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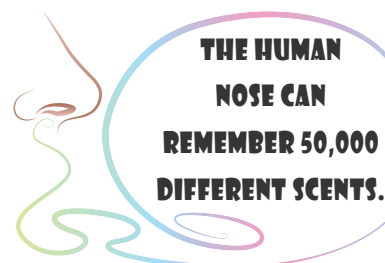
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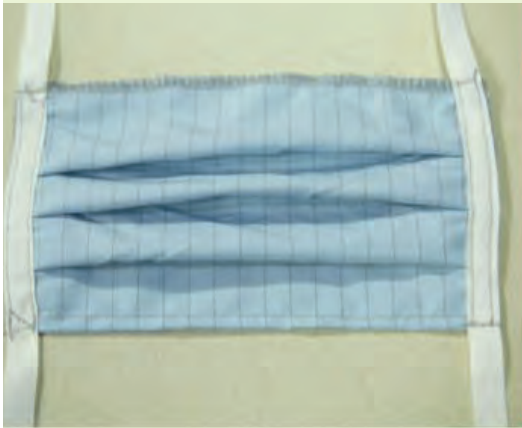


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# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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


Enter remaining letters starting at the top and going left to right.

Life has changed a lot for everyone since I last wrote! I didn't think I necessarily spent a lot of time "going out" but with everywhere being off

limits, I've realized how much time we normally spend with friends.

Thank goodness for technology. We often have a voice chat going with someone as we putter around the house to help stave off the loneliness.

Half of my friends live at least an hour away (including one in California!) so we have started virtual game nights using screen sharing. We are planning on keeping them going once we can go out, since we can only get together once or twice a year.

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# Healthy Healthy

by Brenda Yoder, LMHC, Advocate for Elijah Haven, Speaker, Writer & Life Coach

## Help for Teens and Families During the COVID Crisis

It's been a hard time for families, including teens, as they've "sheltered in place" rather than attending school, playing sports, or seeing their friends. Spring typically brings special events for teens, especially seniors. Prom, graduation, and final good-byes won't happen for them. How can you help your teens, seniors, or other students at home as they respond to the unusual circumstances of 2020?

1. *Validate their feelings and losses.* To an adult, a student's losses might feel insignificant in comparison to job loss or loss of life. However, the loss of friends, routines, and things that make life fun and meaningful are significant to your student. Your seniors need validation for the loss of things they are not able to experience that are for typical seniors, including prom and graduation. These are American rites of passage. Grief over these losses are real.

2. *Give students grace.* Teens are typically surly, irritable, and moody. If their behavior is less than perfect, try to understand why, based on current circumstances. Don't be quick to discipline based on typical rules, because almost everything that was "normal" a few months ago is not. Be on a supportive team with them as they struggle with emotions and behavior, rather than making them feel like you're against them. Set

boundaries with empathy.

3. *Give teens space.* The last thing most teens or young adults want is to be cooped up with their parents and siblings for extended periods of time. Yet, this is the current reality. If your child is spending more time in their room or doesn't want to join family activities, give them space to be by themselves. Teens naturally grow towards independence and autonomy and many prefer spending time with



friends rather than parents. Don't take it personally. They may just really need space from you right now.

4. *Help them focus on what they can control.* Many teens may feel out of control, overwhelmed, anxious, or even hopeless because their immediate future is uncertain. Help them identify and focus on the things over which they have control. While seniors don't have control over prom and graduation decisions, they do have control over private celebrations like a graduation party. They have control over future plans like a college education or other options ahead of them. They can


have on-line gatherings with friends.

Assist your teens to use problem-solving skills to identify what they can and can't control. Help them build a realistic plan about what they CAN do!

5. *Focus on positive truth.* There is a plethora of variables in the circumstances affecting your kids right now. No one knows the outcomes of these variables, and yet most of the projections are negative. Turn off most of the news and social media

that projects negative truth or speculation. Instead, focus on positive truth. Positive truth includes things like:

- We will get through this!
- Things won't be this way forever.
- Practical solutions to problems you're facing.

Finally, if your student is exhibiting harmful behavior to themselves or others, or you are concerned about their mental health, reach out to professional resources such as Bowen Center, Northeastern, or Parkview Behavioral Health. Situations of crisis can bring to the surface unseen things that a child has been struggling with. Don't be afraid to reach out to help your child through the current crisis. 

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## Mystery Farm CONTEST

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# Smart Choices

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

## Reasons To Celebrate Dark Chocolate

In these times of change and anxiety, we all need reasons to celebrate. Why not celebrate with chocolate? And while milk chocolate can actually cause cravings, dark chocolate tends to satisfy with less. Why not develop a taste for the “good” stuff?

### What is dark chocolate?

Chocolate starts from cacao beans from the cacao tree. After the beans are roasted, they are called cocoa beans. Under high pressure, the fat of the bean, called cocoa butter, separates and the cocoa is then ground into a powder. It is the cocoa powder which provides the health benefits. The more cocoa in chocolate, the more health benefits.

There are few regulations in the US to define dark chocolate, so there is no way to tell how “dark” a chocolate is unless the product lists the percentage of cocoa. For instance, a product may say it is “60% cocoa”. This means that 60% of the product is cocoa powder. By comparison, milk chocolate has as little as 10% cocoa.

Chocolate of any kind is high in calories (1 oz = about 170 calories), but darker chocolate may provide more health benefits for the calories.

### What are possible health benefits?

Many studies show eating one ounce of dark chocolate (usually  $\geq 60\%$  cocoa) a few times weekly provides the body with a high level of antioxidants called flavonoids, or polyphenols, which may be responsible for the following benefits:


1. **HEART**- Dark chocolate may decrease the “bad” LDL cholesterol, increase the “good” HDL cholesterol, lower blood pressure and help restore flexibility to arteries, thus decreasing the risk for heart disease and decreasing the risk of stroke.

2. **BRAIN**- Dark chocolate appears to dilate blood vessels, increasing blood flow to the brain, boosting memory and possibly protecting it against dementia development. It also boosts production of endorphins and serotonin, which are mood enhancers.

3. **TEETH**- Recent studies support the fact that dark chocolate may help fight cavities, plaque and tooth decay.

4. **SKIN**- Dark chocolate may help protect the skin against UV light damage.

5. **WEIGHT**- Small amounts of dark chocolate may help stop cravings for other sweets and help with weight loss. Eating small amounts of dark chocolate daily is linked to lower weight levels.

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# Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old Lori Beth Yoder of 200 S, Topeka was our winner for the April Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at E & S Sales in Shipshewana.

