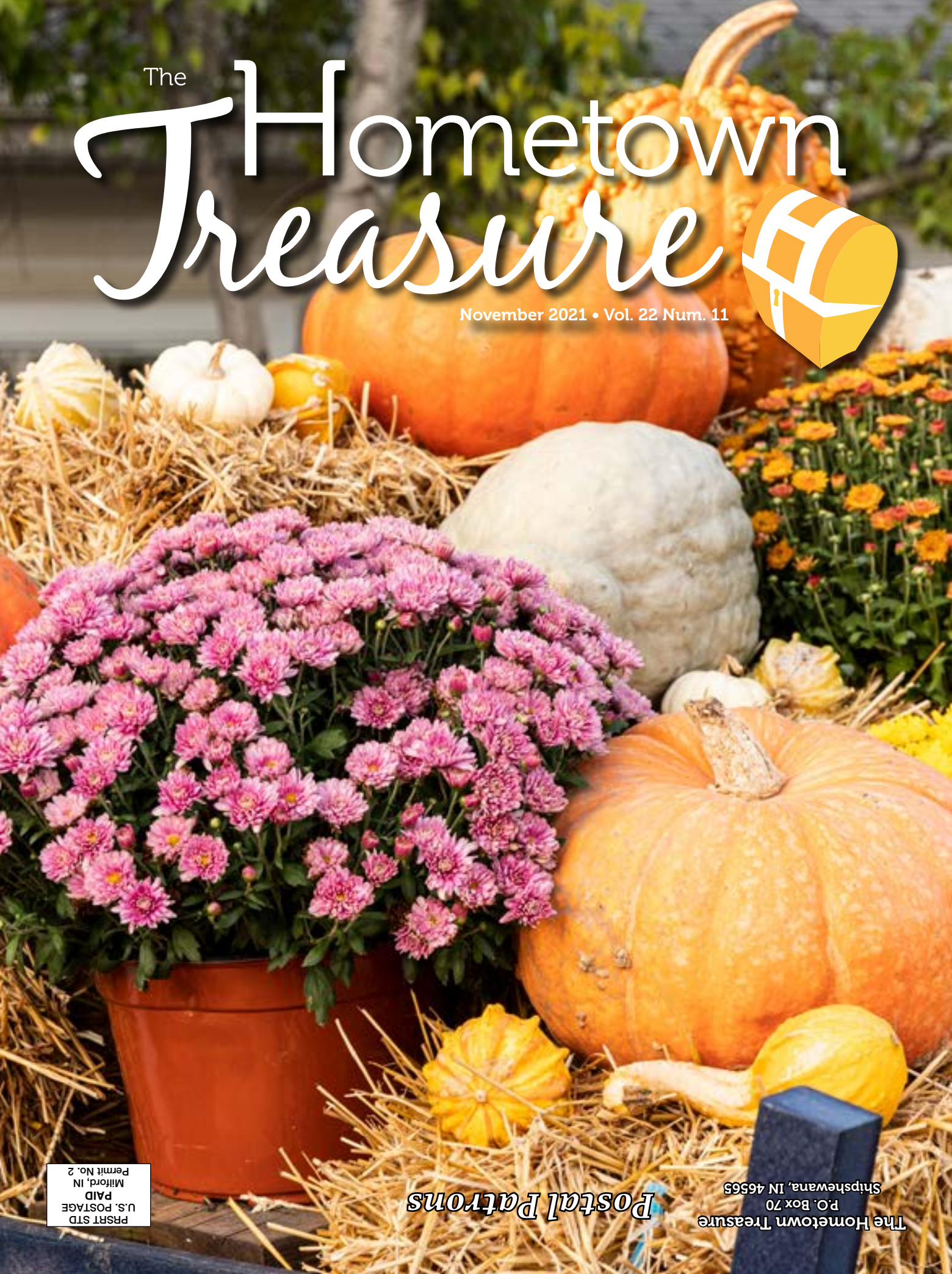


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**Kaitlyn Cupp**  
Grade: 11

Kaitlyn Cupp, a Junior at Westview, is involved in NHS, Student Council, and marching band.

Kaitlyn is one of the many students at Westview who works outside of school. She works at Five Lakes Coffee in Shipshewana.

She started working at Five Lakes because it has been her favorite coffee shop since she could drink coffee. She also really loves that it is built on Christian standards. In the beginning, she was really scared that her co-workers would not like her, but she found out that she had a lot in common with all of them.

Her favorite memory from work was when someone went through the drive through and gave them \$100 to pay for as many other people's drinks as it would after his order. She said, "I love seeing people's reactions to random acts of kindness like this one, and then other people joined in and continued paying for people's drinks since theirs were paid for."

Working while school is in session has taught her to manage her time better and to prioritize her mental health over working a lot of hours.

Her favorite drink at Five Lakes is the white chocolate mocha latte with hazelnut.

Kaitlyn told us that Five Lakes has had great success with tourists in Shipshewana.



**AUDRI MARTIN**  
GRADE: 8

Audri is involved in NJHS and 4-H.

Audri Martin has been showing animals for five years. She has shown lambs for all five years, calves for two years, and sheep for two years.

Her main influence is her dad, who is a big advocate for 4-H. He showed lambs along with many other animals. He has been with her every step of the way and celebrates her wins and achievements, and tells her, "we'll get 'em next time" if things do not go her way. He is always her number one supporter.

When we asked her what her favorite part about showing animals was, she said, "When you walk into the ring, everything falls away, and it's just you, your animals, and the judge. You know you have worked so hard to get to this point and watch it all pay off. The feeling of getting the champion handshake is indescribable. Showing is my favorite thing to do, and I don't know where I would be without it."

Participating in 4-H has taught her that hard work pays off. When we asked her about it, she said, "It may be hard, but in the end, hard work beats natural talent." This year, Audri was the youngest person to receive the large animal round robin award. It was a huge goal of hers, so it meant a lot for her to accomplish it. In the past two years, she has taken home seven banners from the county fair. Last year, she also was a premier lamb showman.

When she graduates she wants to be remembered as the girl who loved to show with her whole heart, who worked hard, and accomplished her dreams.



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# OUTSIDE OF WESTVIEW

## Morgan Rich Grade: 9

Within Westview, Morgan is involved in soccer, softball, NJHS, CCR leaders, STUCO, musicals, choir, and the student safety team.

Outside of Westview, Morgan started going to Shore Church when she was seven years old and basically lived off of her family's faith. On December 2, 2018, she was baptized, and her life completely changed: "I gave my life to Christ completely!" She said she used to be a "lukewarm Christian" and was not very devoted to God. Starting in 2020, she devoted more time digging into God's word, which has made her more and more confident in her faith. She is currently involved in a weekly youth group and part of the worship team once a month. When we asked Morgan what influenced her to join the Enlightened team, she said, "Over the summer, I went to ReGen church camp at Taylor University, and God inspired me to find ways to get involved with music and share the gospel. I reached out to Mrs. Hamm, who encouraged me to talk to Isaac Rogers. I've always wanted to show ways that I can show my faith, and this came at just the right time." If Morgan could say one thing to her younger self, she would tell herself to make that extra time with God, spend time in your devotions and read your bible—even if it is just a couple of minutes. Her mom has inspired her to be a better person and has been with her through her whole walk with Christ. "She is such a beautiful and faithful woman who encourages

me every step of the way." Morgan dreams of someday working in youth ministry. The advice Morgan would give to someone who wants to join an organization like Enlightened is not to back down and get out of your comfort zone!



## Isaac Rogers Grade: 12

Within Westview, Isaac is involved in NHS, tennis, golf, jump rope team, student council, musicals, community service club, and student government.

Isaac started taking pictures during lockdown with his grandpa's Canon 20D. He began shooting around his house and neighborhood and then later started shooting short videos, like Tim Brandenberger's "Run Blindly." He made other videos with Tim and Will Clark as well. His biggest influence is Peter McKinnon: "His videos help me find interest in photography and videography in the first place, and his videography is insane!" Isaac's favorite kind of shoots are the ones on the go because he loves traveling; he also loves taking portraits and action shots—mostly of his friends.

He is most proud of his video with Tim. They spent the weekend shooting in Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio. Two websites from the Hocking Hills area featured his video on their social media web pages! When we asked Isaac what kind of story or vibe he wanted his work to give off, he claimed, "I'm still trying to figure out my niche of what I like in photography, but I enjoy a more cinematic look with a rich bokeh in my photos." After high school, Isaac plans to double major in marketing and digital media while also doing photography and videography on the side. One thing he wishes he knew before he started taking pictures is more editing strategies. "I've learned a lot about how to get certain looks on my photos, and if I knew that earlier, my work would have grown a lot in quality." The advice Isaac would give to someone who wants to start photography is use what you have and not spend money on the gear you cannot afford. You can make fantastic works on a phone with free software!



