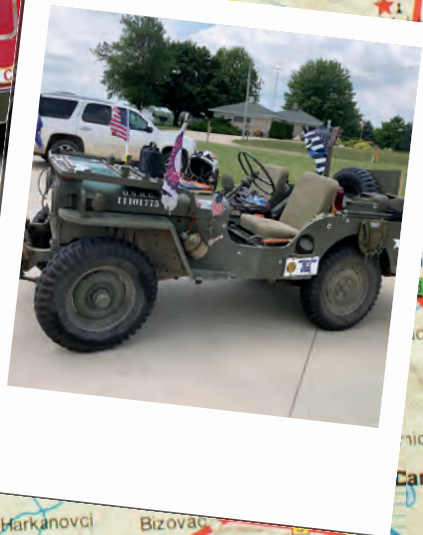


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Back in June, the ARK Animal Shelter had an adoption event where you could go in to look at the animals without an appointment and adopt an animal for half the fee if they had been there longer than 60 days. I wasn't planning on adopting an animal, I just wanted to look around. I met a few dogs that I had seen on the ARK's website and loved spending time with them.

I was thinking about heading home but then I noticed one dog, Elaine. After learning her story and spending time with her, I felt like she was the dog for me. I've always believed that the dog you need will come to you; sounds cheesy and cliché, I know, but it's true!

After taking her home, I've learned her personality is so similar to mine. She likes to stick close to home, chooses her people wisely, and is *very* sassy. But taking on a responsibility as big as a dog takes a lot of adjusting. Now, there's another living being in my home; one that relies on me to feed her, take her out, play with her, and more.

It's a big transition, to learn her habits and for her to learn my schedule and know this is her new home. It's been tough at times, that's for sure, but seeing the progress she has made to trust me and bond with me is worth it. It's a process that requires a lot of patience but is so rewarding in the end.

Really, any process is a journey

that requires patience. From waiting for the corn to develop and grow, to traveling across the United States on a mission. Especially for the students who are returning to school and must go through the process of collecting the supplies they'll need for the school year and attending orientation nights to prepare. These processes require patience but are worth it in the end.

Be sure to check out Silas Haarer's success at State, and the fascinating history of William Carrol Latta, the man who founded what is now a state-wide agricultural network – testaments to how being patient through the process reaps large rewards.

As always, feel free to write us to let us know what articles and content you would like to see. We love to hear from our readers and explore new topics! We'd also love to partner with area businesses to bring you editorial content that appeals to you. Please send your thoughts, comments, and recommendations to The Hometown Treasure, PO Box 70, Shipshewana IN 46565, or email them to [news@lagwana.com](mailto:news@lagwana.com).

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*The Hometown Treasure Editor*

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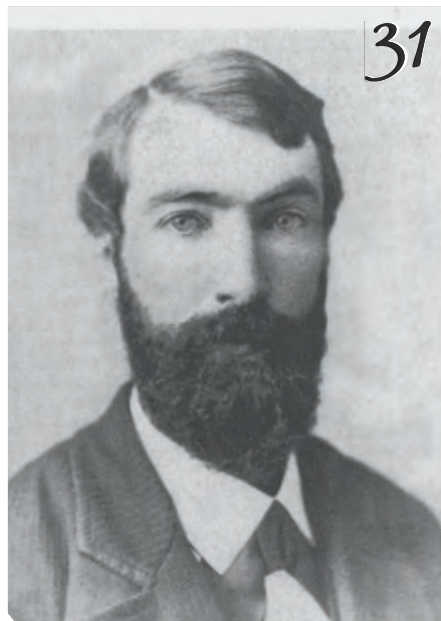


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## Dents, Dings, and Overcoming These Things

I have a little white Buick that I love. My affection for her stems from the fact that, in my married life, she's the first car that I picked out, test-drove, and purchased on my own. "Pearl" (my name for her) and I have a special bond! About six months after I bought her, I attended a baseball game where a foul ball bounced off her top and left a nice-sized dent. For a while, I felt like Pearl was flawed. Every time I looked at her, all I could see was that dent. After years of loyalty, low gas mileage, and minimal repairs, I no longer see the dent. The way I feel about the car far outweighs any dent or ding to her exterior. The dent is still there, but that's no longer my focus when I see her.

