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Topeka Firefighter Given A Hero's Welcome

By Harold Gingerich



rescue Galen Bontrager. Both men were trapped in the crawl space above the dining room ceiling. Thanks

to the quick action of the firefighters below, who radioed the two men and then broke open the ceiling, both men escaped with their lives.

Medics on scene attended both firefighters.

Miraculously Devon Bontrager, while shaken, was uninjured and returned to help his fellow firefighters

finish putting out the fire. With severe burns to his hands, Galen Bontrager was transported by ambulance to Parkview Regional in Ft. Wayne before being transferred to the burn center in Indianapolis.

On the trip home from Indianapolis Bontrager rode with both arms resting on pillows, both hands still bandaged and with special circulating air pumps to facilitate the healing process. Chief Bender and Galen's mother, Christina, never told Bontrager what

was in store for him.

Firefighters from across the area were lined up to caravan and salute their injured comrade. Kendallville firemen met Bontrager on SR 3 south of town, escorted him to US 6 West of Kendallville, and halfway to Ligonier. "They blocked several intersections for us," Chief Bender said. Ligonier firefighters and police officers picked them up near Wawaka, escorting them through Ligonier and then north on SR 5 to the LaGrange/Noble county line where approximately 20 fire trucks from across LaGrange County were waiting. As the parade neared Topeka with lights flashing, the sirens could be heard for miles. Back at the Topeka Fire Department, a crowd of over 100 family, friends, and community people were waiting their turn to say, "Welcome Home!"

As the gathered crowd cheered, Bontrager very carefully got out of the command vehicle. A broad grin covered his face as he raised his bandaged arm and hand to wave as he walked into the fire station apparatus bay. Clearly all this attention for a young man from an Amish background was both overwhelming and somewhat uncomfortable.

All 22-year-old Galen Bontrager had on his mind was getting back home. Bontrager spent several weeks in the burn center at Eskenazi Health Center in Indianapolis, where he was being treated for second and third degree burns to his hands. Nothing looked better to him than seeing his mother, Christina, and his Fire Chief, Stewart Bender, arrive in the department's command SUV to take him home. Galen had no idea what awaited him in Kendallville, Ligonier, or at Station 30 in Topeka.

Bontrager's burns were the result of a flashover while fighting a fire at Beauty and the Bull restaurant on Hackenberg Lake, Saturday evening, May 16. The path of escape had been cut off by the sudden flashover for both Bontrager and Rescue Captain Devon Bontrager, who reentered the attic to





Following a word of prayer and giving thanks for God's protection, pork burgers, brauts, salads and desserts were ready to be served.

Bontrager heads back to Indianapolis soon for another procedure. In the weeks to come there will be numerous trips downstate for treatment and therapy, which means additional financial costs. A fund has been set up at Horizon Bank to help the family with expenses. Anyone wishing to donate

may do so by stopping at a Horizon Bank and designating their money to the Galen Bontrager Fund.

All the care and attention being given Galen has impacted the entire family. Before leaving the station, Galen's father Daniel expressed the family's gratitude to the crowd. "We cannot thank you all enough. I have come to see firefighters in a whole new light. You are there for each other, you have each other's back. We appreciate you so much...God bless you all!"

The outpouring

of community support was not missed by the younger generation. Westview High School senior Addie Bender, the daughter of Chief Bender, made a telling observation to her mother Jackie. "Mom, with rioting and looting going on in so many places look at what's happening here... this is what it means to be a community!" 🙏



Thank You

"I would like to thank the LaGrange and Noble County fire departments for showing up to escort and welcome me home. It was a phenomenal event...it was simply overwhelming. I was speechless. I am sorry that I couldn't talk to them all individually. But I want to thank all of them, and the whole community for all they are doing for me. There is no way that I can pay everyone back."

Galen Bontrager

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I've started making sourdough bread!
 I started with an Amish Friendship Bread starter, which made some delicious blueberry muffins.

I made some into traditional flour and water starter for savory breads but I still had some sweet starter. I used some to make banana bread a few days ago. My attempts at traditional bread have had mixed results. My first try was more crusty flatbread. My second try used a different recipe and turned out two good loaves.

I've found the long process is a good way to slow down and really put my whole heart into something simple yet rewarding. 

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

5 Important Skills Kids Need in 2020

As a history teacher, I wanted students to think for themselves, problem solve, and face complicated dilemmas with critical, higher level thinking for past problems and current events.

In recent years, those of us working with kids have observed a swift demise in students' abilities to problem solve. Even more frightening is the mob mentality of recent months. Group think is becoming the norm. And it's not a good thing.

In 2020, it's more important than ever to teach kids essential skills of problem solving, critical thinking, and decision making. How can you teach your children these skills? Here are five key elements to consider:

1. Don't steal your child's struggle. No matter how young or old your child is, swooping in and fixing problems for them does not help them. It enables them, making them ill-prepared in a world where they need to be strong. Let them struggle a little, helping them find resources for their problems within and outside of themselves. It may be standing back while they struggle to tie their shoe. Helping them use everything they've learned about solving a math problem before showing them how. Or it may be asking them what they think is best for a relationship problem before you make a decision for them.

2. Help your kids find resources to

inform their decisions. Whether it's a gift they want, activities in which they want to participate, or something they are hesitant or enthusiastic about, teach them to research information on the pros and cons about the decision. Avoid making a decision for them, even if you have the final say in the choice. Talk about the sources of information and what makes them credible or not. These skills also help them make moral decisions when you're not around.




3. Let your child learn from mistakes they've made. Loving your child doesn't mean preventing them from suffering or hardship. Helping them learn from their mistakes in a safe environment equips them for bigger problems that they'll encounter which have more serious consequences. The parent-child relationship is strengthened when kids know you're there for them when they fail.

4. Ask questions. When your

kids are problem solving or making decisions, ask them questions about outcomes, potential obstacles, or how they will handle the situation if something doesn't turn out the way they hoped. Ask inquisitively, and with care. "I wonder" is a non-threatening way to ask a question or help your child think about possible outcomes. It models problem solving without you directly telling them what to do. Also, asking them what they learned from a situation or how they can do it differently builds another level of decision making, confidence, and a healthy relationship with your child.

5. Ask about their thoughts and opinions. With national events directly impacting the lives of children in 2020, asking what your kids think about specific events gives them a voice and may lessen their anxiety. It provides important conversations. If they have an opinion different from yours, they learn they don't have to be afraid to express it. You foster their growth when you listen to their thoughts, building a healthy climate while your kids live at home.

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Westview Kindergarten Changes

Westview School Corporation will be doing SEEK kindergarten screening the weeks of July 20th and July 27th. If you have already registered through Meadowview, Shipshewana-Scott or Topeka Elementary, you do not need to do anything at this time. You will be receiving information in the mail shortly. If you have not signed up your

incoming kindergarten student for screening by June 11th, please contact Yvonne Eash at the Administration office to get your child registered. The phone number is 260-768-4404. Your child needs to have turned 5 years old by August 1 to be able to go through kindergarten screening. 

