, Monday-Saturday, starting at 5 o'clock the regulars begin to wander in for breakfast. "It's almost like there is assigned seating," chuckles owner Dennis Troyer. "And, whoa be to you if you sit in someone's seat ...that's

just not good." While no one actually takes attendance, there are regulars who come in at 5am, 6am, and 7am. The Country Corral is the place for local folks to stay connected with one another and keep up to date with all the news that is the news.

Twenty-seven years ago, in 1993, Dennis and his wife Kathy were thinking about opening a restaurant. "We were one of the first businesses (Troyer's Saddlery) out in this location and some of the surrounding businesses said that they needed a restaurant in this area," Troyer noted. So, he started looking into fast-food franchises. "It seems like they wanted me to take all

the risk and they get all the reward. So, I finally decided that if I had to take all the risk I might as well put in the restaurant myself. And, there was a good manager available in the person of Inez Christner." Utilizing an area of the building that had not been rented, Country Corral was opened in its present location with Inez as manager.

While Inez Christner is now retired, Troyer is quick to point out her contribution to the success of the restaurant. "I think she is the one who came up with the name, and she fashioned the menu with things like a 'barrel burger' and a 'saddle burger,'" Dennis says. You can also see Inez's

touch in the decor throughout the dining area.

In addition to their homestyle cooking, Country Corral offers daily specials. On the day of this interview, even with being restricted to only offering carry-out service because of the coronavirus, their special featured pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, and green beans for only \$5.89. For those who love a great burger, all their burgers are charbroiled for great flavor.

“The local people are what we count on,” Troyer says.

“There are people who eat here five or six times a week, many of them twice a day. If we get some tourists that’s fine, but we are really not out looking for them.”

Staying in touch with their cus-


tomers has been a priority. “I work here for food,” Dennis joked. “I usually come in one or two mornings a week on the early shift just because I think



it’s important for people to see the owner in here doing things like cleansing tables.” But Dennis isn’t the only member of the Troyer family to work in the restaurant. The Troyer’s daughter Kim worked there whenever she was

home from college.

Dennis and Kathy Troyer are active members of the Shore Church. Dennis is also a Bible Study Fellowship group leader. The Troyers have two married children. Their son Ryan is a deputy sheriff in Grant County Indiana. Ryan and his wife Randi have a daughter Nikki. Their daughter Kim and her husband Eric Schmucker live in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Kim is an elementary school teacher and has a son Zachery.

Once the coronavirus is over The Country Corral will be open Monday – Saturday from 5am to 2pm. You can always call (260) 768-4589 to order carry-out. If you’re in the mood for a great homecooked meal, make sure you stop in at their North Village Drive location. You’re sure to see somebody you know. 