Before you start thinking that I have unusual relationships with automobiles, I digress. I have genuine relationships also...with humans! With those relationships come dents as well. Over the years, I've experienced hurtful situations with friends or family members. I've had disagreements, differences of opinion, and varying political and theological views. And just as my focus was on Pearl's dent for a while, I'm sad to admit, my focus can also

be on the dent in my relationships.


Can you relate? Oh, please tell me I'm not the only one here! Let's get real for a moment. Have you ever said something like this: "I like her, but we don't see eye to eye" or "Well, he's a nice person, but we don't agree on this or that." This, my friends, is focusing on the dent. There should be no "buts" about it. A love-focused response is "I like her" or "He's nice."

The Apostle Paul gives us instructions in his letter to the people of Corinth in the famous "Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13:5. He says that love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no records of wrongs. In verse 7, he tells us that love always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. The message is clear: our love should always be greater.



But the most convicting verse for me comes from Proverbs 17:17 (NLT): A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. This verse begs me to ask if I am devoted to my friends and helpful to my family. When things are going well, I can answer a resounding yes to that question. But unfortunately, when these relationships experience bumps, I tend to focus on the wrongdoing instead of the love. So, how does one take their eye off the flaws and focus on love?

Well, here's the rest of the story about the day my Buick got dented. The batter's next swing resulted in a home run! Over time, that is what I remember most – that dent in the top was the prerequisite of something to be celebrated. And so it is in my relationships. Those mishaps and misunderstandings often lead the way to strengthened bonds, the opportunity to experience and offer forgiveness, and character building.

Our focus shifts when we look to the lesson instead of the hurt. We learn that scars remain not to remind us of pain but to remind us that we have overcome. 

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# Smart Choices

By Victoria Camiel, pharmacy student at Topeka Pharmacy

## Java Jolting Facts: What to Know About Caffeine

Some people believe you cannot have too much of a good thing. Although caffeine use in moderation is generally found to be safe and healthy, even providing some health benefits, too much caffeine can cause harmful effects.

### What is caffeine?

Caffeine is known as a stimulating drug, increasing energy when consumed. It works by making your brain more active, making a person feel more awake and focused. Caffeine-containing foods are commonly consumed when a person needs to feel more awake.

### What products contain caffeine?

Coffee and black or green tea provide anywhere from 24mg to 100mg of caffeine per 8 ounces. Energy drinks like Celsius, Monster or Prime contain 150-300mg of caffeine per standard 16-ounce can. Cola-type soft drinks, both regular and diet, have 39-63mg of caffeine depending on the size of the drink.

### Is caffeine bad for my health?

Good news! Caffeine intake in moderation (<400mg daily) has been found to possibly lower the risk of developing Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, heart failure, stroke, type 2 diabetes and colon cancer. However, people should not consume more than 400mg per day according to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. For reference, the typical 12-ounce cup of coffee contains about 150mg of caffeine, while a Venti-sized coffee at Starbucks® contains up to 470mg depending on the type of drink ordered!


The amount of caffeine in each product can be found with a simple Google search on the internet or it may be listed on the nutrition label.

### What happens if I have too much?

Symptoms of caffeine overdose include irregular heartbeat, uncontrolled muscle shakiness, dizziness, headaches or even seizures. Every year, thousands of teens go to the Emergency Room with concerning symptoms after drinking too many energy drinks, often combined with alcohol. Adults who consume large amounts of caffeine over time may experience long-term effects such as chronic insomnia, anxiety or headaches. It might pay to check out how much caffeine you are consuming!

### Fun Facts

"Decaffeinated" coffee may still contain up to 7mg of caffeine per 8 ounces. A&W®, Mug® and Dads® root beer contain no caffeine. 90% of Americans take in caffeine in some form daily. About 30% of all adults and 60% of women find caffeine has a laxative effect. It may take 12 hours to eliminate the effects of caffeine.