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

Runners-up were Neva Jane Bontrager, age 6; Luke Andrew Lambright, age 5; Jenna Leann Bontrager, age 4; and Julie Diane Schlabach, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Rita Jane Yoder, age 6; Jayden Ray Mast, age 6; Kaylene Yoder, age 5; Heidi Knepp, age 6; Joel Dean Yoder, age 6; Hannah Rose Miller, age 6; Alayna Joyce Bontrager, age 6; Adrian James Bontrager, age 4; and Sara Jean Bontrager, 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

## Stay on Top of Finances During COVID-19

A lot of people are dealing with serious financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Are you worried about your finances? Chances are you or someone you know have experienced a loss of income and maybe even increased expenses. The pandemic has caused stress for many of us, but finances doesn't have to be something that causes stress. Here are a few tips for you to help you stay on top of your finances during the coronavirus pandemic.


- *Keep up with your bills.* There are ways to get help if you are struggling to pay your bills due to the financial impact of COVID-19. But if you can still pay your bills, you will likely be better off staying on track. Keep in mind that if you decide to use a program that lets you pause or reduce payments, you will still owe the money you have not paid once the program ends. Remember, if you ARE struggling, you have options. If you can't pay your bills due to COVID-19, contact your financial lender and creditor. The Consumer Protection Financial Bureau and other financial regulators have encouraged lenders to work with their customers during this time. If you can't make your mortgage payments, the new CARES Act allows homeowners with federally backed loans, who are affected by the pandemic, to request a forbearance of their mortgage for up to 180 days. The forbearance can be extended for up to an additional 180 days. Private mortgage loans may also offer programs. Do you have student

loans that you can't keep up with? The CARES Act also automatically suspends payments on federally-held student loans through September 30, 2020. For help with a student loan other than a federally-held loan, contact your servicer to see what options are available to you.

- *Keep your money safe.* Whether or not you've experienced a financial hit, don't head for the ATM to withdraw more cash than you usually need. Your money is safe in your bank or credit union account. Unlike money kept at home, you likely have federal protections if money you've deposited are taken illegally and in the unlikely event your institution shuts down. You will always be able to get cash when you need it. The professionals restocking cash machines and moving money across the country are on the job and are considered essential service workers.

- *Take control of your finances.*

Getting money smart is one of the best ways to be ready for any kind of trouble the future might bring. Always remember to also manage and protect your credit! If you want additional tools and resources to help you track your expenses, build a budget, pay off your debt, etc., contact Purdue Extension or check out [consumerfinance.gov](https://consumerfinance.gov)!

Are you interested in learning more about your finances? Do you want to start saving more money? Learn how to create a better budget for your lifestyle? The Topeka Library and Purdue Extension will be hosting a free financial workshop on June 4 at 2pm. During this hour session, participants will learn more about their money, where it is going, and spending leaks. You can register by calling 499-6334 or by emailing Brittney Schori at [bpender@purdue.edu](mailto:bpender@purdue.edu). 





## Westview Jr./Sr. High Quarter 3 High Honor Roll

*In addition to the GPA requirements (3.5 or higher) for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-.*

### **Grade 7**

Hussein Aldawshan, Derek Beechy, Ashley Bontrager, Cole Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lilly Bontrager, Michelle Bontrager, Owen Brill, Clarinda Byler, Brittney Chupp, Mason Clark, Audrey Eash, Loren Eash, Caden Engle, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Lakota Everitt, Kyle Frey, Zackary Fry, Micah Geyer, Silas Haarer, Cheryl Hochstetler, Grace Hochstetler, Olivia Jasso, Asher Kennedy, Gwenda Lambright, Jared Lambright, Randell Lapp, Alvin Lehman, JoAda Lehman, Joshua Lehman, Karl Lehman, Janell Mast, Kiana Mast, Lynette Mast, Brian Miller, Caleb Miller, Cory Miller, Curtis Miller, Daryl Miller, Derek Miller, Heidi Miller, Ida Miller, Jane Miller, Jesse Miller, Kristen Miller, Laina Miller, Leah Miller, MaKayla Miller, Marla Miller, Norma Miller, Sara Miller, Serena Miller, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexander Sanchez, Sharla Schmucker, Kason Schrock, Tyler Schrock, Brandon Schwartz, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Sheila Stoltzfus, Amy Troyer, Keith Troyer, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Grace Weaver, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Jordan Williams, Katura Wingard, Kerry Wingard, Laurene Wingard, Megan Wingard, Brandon Yoder, Bryan Yoder, Derek Yoder, Erika Yoder, Jalen Yoder, Kamden Yoder, Lucas Yoder, Nicole Yoder, Velma Yoder, and Benjamin Yutzy.

### **Grade 8**

Eli Atra, Eric Beachy, Caleb Bontrager, Darin Bontrager, Geneva Bontrager, Jaden Bontrager, Kayla Bontrager, Mark Bontrager, Melissa Bontrager, Vera Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Jayce Brandenberger, Emily Detweiler, Angie Eash, Elaine Frey, Olivia Frey, Sharla Frey, Amy Fry, Luke Fry, Mary Fry, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Lori Hochstetler, Braden Kauffman, Luke Kemp,

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# Meadowview Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr

## Mighty Mustang Club

Winners are chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect, and responsibility. 



1<sup>st</sup>  
Grade



2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grade



3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grade




4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

**Winners Listed In No Particular Order** Kindergarten: Jesse Hershberger, Kylah Miller, Adam Bontrager, Alayna Bontrager, Myra Bontrager, David Miller, Jared Schlabach, Juman Alyaharee, Sadie Schlabach, Celise Bontrager, and Curtis Schlabach. First grade: Abigail Lehmer, Cristopher Miller, Kimber Helmuth, Jason Miller, Julie Bontrager, Graison Yoder, Salena Gingerich, and Logan Yoder. Second grade: Caleb Wingard, Karina Yoder, Jolene Bontrager, James Wingard, Joshua Chupp, Clayton Moon, and Farrah Blankenship. Third grade: Lukas Gingerich, Ana Wingard, Alyssa Miller, Kenlyn Schlabach, Amber Miller, and Cameron Noble. Fourth grade: Jenisa Kauffman, Ryan Miller, Gavin Eicher, Julie Lambright, Josie Ryall, Tyler Stutzman, Matthew Harris, Ayden Hoffman, and Krista Knepp.

\*not pictured • Photos Submitted

## Decimal Diner

Decimal Diner was So-Da Bomb! Mrs. Sharick's fourth grade "Soda Jerks" spent all day in the soda shop diving into decimal calculations and

learning about the good ol' days of the 1950s and 60s. Green Rivers were a smashing hit too! 