*This article was written and designed by freshmen Leigha Schrock and Tetiana Jones. Tetiana is involved in volleyball, student council and NIVA volleyball club. Leigha is involved in soccer, basketball, track, student council and the student health and safety team!*



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Westview Junior High School recognized the above students during the month of September 2021 for their efforts in academics, hard work in class, caring, leadership, citizenship, athletics, or random acts of kindness to others. **1**



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# Student Ambassadors

WHS - September 2021

*Back (left to right): Dawson Crittendon and Caleb Lambright. Front: Travis Compton, Greg McAninch, and Kason Schrock. Not Pictured: Lilly Eash.* Photo Submitted

Westview High School has selected six students to receive Student Ambassador of the Month honors for September 2021. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displaying great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend!



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It is finally cooling down, and that means it is time to start gearing up for the holidays. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, and

that means baking! I have learned in the past years that homemade pumpkin puree really is not any better than the canned pumpkin, so I will not be trying that again. Hopefully, since I am thinking about things a month ahead of time this year, I will not end up running around like a chicken with its head cut off trying to get everything finished in time for all of our get-togethers!

I want to be able to enjoy all of the pies and cakes and goodies without the stress of last minute baking! 

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

**T**his is the month of Thanksgiving. It is great to focus on gratitude. In social media, you often find campaigns in November for 30 Days of Thanks. However, it is a shame you have to be reminded to be thankful.

It is easy to focus on gratitude during November, but then you go back to the same-old, same-old when it is over. Can you relate?

Did you know that a life of gratitude is beneficial to an overall quality of life? I am sure you know that.

Perhaps the better question is—how do you make gratitude a part of your life, rather than just a season of the year?

Here are five ways to make gratitude a part of your daily life, for optimal physical, spiritual, and emotional health.


1. Think of something positive that is happening in your world when you first wake up in the morning or before you go to bed at night. Write it down, mention it to someone, or say a prayer for whatever it is. Focusing on positive things which are happening in the whole scheme of your life takes your mind off of immediate stresses and negative things which are happening. Intentionally acknowledging something positive is a powerful thing.



2. Say thank you to someone every day, noting their act or behavior. It might be your spouse, parent, or child who does something for you every day. It might be a friend or co-worker. Perhaps you just say thank you to the cashier at the grocery store for the kind smile they gave you. Just say thank you, and watch the reaction of the person to whom you give thanks.
3. Focus on growth or change in a person or situation, rather than what is not right. Too often you focus on what is not right, instead of acknowledging positive gains in a situation, whether it is an improved grade, a less moody child, or better communication with your spouse. Instead of focusing on the negative, focus on the positive.

4. Make a list the things you have as a privilege of living in the United States—making a note of one thing a day. It is easy to see what you do not have in comparison to others, rather than seeing all that you do have—clean water, a home, and the opportunity for a free education. In addition, think about the blessings you have as Americans in the midst of political rhetoric. You live in safety, have well-kept highways, and order in the streets. What else can you list?

5. Write down things about yourself for which you are thankful. Yes, this is important. Instead of focusing on your weaknesses, focus on the positive things about yourself. Are you good at sewing, praying, or fixing a bike tire? Do you have eyes that see and feet which can walk? Then give thanks for 365 days. It will take your mind off of all of your failures.

This Thanksgiving, give back to your mental, physical, and emotional health by making gratitude a part of your daily life in new and innovative ways. Where can you start today? 

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- 4 Jaydon Miller, Jennika Mullet
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- 6 Sadie Hostetler, Gia Miller, Lyric Miller, Axle Pairan
- 7 Jayce Nichols, Zienna Yoder
- 8 Kathlyn Bontrager, Hope Brandenberger, Derek Miller, Lillian Thomas, Curtis Troyer
- 9 Heidi Knepp, Kinsley Lambright, Nevaeh Miller, Kaori Runyan, Myron Schlabach
- 10 Amiah Hankins
- 11 Keagan Willis, Lynsey Yoder
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- 15 Terra Harlow, Zachary Miller, Alayna Schlabach, Aden Whetstone
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# LaGrange County Community Foundation Announces 2022 Lilly Finalists



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- 17 Landry Miller, Olivia Rosentreter
- 18 Retha Yoder
- 19 Mohamed Aldhuraibi, Cameron Bontrager, Loraine Bontrager
- 20 Alyssa Barkman, Blake Hostetler, Adrian Miller, Xavier Miller, Janae Yoder, Royce Yoder
- 21 Joanie Bontrager, Allen Childers, Wyatt Foust, Jaxton Horner
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- 24 Trenton Detweiler, Jenise Eash, Kayla Schwartz
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- 27 Alayna Bontrager, Ashlynn Bontrager, La'Zarria Johnson, Brent Miller, Jordan Troyer, Audrey Yoder
- 28 Alicia Bontrager, Laylah Lambright, Jaena Miller, Dahlia Smith, Allison Stutzman
- 29 Joshua Chupp, Klovor Marner, Zachary Miller, Belen Quiroga, Cooper Schwartz, Tyler Yoder
- 30 Gunner Basset, Myra Bontrager, Kaitlyn Yoder

Five LaGrange County high school seniors have been named finalists for the 2022 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The prestigious award goes to an outstanding high school senior in LaGrange County.

Finalists for the award are Lillian Eash of Westview High School, daughter of Cory and Vanessa Eash; Kaylyn Gates of Westview High School, daughter of Marty and Lora Gates; Jackson Minix of Westview High School, son of Douglas and Mary Minix; Isaac Rogers of Westview High School, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Rogers, and Lillian Schackow of Lakeland High School, daughter of Jason and Elisa Schackow.

The scholarship is awarded to a well-rounded LaGrange County graduating senior who exemplifies service and leadership in their community while maintaining a commitment to academics. The 2022 Lilly Endowment Community

Scholar will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship, including a \$900 book stipend per year for four years to any accredited college or university in Indiana.

After a competitive application process that evaluates academics, community and school activities, leadership, and written essays, the Foundation's Lilly Scholarship Advisory Committee interviewed the finalists. The results of the interview round are combined with the application round to determine the 2022 nominees. The Independent Colleges of Indiana will make the final selection of the LaGrange County recipient, who will be announced mid-December. The four remaining finalists will receive a \$1,000 renewable four-year scholarship from the Lambright Leadership Scholarship Fund, established by Kevin and Carrie Lambright in 2013. 





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Saturday 9 am - 12 pm

## Topeka Branch

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**Below are the events planned for November 2021.**

*All activities are In-Person unless noted. If you have any questions, please call the LaGrange library at 260-463-2841 for further information.*

## Youth Department

### Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

LaGrange • Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 10:30 am  
Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 1 pm  
Topeka • Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 11 am  
Theme: Learning the Alphabet  
Registration is appreciated but is not required.

### New Activity Bags out for Pick-up (While supplies last)

All Locations • Monday, Nov. 8  
Theme: Miscellaneous Take and Make crafts.  
LaGrange • Monday, Nov. 22  
Theme: Science Central bags

### Home School Group (All ages welcome)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, November 10 • 1 pm  
LaGrange • Friday, November 12 • 10 am  
Topeka • Friday, November 12 • 1 pm  
Math can be fun! Come play games and learn how much fun it can be to learn math!

**Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841) by Friday, Nov. 5 to register.**

### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 15 • 4 pm  
Theme: Board Games!

**Limited registration. Please register by Monday, Nov. 8, so we can set up enough game boards.**

### Art at the Library (Grades 3-6)

LaGrange • Wednesday, November 17 • 4 pm  
Description: Water Color Birch Tree Painting

**Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841) by Wednesday, Nov 10 to register.**

### Movie and Popcorn (All ages)

LaGrange • Friday, November 19 • 6 pm  
Movie: *Space Jam, A New Legacy*, Rated PG.

Free popcorn provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired.

### Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-5)

LaGrange • Tuesday, November 23 • 4 pm  
Discuss the book and do a fun activity.

### Teen Book Chat and Craft (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, November 29 • 4 pm  
We will decorate mugs with Sharpies and vinyl designs and chat about our book, *Little Women*. Supplies will be provided.