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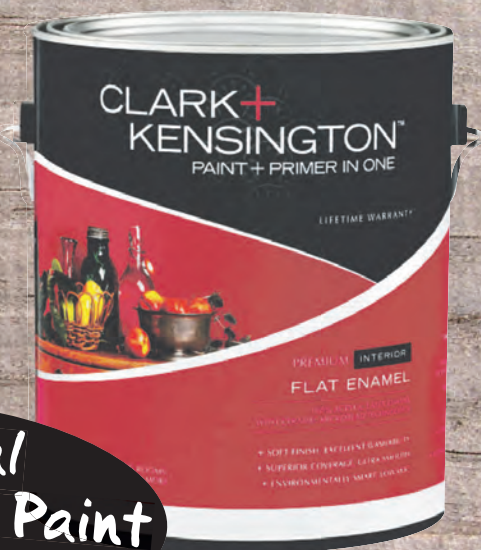
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# MONEY Wise

## How Will You Exit Your Business?

If you own a business, you've always got a lot on your mind. But no matter how busy you are today, you need to think about tomorrow. Specifically, you'll want to create an exit strategy for the day you want to move on from your business to a new phase in your life.

To develop this strategy, you'll need to address these key questions:

### **How much do you need (or want) for your business?**

Ideally, you'll want the sale of your business to meet your retirement and estate-planning goals. So, you'll need to think carefully about these goals and what costs they may entail. And these issues aren't just financial — for example, when you think about how

you may want to spend your time in retirement, you might realize that you don't really want to exit your business completely. So, you might decide to sell just part of it, or sell it entirely but stay on to help manage it or possibly do some consulting for the new owners.

### **How much is your business worth?**

You may want to calculate your business' value three to five years before your planned exit. You could do this on your own, but it's typically advantageous to use professional valuation services. If you're gifting or selling your business to family members, selling it to an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) or settling an estate, you'll need to get a more formal qualified appraisal to meet IRS standards.

### **How can you close the gap between what you need and what your business is worth?**

The amount you need from the sale of your business to support your retirement goals may be more than what your business is actually worth. To help close this gap, you could try to boost your business' profits through the usual means, such as introducing new products, raising prices, or cutting costs. But you might also try to lower the amount you need from the sale by working longer, reducing your personal spending and saving more outside the business.


### **Who will take over your business?**

When planning for a successor for your business, you have several choices, including selling to a family member

or an outside buyer. Going public or liquidating the business are also options. These are distinct paths, but depending on your circumstances, one might be more appropriate for you than another. To cite just one factor, if you don't have an obvious choice for a family member to take over the business, you might have to consider other buyers. In any case, you'll need to explore all the economic and personal factors involved in the choice of a successor.

### **Who can help you with your exit strategy?**

Exiting a business can be complex. To ensure you're making the right moves for your overall financial and family situations, you may want to build an exit strategy team, possibly consisting of your financial, legal and tax advisors. You may also need to enlist the services of a commercial banker and a business evaluation expert. Each of these professionals can bring a different area of expertise to your exit decisions, and together they can help address all the issues related to your exit strategy.

Exiting your business will take a lot of planning and decisions, but if it's done right, it can be worth the effort. 

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# LaGrange County Library

**Below are the events planned for August 2023.**

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

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## Topeka Branch

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## Youth Department

### Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5) Theme: Dinosaurs!

LaGrange • Tuesdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 11 a.m.

### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Aug. 14 • 4–7:45 p.m.

Please sign up – either by calling or registering on our website. We will be learning new games and playing our favorites. Come enjoy some non-electronic games while snacking and chatting with other teens! Please note the new hours – time to complete longer games!

### Elementary Book Club (Grades 1-3)

LaGrange • Tuesday, Aug. 15 • 4–4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "Boxcar Children and the Hundred Year Mystery," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book club book. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

### Middle Grade Book Club (Grades 4-7)

LaGrange • Tuesday, Aug. 15 • 4–4:45 p.m.

We will discuss "The Penderwicks," do a fun activity, and pass out the next book club book. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

### Movie and Popcorn (All Ages)

LaGrange • Friday, Aug. 25 • 6 p.m. • Movie: *To be decided.*

Please check our website or Facebook page for more information. Free popcorn provided. Bring your own covered drink if desired.

### Teen Book Chat & Craft (Grades 8-12)

LaGrange • Monday, Aug. 28 • 4–5:30 p.m.

We will be discussing "Steelheart" by Brian Sanderson and making a fun craft. We will also be talking about plans for teens at the library and passing out the book for next month. Sign up by checking out the book in the youth department.