LaGrange County Community Foundation Awards COVID-19 Grants


The LaGrange County Community Foundation has awarded \$35,000 over the last 10 weeks in response to the COVID-19 crisis. COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants were awarded to eight nonprofits that identified needs associated with COVID-19. These grants were made possible through the generosity of donors and the United Way of Elkhart and LaGrange Counties.

The Mongo UMC Food Pantry received \$5,000 to support food provisions for families and seniors in need. Established in 2018, with support from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), it helps supplement the diets of families with food assistance at no cost. The Mongo UMC Food Pantry is able to reach low-income residents in LaGrange County, a need identified by partners.

“With the grant award from the Foundation, we have been able to almost double the number of families being served. We have shopped well and been conservative with our windfall. We are still servicing around 100 families. The assumption is this number will remain steady throughout the summer with many businesses and industries returning to a new reduced normal and the presence of children home throughout the summer and

the lack of summer feeding programs available,” said Shanan Staton, manager of the Mongo UMC Food Pantry.

Other 2020 COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants awarded include:

- \$3,000.00 to Children First Center for Therapeutic Support Services.
 - \$5,000.00 to Lakeland School Corporation for facilitating communication with all Lakeland students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - \$5,000.00 to LaGrange County Emergency Management Agency for LaGrange County First Responder Personal Protection.
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 - \$5,000.00 to Westview School Corporation for Westview Cares - COVID-19.
 - \$5,000.00 to The Arc of LaGrange County for PPEs - Gear-up for safety.
 - \$5,000.00 to Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Inc, LaGrange County for Farm Wagon Mobile Food Pantry.
- The Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for COVID-19 crisis relief. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at lccf.net or contact the Foundation for more information at 260-463-4363. 



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All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours before
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- Children's Story Time will continue on the library Facebook page.
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- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!

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The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) Farver's School Museum will not be holding a meeting in July 2020 due to the Coronavirus. The museum will not be open for summer hours except by appointment. Tours may be scheduled by calling Steve Frisk at 260-336-1501, or Sharon Bowen at 260-768-4777.

Our second King's BBQ chicken fundraiser for this year is on July 25th starting at 10 AM at the north side of the Shipshewana Auction Barn, SR 5. Thank you for keeping our history alive by supporting us. 🍗

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Smart Choices

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

5 Ways Diabetes Classes Can Help You Live Longer

Do you have diabetes or pre-diabetes? Do you worry about developing diabetes? If so, you are not alone. Not only are the number of cases of diabetes continuing to rise in the US and in the world, the number of complications from diabetes also continue to rise. Diabetes affects every part of your body, so when your blood sugar is not controlled it impacts your health negatively every day, even to lowering your life expectancy by up to 10 years.

The good news is that you can do something to reduce your risk of developing complications! Diabetes classes have proven to be a help in the following practical ways:

1. Diabetes classes can help you avoid getting diabetes! Type 2 diabetes is often preventable, with lifestyle changes and a small weight loss. If you have pre-diabetes, the right information and support can help you change your blood sugar numbers, to help you avoid developing diabetes.


2. Diabetes classes can teach you how to enjoy your favorite foods! Part of feeling successful is being able to enjoy your meals, while keeping your blood sugar levels controlled. Diabetes classes with a dietitian will provide you with

individualized help in understanding how much and what foods can be eaten, confident that your blood sugar is under control.

3. Diabetes classes can clear up the confusion you may have. Most people wonder about medications, reading labels, calculating recipes or how to avoid developing complications. Class instructors will listen to you and help you find the answers you need to the topics important to you.

4. Diabetes classes can save you money. Diabetes is the most costly chronic disease in the US. If left uncontrolled, it can lead to consequences which are quite steep in emotional and physical as well as financial costs. Well-controlled diabetes on the other hand, leads to no increased risk of complications. Experiencing well-controlled diabetes saves stress, hardship and cash!

5. Diabetes classes can help you cope when it seems hard. Managing diabetes can be difficult and confusing, especially during times of stress or change. Diabetes educators can help! Listening carefully, they can help you navigate the stress, clarify the problem, help you look for a solution and help you communicate your needs to others who support you.

Diabetes educators provide a listening ear, outline possible solutions and teach coping skills. Insurance usually pays for classes every year. Call Topeka Pharmacy at 260-593-2252 to find out more! 

Westview Jr./Sr. High Quarter 4 High Honor Roll

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

Due to Covid-19, 7th grade and some 8th grade students didn't accumulate a 4th quarter GPA. Any student taking high school credit classes (including 8th grade) accrued a GPA for quarter 4. If you feel that a student has been left off the honor roll by mistake, please contact the school.

Grade 8

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old Sara Jean Bontrager of 500 S, Topeka was our winner for the June 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 July.

Runners-up were Jenise Eash, age 6; Luke Andrew Lambright, age 5; Micah Otto, age 4 Ethan Petersheim, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Marlene Grace Miller, age 6; Rita Jane Yoder, age 6; Julia Yoder, age 6; DeAnn Ranae Eash, age 6; Jenna Lanae Otto, age 5; Lynn James Yoder, age 5. 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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Resources to Help Avoid Scams


Scammers are taking advantage of the coronavirus pandemic to con people into giving up their money. During this time of uncertainty, knowing about possible scams is a good first step toward preventing them. So how can you protect yourself and others from getting scammed? You can help spread the word and keep those you care about from falling for a scam, regardless of their age or health status. If you spot a scam, you can report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by going to their website: [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint). So what different types of scams are out there? Here are a few that you can watch for:

• Vaccine, cure, air filters, and testing scams: The Federal Trade Commission warns us about an increasing number of scams related to vaccines, test kits, cures or treatments, and air filter systems designed to remove COVID-19 from the air in your home. Please remember that there is no vaccine or cure for this virus. If you receive a phone call, email, text message, or letter with claims to sell you any of these items, it's a scam! If you are interested in learning more about what testing is available, contact the local health department for more information. These tests are not delivered to your home.

• Fake coronavirus-related charity scams: A charity scam is when a thief poses as a real charity or makes up the name of a charity that sounds real to get money from you. Be careful about any charity calling you asking for donations. Also be wary if you get a call following up on a donation pledge that you don't remember making – it could be a scam! If you are able to help

you keep it a secret and act fast before you ask questions. It is important to not panic if this happens. Take a deep breath and get the facts straight. Hang up the phone and call your grandchild or friend's phone number to see if the information is accurate. You could also call a different friend or relative. Do not send money unless you're sure it's the real person who contacted you!

• Scams targeting Social Security benefits: While local Social Security Administration (SSA) offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19 concerns, SSA will not suspend or decrease Social Security benefit payments or Supplemental Security Income payments due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Scammers may mislead people into believing

they need to provide personal information or pay by gift card, wire transfer, internet currency, or by mailing cash to maintain regular benefit payments during this period. Any communication that says SSA will suspend or decrease your benefits due to COVID-19 is a scam, whether you receive it by letter, text, email, or phone call. If this happens, report the Social Security scam to the SSA Inspector General online by going to oig.ssa.gov. 



out the community financially, visit the organization's website or call them directly to learn more about how to make sure your money is going to the right place.