**Limited registration. Must call (260-463-2841) to register by Monday, Nov. 22.**

All branches will be CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

All branches will be CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 25 & Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## Adult Interest

### Gentle Flow Yoga with Farra

LaGrange • Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 10 - 11 am  
LaGrange • Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 18 • 10 - 11 am

Please bring a yoga mat, a rug, or a blanket. Gentle flow yoga combines gentle stretching and strengthening movements. The first class is free! For each further class, a \$5 donation is suggested.

### Hillsdale College Free Online Course: Classic Children's Literature

LaGrange • Tuesdays, Nov. 2 through Nov. 30 • 1 pm  
This course will explore examples of the best children's literature, including *Aesop's Fables*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Snow Queen*, and *The Wind in the Willows*. Join us as we watch the nine lectures in the series and discuss our own questions and insights afterward.

Nine weeks, nine 25-minute lectures. No prerequisites, non-credit.  
Call 260-463-2841 x1030 to register.

### Calligraphy with Markers

LaGrange • Saturday, November 6 • 10 am  
Learn how simple the ancient art of calligraphy can be! With calligraphy markers, we will learn to draw an italic alphabet. No experience required, all materials will be supplied. **Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841 x1030) by Saturday, Oct. 30 to register.**

### Make-N-Take

LaGrange • Wednesday, November 10 • 6 pm  
Project: Resin Jewelry Pendants

We will use resin to embed items to make pendants that will be strung as necklaces (2 per person). Cost is \$20 per person. *Space is limited. Reservation and \$10 deposit due by Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the LaGrange library.*

### Second Saturday Book Club

LaGrange • Saturday, November 13 • 11 am  
This month's book is *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. We will discuss this intimate and poignant graphic novel portraying one family's journey from war-torn Vietnam. *Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange library's Adult Information Desk.*

### Due Date Stitch Club

Shipshewana • Thursday, November 18 • 4 - 5 pm  
Learn a new stitch at every meeting or bring a project you are working on. Library books are checked out for three weeks at a time, so just remember Stitch Club meets the same day your books are due. Participants must know basics of how to knit (knit and purl) or crochet (single and double). Bring your own yarn/materials.

### Painting with Carl Mosher - Winter Birches (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Friday, November 19 • 1 - 4 pm  
Even if you have never painted before, you will be amazed at what you are capable of! Carl will supply all the materials. Cost is \$25 per person, payable at the class. *Space is limited. Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841 x1030).*

### Rolling in Dough: Pie Crust Techniques

Topeka • Saturday, November 20 • 10 am  
We will have recipes and demonstrations for Rolled Crust, Mix-in-the-Pan Crust, and No Crust at All. Activity is free! **Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841 x1030) by Saturday, Nov. 13 to register.**

Find more information at [www.lagrangelib.in.us](http://www.lagrangelib.in.us) or call 260-463-2841.

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**Marvin & Mary Miller of 1200N-57, Topeka**, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Wayne & Wanda Yoder of 3100S 950W, Topeka**. Congratulations! They won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a letter opener, a notepad set, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to **Kevin & Elaine Bontrager of 900W, Topeka**. Third prize went to **Steven & Susan Yoder of 950S, Shipshewana**.

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- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



There were 34 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** David & Laverta Frey, Sam & Regina Miller, Roman & Ruth Yoder, Joel & Eva Schlabach, Lonnie & Mary Beachy, Sara Yoder, Floyd & Lisa Graber, Vernan & Irene Schmucker, Owen & LeEtta Wingard, Levi & Mary Kuhns, Ray & Ada Yoder, Lloyd & MaryAnna Miller, Michael Joe Miller, Gary & Brenda Hostetler, Junior & Mabel Miller, Wilbur R & Carolyn Miller. Paul & Marlene Wingard, Karl & Karen Yoder, Lavern R Eash, Levi Jr & Loretta Bontrager, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Monroe & Naomi Raber, Dan & Sue Miller, Marlin &

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## Who Wants Cookies?



Alayna stands with Officer Carlos Jasso.

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In late September a home-school student, Alayna Ballou, made cookies for the Shipshewana Police Department as part of a school project. Alayna loves police officers, and we are sure the police department appreciated her generous gift of some home-baked cookies! 🍪

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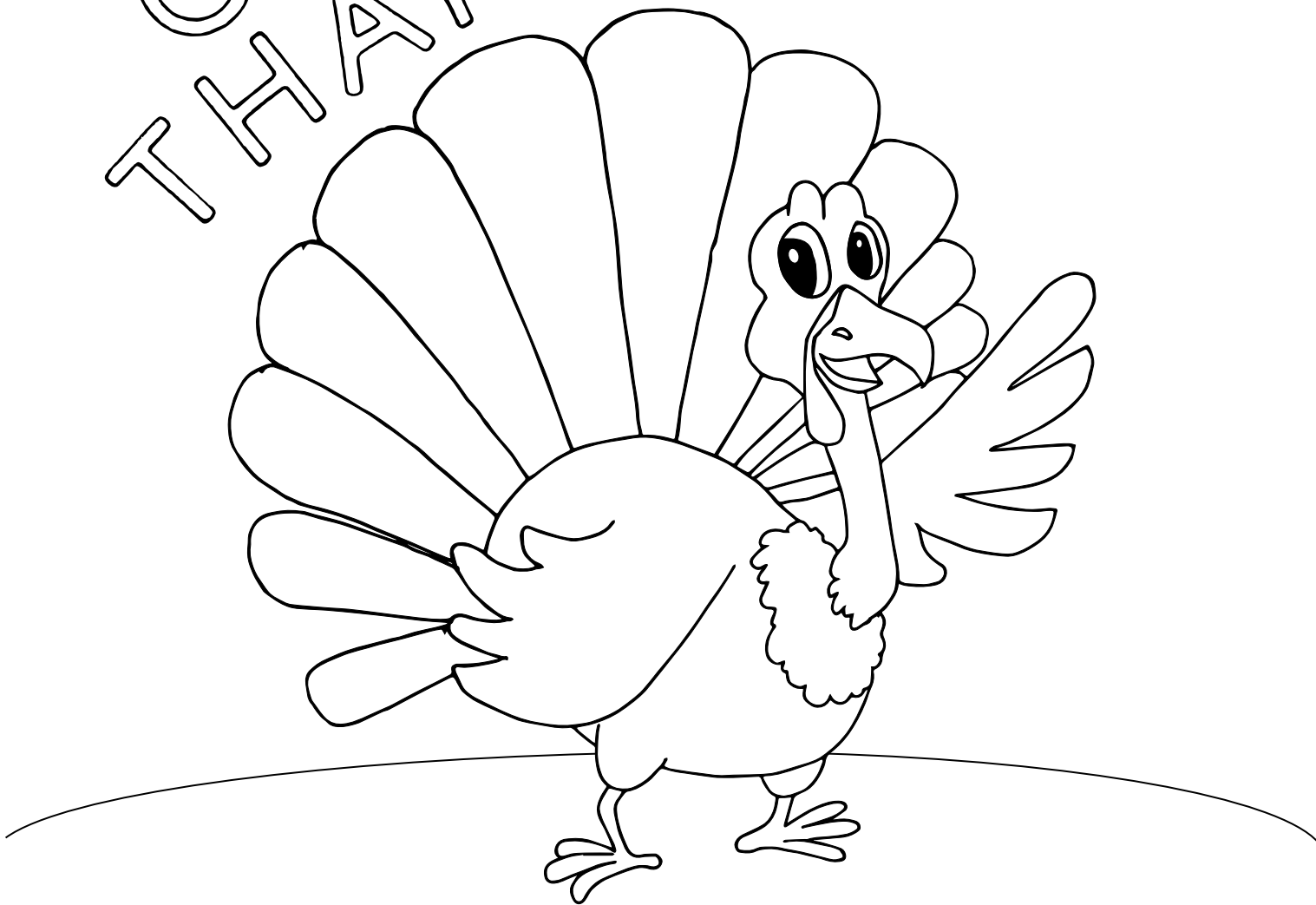
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# Smart Choices

By: Alexandria Batista – Pharmacy student at Topeka Pharmacy

## Is CBD the Natural Remedy for Me?

CBD products are becoming increasingly popular, but many people still do not know much about them or their potential benefits. There are also misconceptions about CBD products since CBD is also found in marijuana. This article aims to explain CBD and its uses so you can decide if it is something that might work for you or someone you know.

### What is CBD?

CBD is short for cannabidiol and is a product that comes from a plant called hemp. While it is true that hemp and cannabis (aka marijuana) are similar plants, hemp contains little of a chemical known as Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC causes the “high” people get when they smoke marijuana, but CBD products contain less than 0.3% THC. This is such a small amount that the person using CBD products can experience the natural benefits hemp offers without experiencing a high. Plus, without THC, CBD products are also non-addicting.