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## H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 16

Grace A. Lambright, Grace E. Lambright, Jayna Lambright, Kari Lambright, Matthew Lambright, Teasha Lambright, Elijah Lehman, Maria Lehman, Kaylin Mahon, Adam Miller, Austin Miller, Bruce Miller, Curtis Miller, Karly Miller, Kayla Miller, Matthew Miller, Travis Miller, Douglas Minix, Lily Mishler, Teague Misner, Kaitlin Nisley, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Luna Osorio, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Amy Schlabach, Janell Schlabach, Julie Schrock, Andrea Schwartz, Wade Springer, Austin Stutzman, Anita Swartzentruber, Audrey Taylor, Landon Troyer, Michael Troyer, Amy Wagler, Hope Welsh, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Alayna Yoder, Christopher Yoder, Curtis Yoder, Emily Yoder, Eric Yoder, Jeremiah Yoder, Jeremy Yoder, Keith Yoder, Nicole Yoder, Olen Yoder, Scott Yoder, and Suzanne Yoder.

### Grade 9

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

### Grade 10

Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Brennan Beachy, Landon Bennett, Bohdy Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser, Sarabeth Drew, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Gramm Egli, Kaylyn Gates, Tylar Glick, Elijah Hostetler, Brookelyn Lambright, Alana Miller,

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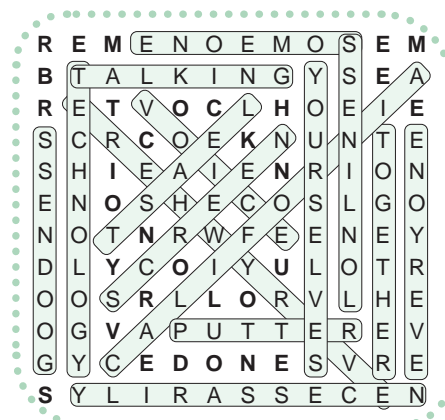
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Solution to puzzle on page 6



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

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Faith  
Easter  
He Rose Again



## Clueless Crossword

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

Use the words listed  
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# Shining CITIZENS

## Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Third Grading Period



**First Grade** Back (left to right): Tarah Hochstetler, Gavin Miller, Ryeigh Weimer, Finley Gingerich, and Travis Hochstetler. Front: Ryan Mast, Serena Miller, Addison Lambright, Tyson Yoder, and Kaitlyn Yoder. Not Pictured: Grace Miller.



**Second Grade** Back (left to right): Jeslyn Schwartz, Abigail Hershberger, Amy Miller, and Katy Miller. Front: Maci Miller, Cindy Schwartz, Amber Stoltzfus, Glenda Eash, and Tyler Mast.



**Third Grade** Back (left to right): Grady Yoder, Janelle Bontrager, and Brianna Miller. Front: Lisa Hochstetler, Abigail King, Isaiah Miller, Kari Miller, and Melissa Weaver.



**Fourth Grade** Back (left to right): Jacob Lower, Violet Tormanen, and Janelle Weaver. Front: Karson Mast, Alexis Lambright, and Edelyn Munoz. (Not Pictured): Ethan Bontrager and Aurora Miller.

Photos Submitted



### Skating Party

Shipshe-Scott students at the all school skating party. Photos Submitted

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Hailey Miller, Martin Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Maddison Mishler, Eman Mohsen, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Sean Nordman, Hunter Porter, Joseph Ratliff, Isaac Rogers, Anthony Sanchez, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Elaine Troyer, Maria Weaver, Aiden Wisler, and Jadon Yoder.

Hadel Alammari, Younis Algaradi, 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, Mary Hostetler, Savannah Huddleston, Keegan Kohlheim, Drew Litwiller, Hannah Martin, Hallie Mast, Andrea Mendoza, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Erika Miller, Inah Miller, Lyndon Miller, Melissa Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Cael Misner, Cassandra Moreno, Nicholas Mortrud, Janice Mullett, Joseph Mullett, Jorge Munoz, Hannah Neff, Page Nowicki, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Hannah Schwartz, Katrina Schwartz, Peyton Schwartz, Katherine Stutzman, Nicole Stutzman, and Abby Welsh.

Chloe Bontrager, Melayna Borg, Krista Byler, Kurtis Davis, Taylor Davis, Blake Egli, Aleka Ernsberger, Aiden Gingerich, Skyler Hawk, Amy Hershberger, Corrina Hochstetler, Jodi Hostetler, John Kelly, Ryan Klaassen, Paul Klopfenstein, Hannah Knabe, Allie Kruckeberg, Lavinia Lantz, Trevor Lindsey, Addison Martin, Payton May, Anthony Miller, Michael Miller, Hannah Mishler, Rasha Muharam, Ashley Mullett, Peyton Myers, Jessa Owens, Abel Rodriguez, Kaylie Rolin, Alexis Roth, Kiah Schrock, Anthony Schwartz, Justin Schwartz, Rosalyn Schwartz, Titus Schwartz, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Michael Stutzman, Darriorn Thornburgh, Ashley Weaver, Chelsea Weaver, Jack Welsh, Zoe Williams, Charles Yoder, Micah Yoder, and Russell Yoder.



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# Topeka Elementary



3.

Earth Day 2020 wasn't able to be celebrated at Topeka Elementary, however, the students continue to enjoy the benefits of the 2019 Earth Day project that was completed with the help and generosity of Nisco. Students continue to enjoy the play-

ground throughout the current school year. TES appreciates Nisco's help and contributions toward this project as it has made for a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable playground for the students.



4.

1. Caydon Miller. 2. 3rd graders Ayah Ali on the tire swing. 3. 3rd graders Malia Weaver Shaffer and Chole Briggs. 4. 3rd grader Janelle Bontrager plays with some friends. 5. Students, staff and Nisco employees working to spread new rubber mulch on the playground for Earth Day 2019. 6. Group of 3rd graders.

Photos submitted



5.



6.



## I Love to Read Challenge

Mrs. Dawn Miller's first grade class participated in the WSBT "I Love to Read Challenge" for the month of February. The students were challenged by Mrs. Miller to read at least 15 minutes each night for the month. The class read a combined total of 7,086 minutes.

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## Westview Jr./Sr. High Quarter 3 Regular Honor Roll

In addition to the GPA requirements (3.0 - 3.499) for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-.

### Grade 7

Sarah Alshuga, Emily Bontrager, Isaiah Bontrager, Jethro Bontrager, Kayla Bontrager, Micah Bontrager, Anson Chupp, Jolene Eash, Aaron Fry, Eric Fry, Kara Fry, Titus Fry, Madison Glenn, Sara Herschberger, Kenlyn King, Serena Lambright, Sierra Lambright, Aydan Leis, Jackson Massey, Karen Miller, LaWayne Miller, Shanna Miller, Brianna Munoz, Isaiah Otto, Gwendolynn Owsley, Tristan Pearson, Matthew Raber, Adelyn Rainsberger, Omar Saleh, Kyle Schlabach, Arleena Schrock, Karlie Schrock, Matthew Slabach, Sorchia Stewart, Janessa Stutzman, Aleyna Troyer, Joshua Wingard, Jacob Yoder, Kylie Yoder, Marlene Yoder, Tyler Yoder, and Velda Yoder.