• "Person in need" scams: Scammers could use the circumstances of the coronavirus to pose as a grandchild, relative or friend who claims to be ill, stranded in another state or foreign country, or otherwise in trouble, and ask you to send money. They may ask you to send cash by mail or buy gift cards. These scammers often beg

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LaGrange County Community Foundation awards \$45,940 in Community Impact Grants

LAGRANGE –The LaGrange County Community Foundation awarded Community Impact Grants totaling \$45,940 in June to 11 projects and programs benefiting LaGrange County.

Through Community Impact Grants, the foundation aims to support nonprofit needs and provide innovative programs and services in LaGrange County.

Each year, the Community Foundation accepts proposals for charitable projects and programs that help local nonprofit organizations provide services to LaGrange County families and individuals. The Grants Advisory Committee reviews the submitted grant applications and makes recommendations to the Board of the Directors who approve the grant

awards. The grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have supported the unrestricted and field of interest charitable funds at the Community Foundation.

The 2020 Community Impact Grant spring awards include:

- Kate’s Kart, Kate’s Kart Book Distribution at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, \$2,500
- Science Central, Science Central Study Trips & Outreach Programming, \$5,500
- Junior Achievement of LaGrange County, Junior Achievement Programming, \$5,000
- Veterans Headstone Project, American Flag Holder Program, \$6,015

- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Client Advocate and Client Services, \$3,500

- WNIT, Education Counts Michigan, \$5,000


- Mad Anthonys Children’s Hope House, Providing LaGrange Families Hope, \$5,000

- McMillen Health, Preventative Health Education, \$2,500

- Brethren Retreat Ministries, AED and Training, \$1,125

- Agape Child Care Ministry, Agape Room Dividers, \$4,800

- LaGrange County Historical Society, Window Preservation, \$5,000

Applications for the fall Community Impact Grants will be accepted through Sept. 3, 2020. To learn more, visit lccf.net/grants. 

Meadowview Elementary


Meadowview Receives \$500 Grant

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Meadowview Elementary School a \$500 grant to support summer literacy. This local grant is part of more than \$8.6 million in grants awarded to more than 950 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the communities Dollar General serves.

All students at Meadowview Elementary School in grades K-3 are encouraged to get “Wild About Reading,” this summer. The students have a goal of reading a minimum of 600 minutes during their summer vacation. The goal of the program is to encourage students to read and maintain skills they have learned during the past

school year. If students meet the goal of reading 600 minutes, they will participate in a reading celebration when school is back in session. A prize will be awarded to all students who meet the minimum reading goal. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three readers, in addition to the top two readers in each grade level. We hope students are “Wild About Reading,” and foster a love for reading. Reading is a skill that can open doors to many opportunities within a community.

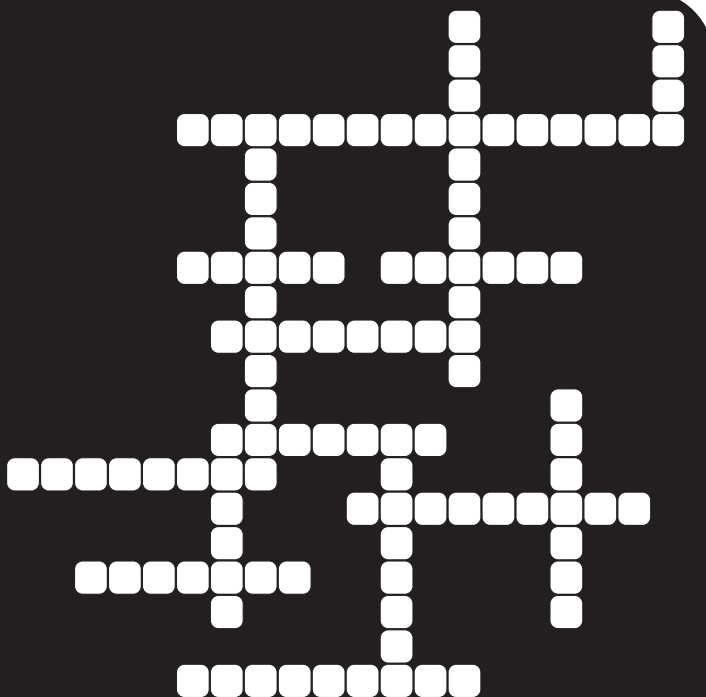
This foundation supports initiatives that help others improve student lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations. This has helped more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency.

To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org. 

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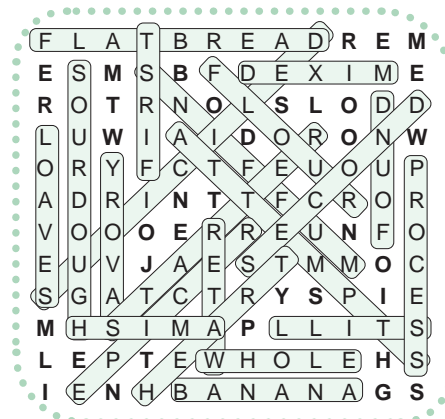
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Solution to puzzle on page 6



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A Note from the Naturalist

Greetings,

In accordance with the LaGrange County Health Department, you must wear a mask inside all Park offices and buildings. You must also wear a mask if you are outdoors and cannot keep a 6 foot distance from strangers.

Maple Wood Nature Center is now open Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The trail system at Maple Wood is temporarily closed due to storm damage. Please check our website, or call, for trail conditions.

Dallas Lake Park Office is now open regular business hours. All beaches, playgrounds, shelters, and lodges are open.

Maple syrup may be purchased at both Maple Wood Nature Center and the Dallas Lake Park Office.

When visiting our properties or attending a program, please follow these guidelines:

- Keep a 6 ft. distance between you and others
- Do not gather in groups
- Avoid crowded places and mass gatherings
- If you are feeling ill, have a fever, or have been around someone who is ill

- STAY HOME

Following these guidelines will help keep you healthy and park staff healthy.

Patchwork Trails is on HOLD pending the library opening.

All LaGrange County Offices are CLOSED Friday, July 3, for Independence Day.

Thank you,

Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist


Exciting News!



The Road Apple Running Club is putting on a 5k road run on August 1 at 8:30am in conjunction with the Shipshewana Summer Festival. There will also be a 1 mile fun run for the kids starting at 8:15am This will be

located in Shipshewana at the Wolfe Building.

The Road Apple Running Club first started in 2012. It started out with 5 guys meeting regularly to run together and try to qualify for the Boston Marathon. This group is ever changing with running enthusiasts joining from neighboring counties! All ages are welcome.

For more information, please email at roadapplerunner@gmail.com, or visit www.shipshewana.org. 