### How can I use CBD Products?

- Many different CBD products exist, including oils, extracts, sprays, capsules, patches, gummies, creams or lotions, and even bath bombs.
- Products that are placed on the skin are ideal for helping with inflammation and muscle or joint pain.

- Oral CBD products help treat nausea and vomiting and treat seizures not controlled by other medications.
- Oils, spray for under the tongue, or inhaling CBD vapor are the best options for treating nausea and vomiting.
- CBD products may help treat irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), Crohn’s disease, anxiety, and short-term trouble with sleep. However, there is limited information on using CBD for these issues at this time.

### Potential Downsides of CBD

- Side effects may include nausea, fatigue, and irritability. It is best to start at a lower dose to avoid these side effects.
- CBD products may increase how well blood thinning medications work. Talk with your doctor if you take blood thinners and want to try using CBD.
- Higher doses may result in abnormal blood tests.
- CBD products are not considered a medication since they are natural, so they are not regulated by the FDA. Therefore, it is good to talk with your pharmacist to make sure you get a brand of CBD that you can trust.
- There is limited information on the safety of using CBD products while pregnant or breastfeeding, so it should be avoided.

Topeka Pharmacy can help with questions and choosing a CBD product for your needs. Call 260-593-2252 or stop by today! 



## Corn School Parade Winner

Jace Everitt drove his vintage Allis Chalmers tractor into the winner’s circle at the Annual LaGrange Corn School parade. His FFA float entry this year was Pedaling across America with Pedal Tractors.  *Photo Submitted*

## Westview Boys’ Basketball Ticket Sales

Season tickets for boys’ basketball are on sale now through Wednesday, November 10, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm during school hours.

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# Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old Kelsie Adel Hochstetler of 675W, Topeka was our winner for the October Coloring Contest. She won a jumbo coloring book printed by LaGwana in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by LaGwana for a free mini coloring book through November.

Runners-up were Isaiah Hershberger, age 6; Adra Kate Miller, age 5; Janie Hershberger, age 4; Lydia Grace Miller, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Emma Grace Yoder, age 6; Alayna Lambright, age 6; Gary Yoder, age 5; Charity Miller, age 5; Janelle Yoder, age 5; Aaron Bontrager, 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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# MONEY Wise

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

## Eight Steps for a Debt-Free Holiday

Stores across America are putting their festive seasonal displays up, carols will soon be playing over the loud speaker and giant signs will be posted, boasting stellar deals. Have you and your loved ones created a holiday budget? If you have not created one, that is alright. It is never too late! Here are some smart spending tips that you can add to your current budget or that you can use to create one for a debt-free holiday!

### 1. Set and stick to a budget!

A holiday budget should start like every good budget: by looking at how much you have left over after paying for those essentials. How much can you reasonably spend without getting into trouble? Look at your monthly expenses and then set a holiday spending amount that will not put a strain on your wallet. From there, make a list of gifts you need, and set a reasonable amount per person based on your spending limit. Do not forget about other special holiday gifts, such as Hanukkah, stocking stuffers, as well as small gifts for people like teachers, coworkers, etc. if you do this.

### 2. Budget for those hidden expenses!

We sometimes forget about the wrapping paper, shipping costs, holiday travel, and possibly that higher electric bill (for those twinkling lights, of course). Those unexpected expenses can add up very quickly! When you are accounting for your holiday budget, make sure to

account for any extra costs that may be hiding.

### 3. What is the right price?

Not every seller will offer the same product for the same price, and prices may fluctuate throughout the holiday season. Once you find the product you want, do some online research to compare prices between sellers.

### 4. Avoid impulse shopping!

You already bought your partner, child(ren), parent, or best friend their big gift. It is perfect, wrapped, and sitting in your closet. But then you stumble upon something else you just know they would love! What is an extra \$45 to give your loved one a perfect present?

Resist the urge! Those extra dollars can really add up. So, once you meet the set budget for each person on your list, cross them off and be done!

### 5. Avoid self-gifting!

The National Retail Federation has found that 57% of Americans spend almost \$127 each holiday season buying gifts for themselves. That is a lot of extra cash! Pass on treating yourself this holiday, and leave it to your loved ones to buy you gifts during the season. If there is something you desperately want or need, re-evaluate the purchase post-holidays, when those January sales kick in.

### 6. Go in on a gift!

If you know someone on your list is specifically lusting after a


big-ticket item this holiday season, consider whom you can get to go in on the purchase with you. Mom wants the latest smartphone? Ask your siblings or other family members to make it a joint venture!

### 7. Set up a gift exchange!

It is unlikely you are the only one on a budget this season. Everyone wants to save money. Consider pitching the idea of a secret Santa or gift exchange to your friends, family, or coworkers. That way, you only have to worry about one gift instead of several.

### 8. Give a “priceless” gift!

Are you on a tight budget? Try going DIY with your gift-giving this season! Are you crafty? Knit a scarf. Are you good at baking? Make a cookie basket. Do you have a knack for photography? Have an original print framed. If you cannot think of anything, Google is waiting to supply you with endless ideas for DIY gift giving this season!

Do not overthink your gift-giving strategy. Trust that your friends and family love you and respect your need to budget this holiday season, and simply enjoy your time together. Holidays are a wonderful time to create memories. These are the moments that we remember and can cherish forever. Do not worry so much about the gifts! 

*Source: National Endowment for Financial Education – Smart About Money*





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# Hungry for Books

Meadowview Elementary School celebrated its Summer Reading Program, "Hungry for Books!" A total of fifty-six students took part, with

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# Meadowview Elementary

each reading 600 minutes or more over the summer. Each participant received a book and an iced cookie in the shape of a book. The top two readers for each

grade level received a candy bouquet. The top three readers for the school also received a candy bouquet with a balloon or a stuffed animal. **i**

## Top Summer Readers-2021

### Top 2 Readers per Grade Level



First-graders Nicholas Bontrager with 2,176 minutes and Derek Frey with 1,140 minutes.



Second-graders Graesin Lambright with 2,520 minutes and Janessa Lambright with 2,305 minutes.



Third-graders Lyndon Borkholder with 4,080 minutes and Abigail Hershberger with 3,490 minutes.



Fourth-graders Melody Yoder with 2,559 minutes and Caleb Wingard with 2,290 minutes.

### Top 3 Readers in the School



Fourth-graders Dale Bontrager with 10,030 minutes, Damon Lambright with 4,791 minutes, and third-grader Jeslyn Miller with 4,176 minutes.



These students may have spent a little too much time reading—they went crazy!



Readers who read over 600 minutes enjoyed some book-shaped cookies.

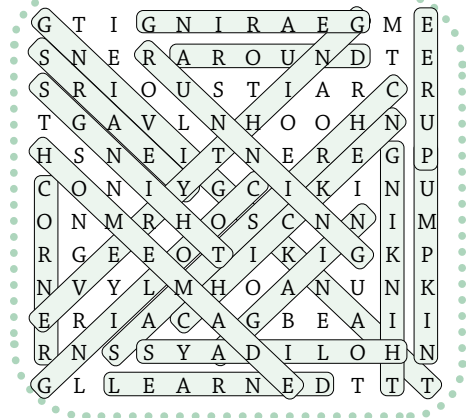


The students who participated take a moment to pose for a group picture!

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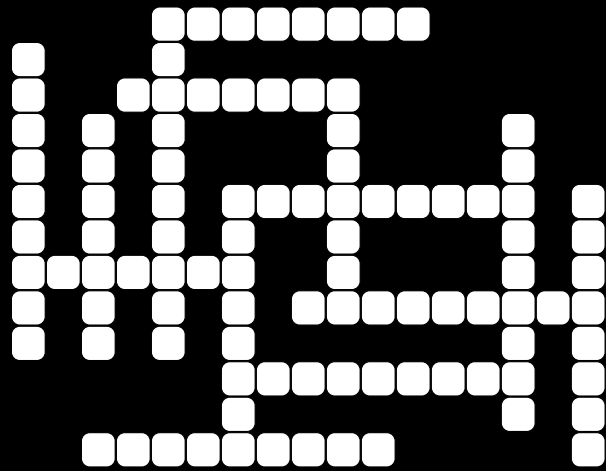


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*Photos submitted.*

# Meadowview Elementary



**KG**

Back Row (left to right): Derek Lehman, Ethan Mast, Ethan Miller, and Myron Miller.

Front: Amy Bontrager, Jenna Schlabach, Ava Miller, and Savannah Lambright.