### Grade 8

Kristie Bolling, Dale Bontrager, Mia Bontrager, Tyson Christner, Geneva Chupp, Lynn Eash, Katie Engelage, Kevin Hershberger, Kayla King, Harper Klein, Jeryle Lambright, Brady Lehman, Geneva Miller, Karl Miller, Karli Miller, Karolyn Miller, Lyle Miller, Maria Miller, Vonda Miller, Izabella Osbon, Jason Otto, KeeLee Palmer, Dennis Schwartz, Ireley Sherman, McKynze Sivits, Kristyn Slabach, Mackenzie Smith, Madeline Stults, Jalen Stutzman, Kirstin Stutzman, Abriana Suddarth, Lauren Vanderpool, Joseph Weaver, Dena Whetstone, Nevaeh White, Anthony Wingard, Luke Wingard, Brian Yoder, Danika Yoder, Elijah Yoder, Jerica Yoder, Mathew Yoder, and Melissa Yoder.

### Grade 9

Mohamed Aamer, Leilyn Bradley, Isabella Carmona, Jordan Collyer, Braden Eash, Jace Everitt, Daniel Fry, Gabriel Harville, Bianca Leonard, Norah Massey, Cole Mast, Diana Mendoza, Adrian L. Miller, Dayshayla Miller, Kayden Moore, Ethan Pletcher, Alexander Trittipio, and Brady Yoder.

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## 3rd Quarter Outstanding Citizens



Outstanding Citizens are chosen based on the following: They are responsible for their behavior, are re-

sponsible for their assignments, show respect for adults and peers, serve as role models for other students, respect the property and rights of others, display good manners, participate in the classroom and other school activities,

are honest and trustworthy, and are courteous and cooperative.

The Outstanding Citizens for the third grading period were treated to lunch at Country Corral on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Students listed in no particular order: Graci Engle, Peyton Miller, Allison Miller, Boe Helmuth, Alivia Miller, Sophia Wingard, Luke Haarer, Kevin Reinhold, Elyse Wingard, Brett Springer, Wendall Miller, Doretta Fry, Lora Mast, Gabriel Yoder, Ava Hostetler, and Milan Miller. 



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## *Note to Parents of Westview School Corporation Students*



*In order to satisfy the requirements to have an additional twenty days of school for this year, Westview will be sending home weekly packets of school work each of the next four Mondays.*

**The at-home learning packets will be delivered, or picked up, on April 27th, May 4th, May 11th and May 18th.**

Each packet will contain work to count for a week's worth of instruction.

**For morning bus riders, the buses will follow their morning pick up routes, using a two-hour delay schedule. Please have someone at the bus stop to give their bus driver any library books they still have, and to collect the new learning packets and books.** An additional instructional aid riding on the bus will facilitate this exchange. For safety, you are asked to follow directions by the instructional aid and maintain a safe social distance. Materials will be left by the mailbox or driveway if no one is at the stop to receive them.

**The plan is to collect library and/or classroom books that are currently at your home on April 27th.**

Please have them with you at the bus stop when you get your packet. Books will be exchanged weekly.

**For walkers and non-bus riders, students and parents may pick up their learning packet on the same delivery days from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Meadowview Elementary, Shipshewana-Scott Elementary, and Topeka Elementary. For Westview Elementary and Westview Jr Sr. High School, packet pick up times are 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Staff members will be reaching out to students each week to answer any questions they may have with the learning packets.

According to Superintendent, Dr. Miller, "Students won't be able to ask for specific books. Their classroom teacher will help refine the selections for them, it won't be a perfect science. Hopefully we will get better at this aspect and will reflect what our students want to read."

**High schoolers will receive all their instructions via their chromebooks. If your students walk to school, the pick up points will be at Door 1 for Meadowview, Topeka, Westview Elementary, and Westview Jr High. Shipshewana will be curbside on either the east or the west side of the building.**



## Honor Roll ... cont. from page 22

### Grade 10

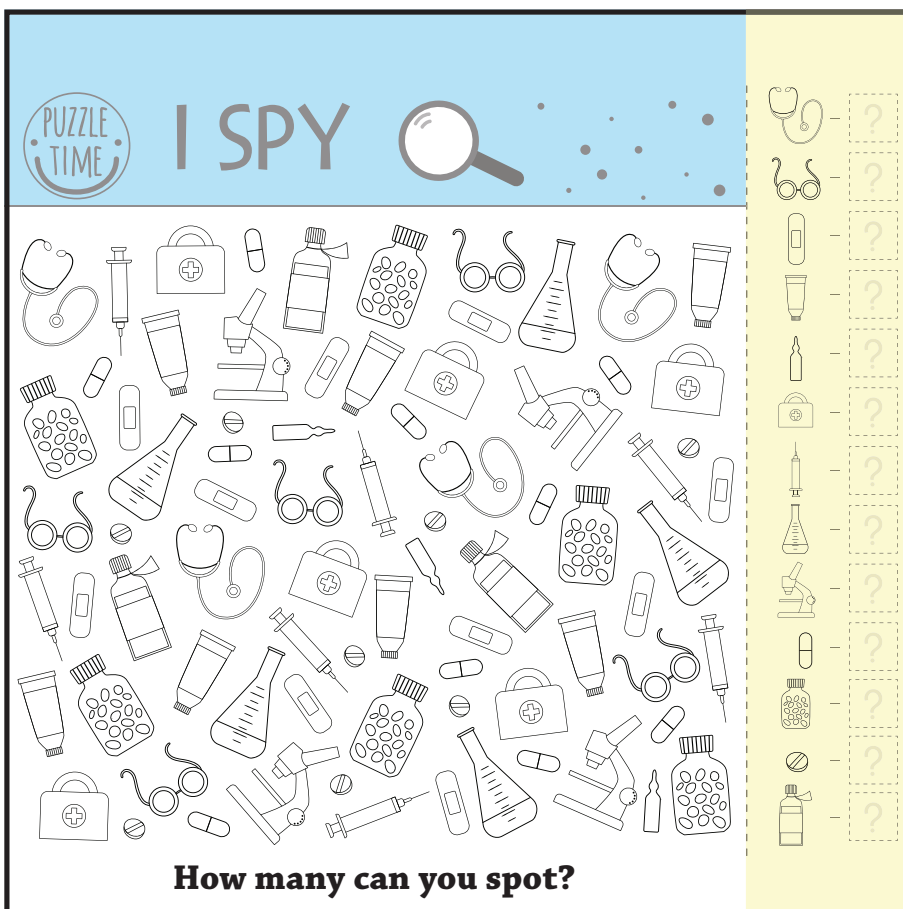
Mukhammadamin Abdurakhmonov, Brieonna Baker, Andrew Baughman, Hailey Bibbee, Abigail Bontrager, Jilian Krupinski, Brandon Lehman, Joslyn Marner, Logan McNamara, Amina Omarouf, Tanner Pruitt, Kendall Schwartz, Savana Strater, Caleb Yater, Alexander Yoder, and Mason Yoder.