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H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 13

White, Katie Whittern, Mason Wire, Alayna Yoder, Brian Yoder, Colin Yoder, Elijah Yoder, Emily Yoder, Jeremiah Yoder, Keith Yoder, Melissa Yoder, Nicole Yoder, Olen Yoder, and Quinton Yoder.

Grade 9

Mohamed Aamer, Hoyda Al Yahiri, Ahmed Alamari, Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, Kaylee Barger, Kylan Bender, Leilyn Bradley, Ava Brown, Andrew Byler, Brianna Caldwell, Isabella Carmona, Ella Clark, Alyssa Collier, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Braden Eash, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Courtney Hall, Gabriel Harville, Braden Helman, Chadwick Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Kyle Hochstetler, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Jethro Hostetler, Bailey Kenner, Aidan Koehler, Aidan Kohlheim, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Evan Litwiller, Bodie Martin, Collin Martin, Cole Mast, Jaxon May, Daniela Mendoza, Adrian Miller, Adrian L. Miller, Andrea Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kamryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Kayden Moore, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Evangeline Niccum, Kaylee Noble, Brandt Norberg, Ethan Pletcher, Natalie Privett, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Haluh Saleh, Taylor Sherman, Dawson Shrock, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, Caden Suddarth, Alexander Trittipio, Kate Welsh, Shane Wood, Xander Wood, Baylee Yoder, Brady Yoder, and Regina Yoder.

Grade 10

Mukhammadamin Abdurakhmonov, Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Bryce Barton, Andrew Baughman, Brennan Beachy, Landon Bennett, Hailey Bibbee, Abigail Bontrager, Bohdy Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser, Sarabeth Drew, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Gramm Egli, Sierra Eller, Layna Engelage, Kaylyn Gates, Elijah Hostetler, Megan Kauffman, Hannah Klein, Jillian Krupinski, Brookelyn Lambright, Joslyn Marner, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Zachary Miller, Jackson Minix, Maddison Mishler, Eman Mohsen, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Sean Nordman, Saleh Omar, Amina Omarouf, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Anthony Sanchez, Salwa Sawal, Kendall Schwartz, Allie Springer, Savana Strat-

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Perfect Attendance 2019-2020 School Year


Congratulations to the following Topeka Elementary students who were honored for perfect attendance for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kindergarteners: Brian Bontrager, Jolisa Bontrager, Justin Miller, Lyndon Miller, and Nyanchai Sornross.


First Graders: Mallory Antal, Krista Bontrager, Jalayna Fry, Wilma Fry, Layla Hostetler, Raiden Huggins, and Hannah Riehl.

Second Graders: Alyssa Barkman, Kathlyn Bontrager, and Sharon Miller.

Third Graders: Janelle Bontrager, Janae Frey, Braden Fry, Karla Fry, Tori Taylor, and Serenity Tennant.

Fourth Graders: John Bontrager, Adam Frey, Myra Fry, Brandon Miller, Madilyn Miller, and Steven Miller. 

Outstanding Citizens


Each year, Topeka Elementary awards two 4th graders the Outstanding Citizenship Award at the completion of the school year. This year's winners were Merrill Warrenner and Steven Miller. Both received the award a bit differently this year through a special home delivery made by Principal Mrs. Becky Siegel. Great work and congratulations Merrill and Steven! 



Topeka Elementary

Each year Topeka Elementary has to say goodbye to their 4th graders as they will move on to Westview Elementary for 5th grade. The staff would

like to congratulate our 4th graders on a job well done and wish them well as they move on to Westview Elementary.

Photos submitted. 



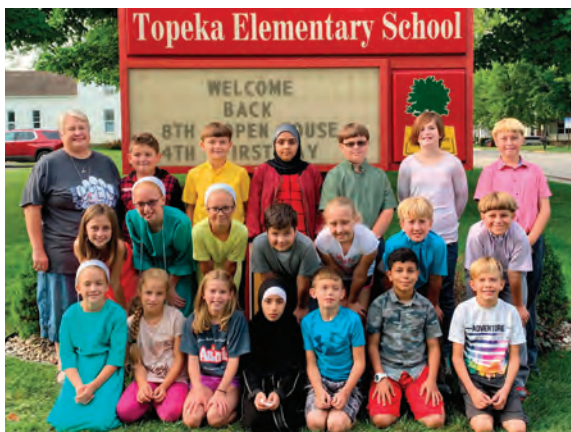
Miss Ali Dues class:

Back row (left to right): Miss Dues, Lucy Buckley, Madilyn Miller, Seth Whetstone, Jalen Bontrager, Braydon Yoder, and A. J. Martin. **Middle:** Rylee Watson, Jerica Slabach, Myra Fry, Mason Walz, Evelyn Beers, Saul Moreno. **Bottom:** Steven Miller, Atzimba Munoz-Huerta, Emily Drew, Winchester Altimus, Kaylee Nuzum, and Anthony Fry. **Not pictured:** Mustafa Shahbain and Emily Schlabach.



Miss Haley Cripe's class:

Back row (left to right): Miss Cripe, Jace Kaufman, Janae Yoder, Morgan Grossman, Melody Lambright, Kurtis Hochstetler, and Zakaria Algaradi. **Middle:** Alayna Bontrager, Sophia Lesch, Willis Hilty, Kameron Yoder, Jaden Yoder, and Justin Miller. **Bottom:** Ethan Yoder, Landon Miller, Lex Thompson, Julie Christman, Alexis Diehl, and Laine Bortner. **Not pictured:** Jubilee Speicher.



Mrs. Jennifer Kramer's class:

Back row (left to right): Mrs. Kramer, Syllas Miller, Brandon Miller, Somyh Aljaradie, Michael Miller, Kimmy Linn, Adam Frey. **Middle:** Jaylynn Brown, Lisa Hershberger, Kaylee Miller, William Yoder, Shelby Mullett, John Bontrager, Luke Eash. **Bottom:** Loraine Bontrager, Elizabeth Yoder, Merrill Warrenner, Nahar Shammam, Lenny Randol, Silimaan Fadil, and Bentley Bailey.

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Westview Junior High

Westview Names Junior High Citizens of the Year

Westview eighth graders, Jennifer Osorio Luna, Julie Schrock, Michael Troyer and Braden Kauffman were recently chosen by teachers to be the

Junior High Citizens of the Year. They were selected for being responsible, honest, dependable and kind. 

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Jennifer Osorio Luna



Julie Schrock



Michael Troyer



Braden Kauffman

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H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 19

er, Brandon Tester, Alec Titus, Elaine Troyer, Drew Walker, Maria Weaver, Aiden Wisler, Caleb Yater, Alexander Yoder, Jadon Yoder, and Mason Yoder.