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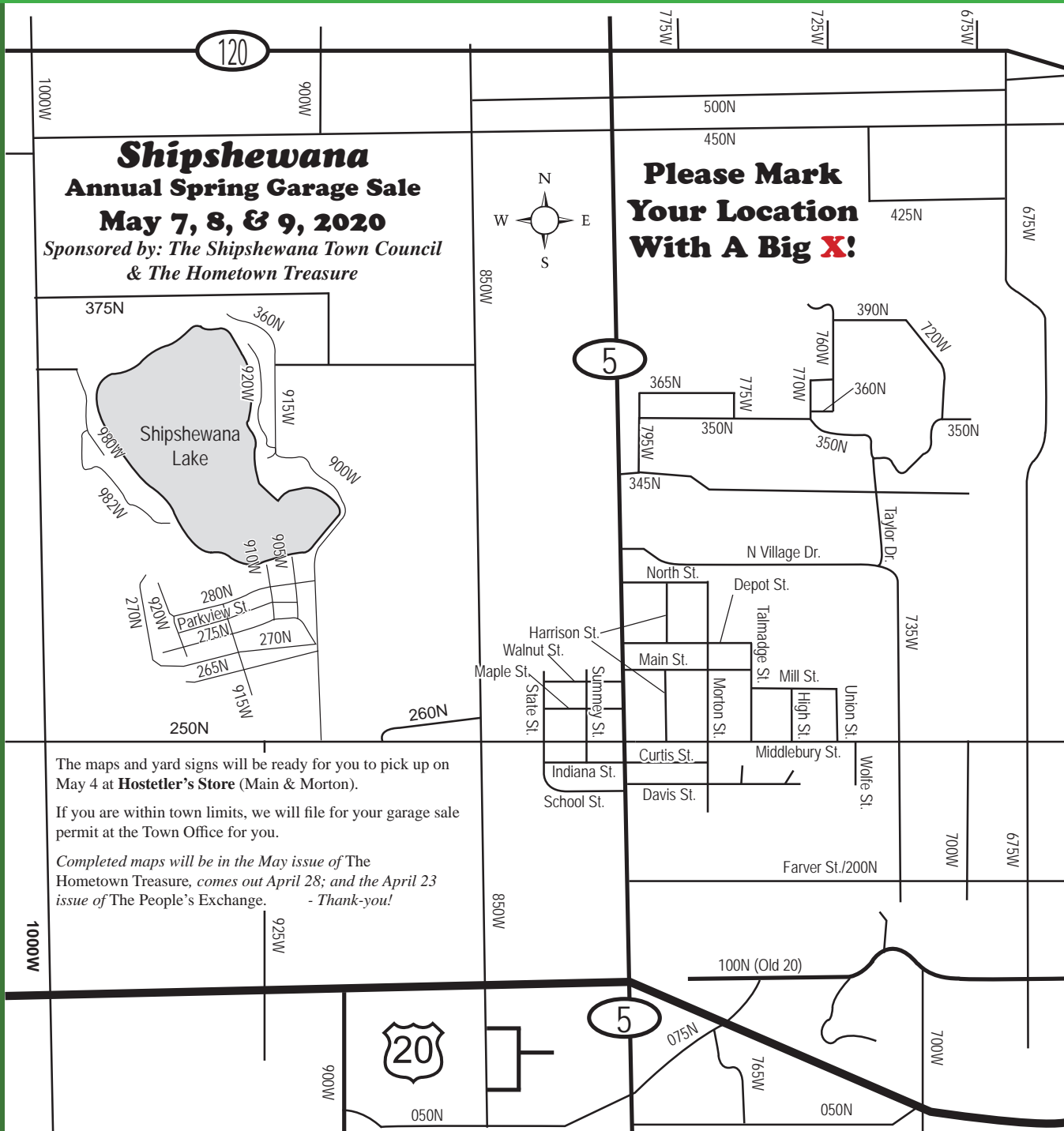
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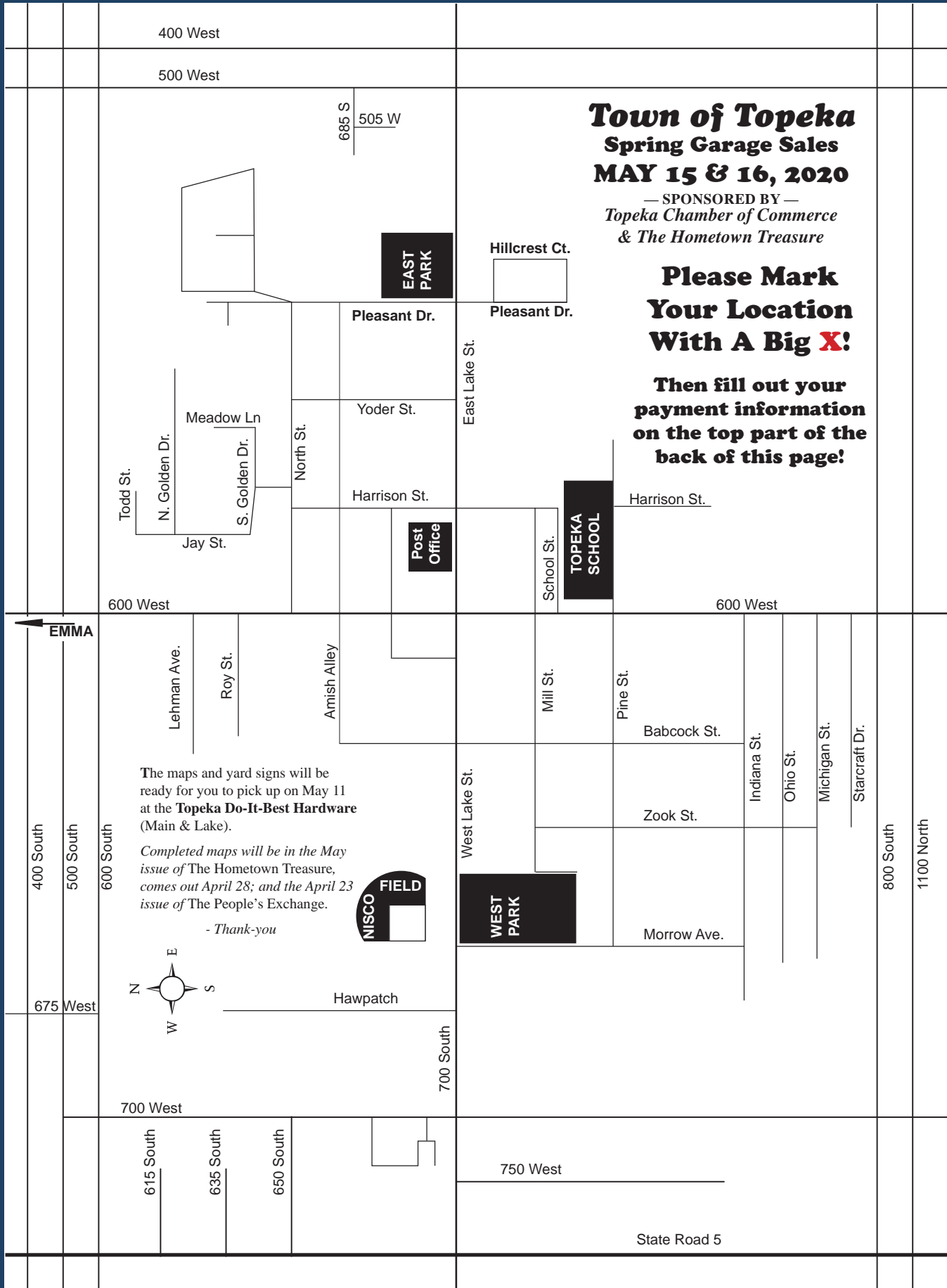
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County Parks Closings