## Adult Interest

### Classic Cinema: Family Time (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Every Tuesday in August • 2 p.m.

Aug. 1: *Cheaper by the Dozen* (1950)

Aug. 8: *Houseboat* (1958)

Aug. 15: *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* (1958)

Aug. 22: *The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band* (1968)

Aug. 29: *Yours, Mine & Ours* (1968)

Movies and popcorn are FREE!

## Adult Interest (continued)

### Caregivers' Circle

LaGrange Town Park, N. Mountain St., LaGrange • Thurs., Aug. 10 • 1–2 p.m.

Howe Town Park, 443 4<sup>th</sup> St., Howe • Thurs., Aug. 24 • 1–2 p.m.

Taking care of an aging or ill loved one can be overwhelming. Take time to get out of the house, breathe some fresh air, and talk with other people who understand the struggles you face. Find a sitter for an hour and meet us at the designated park.

### Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, Aug. 12 • 11 a.m.

This month we'll discuss "Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded" by Simon Winchester. The legendary eruption of the volcano-island of Krakatoa has become a byword for a cataclysmic disaster. Beyond the purely physical horrors of the event, the eruption changed the world in more ways than could possibly be imagined. *Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange Library's Adult Information Desk.*

### Patchwork Trails – Marion's Woods (All Ages)

An ACRES Preserve, 805 Calvary Lane, Angola • Tues., Aug. 15 • 6 p.m.

Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot. Walks will be led by Leslie Arnold of LaGrange Co. Parks & Recreation. No fees or registration required, just meet at the designated starting point.

### Mehndi with Jen! – Henna Body Art (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Saturday, Aug. 19 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Learn the history, culture and science of henna from Jen Schafer. Then look through her design books and choose a design. Jen will apply it in minutes and it will last for weeks (with proper skin care). Minors must either attend with a parent or have a signed permission slip. Children under 5 shouldn't use henna (it's not dangerous, they're just too wiggly!) Space is limited so registration is required. Register at the Adult Services Desk or call 260-463-2841 x1030.

### Cookbook Club

LaGrange • Saturday, Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.

Cookbook Club is a great way to meet new people and try new things! Check out the cookbook of the month at LaGrange's Adult Services Desk.

Choose a recipe, cook it, and bring it to the Cookbook Club Carry-In. Plates, silverware, coffee, and tea will be provided. Cookbook Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Families welcome.

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## Lake City Bank Welcomes Intern Class of 2023

Lake City Bank is pleased to welcome its summer intern class of 2023 made up of 26 talented students from local high schools and universities in Indiana, Illinois and Florida.

This year's intern class includes six students who are returning for another summer at Lake City Bank. These students are Madison Dyck, Neha Yadav, Izzy Losee, Caitlyn Patrick, Makenna Smith, and Aaron Berghoff. Interns work in areas around the bank to gain real-world experience and explore careers in financial services.


"We're pleased to welcome this class of exceptional students to Lake City Bank," said David M. Findlay, Chief Executive Officer. "We look forward to learning from them, as they learn from us."

The Lake City Bank Intern Class of 2023 includes:

- Madison Dyck, *Corporate & Institutional Services Intern*

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- Michael Ray, *Credit & Commercial Banking Intern*
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**Lake City Bank Intern Class of 2023:** *Back (left to right): Matt Lowman, Liam Smith, Brayden Jones, Cam Jagger, Aaron Berghoff, Ben Riggle, Anna Setlak, Nathan Smoot, Dahna Frump, Luke Cooper, Ryan Brown and Sam Blakely. Front: Madison Dyck, Muhoja Lukuba, Michael Ray, Madelyn Christman, Lucy Shafer, Neha Yadav, Lily Ault, Izzy Losee, Lily Waters, Jericho Stichter, Caitlyn Patrick, Audrey Grimm, Rubi Laud and Makenna Smith.* Photo Submitted.



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# Outstanding Educator Awards

Thrive by 5, the early childhood coalition serving LaGrange and Noble Counties, has announced the launch of an early childhood educator award.

Thrive by 5 wants to support the early childhood educators in our community by offering an “Outstanding Early Childhood Educator Award” once each quarter for those who care for our youngest students, ages 0-5 (birth through Preschool).