Grade 11

Kaylee Adelmann, Belal Al Yahiri, Hadel Alammari, Jason Al-Faisal, Younis Algradi, Addison Bender, Raegan Bender, Timothy Brandenberger, Kaitlyn Burton, Hailee Caldwell, Douglas Calvillo, Remington Carpenter, Spencer Carpenter, Samantha Castillo, Emily Christner, 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, Amber McHenry, Rosamaria McMahon, Andrea Mendoza, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Erika Miller, Gloria Miller, Inah Miller, Luke Miller, Lyndon Miller, Melissa Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Cael Misner, Sacha Mitchell, Cassandra Moreno, Nicholas Mortrud, Joseph Mullett, Jimenez Munoz, Hannah Neff, Page Nowicki, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Payton Schreiber, Jordan Schrock, Hannah Schwartz, Katrina Schwartz, Peyton Schwartz, Takota Sharick, Kyla Smart, Katherine Stutzman, Nicole Stutzman, Kiylee Thibos, and Abby Welsh.

Grade 12

Chloe Bontrager, Melayna Borg, Krista Byler, Taylor Davis, Blake Egli, Aleka Ernsberger, Kyle Fennell, Brandon Franklin, Aiden Gingerich, Skyler Hawk, Corrina Hochstetler, Jodi Hostetler, Benjamin Huggins, John Kelly, Bryant King, Ryan Klaassen, Paul Klopfenstein, Hannah Knabe, Allie Kruckeberg, Addison Martin, Payton May, Jack McCoy, Anthony Miller, Julianna Miller, Michael Miller, Hannah Mishler, Ashley Mullett, Peyton Myers, Christian Osbon, Jessa Owens, Leon Raber, Abel Rodriguez, Kaylie Rolin, Alexis Roth, Joseph Sanchez, Kiah Schrock, Anthony Schwartz, Justin Schwartz, Rosalyn Schwartz, Titus Schwartz, Lindsay Stoltzfus, Michael Stutzman, Darrion Thornburgh, Ashley Weaver, Chelsea Weaver, Jack Welsh, Zoe Williams, Payton Wire, Austin Yoder, Charles Yoder, and Russell Yoder.

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Westview Schools

Community Letter

Westview's number one desire is to provide in-person instruction with normalcy for our students and you again. As we continue our collective journey it is impossible to predict every turn we will make during 1st semester this fall as we adjust to our new normal. **This will take real work, honesty, and community trust.** Fortunately our young people seem to be weathering this outbreak fairly well even though they are not immune to it. **The Westview community has an opportunity to showcase our collective quality.** We will get through this together if we use common sense, stay rational, and only deal within facts. Our success will be based on:

- The school's ability to maintain a safe and healthy school environment (WESTVIEW STAFF and STUDENTS)
- The prevalence of Covid-19 in our community (FACTS)
- School support by parents and the community (YOU)

We all need to make health related decisions based on four filters:

1. Self screen at home for the following Covid-19 symptoms (this is the most important first step):

- Fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Repeated shaking with chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Headache

2. Good hygiene all the time
3. Social distancing whenever possible
4. Whenever social distancing is not possible, masks will be recommended

Currently the LaGrange County Health Department has mandated wearing masks in public. We do not know when this will end. Westview encourages our community to follow the local guidelines to help us all stay safe. We will continue to monitor our community data, available at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>.

If you need Covid-19 testing information you can call your family doctor, call 888-634-1116, or visit online at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm>.

Talk to your children about the upcoming school year. It should and can be a fun and fulfilling school year for every student. Staff will be working hard all summer to be ready in August to go to school. Students and families will hear more details, including instructional options if mandatory closures are implemented, from us in the middle of July. Together we will successfully provide a quality education. Enjoy your summer. Take care.

— Dr. Randall Miller

***Kindergarten SEEK screening will be starting the week of July 20th at Meadowview Elementary School. Kindergarten parents may contact the corporation office at 260-768-4404 if you have not already signed up.

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Westview Jr./Sr. High Quarter 4 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-.

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Grade 9

Yahia Cherif, Faith Christner, Quade Ernsberger, Daniel Fry, Jamee Housh, Bianca Leonard, Keyera Martin, Norah Massey, Diana Mendoza, Dayshayla Miller, Katelyn Mishler, Derek Schrock, Logan Schwartz, and Paige Waldenville.

Grade 10

Abderahman Alrasheed, Wyatt Cranor, Sabrina Eller, Alexzander Rial, Jordan Stahly, and Edna Yoder.

Grade 11

Dominic Hostetler, Ryan Lapp, and Janice Mullet.

Grade 12

Derek Barks, Jamison Garcia, Christen Lantz, Avery Niccum, Nicole Strickland, and Ethan Voris.

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Frida Kaske

By Erika Byler

Frida Kaske, 16, decided to join an exchange student program because she wanted to meet new people, gain new experiences, and have a great semester! At first she wasn't sure whether she wanted to visit the US or Canada but eventually decided on the US because everyone says "they are the nicest people (and I think it's really true)."

At home in Germany, Frida has three siblings, one older brother and two older sisters, one of whom is

grown up and lives in Norway. Her parents are both veterinarians, her mom for dogs and cats, and her dad for cows.


Her family at home seems small compared to her host family here where Dan and Dawn Byler have seven children, four girls and three boys, and two grandsons. The three oldest are married, so the house wasn't too crowded. Dan and Dawn, as you may know, are part founders of LaGwana Printing, which publishes the

Hometown Treasure.

Frida had a lot of fun in her classes here, but she especially enjoyed Animal Science, Choir and Culinary Arts. She also played soccer and basketball, which were both new for her, and she enjoyed them both.

She says the best thing she ate was ice cream cake, but she also enjoyed s'mores and "all the pies!" When asked about the differences between here and her home she said there are lots of differences, like the school system or how big the supermarkets are, but she was expecting most of those differences. The most surprising thing for her was how openhearted and affectionate people were all around her.

Similarities are harder for her to find, because everything is just a little bit different from her home. She could never find anything that was exactly the same in both countries.

While Frida was with us the biggest thing she missed were her horses, but now that she's back home she misses "nearly everything, my host family, my friends, school, sports, the big events, and the normal daily routine. Just being in the US." 



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Exchange Student

Jorge Munoz

By Erika Byler

Jorge Munoz, 16, decided to join an exchange program so that he could learn about another country's culture, experience a new school, and practice his English skills. He says that he is very lucky that his parents let him have this "amazing experience." He chose the U.S. because of all the movies he watched as a kid about American high school, and wanted to see it with his own eyes. He was also curious about American culture and people. Back home, in Spain, Jorge has one sister, Marta, who is three years younger than him. His mother is an accountant for a construction company and his dad works for an insurance company. Here he had two host siblings, Timothy and Dominic. Dave and Dorothy Hostetler, who hosted him, both work with Mandy's Harvest, a home based canning business. Dorothy also works at Pallet One, while Dave has a lawn care business.

Jorge said his favorite class at Westview was US History, because he felt it really helped him to understand US culture and get to know our past. He also enjoyed his time on the cross country team. Back home, Jorge was part of an indoor track team, so he was

more used to short distances. Jorge had plans to participate in track and field in the spring, but was unable to, due to COVID-19, though he says he did enjoy the little time he spent with the team.