Due to Governor Holcomb's proclamation concerning covid-19, Maple Wood Nature Center is temporarily closed. All public programs are canceled until Wednesday, May 13.

Until then, Maple Wood Nature Center will be staffed during normal business hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. If you need to speak to the Naturalist, please call (260) 463-4022.


The Dallas Lake Park Office is also temporarily closed. Please call (260)



854-2225, with any questions. All park trails remain open, but playgrounds are closed. All park lodges and shelters are closed for rental until May 1.

Since Maple Syrup Days had to be cancelled this year due to the covid-19 outbreak, they will be discussing the option of rescheduling the event for a later date. For more information contact LaGrange County Parks, 260-854-2225 or lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com.


For those individuals inquiring about purchasing maple syrup, there is plenty of maple syrup, so please stay home and stay safe. Syrup and other items will be for sale this summer and fall at Maple Wood Nature Center.

There will be more information released May 15 that will hopefully include information about summer camps and programs. 

Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society's (SAHS) Farver's School Museum will hold an informal gathering at 6:30 pm, Monday, April 20, 2020, at the 5&20 Restaurant for a meal. Each individual is responsible for their own bill. A schedule of events for the up-coming season will be discussed.

Paul and Rebecca Haarer will share some "Home Town Memories" for a short program.

We welcome anyone that is interested in keeping our area history alive. Please come and join us at the 5&20 Restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Frisk at 260-336-1501. 

Seeking Heart of Gold Nominations

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is seeking nominations for its 11th annual Heart of Gold award, an honor given to an individual making a difference in the lives of others.

The Heart of Gold award honors LaGrange County citizens who embrace a volunteer spirit and unselfishly give of themselves to serve others.

Nominations for the 2020 Heart of Gold award will be accepted beginning April 1 and are due to the Community Foundation by Monday, April 27, at 5 p.m. The Community Foundation Board of Directors will select the 2020 Heart of Gold recipient from the nominations received.


The committee is seeking nominations for individuals who

- recognize needs and fulfill them
- share time and energy for the sake of others
- render a service which changes lives
- work to create positive change
- inspire others to volunteer

Recognizing and encouraging dedicated volunteer service is one aspect of the mission of the Community Foundation, which is to inspire and sustain generosity, leadership and service in LaGrange County. While many people do great things on the job, the Heart of Gold award recognizes volunteerism,

not exemplary work as a course of their employment.

The Heart of Gold recipient will have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the LaGrange County charity of his or her choice from a list approved and provided by the Community Foundation.

The 2020 Heart of Gold award nomination form is available at the Community Foundation office or online at www.lccf.net/heart-of-gold. Nominations can be submitted online or sent to the Community Foundation at 109 E. Central Ave., Ste. 3, LaGrange, IN 46761. For more information, please call 463-4363. 