Families can nominate a deserving teacher online at [www.thriveby5coalition.org](http://www.thriveby5coalition.org). Nominations for the first award are due by Friday, July 28, 2023. A few brief questions need to be answered to submit the nomination, including:


- Why do you feel this teacher is deserving of the Outstanding Early Childhood Teacher Award?
- What are the most significant positive impacts the nominee has

made on other teachers/the school community?

- How has having the nominee as a teacher affected your child’s education?

The Thrive by 5 Steering Committee will select one winner from the nominations received by July 28. Childcare providers and preschool teachers in LaGrange and Noble Counties are all eligible to be nominated.

The winner will receive

an award to display as well as a \$100 gift card, compliments of the award sponsor, Black & Ramer Insurance. 



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**NOMINATE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AT [WWW.THRIVEBY5COALITION.ORG](http://WWW.THRIVEBY5COALITION.ORG)**




## Fitness Walking Club

Join the LaGrange County Parks Department in the 2023 Every Park Every Trail Fitness Walking Club! There are five trails that will be used on designated days throughout the year until November. The next upcoming trail walk date will be **August 5 at Mike Metz Fen, 2825 E SR 120, Howe, IN**, starting at the Pine Knob Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

It is free to participate! Each trail is approximately two miles; walk at your own pace and do your best! Remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Not only is this a good opportunity to meet new friends, but there are various health benefits such as boosting heart health, mood, immunity, sleep quality, and more.

There will be a fun reward for those who participate! On each trail walk

day, a Park Naturalist will be present at the trailhead at 9 a.m. to record participation and answer questions. If you walk at least once at each of the five trails, you'll receive a fun participation reward. These rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.

Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on the AllTrails App, or on the LaGrange County Parks and Recreation website, [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org). For more information, contact the Park Office by emailing [parks@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:parks@lagrangecounty.org) or by calling 260-854-2225. 



## “Office Hours”

The early childhood coalition serving LaGrange and Noble Counties is giving folks a chance to talk about childcare and early learning.

“Office Hours” are scheduled at the Grounded Coffee Shop in Ligonier on Tuesday, July 25 and at Whatchamacakes in Kendalville on Wednesday, July 26 from 12:00–2:00 p.m. This is for anyone to chat about childcare with a drink (on Thrive by 5) and talk to coalition coordinator Jenna Anderson. No appointment is necessary!

Come discuss efforts to increase capacity, a new Child Development Associate program starting within the Lakeland School Corporation this fall, grant opportunities, and more. Or get help starting as an early educator.

Watch the Facebook page for more “Office Hours” updates at <https://www.facebook.com/thriveby5coalition/>. 



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# APPLICATION OPENS

## Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

LaGrange County's 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application opens on July 25.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECSP) will provide 147 scholarships statewide and one scholarship in LaGrange County. The program, administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), is offered locally in LaGrange County through the LaGrange County Community Foundation.

The scholarship provides one full-tuition award and a \$900 annual stipend for required books for four years of full-time undergraduate study leading to a bachelor's degree at any eligible Indiana public or private non-profit college or university.

To be eligible to apply for the LaGrange County award, students must: graduate from a LaGrange County high school by 2024 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2024, intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an eligible college or university in Indiana, be a resident of LaGrange County, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

Students can learn more and apply

for the scholarship by visiting [lccf.net/lillyscholarship](http://lccf.net/lillyscholarship). Applications must be completed and submitted by September 8, 2023, to be considered.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, motivation to succeed, employment history, extracurricular involvement, and essay responses. Two recommendations must be submitted with the application: one from a teacher and one from a community member. A personal interview will assist in determining the scholarship recipient.


Five students will be selected as finalists and invited to the interview round in October 2023. Following the interviews, the LaGrange County Community Foundation will nominate one local graduating senior for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship; their name will be submitted to ICI for final approval. The scholarship recipient will be announced in December.

The finalists not selected for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will receive the Lambright Leadership Scholarship, a \$1,000 four-year

renewable scholarship.

Since 1998, a total of 42 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships have been awarded in LaGrange County. The Foundation is pleased to offer LECSP for its 27th year in LaGrange County.