**1st Grade**

Back Row (left to right): Lance Stutzman, Nicholas Bontrager, and Laurent Osmun. Front: Samantha Bontrager, Jenise Miller, Audrey Lambright, and Juman Alyaharee.



**2nd Grade**

Back Row (left to right): Jace Schrock, Aaron Hershberger, Bryan Lehman, and Karson Plank. Front: Hadley Keim, Olivia Rosentreter, Ava Bontrager, and Alayna Bontrager.

Back Row (left to right): Alvin Hilty, Jace Dauscher, James Wingard, and Curtis Miller. Front: Valentina Mendoza, Heidi Yoder, and Natalie Yoder.



**3rd Grade**

Back Row (left to right): Obadiah Raber, Travis Bontrager, Jeryle Miller, and Adrian Frey. Front: Abigail Lehman, Adelyn Vandergriff, Bethlyn Schwartz, and Hannah Troyer.



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# Farm Trips

Kindergarteners at Shishewana-Scott Elementary took a field trip to two different types of farms. They visited a local dairy farm as well as Fashion Farm in Ligonier. 

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# Shishewana-Scott Elementary



# Ox Bow Park

First graders from Shishewana-Scott Elementary visited Ox Bow Park to learn about animal habitats. 

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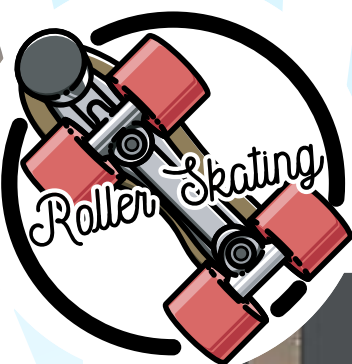
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# Shipshe-Scott Elementary



Shipshe-Scott Elementary students were able to enjoy a morning of skating at Eby Pines. 


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*Students attempt to do the limbo!*



## Field Trip!

Shipshe-Scott fourth-graders recently visited Sauder Village in Archbold, OH. 

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## Summer Reading

Each spring, Topeka Elementary School students are sent home with summer reading activities, and for those that complete the activities, a celebration awaits them in the fall. This year was no exception, with an Olympic-themed celebration held the first week of October. **i**

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Caleb Miller was the top reader in third grade, with 2,025 minutes, and Keturah Fry in fourth grade, with 4,392 minutes.



Kelsey Smith was the top reader in second grade, with 1,123 minutes, and Melissa Miller in first grade, with 2,613 minutes.



Photos Submitted

## Drug-Free Looks Like Me!

In late October, Topeka Elementary participated in Red Ribbon activities, as an even larger emphasis was placed on living a drug-free lifestyle. The theme of the week was Drug-Free Looks Like Me. **i**

In the "photo booth" are third graders Gusmar Munoz-Huerta, Marcus Runyan, Jacob Mast, Dale Siples, Kadrian Miller, and Kyleigh Schwartz with Principal Becky Siegel.

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# Is that Chicken?

Plans are once again underway for fifth graders to visit Indianapolis and sixth graders to experience the sights of Chicago next spring. The Westview Parent Teacher Organization sponsors fundraisers to make the field trip expenses more affordable to students. The annual Nelson's Chicken BBQ fundraiser was a tremendous success! As a school, the students totaled 5,400 in ticket sales. Mr. Davis's sixth-grade class sold the most tickets. 




Photos Submitted

# Westview Elementary

## Outstanding Citizens

Outstanding Citizens are chosen based on the following: They are responsible for their behavior, are responsible 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 first grading period were treated to coupons from JoJo Pretzels, Topeka Pizza, and Kitchen Cupboard. They were also given several food treats. The students are Kirsten Miller, Janelle Bontrager, Brianna Miller, Allyse Miller, Ethan Miller, Janessa Stutzman, Tori Taylor, Brynna Bontrager, Andrea Whetstone, Elijah Watts, Karla Yoder, Shelby Mullett, Darrin Miller, Landon Raber, Noah Chupp, and Ryan Miller. Photo Submitted



Left to right: Logan Miller, Avery Christner, Lisa Mast, and Tennley Amsden.

## Native Americans

Westview Elementary class 5G ended the unit on Native Americans by displaying different cultural regions. Groups had to show various aspects of the life of these people: location, housing, resources, and more. 

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Left to right: Micah Miller, Hailey Otto, Madalyn Everage, and Sara Bontrager.



Left to right: Andrea Lambright, Tori Taylor, Evan Roth, Isaiah Miller, and Megan Lambright.

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Information was provided to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please act quickly and return the RSVP form to the Westview Jr. High front office, or call to reserve a spot by Monday, November 1. Transportation will not be provided. Westview is looking forward to providing an opportunity for parents to see their children in action. If there are any further questions, please contact Jennifer May, Junior High Guidance Counselor, at 260-768-4146. 

## Westview Junior High Westview Teams with DNR for Hunter Education



Twenty-six eighth graders from Westview Jr. Sr. High School recently completed the Indiana DNR Hunter Safety course, with all twenty-six students earning a 100% on the final test. DNR Officer Jake Carlisle,

instructed the students on safe firearm use and handling while hunting and in the home, hunter ethics and responsibility, game identification, and conservation management. 


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## Westview High School

### Jr. High and Sr. High FFA Win Soil Contest!

Both the Westview FFA and the Jr. High won their divisions in the Area XI (Northeast Indiana) Soils Evaluation Contest on Friday, October 8. The students evaluated the soils for their

characteristics and then made decisions on the best practices for home site construction and agricultural practices. The students qualified for the State Competition on Saturday, Octo-

ber 16 in Jasper, Indiana. The students were coached by their FFA advisor, Paul Baker. 

*Photos Submitted*



*Picture on the Right  
Jr. High Team (left to right):  
Lyndon Miller, Ben Detweiler,  
Darin Borkholder, and Adrian  
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# IT WAS NOT QUITE THE GRAND OLE OPRY

by Harold D. Gingerich



For many years, Topeka enjoyed a unique Nashville connection with country music legends such as Red Foley, Loretta Lynn, Tex Ritter, Little Jimmy Dickens, and a host of others. During the late 1950s and 1960s, many Nashville stars and several local groups performed at Topeka's historic Sycamore Hall. Buck Lake Ranch, in nearby Angola, was already a regular stop for established Nashville stars, so Topeka's proximity to Buck Lake made it a fantastic addition to their tour. It was also easier for the new rising stars to get booked in Topeka.

It all started about 1956 with the Shrock brothers, Mose and Lester, a couple of Amish boys with musical talent and a vision. They called themselves Mose Shrock and the Blue Valley Boys. The group featured Mose singing lead and playing his vintage 1795 fiddle, Lester on the dobro (a resonator guitar), Elmer Schrock on bass fiddle, and Emmanuel (Yum-Yum) Miller on

rhythm guitar. Three or four times a year, they rented Sycamore Hall to put on a two-hour country music show that included a Gospel music segment with local groups such as the Crusaders Quartet. They called it a *Country Music Jamboree*, and every performance was sold out.

Lester loves to talk about the time when John Frey sold 520 tickets for one of the shows. "People kept coming and wanting tickets, and ole Johnny kept saying 'Come on in there is plenty of room!'" Well, it turned out to be standing room only because Sycamore Hall only seated 410 people. With a chuckle and a grin, Lester says, "We didn't know what he had done until later, but nobody complained." They obviously got their money's worth and enjoyed the show.

The Nashville connection started when Mose and Lester wrote to Red Foley at Jubilee, USA, and invited him to Topeka. To their surprise, Foley accepted the invitation and agreed to come for \$350.00, which would have been a sizable amount for the late 1950s. According to Lester, as the performance was about to begin, Foley quipped, "What have I gotten myself into?" The future Country Music Hall of Fame legend felt right at home on Topeka's grand old stage because

he returned to Topeka four or five more times. It was the beginning of a friendship that would last for the rest of Foley's life. One day, Foley showed



May 1958 The Hoosierettes at Sycamore Hall

up unannounced at Mose's home in Morley, Michigan. When Mose asked Red how he had found him, all Foley would say was, "I have my ways." It was a visit that Shrock and his family would treasure for a lifetime.

Pete Stauffer's three daughters, The Hoosierettes, were among the wealth of local talent. Harry Smyth from Buck Lake Ranch was so impressed with the trio that he offered to put them on the road. Because of family and religious reasons, the girls passed on the offer. The Country Cut-ups from across the line in Michigan was another local favorite. Their brand of Blue Grass was just what the Amish young folks in the Topeka area lined up to hear.