At home, Jorge says all schools teach foreign languages. The school he attended from the age of 2 until he was 15 taught both English and French. He says he was one of the best in his grade, "until I came to the U.S. and realized that I wasn't that good." He also says thanks to his time here he can speak more fluently than before and understand the language "perfectly."

Jorge was excited to finally be able to experience real American burgers and New York style pizza. He will also miss his host father's grilling. He says, "Dave's meatballs and steak are amazing. Also I love Dorothy's cookies and her apple crisp." Jorge did miss some Spanish dishes while he was here, like "Cocido Madrileño" or "Lentejas".

He also missed his friends and family, saying "It is hard to be far away from the people that you love for that much time." Now that he is home, Jorge says he misses his host family and all of

his friends and the people he met while he was here. He also misses seeing nature out of his window. Jorge lives in Madrid, which is Spain's capital as well as it's largest city, so it was very different being here.

Jorge says he likes to travel, but this was his first time being outside of Europe. It took him awhile to get used to the language and the food, but he also really liked both. He was very happy to discover that just like at home in Spain, the people here care for each other, even if they don't really know each other. "That made me feel like I was home," he says, "I was really lucky to be part of your community for this short time."

Next year, Jorge will be a senior back home, and after that he plans to attend college to study architecture. He hopes to travel around the world, and says "it will be amazing if, in the future, I could work in the US." 



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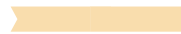


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Justin Schwartz is the son of Michael and Mary Schwartz of Topeka. He is active in the National Art Honor Society, PLUS (Partners Linking Understanding for Success), Academic Super Bowl, Tennis, and the Jump Rope Club. Justin plans to attend Purdue University to major in Architectural Engineering. At this time he is considering a minor in either Law or Spanish. Through all this, he plans to follow the path God has for him.

Kurtis Davis is the son of Kenn and Sherrie Davis of LaGrange. He is active in National Honor Society, Student Council, PLUS (Partners Linking Understanding Success), Special Olympics, Tennis, Baseball and

Basketball. He plans to attend Bethel University and the University of Notre Dame, working towards a masters in Chemical Engineering while playing tennis.

Aleka Ernsberger is the daughter of Ken and Amie Ernsberger of Topeka. She is active in National Honor Society, Student Council, PLUS (Partners Linking Understanding for Success), and Track & Field. She plans to attend Taylor University to major in Media and Film Production and also run track. After college she plans to do freelance photography and design while working for a production or design company. 



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Jonathan E. Yoder was born on October 17, 1847 in Wayne County, Ohio. While his Find a Grave page says that his parents were Absolom (1800-1870) and Anna Christy Yoder (1803-1868), his official death certificate reads that they were Eli Yoder and Fannie Smoker Yoder. What brought him to this area is yet to be discovered. On August 18, 1869 he married Rebecca Yoder (1851-1914). Rebecca was born in Clinton Township of Elkhart County on August 23, 1851. She was the daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth Hartzler Yoder and the granddaughter of John Hartzler, one of the early settlers in the Topeka area.

Jonathan and Rebecca would have two children, neither of which would live to maturity. Ida was born on December 5, 1871 but died months later. A second child only lived a few hours.

From Rebecca's obituary in the June 11, 1914 issue of the Topeka Journal we learn that after their marriage Jonathan and Rebecca moved to Wayne County, Ohio. Then after only eight months they moved back to La-Grange County. Seven years later they moved into Noble County three miles southwest of Topeka.

Jonathan's spiritual roots were in the Maple Grove Amish Mennonite Church. In fact, the history of Maple Grove Mennonite Church (100th Anniversary, page 3) notes that in May of 1854, Brother Isaac Smucker organized 18 charter members as the Maple Grove congregation. That organizational meeting took place two miles west and one and a quarter mile south of Topeka on what later came to be known as the Jonathan E. Yoder homestead. Jonathan would have been six years old at the time of that meeting.

Thirteen days short of his seventeenth birthday, on October 4, 1864 Jonathan joined Company G, 142nd Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a substitute with the rank of private. Since the draft was not popular, it was possible to pay someone to take your place. The average substitute was paid about \$300. Whose place he took is not known. On June 28th of 1865 he was mustered out. Filing for his pension on June 15, 1888 (# 897,930), Yoder

received a monthly amount of \$12.00.

How Christian A. (C.A.) Stoltz (1874-1942) and Emaline "Emma" Wortinger (1867-1956) came to be Jonathan and Rebecca's foster children is still unclear. What we do know is that Christian came to the Yoder's at about the age of four. Rose Stoltz Troyer (THS Class of 1952), Stoltz's granddaughter, only knows that there was a family connection. When Stoltz's father died in Pennsylvania, there were too many children in the home for his mother to support, so C.A. was sent to live in Indiana. Growing up he went by Johnny Yoder, with the nickname of Bert. When he became of age, C.A. announced that his last name was now "Stoltz". His family's name was in fact Stoltzfus, but with the passing of the years all he could remember was "Stoltz".



Rose, whose father was John C. Stoltz (1899-1979, THS Class of 1918), also remembers Emma Wortinger and that Emma had a brother named Charles. She does not know how or why Emma came to live with the Yoders. Unfortunately, there is no one still alive who could tell us if Charles is the young man in the family photo or not. Ruth Stoltz Hostetler (C.A.'s daughter, THS Class of 1919) identified everyone in the family photo except for the young man standing behind Jonathan and Rebecca.



(Left to right) C.A. Stoltz, Jonathan E. Yoder, young man, Rebecca, Emaline Wortinger

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, Rebecca Yoder died at the age of 65 years, 10 months and 14 days. The death certificate listed the cause of death as carcinoma of the bladder. Her funeral was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the following Wednesday at the Salem Church with Rev. J.C. Lehman and Jonathan Kurtz officiating. Rev. Lehman was the pastor at the Topeka Mennonite Church where she was a charter member. Jonathan Kurtz was a minister at Maple Grove Mennonite where Jonathan was as member. The death certificate says that she was buried at the Maple Grove Cemetery, but the Topeka Journal referred to it as the "Buttermilk Cemetery".

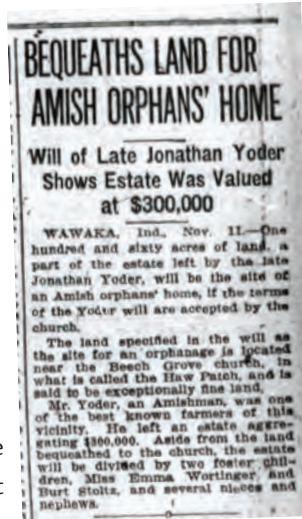
The late Nancy Stoltz Sutton, Rose's sister, told me that her father loved to tell the story of what his Grandpa Yoder (Jonathan) said about

buying a gravestone. Yoder was a very successful farmer and owned most of the land around what local people still call Buttermilk Corners (State Road 5 and the LaGrange-Noble County line), only a quarter mile from the cemetery. Rose told me that one of Yoder's goals in life was to be able to stand on his front porch, look at all the

land around him and be able to say that he owned it all. So, finances were not an issue. According to Nancy's father (C.A.), old Jonathan said that "he didn't know whether to buy a small monument and be called a cheapskate or a big one and be called a spendthrift.....so he bought the big one." No one knows how much it cost him, but it is the largest tombstone in the Maple Grove cemetery.