### Grade 11

Kaitlyn Burton, Chloe Crowell, Dominic Hostetler, Amber McHenry, Gloria Miller, Luke Miller, Payton Oliver, Chandler Pushman, Jordan Schrock, Takota Sharick, and Kyla Smart.

### Grade 12

Derek Barks, Bradley Chupp, Kyle Fennell, Brandon Franklin, Bryant King, Christen Lantz, Avery Niccum, Leon Raber, Nicole Strickland, Ethan Voris, Darrian Weaver, and Austin Yoder.



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# ROB YODER RESIGNATION

At the March Westview School Board meeting, Rob Yoder, head basketball coach at Westview for the last seventeen years, tendered his resignation. Coach Yoder finished a spectacular coaching career with a 303-125 record.


In his seventeen years of coaching, he led the Warriors to nine sectional championships, four regional championships, and a berth in the 2014 State Championship versus Class 2A number one Indianapolis Park

Tudor. In addition to his post-season success, he also garnered seven Northeast Corner Conference Tournament crowns and his teams finished as NECC season champs in ten of the seventeen years.

As far as the future for Westview basketball is concerned, Yoder feels this is an ideal time to step down, in part because the next coach will inherit a lot of Warrior veterans coming back. Potentially, ten letter winners will return for the 2020-2021 season. Yoder's Warriors finished this past season with an impressive 21-4 record, including an NECC championship.

Yoder is looking forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying being a spectator. His son Charlie, finished his basketball playing career at Westview this year by breaking numerous scoring and statistical school and county records. He will be continuing his education and basketball career

at the University of Incarnet Word in San Antonio, TX, after completing post graduate work next year. Rob is looking forward to the opportunity of being able to watch Charlie's college games, and spending more time with his wife Cori and daughter Carrigan.

Coach Yoder sent out this message after announcing his resignation. "I would like to thank our administration, athletic department, assistant coaches, fans, and all of our great players for allowing me to be a small part of Westview basketball for the past seventeen years. The memories and relationships will forever be cherished by our family." 




## Shipshewana Summer Festival

The Shipshewana Volunteer Fire Department and the Shipshewana Police Department are working together to bring a weekend of activities to the residents of Shipshewana this summer. The festival will be Friday and Saturday, July 31 and August 1. The idea came from a town in Ohio where their fire department has been doing this for their community for a number of years.

Final details are still being worked out, but there will be a softball tournament, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, live entertainment, a kids' carnival area and other kids' games, a classic car show and a remote controlled airplane

club showing off their skills. Other potential activities being considered are a corn hole tournament, water ball contest between the fire department and neighboring department(s), a garden tractor pull, and a dunk tank.

The fire department will be doing a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning and grilled chicken throughout the event. There will be additional food vendors set up as well.

The festival will be held on The Cove grounds and the town's softball and soccer field areas. More details and opportunities to sign up for events will be released soon. 



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## Quarantine Corner

# How to Make Crystal Geode Eggs



### What You'll Need:

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Craft glue  
Epsom salt  
Food coloring  
Toothpicks

1. Help kids crack an egg at the narrow end and carefully widen the opening to the size of a quarter. Empty into a bowl; repeat with more eggs. (Save the yolks and make a scramble or frittata for lunch!)
2. Set shells in a bowl of hot water to rinse. Then show kids how to gently rub their thumb on the inside to loosen and remove the membrane (there may be two layers). Turn the shells over on a towel to dry. If desired, dye them before the next step (follow instructions on the box); let dry.
3. Set the shells inside the carton. Brush the entire inside with a thin layer of glue and dust with Epsom salt (this will act as a starter crystal). Let dry completely (a few hours).
4. Boil 1 cup water and remove from heat (an adult's job). Slowly add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Epsom salt and stir until it's dissolved. Continue stirring in small amounts of salt (a tablespoon or two at a time but no more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup) until it no longer dissolves, then STOP. You've made a super-saturated solution! It should be thick but not slushy.
5. Carefully pour the solution into your shells with a small ladle, filling to the top. Add a drop of food coloring to each egg, and stir gently with a toothpick. Place your shells somewhere safe and at room temperature.
6. Check your eggs daily. If you find a thin, hard, jagged layer forming on the surface, gently break it up with a toothpick (allowing the water to evaporate). After a few days, all the water will evaporate, leaving colorful geodes behind!

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by Harold D. Gingerich

For most Topeka residents, Yoder Oil Company on South Main has been a fixture of the business community for as long as they can remember. In fact, there are only a handful of people who are old enough to remember its humble beginnings in 1926. For 90 years Yoder Oil and the Yoder family served the area with a full-service gas station, car repairs, and home heating oil deliveries.

Yoder Oil had its beginning as the "Home Oil Company". Erman B. Yoder, a 1912 graduate of Topeka High School, started the oil business in 1926. In 1931, Erman sold the company to a couple of his employees,

Perry and Menno Yoder, and moved to southern California where he went to work for his father, Melvin A. Yoder, building houses. Two years later Erman and his wife Gladys moved back to Topeka with their two children, Kathryn (who later married Ellsworth Peterson) and Robert. It was the Great Depression and Perry and Menno were unable to make their payments. Once again Erman was back in the oil business, changing the name to Yoder Oil Company.

Erman built a service station and garage, which was attached to his house, on the corner of Main and West Mill Street. In April of 1937,

his son Robert L. (Bob) went to work in the family business. Bob was one of 18 students to graduate that year from Topeka High School. Father and son operated the business pumping gasoline, repairing cars, and delivering home heating oil.



Bob & Mary at Pompey



When World War II came along Robert served his country as a sergeant in North Africa in charge of medical supplies. It was there that he met his future bride, a nurse from Boston by the name of Mary. The two did face a bit of a problem. Mary was a lieutenant and Bob was only a sergeant. As a commissioned officer, Mary was not to associate with non-commissioned personnel. But their love found a way.



Military service took them to Italy and France as well. Following the war, they got married and Bob came home with his bride to join the family business and raise a family.