Loretta Eicher of Sturgis appeared in Topeka numerous times, beginning at age 11. In her late teens' stage fright started bothering her so much that she resorted to a shot or two of whiskey to go on stage. In her final performance in Topeka, she and a friend turned to prayer instead of a drink. As she sang "Moody River," Loretta says, "The Holy Spirit came over me, and the audience just went wild. Afterward, people came backstage for autographs and everything—I just laughed. And I told the Lord that if He can do this for me with a country song like that, I'll only sing Gospel music from now on."

There seems to be no end to the stories about Topeka's Country Music Jamborees. George Philley tells about the evening when he and his wife, Phyllis, walked downtown to hear the music. It may have been the night Crystal Gayle and her sister Loretta Lynn came to town. As he leaned back against the door of Farmers State Bank to enjoy the music, George fell in! Dana and Laura Greenawalt, who cleaned the bank, forgot to lock up when they finished. After a phone call or two, someone came down to lock the doors, nothing was missing, and the oversight remained a secret for many years.

Ann Stoltz tells of when Little Jimmy Dickens came to town. Ernie Miller, an Amish boy from Shippshewana, was his bass player. Ann worked for M & W Music at the time, and they handled ticket sales. Smoking was prohibited backstage, but that did not stop Little Jimmy. After the show, Dickens decided to head for the bar down the street. They refused to serve him because he looked like a kid in a cowboy hat. It did not take long to straighten things out, and according to all accounts, it

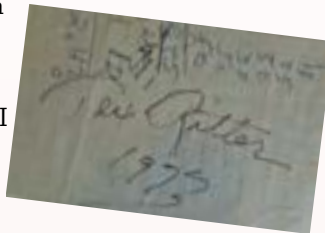


Tex Ritter 1973

did not take long for Dickens to get good and drunk. That may have been his only trip to Topeka, but it was memorable.

Shirley Gingerich, my mother, often worked the ticket window because Dad (Joe Gingerich, who worked for the town) had to unlock and lock up. That translated into free admission for yours truly. My favorite group had this crazy guy who was always cracking jokes and played the guitar with it face up in front of him. Today, I call him a friend; it was Lester Shrock.

Mom would tell me that the night Tex Ritter performed in 1973, the Amish young people were more excited about the local talent than the iconic motion picture cowboy and Country Music Hall of Fame legend. They did not know who Tex Ritter was, but Larry Streich did. When Larry walked into Roy and Margret Fought's Westside Inn (now El Zorritos), Tex and his band sat. Ritter graciously signed an autograph for him on the back of a guest check. I am not sure who's bill it was, but the total came to \$2.42. Tex Ritter died on January 2, 1974, making his performance in Topeka one of his last.



Mose, Lester, and the Boys often stole the show with their wild costumes and slap-stick humor. They were having fun, and so was the audience. It went without saying that musically they could perform with the best of them.

In 1959, Mose joined the US Army serving as a medic and ambulance driver in Germany. Following his tour of duty, Mose moved to Morley, MI, and worked as a stonemason. He died on November 27, 2008, but his music lives on through the more than 100 songs he wrote.




Mose & Lester at Buck Lake Ranch

Lester still lives in the Shippshewana area. He recently went to Nashville and recorded a new CD that includes several of his brother's songs.

The Chamber of Commerce began sponsoring the shows bringing in acts like Nancy Lee and the Hilltoppers, who were mainstays on WOWO radio's *The Hoosier Hop* and *The Little Red Barn*. The July 4 entertainment was traditionally at Sycamore Hall as well. Topeka native Fred Miller and The Ramblers from Grabill, IN, highlighted the bill for several years.

Country music shows continued until the late 1960s. After the last class graduated from Topeka High School in 1967, ownership of Sycamore Hall reverted to the town. It was then sold to a private individual who lived next door. In April of 1980, the grand old hall fell victim to a wrecking ball to make room for the family swimming pool. Today, the pool and the house are also gone, and in their place, a Save-a-Lot grocery store stands.

But for the hundreds of people who came and loved the shows, the music still lingers in their hearts, as does the memory of a host of Nashville star's, Mose Shrock and the Blue Valley Boys, The Country Cut-ups, The Hoosierettes, and countless others who played to a packed house. 

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# JH BOYS SOCCER

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**2021 Junior High Boys Soccer Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Allen Bontrager, Dallas Yoder, Bentley Ryall, Kaine Reinhold, Logan Conklin, Sam Miller, Landon Gingerich, and Coach Drew Ryall. Middle: Kaiden Miller, Jackson Vaughn, Levi Tretheway, Caiden Schrock, Darin Schlabach, Dom Sweet, Aiden Norberg, and Ibrahim Alrasheed. Front: Cole Miller, Kaden Hostetler, Kevin Miller, Caedmon Gates, Brett Springer, Owen Weinburg, Tyler Stutzman, and Elijah Watts.

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# JH GIRLS SOCCER

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**2021 Junior High Girls Soccer Team:** Back (left to right): Jalayna Whetstone, Myra Miller, Madison Grossman, Breann Cory, and Mari Jo Mast. Middle: Selena Martin, Lexi Sweet, Alyssa Hooley, Janissa Lehman, and Morgan Grossman. Front: Olivia Bontrager, Grace Yoder, Zuriah Reed, Josie Ryall, and MaiCee Orozco.

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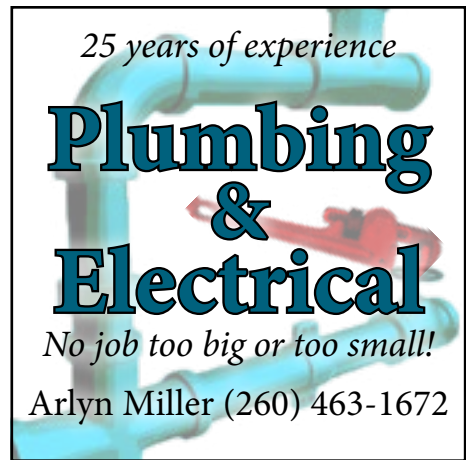


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*"Pleasing you, pleases us!"*

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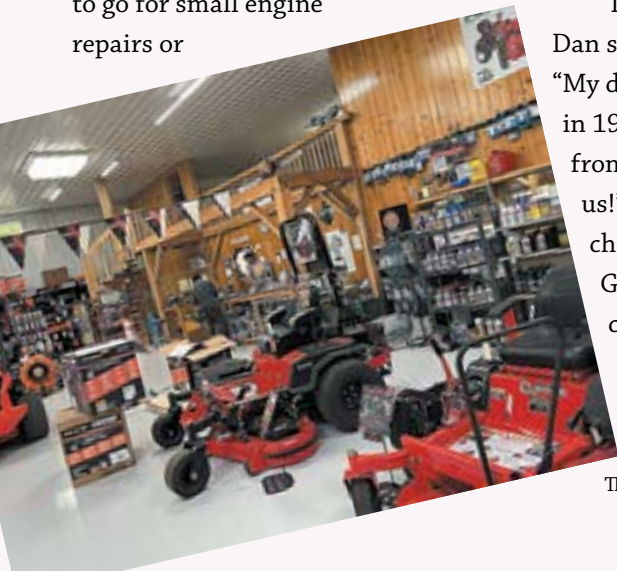
For Dan R. Fry, keeping small engines in top running order is more than a business; it is a family tradition that began in 1966. Located at 5200 S SR 5 near Topeka, Fry's Repair Shop has earned the reputation as the place to go for small engine repairs or

if you are in the market for a new chain saw, lawnmower, trimmer, or snowblower. Fry's carries respected name brands such as Ariens, Echo, Country Clipper, Gravely, Makita, Oregon, and Troy-Bilt.

"I'm really the second generation," Dan said with a mischievous smile. "My dad actually started the business in 1966, and our company motto came from my dad, 'Pleasing you, pleases us!'" Dan, the youngest of seven children, explained that his father, Glen, started in a small (12' x 14') chicken house on the family farm, repairing small farm tractors, small engines, and washing machines. "When he started,

he did this on the side because he was working at Star Tank in Goshen," Dan said. From there, the business continued to expand and grow. "Dad quit the factory in 1966 and went full time; he worked on whatever they (people) brought him. And if I recall right," Dan said, "he only charged \$2.00 for labor."