Jonathan E. Yoder died at 10:30 pm on Thursday, November 2nd, 1922 at the age of 75 from bronchial pneumonia and arterial sclerosis. His funeral was the following Sunday morning at 10:30 with Rev. J.E. Kurtz conducting the service. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery.

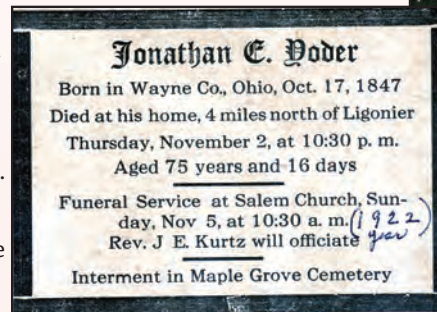
The Sunday edition of the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette (page 31) reported that Jonathan's net worth was over \$300,000. One hundred and sixty acres of land was set aside for an Amish orphan's home to be located "near the Beech Grove Church in what is known as the Haw Patch". Clearly it was referring to the Maple Grove Church. When I talked with Rose Stoltz Troyer, it was the first time she



had heard anything about an Amish orphanage. The article went on to say, "the remainder of the estate will be divided between his two foster children Miss Emaline Wortinger and Bert Stoltz." Jonathan Yoder's estate will also include \$45,000 for both Rebecca's church, Topeka Mennonite Church and a similar amount for Maple Grove Mennonite. It is ironic

that these two churches, with pacifistic roots, should have been the beneficiaries of a Civil War veteran.

Descendants of Jonathan Yoder's foster son, Christian Stoltz, still live in the Topeka area. Among them are Rose Stoltz Troyer, her oldest son Ron (Topeka Town Board President), and Ron's daughter Becca. Anne Stolz, who married Rose's older brother Tom, still lives in town as does her daughter Gina Stoltz Huggins. Anne's son Carl recently retired as the Topeka Town Marshal and moved to Georgia. So, if you come across someone in the Topeka area and their last name is Stoltz, this is most likely a part of their family story. 



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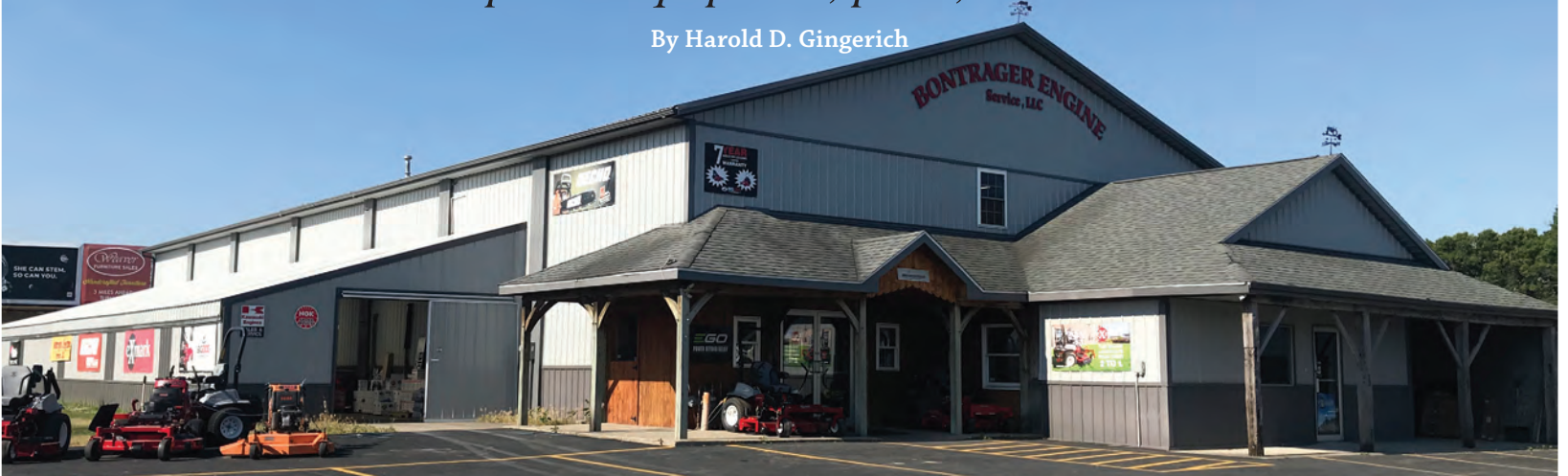


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By Harold D. Gingerich



Whether you are looking for a top of the line commercial mower like an Exmark, a Big Dog walk-behind, Echo power tools, or spare parts and service, Bontrager Engine Service has everything you need. Located at 3560 N State Road 5 in Shipshewana, the folks at Bontrager Engine are committed to customer service. “We want to honor God in all that we do,” says principle owner Marlin Stutzman, “Hopefully that is seen in how we treat people.”

Back in 2004 Orla Bontrager started working on engines as a side job from his home east of Shipshewana. People clearly liked the work he was doing, and the word began to spread. More and more people started coming. As the business continued to grow Orla reached the point where he needed a place to expand. And so, in 2014 he moved the business to its present location on the north edge of Shipshewana.

That move also opened the doors to serving more of the non-Amish community. It wasn't long until Orla started to think about retirement and the possibility of taking on a partner. Enter Marlin Stutzman.

Having just completed several terms as a U.S. Congressman, Marlin was looking to get into business. In February of 2017 Marlin and his wife Christy purchased Crystal Valley Power located west of Shipshewana and moved it to the present location on U.S. 20. Marlin says of that purchase, “We liked that the fact that Crystal Valley was already a Kubota dealer and we really wanted to handle the Kubota line.”

It was Bontrager who reached out to Stutzman with the idea of a partnership. “We were living in Howe and my folks were living in White Pigeon, MI,” Marlin recalls. “And the more we

talked with Orla ... it just seemed like a good fit.” On January 1, 2018 Orla and Marlin formalized the partnership. One year later Marlin, along with his brother Chris and their mother Sarah, purchased Orla's share of the business. With that, Bontrager Engine Service officially became a division of Stutzman Power.

Along with their staff, the Stutzman family shares the responsibilities of the day to day operations. Marlin and his brother Chris oversee





direct operations. Chris's wife Karista and their mother, Sarah Stutzman, oversee the bookkeeping. And Marlin's wife Christy focuses on the marketing side of the business. The Stutzman brothers also purchased Mishler Meats in Sturgis, MI. In addition to Mishler's original pork burgers, Stutzman Brothers Meat offer a full line of Wagyu beef products.