*Bob & Mary in Africa, 1943*



*Erman - School Bus Driver*

In 1948 a new station was built across the street from their original location, on the east side of Main Street. In that same year Edwin Yoder and his son Galen, who operated the Hawpatch Dairy, introduced ice cream to the Hawpatch product line. Two years later the Hawpatch Dairy Bar opened in the north end of Yoder Oil's new building. The business quickly grew and became a full-service restaurant. Several years later the restaurant part was sold to Ed and Beulah Sheley while the ice cream business returned to Hawpatch Dairy. Hawpatch Dairy was located on South Main where the current "mini mall" stands.


When Erman retired in 1959, Robert was there to carry on the business. Like his father before him, Bob supplemented his income by driving a

school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Topeka. In fact, he bought his father's old route (At that time bus routes were bought and sold from one bus driver to another). It was a route Bob would drive for the next 19 years. The family has a wonderful picture of Erman standing beside his school bus. On the side of the bus it reads, "Clearspring TWP".

Bob and Mary had two sons, Dennis (THS Class of 1965) and Robert Jr. from the Class of 1966. Both boys got involved in the family business at an early age by doing odd jobs around the garage.

Robert continued to operate the business until his retirement on December 31, 1981. Without skipping a beat, the next generation of Yoder brothers partnered together to carry on the family tradition. That partnership continued until 1997 when Dennis became the sole owner of Yoder Oil Company, Inc. Yoder Oil would continue to service the community with automotive repair service and the

show room. In March of 2016 Yoder Oil closed its doors for the final time. Today the old station at 113 South Main Street is home to Heartland Farm & Pet Supply.

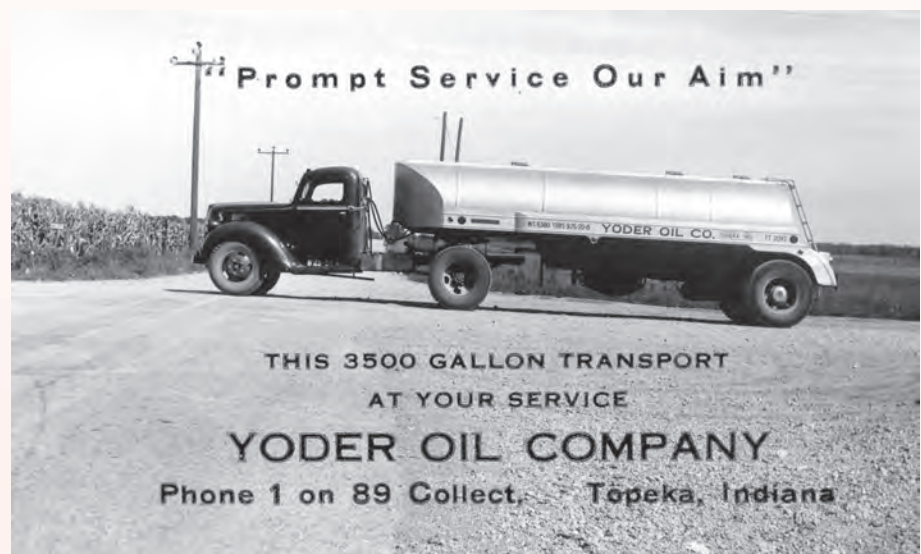
For more Topeka history visit the Topeka Area Historical Society's website [www.topekahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.topekahistoricalsociety.com). You can also find them on Facebook. 



*Mel, Erman, Bob, and Dennis Yoder in 1948*



*Erman with Tanker*



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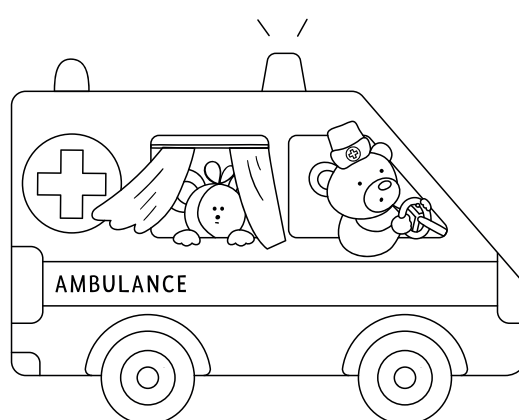
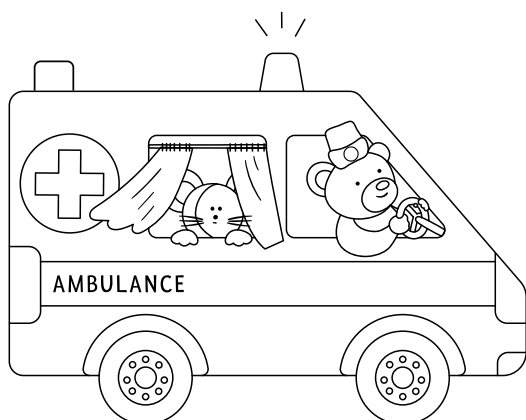
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# Mike's Automotive Service

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By Harold D. Gingerich



It was “Tax Day” (April 15th) of 2010 that Mike and Doretta Janowski took a leap of faith and opened the doors of Mike’s Automotive at 319 Lehman Avenue in Topeka. “It was scary,” Mike recalls, “we were just coming out of the economic downturn of 2008. Some people told us, ‘You will never make it’, others said, ‘You’ll be all right’, but it was scary, really scary. Doretta and I knew that we were at a point in life where we either continued on the same path that we were going or take a leap and see if I could do it. I had always wanted a shop of my own.” Today, 10 years later, they are glad they did, and so are a lot of other people.

Both Mike and Doretta (Mast) are graduates of Westview High School. Mike in 1990 and Doretta in 1991. Mike came to Topeka as a 5th grader, two weeks after the beginning of the school year. His father, Wayne Janowski, had just accepted the position of plant manager at Carbi-Tech, a tungsten carbide manufacturing plant.

Doretta was born and raised in the Westview community. They were married on September 3, 1994.

Following graduation from high school, Mike attended Trine University for a year and IPFW in Ft. Wayne for a year, before finishing his degree at Ivy Tech. Following his graduation from Ivy Tech, Mike went to work full time for Shipshe Service. During the summers Mike and his dad helped Orv Yoder coach Westview’s Babe Ruth baseball team.

In February of 2000, Mike went to work for Yoder Oil Company in Topeka. Doretta remembers, “It was right about the time that our Jett (their second child) was born, so with Mike starting a new job that was a little unsettling for me as a mom.” Mike would be at Yoder Oil for the next ten years.

When you ask the Janowski’s what they want people to know about Mike’s Automotive, Mike is quick to point out that, “I think we are one of the last true ‘Mom & Pop’ operations. When

you walk through the door you will be greeted by one of the owners (Doretta) and the other owner (Mike) is usually the one working on your car. In this day and age, especially with automotive repair facilities, that is rare other than in really small towns like this. To me, that is one of the things that has kept us special.”