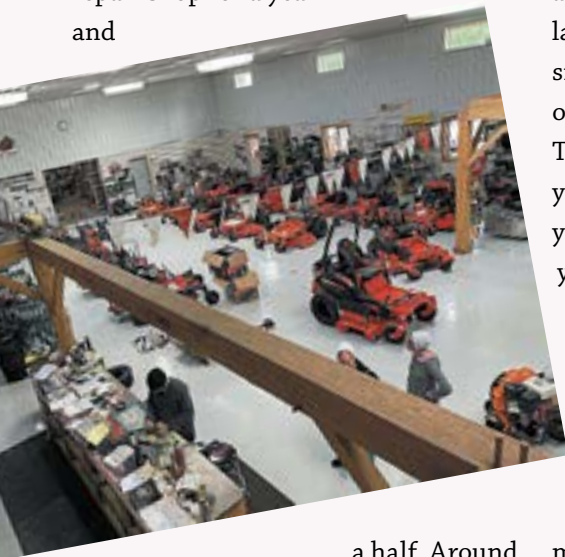
"After he built the new house (which is where Dan and his family live today), he turned the old one into a 40' x 28' shop." Dan then went on to tell a funny story of how, in 1968, his dad wanted to build a ten-foot lean-to on the end of the shop so he would have a place to work on farm tractors. "Dad's brother-in-law was a carpenter,





so Dad asked him to come and build it,” Dan said with a smile. “Well, he didn’t show up, so later Dad told him (Albert), ‘Let us change it to sixteen feet so we can close it up and I don’t have to work out in the weather.’ Well, he still didn’t show up until; I think it was 1972, and they went twenty-six feet and added a loft. In the 1980s, I used to joke about the loft because it was like ‘a bone yard’, just full of junk. I remember telling Dad that I wished Albert wouldn’t have shown up for a couple more years so that this thing would have got bigger.”

Dan got involved in the repair shop as a kid in the late 1980s. “I grew up working on small engines. I didn’t do much farming like most other kids my age, and being the youngest of seven (children), I got the opportunity to go on with the business.” In 1990 he was full time with the business, then he worked at Jayco and part time in the repair shop for a year and



a half. Around Thanksgiving of 1995, and with plans of getting married, Dan left the factory and went back to the family business.

On May 23, 1996, Dan married his wife, Ruth, from the Goshen area, and he started managing the family business. Dan never left home because

the newlyweds took over the house that Dan grew up in, and his parents built a small house up the road.

In 2012, construction began on an expanded showroom and repair shop. The business moved there in July of 2013. Even though the old shop was leveled, they were able to save the foundation. Using that foundation, which had been a part of the original house built in 1962, they were able to build a “Daudy Haus” in 2014 on the home place for Dan’s parents.

Over the years, there have been many changes to small engine repairs. “In the early days, we were doing valve jobs and working with points and condensers; today, everything has solid-state ignitions,” Dan observed. “Today, almost all we do is fuel-related, whether it is cleaning carburetors or fuel tanks because the cost of labor outweighs the cost of a new engine.”

Dan offered some very practical advice for homeowners with power lawnmowers and yard equipment with small engines. “If you can, buy marine or recreational fuel or engineered fuel, TrueFuel, that has no ethanol in it. If you cannot, make sure that you shake your gas can before you fill the tank on your mower, tiller, or snowblower to make sure that the gas is thoroughly mixed.” Fry explained that most of the gasoline you buy today at the pump has some ethanol in it.

When gasoline sets around, the ethanol and gasoline separate; when moisture condenses, a gel forms that creates problems with today’s carburetors.


Dan’s son, Aaron, who also works in the family business, offered a good tip for storing your lawnmower over the winter. “It is always a good idea to let your mower run until it is



out of gas and, if you can, drain the carburetor,” Aaron said. “On larger mowers, there should be a gas line shut off by the tank leading to the carburetor, and then be sure to drain the carburetor.”

Dan and Ruth Fry have eight children (all at home), six boys and two girls. Their daughter Kristine does most of the office work, and their son Aaron helps to manage the store.

Fry’s Repair Shop is not the only business by that name. Dan’s brother Glen (20 years older) operates Fry’s Repair Shop in Jamesport, Missouri. “We use some of the same suppliers, so sometimes we have to straighten them out on which shop is which,” Dan chuckled.

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# JH BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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**2021 Junior High Boys Cross Country Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Erin Bontrager, Carter Miller, Alex Yoder, Daniel Yoder, Milan Miller, Austin Schlabach, and Coach Don Williams. Middle: Adrian Bontrager, Remington Helmuth, Kyle Mullet, Gavin Rainsberger, Collin Vandirgriff, Carson Niccum, and Noah Bontrager. Front: Karson Mast, Kasen Yoder, Brendan Miller, Justin Miller, Jaryl Yoder, Boe Helmuth, and Lucas Mullet. Photo by Stopher-King Studio



# JH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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**2021 Junior High Girls Cross Country Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Erin Bontrager, Jasmine Litton, Eden Mauck, Marilyn Yoder, Gloria Miller, Bailey Manns, and Coach Don Williams. Middle: Memphis Bontrager, Madalyn Yoder, Erica Lambright, Lynette Miller, Lexy Bennett, and Janae Yoder. Front: Emilia Mendoza, Jaylynn Brown, Malarie Steider, Merrill Warrenner, Jada Mauck, and Hannah Miller. Photo by Stopher-King Studio





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# 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

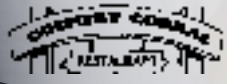
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**2021 8th Grade Volleyball Team:** Back (left to right): Ina Miller, Bri Kauffman, Lily Mullet, and Coach Whitney Rahn. Middle: Lilyan Bennett and Megan Miller. Front: Abigail Frye, Gretchen Bontrager, Kylie Singleton, and Hailey Lambright.

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# 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

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**2021 7th Grade Volleyball Team:** Back (left to right): Janessa Miller, Camryn Christner, Ava Chupp, and Coach Allyse Yoder. Middle: Graci Engle, Peyton Miller, Emily Yoder, and Addy Kauffman. Front: Eva Miller, Ashlyn Martin, Kloie Yoder, Karleen Bender, and Manager Rayna Jackson.

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# Fall Crafters Fair Art Contest Winners

Each year the Blue Gate sponsors an annual art contest for the students at Shipshewana-Scott and Meadowview Elementary schools as part of the Fall Crafter's Fair celebration. This year's theme was "Friends, Family and Favorite Fall Activities." Students were judged on how well their picture captured the theme as well as on creativity and

craftsmanship. Awards were given for a First Place and an Honorable Mention from each classroom. Each of these winners received a beautiful wooden engraved plaque and a delicious sugar cookie from the Blue Gate.

In addition, five overall winners from each school were chosen. The categories and awards for each prize were Best of Show (\$50), Judges

Choice (\$50), 1st Place Overall (\$35), 2nd Place Overall (\$30) and 3rd Place Overall (\$25).

All of the winning artwork was exhibited for the public in the Blue Gate Restaurant and Bakery for the entire month of October. Excellent job, artists, and thank you, Blue Gate, for continuing to support our students in this way!!  *Photos Submitted*

## Shipshewana-Scott Classroom Winners

1st Place: Tyler Bontrager-KA, Brooklyn Miller-KB, Logan Vogt-KC, Kayla Miller-KD, Sara Chupp-1A, Lucas Yoder-1B, Jacob Miller-1C, James Bontrager-1D, Preslee Rahn-2A, Jameson Williams-2B, Jaxton Horner-2C, Harper Yoder-2D, Maria Miller-3A, Jace Amsden-3B, Jorden Troyer-3C, Heather Troyer-4A, Jessica Yoder-4B, and Ashby Yoder-4C.

Honorable Mention: Brantley Lambright-KA, Cameron Bontrager-KB, Ryan Miller-KC, Molly Long-KD, Dahlia Smith-1A, Micah Miller-1B, Kate

## Shipshewana-Scott Winners



Engle-1C, Autumn Lehman-1D, Kaitlyn King-2A, Heidi Knepp-2B, Jayda Stutzman-2C, Avery Mast-2D, Mia Stemm-3A, Elijah Wingard-3B, Austin Yoder-3C, Jeslyn Schwartz-4A, Amy Miller-4B, and Kalyn Bontrager-4C.

## Shipshewana-Scott

Best of Show: Jessica Yoder-4B.

Judges Choice: Jace Amsden-3B.

1st Place Overall: Ashby Yoder-4C.

2nd Place Overall: Heather Troyer-4A.

3rd Place Overall: Jaxton Horner-2C.

## Meadowview Classroom Winners

1st Place: Savannah Lambright-KA, Lanita Bontrager-KB, Jenna Schlabach-KC, Ava Miller-KD, Ava Bontrager-1A, Jenna Yoder-1B, Ashlynn Bontrager-1C, Peyton Raber-2A, Karla Yoder-2B, Ava Bontrager-2C, Salia Bontrager-2D, Bethlyn Schwartz-3A, Logan Yoder-3B, Kimber Helmuth-3C, Obie Raber-3D, Jacob Miller-4A, Lynn Miller-4B, and Lori King-4C.