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- 3) Senior Blake Egli looks for an open teammate in the last home game of the season.
- 4) Lyndon Miller, junior, goes for the layup.
- 5) Luke Miller, junior, searches for an open teammate.

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- 6) Junior Drew Litwiller scores two for Westview during sectionals against Prairie Heights.
- 7) Mason Yoder, sophomore, hurdles through the air for a layup.
- 8) Freshman Brady Yoder gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate.
- 9) Ben Byrkett, junior, catches a long pass from a teammate.

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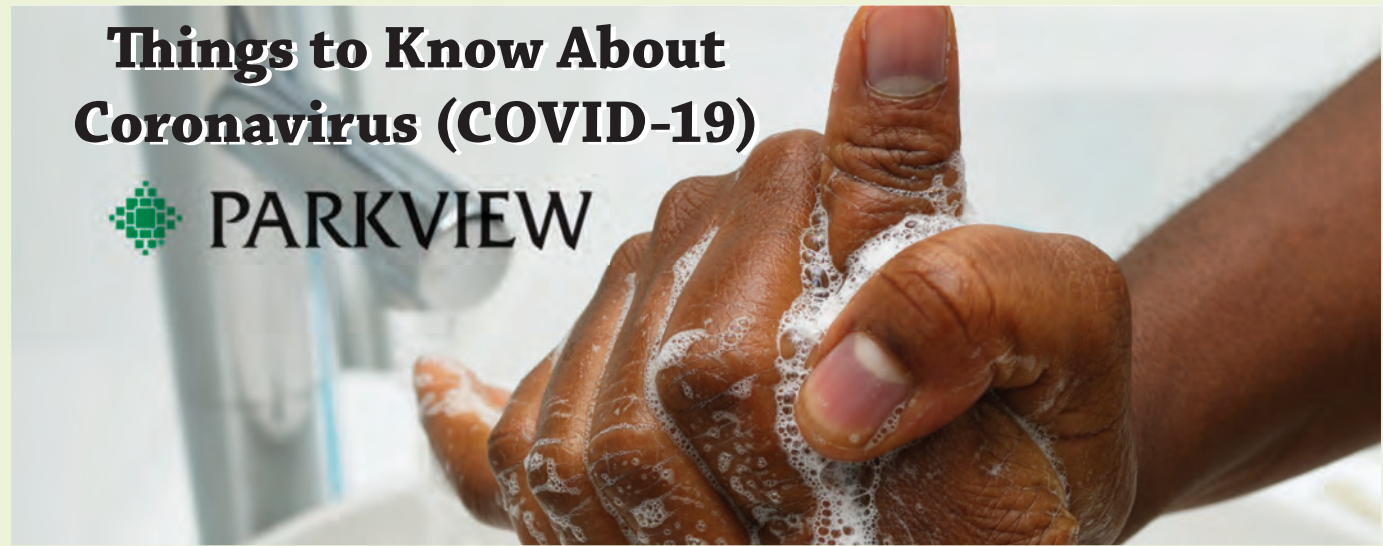
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Protect Your Community: There are several very important ways you can help avoid spreading the virus to others.

Stay home. Social distancing can help slow the spread of the virus. Follow the state directives for essential work and activities. *If you're sick, stay home,* except to get medical care. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then throw the tissue in the trash.

If you are caring for sick family members, *designate one person as the caretaker.* Choose a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members. *Avoid sharing* household items.

Should I Be Tested?

Due to the limited availability of testing by state and commercial labs, Parkview is currently following guidelines set by state health departments to determine the most appropriate patients to collect samples for testing.

On March 13, the federal government announced plans to make COVID-19 testing more readily available to the public. No dates have been announced, and it is uncertain when these measures will be in place.

If you do not meet the state's testing guidelines, your provider can still help you manage your symptoms and follow guidelines to minimize exposure to others.

The majority of people with COVID-19 have minor symptoms and do not require inpatient medical care or testing. Individuals with minor symptoms are advised to stay home rather than seek testing or medical care. People with symptoms or concerns specific to COVID-19 can either:

Visit [parkview.com/covid19screening](https://www.parkview.com/covid19screening) for detailed self-triage information

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On Thursday, March 19, all Parkview Health hospitals and emergency departments implemented a no visitor policy. Exceptions to this policy are limited to: **Family Birthing Centers:** One authorized adult visitor for duration of patient's stay. **Pediatrics:** Two authorized adult visitors for duration of patient's stay. **Emergency Departments:** One authorized parent/guardian per pediatric patient for duration of patient's stay

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