Doretta was quick to add that, “My first thought was that they just get... good... honest customer service work. We don’t do things to vehicles that don’t need to be done ... if it’s a safety issue we will tell you, but there is no pressure to do something.”

At that point Mike chimed in, “We still try to do things the right way, plain and simple, whether I make money or lose money ...and I’ve lost a lot.”

Doretta summed it up, “You just treat people right and it will come back to you.” Their business motto, along with the quality of work, has earned them the reputation that if you want



things done right and at an honest price you take your car to Mike's. Mike and Doretta will tell you that, for most people in business, the Coronavirus "Stay at Home" order has been hard on business. "I'll be honest, it hasn't been easy; but we'll get through this," Mike says. Normally they are scheduled out at least two weeks, but right now it's a matter of two or three days. So, if you need some work done on your car or truck, now would be a great time to get it done.

Like everyone who owns a business, Mike and Doretta have lots of memories and stories to tell. Both mentioned having the towing service alongside the regular automotive repairs. "The towing really opened our eyes; being on the (Lagrange) county call rotation has exposed us to a lot," was the observation of both. "There's just a lot of things that go on," Mike


added, "you never know what you're going to get. It could be that someone has passed away in an accident...it's a tough gig." Recently they were called to an accident where a horse went through the windshield and was inside the car.

However, Mike's fondest memory goes back to their first year of operations when his father, Wayne, was helping them get started. "My dad helped me to begin with because I was here by myself, Mike remembers. "He answered the phone; we had a chair set up for him out in the shop and he would sit out there and watch me work."

Unfortunately, Wayne passed away in October of 2011. Mike's mother, Rose, still lives in the same house where Mike and his brother, Steve, grew up and still works at Tower Ribbons in Topeka. Both Wayne and Rose were active in the community for many

years; Wayne coaching little league baseball and Rose with the Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

Mike and Doretta have two grown children. Their daughter Jenson (age 23) is married and lives in Savannah, Georgia. Jett, 20 years old, lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan and is attending college.

Mike's Automotive is at 319 Lehman Avenue in Topeka. They are open from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Call them at (260) 593-0434 to schedule an appointment. 



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Along with completed cloth face masks, the hospital is now accepting

mask-making supplies such as fabric (cotton, poly-cotton blends, rayon, etc.) and spools of 1/4-inch elastic or material for ties. Detailed directions for making face masks, including pictures, are available at [parkview.com/homemademasks](http://parkview.com/homemademasks).

All donations may be delivered to

the emergency entrance of Parkview LaGrange Hospital, 207 N. Townline Road, LaGrange, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Blaskie at [christina.blaskie@parkview.com](mailto:christina.blaskie@parkview.com) or 260-463-9389. 



## LCCF COVID-19 Grants

The LaGrange County Community Foundation and the United Way of Elkhart and LaGrange Counties, in consultation with other community entities, are combining efforts to respond to needs that arise from COVID-19.

The organizations have committed \$32,000 to the effort and will provide support to nonprofit and other community organizations engaging in basic needs relief, short-term response and long-term recovery in LaGrange County.

Grants will be awarded from Community Foundation's Good Samaritan Fund. Gifts, large, and small to the fund can help support local nonprofits providing meals, shelter, and other necessities for families and individuals impacted by COVID-19 in LaGrange County. Grant making will evolve with the situation making the funds flexible and responsive.


In the near term, the Good Samaritan Fund will prioritize the following services related to the increase in demands as a result of COVID-19:

- The elderly and other high-risk populations
- Low income residents experiencing short term financial crisis due to loss of work/missed work (laid off, quarantined, unable to work due to lack of child care, etc.)
- Residents who are food insecure
- Supplies to support emergency response
- Residents who have no medical insurance or are under-insured
- Healthcare and emergency response workers in need of protective gear and equipment
- Physical and emotional well-being of children and youth
- Heating, water, rent and mortgage

assistance

A simple on-line application will be reviewed by a team from both organizations and a single response will be provided. Priority will be given to community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations providing basic needs services to people who are immediately suffering from this crisis. The COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants and Good Samaritan Fund are available through the Community Foundation's website at [lccf.net/covid-19](http://lccf.net/covid-19).

Join the response to COVID-19 crisis, it is safe, and all funds received stay in LaGrange County. Administrative fees for gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund for COVID-19 relief will be waived.

For more information, please call 260-463-4363. LaGrange County Community Foundation 109 E Central Ave. Suite 3, LaGrange, IN 46761. 



# LaGrange County Parks News

## **Garlic Mustard Pulling**

*Through May 6*

Feeling frustrated? Pull Garlic Mustard! This extremely invasive plant is trying to take hold at Maple Wood and Pine Knob Parks. It is one of the ten most destructive plants in Indiana, according to the Indiana Native Plant Society. As a family, or by yourself, register to pull this plant at the park of your choice.

Upon registering, you will be assigned a pulling zone. You can pull whenever you want and for how long you want during the pulling season, April 15 - May 6. Take a picture of your "haul" every time you pull and earn maple candy and syrup rewards.

Email [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org) or call (260) 463-4022 to register. Upon registering, you'll receive identification instructions and a map of your pulling zone. To help keep people a safe distance from each other, a limited number of people will be assigned each zone.

## **Spring Wildflower Walks at Maple Wood**

*Self-Guided Trail – Through May 16*

Let's see what's blooming! Self-guided trail will be marked April 18.

A spring wildflower trail will be marked at Maple Wood. Pick up a trail flyer outside the nature center to learn about the flowers as you walk, or visit our website and download information. It will be updated through May 16, as different flowers bloom.



Nature Leslie is working on wild-flower videos. Fingers crossed! Look to Facebook and our website for information in the near future.

## **Breakfast with Homeschool Hiding in Plain Sight**

*Learn about the importance of camouflage, make color collages, and play hide-n-seek. Live amphibians.*

*Wed., May 20, 9:00 - 10:30 am*

These mornings are designed for outdoor-loving, curious children! Every program will have a craft or activity. If the weather permits, we'll also go for a hike. The programs have been developed from Project WET and Project WILD curriculum and meet many state proficiency standards. Children aged for K - 5th grade will enjoy these mornings the most, but younger and older children will have fun too! Younger siblings are always welcome. Doughnuts and hot beverages served while supplies last.

## **Save the Date: Wednesday, August 19: Butterfly and Grasshopper Safari**

Make a butterfly life cycle chart. Study grasshoppers up close. Discover their awesome jumping skills and practice measuring distance.

## **Spring Quilt Classes at Maple Wood,**

*May 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Pattern: Bow Ties. This is an old pattern. Learn a new, easy way to make it. Have fun choosing your fabric!

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](mailto:lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com). Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks) For more information, contact the instructors Julia Wolhuter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.