## Meadowview

Best of Show: Lori King-4C.

Judges Choice: Kimber Helmuth-3C.

1st Place Overall: Bethlyn Schwartz-3A.

2nd Place Overall: Logan Yoder-3B.

3rd Place Overall: Ava Bontrager-2C.

## Honorable

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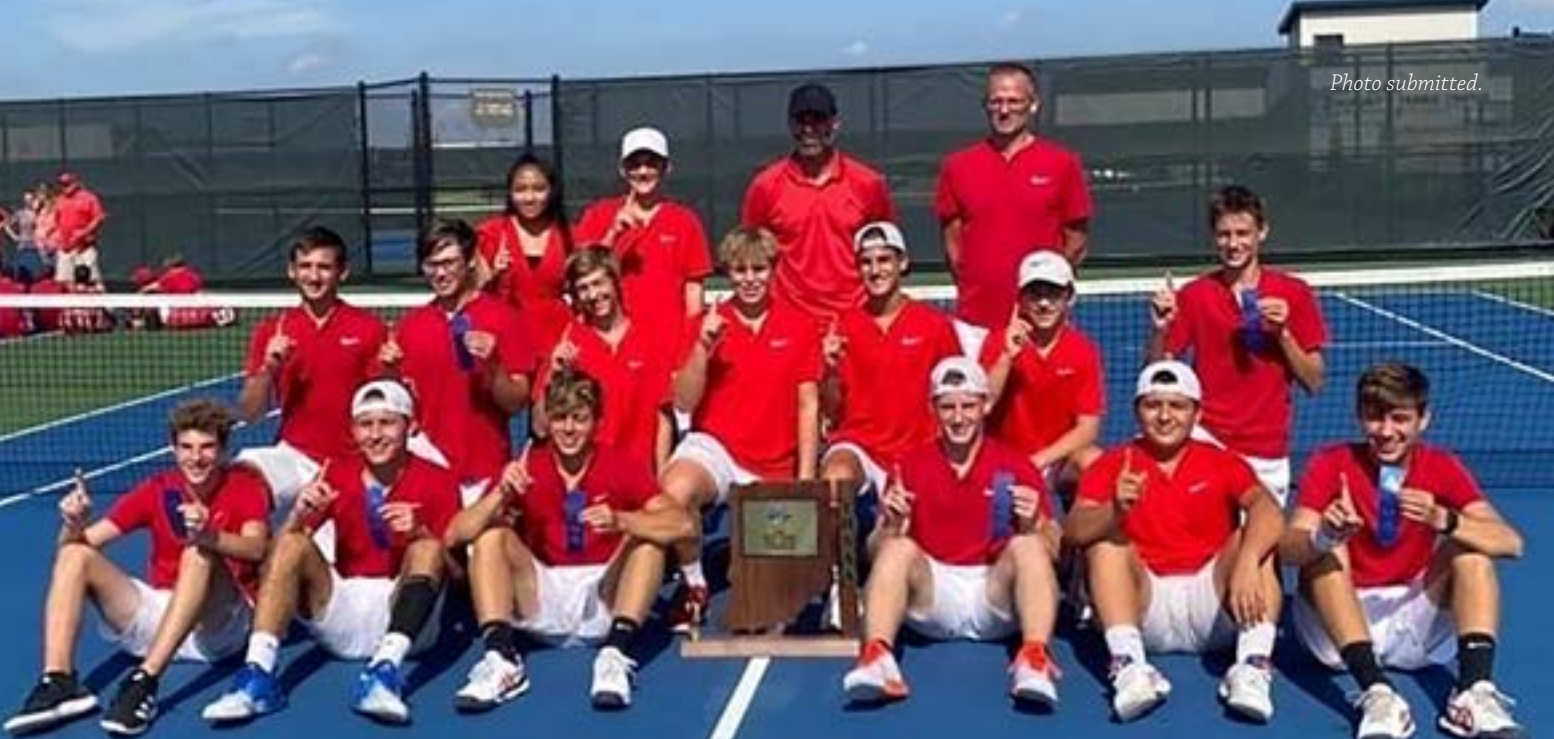
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## Congrats HS Boys Cross Country Advanced to Regionals!

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# Congrats JH Boys & Girls Cross Country NECC Champions!

On Wednesday, September 29, the Westview Jr. High Boys' Cross Country team won the NECC Jr. High conference cross country meet for the tenth consecutive year in a row. The individual conference champion was Westview runner Daniel Yoder, the ninth straight individual conference champion from Westview. Previous

champions were Richmond Stoltzfus, Kent Yoder, Anthony Schwartz, Spencer Carpenter, Daryl Chupp, DeWayne Miller, Darin Bontrager, and Brandon Schwartz. Daniel Yoder is the first seventh-grader to win a conference from any school in twenty years. Excellent job, Warriors!

On that same day, the Westview Jr. High Girls' Cross Country team won the NECC Jr. High conference cross country meet for the first time in four years and the fifth time overall in school history. The Westview girls' team was led by conference runner-up sixth-grader, Hannah Miller. Excellent job, ladies, and congratulations! 📢



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**12 noon, Tuesday, November 16**  
*Thursday, November 11 if you need a proof.*

## Westview Sports in the News

The month of October held a busy schedule for all the Westview sports teams! Starting off October 9, the Westview Boys' Tennis team defeated Mississinewa 4-1 in Semi-State action. They played again on October 16 for the State Championship, against Jasper, where they lost 5-0.

The Girls' Soccer team won their Sectional against Lakewood Park, 6-0, but lost to Andrean, 0-1, at Regionals, in overtime. Boys' Soccer won their sectional against Bethany 1-0 and defeated Illiana Christian High School 3-0 at Regionals.

In Boys' Cross Country action, the Warriors placed second at Sectionals and will advance to the Regional Championships. In Girls' Cross Country, Kiana Mast finished twelfth at Sectionals and will also go to Regionals.

On the Junior High side, the Girls' Soccer team won the Westview Tourney on October 9. Both boys' and girls' soccer teams won their NECC Championship games! 🏆

## LCCF Donation Matching Program

In celebration of the Lagrange County Community Foundation's 30 years, the Next 30 Years donation matching program will match \$1 for \$1 up to \$30,000. The time is now, time to be intentional and compassionate, time to invest in your community for the next generation. The Next 30 Years donation matching program will run through December 31, 2021. Gifts of no more than \$3,000 will be matched \$1 for \$1 to existing endowed funds.

For a complete list of endowed funds and more information, please visit [lccf.net/the-next-30-years](http://lccf.net/the-next-30-years). 📄

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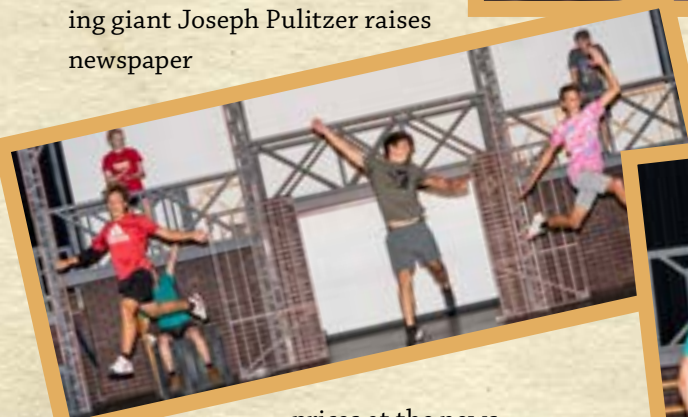
# EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!

The Westview Music Department is thrilled to announce that they will be performing Disney's *Newsies*, November 5 - 7, 2021, in the Wilson Auditorium at Westview High School.

Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy, who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer raises newspaper




have worked tirelessly to bring this show to life. I couldn't be more proud of our students for the countless hours they've put into learning their roles. What I appreciate most about my students is that no matter the size of their role, they each give it 110%. We sincerely hope you make plans to see this great production," Jill Hamm said.



prices at the newsboys' expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. With help from the female reporter, Katherine Plumber, all of New York City soon recognizes the power of "the little man."

"This musical may be one of the most high-energy productions we have ever done. The cast and crew



The shows are Friday, November 5 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, November 6 at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 7 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per seat and can be purchased in the main office at WHS or by calling 260-768-4146. Tickets cannot be guaranteed at the door so get them now!  Photos by Abby Wenger





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