Marlin was quick to point out that despite their close proximity to one another (less than 6 miles), Bontrager Engine Service and Stutzman Power serve different markets and are not

in competition. If there is competition it may be for Marlin's time. The interview for this article had to be conducted by telephone because he was on the road picking up shipping supplies for Stutzman Brothers Meat. The Covid-19 "stay at home" order has generated a significant spike in online sales, and they had run out of shipping containers.

The Stutzman family has deep spiritual roots. That commitment to faith and family is the driving force behind everything they do. It defines who they are, how they conduct business, and how they treat the customers they serve. Marlin says, "We want to provide people with quality products that will last ... and we want them to have excellent customer service."

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Upon registration, volunteers will be given an area to count that is east of SR 9; you can count anytime that day. There is no participant fee.

larnold@lagrangeparks.org or (260) 463-4022.

MONTHLY

Maple Wood Fiber Guild

Wednesday, July 8, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Bring a project to work on. Bring your own sack lunch and snacks. Donations for the Parks is appreciated.

Park News

RSVP to Leslie Arnold at (260) 363-4022.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 22 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Bring your sewing machine. Get help on current, or unfinished projects. Bring a sack lunch and your own snacks. \$5 donation for the Parks.

RSVP to Linda Grobis at (260) 351-3609.

Folk Jam

Sunday, July 26, 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles mixed in. No potluck.

RSVP to Erv Troyer at (260) 463-2247 or reo43@aol.com.

Dallas Lake Days

These family programs are designed to combine fun and education. All programs take place at the Dallas Lake Park Office lawn, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Join park staff to learn about nature in the morning, then choose to explore a trail or play at the beach on your own for the afternoon. Space is limited to 25 per program. Children of all ages are welcome (target age is 5-8); they must be accompanied by at least one adult (aged 17 or older). Family units will be spaced 6 ft. apart from others. FREE!

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to spread out in the shade, water bottles, snacks, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

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Hands - On!

Thursday, July 9, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Children will make butter in a jar, ice cream in a bag, and nettle bracelets.


Bird Sleuthing and Hummingbird Swing Craft

Thursday, July 23, 9:00 - 10:30 am

This program is a great introduction to birding basics for children. Go on a bird habitat scavenger hunt and complete an explorer guidebook together. Make a hummingbird swing craft to take home. Binoculars from home are recommended.

The Frog and Toad Lost Button Game

Thursday, July 30, 9:00 - 10:30 am

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Fireworks in a Glass

What You'll Need:

2 Clear Glasses
Fork
Food Coloring
Warm Water
Oil (Vegetable, olive, peanut - any will work)

1. Fill a glass 3/4 of the way to the top with warm water.
2. In a separate glass, add a few tablespoons of oil and add 4 drops of food coloring - of differing color.
3. Using a fork, give the oil and

food coloring mixture a good mix to break up the 'color beads' into smaller ones.

4. Carefully pour the oil & food coloring mixture into the glass of warm water and wait for the magic to happen! 

Source: pagingfunmums.com

Salt Painted Fireworks




What You'll Need:

Thick White Cardstock
Liquid Watercolors
Salt (any kind)
White Glue in a Bottle
Paintbrush
A Little Bit of Water

1. Have your kids draw their own fireworks on a thick white cardstock.
2. Trace the fireworks with your glue.
3. Now for one of the fun parts - sprinkle on your salt! Make sure to cover every part of the glue. Pour a generous amount of salt to make sure you don't miss a spot! You want good coverage for when you paint. Then shake off any excess salt from the page.
4. Finally you can paint your fireworks with watercolors! Dilute your watercolors with only a little bit of water to keep the colors vibrant. Gently tap on the salt and watch the watercolor spread along


the fireworks. Only add a small amount of water to your solution to keep the color vibrant. Dip your paintbrush gently into your liquid watercolors to get only a little bit of watercolor at a time. If you have too much water when you're painting the water will spill over and get your paper very wet. You can paint after the glue dries or right away - it shouldn't make a difference!

5. Once you're done painting, set aside to dry. Be careful not to touch the salt or it may fall off. 

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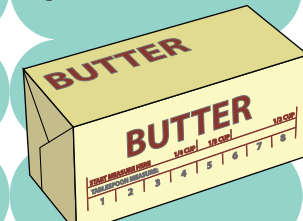


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LaGrange County Community Foundation Honors Graduating Seniors

The LaGrange County Community Foundation recently announced the recipients of the 2020 Community Scholarship Program. Through the program, the Community Foundation awarded \$56,050 in scholarships to 25 graduating seniors in the three LaGrange county high schools. Their goal is to support the educational aspirations of students in LaGrange County.

The Community Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing higher education at an accredited university, college or trade school. The program has grown to 45 donor-created scholarship funds, each with their own unique criteria. Funds are created by individuals, families and businesses and are managed by the Community Foundation. "We are grateful to the individuals, families and businesses who created these scholarship funds and have worked


alongside LCCF. We look forward to welcoming new donors and funding more students as the program continues to grow," said Executive Director Octavia Yoder.

"We always look forward to awarding scholarships to high school seniors. These scholarships recognize the accomplishments the students have achieved in the last four years. This year's graduating seniors have been met with some unique circumstances and challenges. We know they will rise to the challenge as they take their next steps in education," Yoder added.

Seven Westview High School students received scholarships for 2020.

- Melayna Borg – James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship
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- Skyler Hawk – Farmwald Scholarship, Lambright Leadership Scholarship and Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship
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- Chelsea Weaver – Rheinheimer Scholarship, Lambright Leadership Scholarship

To learn more about LaGrange County Community Foundation's Scholarships, please visit lccf.net/scholarships. 


The LaGrange 4-H Fair Goes On - With Changes!

The LaGrange County 4-H Fair will be held as scheduled on July 11-18, 2020! The LaGrange County 4-H Association met on May 28, 2020 to determine the format of this year's fair. Unfortunately, it will look different than the fairs we are used to. However, during this time of pandemic and with the restrictions placed upon us, 4-Her's will still have the opportunity to show their animals, exhibit their static projects and, most importantly, demonstrate what they have learned.

The LaGrange County 4-H Fair will utilize a show-and-go format

for all of the animal shows this year. The show-and-go format will allow for greater social distancing as well as allow for the facilities and common areas to be cleaned between shows. The schedule of animal shows will be limited to 2-3 shows per day to limit the number of people on the fairgrounds. If possible, animals will be shown off their trailers. Concessions of stalling and grooming animals will be made for those who need it. No animals will be allowed to stay overnight on the fairgrounds. 4-H families may choose to exhibit their static projects and an-

imals virtually. Details on how this will work are still being discussed.

All shows will be open to the public. Event organizers are looking into the possibility of live-streaming the shows as well. Volunteers will monitor social distancing and cleaning of the grounds. Requirements regarding face masks, the need for health checks and signing in when entering the grounds are unclear at this point. These will be determined as the reopening of the state progresses and under the guidance of local health officials. 

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