## **MONTHLY**

### **Maple Wood Fiber Guild**

*(Beginning May 13)*

*Second Weds, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, tatting, embroidery, and more! Bring projects to work on, get inspiration from others, or learn a new hobby. Children welcome! Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch and cash donation for LaGrange County Parks.

### **Make - n - Take Crafts**

None scheduled for May.


### **Folk Jams**

*Sunday, May 24, 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](mailto:reo43@aol.com), or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022.

### **Sewing Group**

*Wed., May 27 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm*

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you! Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Bring a sack lunch or munchie to share, and \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. Questions? Contact Linda Grobis (260) 351-3609. 







## Note from the Naturalist

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. We have 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.

Further information will be released May 15, that will hopefully include information about summer camps and programs. If you can't gather with family and friends, try gathering with trees, flowers, birds, and butterflies.

To your health,  
Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist

## Newsletter for Butterfly Enthusiasts

This is a call-out to fellow butterflyers in Northeast Indiana! This newsletter, 'The Lonely Satyr' will be dedicated to LaGrange, Steuben, Elkhart, Noble, and Whitley Counties, but all regional information is welcome. I love butterfly watching and I love talking with others about butterfly watching! I have been inspired to create a written gathering place for our community to share our butterfly observations and events with each other. This electronic newsletter will be free!

This newsletter will have two primary goals: 1. To record the abundance and distribution of butterflies in our area. 2. To promote butterfly programs, workshops, walks, etc. in our area.


The deadline for information will be the 15th of the month, April - September. The newsletter will be emailed to subscribers on the first of the month, May - October. Spread the word! The first deadline is May 15.

To submit:

For butterflies: Include species common name, date of observation, location, and interesting notes. Pictures are welcome.

For promotion: Include program title, brief description, date, times, location, cost, and registration requirements.

*Leslie A. Arnold*

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## Questions and Message Box #s with answers

### Box 0: Voice Mail box to leave your comments, requests, and questions.

#### **Am I a Christian full of JOY?**

#1: Living with Joy, Chan (40 min)

#### **Is what people think of me more important than my character as a Christian?**

#2: Character vs Reputation, Chan (35min)

#### **Is my church dying and am I part of the disease killing it?**

#3: Autopsy of a Dead Church, Kuruvilla (78min)

#### **Do I, as a young believer, have my priorities straight?**

#4: Shocking Youth Message, Washer (58min)

#### **How big is my God?**

#5: God the Creator part 1, Barkman (48min)

#6: God the Creator part 2, Barkman (51min)

#### **Do I base all my convictions and beliefs on the Bible?**

#7: The Foundation & the Living Word, Barkman(81min)

#### **Can I be free of all addictions?**

#8: Testimony of Drug Addict, Orasuk (54min)

#### **Have I received the Holy Spirit since I believed?**

#9: You Need the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Wilkerson(79min)

#10: Holy Holy Holy part 1, Weaver (45min)

#11: Holy Holy Holy part 2, Weaver (49min)

#12: Holy Holy Holy part 3, Weaver (15min)

#### **I'm I still trying to earn my salvation?**

#13: Stop Working, Start Receiving, Chan (44min)

#### **Who really am I since I became born again?**

#14: Show Me Who I Am, White (64min)

#### **What motivates me to do good works?**

#15: A Spiritual Olympics, Ravenhill (44min)

#### **Do I really know the one I call Father and Lord?**

#16: Knowing the Father, Mohler (95min)

#### **Am I growing in Wisdom or only knowledge in the Lord?**

#17: Face to Face with Wisdom of Jesus, Surey (48min)

#### **How do I live by the S on M?**

#18: Sermon on the Mount, Daniel (69min)

#### **How do I become more like Jesus?**

#19: How to Abide in Christ, Washer (104min)

#### **Am I preventing people from coming to Jesus?**

#20: Enemy of Revival, Ravenhill (51min)

#### **Do I have bitterness in my life?**

#21: The Root of Bitterness, Rogers (41min)

#### **Have I Received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit since I Believed?**

#22: Holy Spirit (Part 1) Weaver (45min)

#23: Holy Spirit (Part 2) Weaver (42min)

#24: Holy Spirit (Part 3) Weaver (62 min)

#### **What is Lukewarm and am I that?**

#25: Lukewarm and Loving it, Chan (40 min)

#### **If Jesus #1 priority was to save soul, shouldn't this be mine also? Do I truly even care?**

#26: Call to Anguish, Wilkerson (56min)

#### **How can I know if I'm truly born again?**

#27: Assurance (part 1), Washer (52 min)

#28: Assurance (part 2), Washer (39min)

#29: Assurance (part 3), Washer (36 min)

#30: Assurance (part 4) Washer (34 min)

#31: Assurance (part 5), Washer (57 min)

#### **How do I lay down My Life and Walk by Faith?**

#32 Two Nations in a Womb, Weaver (142min)

#### **What does Radical Christianity really look like?**

#33 Outside the Camp, Platt(27min)

#### **Are Addictions from Demons?**

#34 Graveyard Revival, Wilkerson

#### **What does True Biblical Leadership look Like?**

#35 Glorious Church (part 1) Barkman (92min)

#36 Glorious Church (part 2) Barkman (93 min)

#37 Glorious Church (part3) Barkman (120min)

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If you have any questions, comments, or would like meet over a cup of coffee for some brother to brother discipleship, leave a message in box #0. We by far do not have all the answers, but can search for a sermon from a seasoned leader with answers. We hope to continue adding questions and to this sermon list. So if you know of any good sermons let us know.

God Bless You Brothers, LWG



## ***But Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness: all these things shall be added unto you, Matt 6:33***

### **Have I lost my Fire?**

#38 Bush of Fire, Weaver (100min)

### **Is God's Spirit with Me?**

#39: Presents of God's Spirit, Chan (54:27)

### **What gives me fear of talking to people?**

#40: Secrets of Fearless Preaching, Chan (43:09)

### **What does the Holy Spirit do Today?**

#41: The Holy Spirit Power, Chan (46:41)

### **Do Miracles still happen today?**

#42: Miracles & Healing for Today, Chan (21:45)

### **Am I humble?**

#43: How to Humble Yourself p1 Esh (29:30)

#44: How to Humble Yourself p2 Esh (29:30)

### **Am I modest?**

#45: Mystery of Modesty, Yoder (48:41)

### **Can I know is I'm going to heaven?**

#46: That You May Know, Yoder (48:20)

### **What does the Holy Spirit do Today?**

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#47: Communion with the Holy Spirit (51:34)

#48: The Holy Spirit & the Anti Christ (49:07)

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#50: Walking in the Spirit (43:36)

### **What is my place in the kingdom of God**

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### **What does it mean to be a son of God?**

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***That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in me, and I in you,  
that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you  
sent Me John 17:21***



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