"We are grateful to be able to offer the LECSP Scholarship to our local students. It opens opportunities for the recipient to attend a school that otherwise might not have been possible," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director. "LaGrange County is home to exceptional student scholars who are committed, caring community members. We look forward to recognizing the hearts and minds of our community's talented young people."


The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is the result of a statewide initiative provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Lilly Endowment created LECSP for the 1997-98 school year and has supported the program every year since with tuition grants totaling more than \$486 million. More than 5,000 Indiana students have received Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships since the program's inception. 

## Back to School Night

Meadowview Elementary will be hosting its Back to School Night on August 3, 2023. Students with last names beginning with the letters A-L may attend the event from 5-6 p.m. and students with last names beginning with the letters M-Z may attend the event from 6-7 p.m.

During this time, students will be able to find out who their teacher will be for the 2023-24 school year! Depending on enrollment, this could change at the start of school.

Ice cream treats will be served in the cafeteria. State legislators have decided that textbook fees and

curricular materials will not be charged to parents/guardians for the 2023-24 school year. Bus information will be available. Babysitter addresses should be turned in to Mrs. Cupp, Secretary. If you have any questions, call the school at 260-768-7702 after July 26. 

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## For Farms and Gardens: **CORN STAGES**

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How a Corn Plant Develops

### **The Vegetative Stage of Corn**

This time of year, corn grows like crazy. The plants begin determining ear size at V5 (five visible leaf collars showing), wrapping that process up around V12 to V15. The “V” stands for “vegetative,” or non-reproductive portion of the growth of the plant.

You may have heard stories that during this rapid growth phase, you can hear the corn grow. It is true! As they grow, the plants stretch, groan, crackle, and pop as they add as much as 1.5 inches of height in just a few hours. Aside from the awesome sounds and rapid growth, the V5 to V7 stage is when the number of rows on an ear are determined. The row numbers are always in pairs of two, generally between 14 to 18 rows. They are mostly determined by the hybrid; not so much by the environmental conditions like rain or temperature.

The number of seeds (ovules) per row is determined over a longer period of time, beginning about V5 to V7 and

*The dissected plant has 18 fully developed leaves (V18). The plant will abandon six or seven of the eight ear shoots in favor of one, possibly two, healthy ears. The tassel at the peak of the plant will emerge in a few days to begin the plant’s reproductive phase of development.*

ending about V12 to V15. The first seeds begin forming near the base of the ear and work their way toward the tip. This process is more easily disturbed by environmental conditions, like drought, floods, or extreme temperatures.

About V10, the plant still has 8 to 10 viable ear shoots consisting mostly of the leaf husk that will protect the ear and tiny ears best viewed under a microscope. But, not long after V10, the upper ear shoots typically take the lead and the plant will abandon the lower ear shoots.

Most modern hybrids produce 18 to 20 leaves in the vegetative stage. The upper leaves contribute greatly to producing the tassel and filling the ear. At that point, you enter a new phase: the reproductive, or R stage, of development.

### **The Reproduction Stages of Corn**

A corn tassel is the “male” portion of the plant. On a single tassel, there are over 6,000 pollen-bearing structures with millions of pollen grains inside, ready to drop when the plant matures. If you live next to fields where hybrid corn is grown, you may be asked not to grow sweetcorn in your backyard. The pollen from just one of your sweetcorn plants can contaminate as many as three acres of hybrid corn if it reaches the female seed corn silk at the wrong time.

Pollen is sensitive to temperature and drought. Fortunately, the plants have adapted to the conditions and typically drop pollen in the morning when it is cooler. When conditions are rainy, a tassel can hang onto pollen grains to reduce the amount of pollen washed straight to the soil.


The target for the pollen is the silk, part of the “female” portion of the plant which also includes the ear and kernels.

Each kernel is attached to one silk that emerges from the tip of the ear. As the ears form, the silks begin to grow longer, heading for the tip of the ear. This happens around the same time the first tassels begin to appear. Silks from the butt end of the ear typically emerge first while the silks near the tip emerge last, growing as much as 1.5 inches a day in the process.

When viable pollen lands on the silk, it germinates, releasing the male genetic material which travels inside of the silk in a tunnel called a pollen tube. It takes less than 24 hours for the male genetic material to travel the length of the silk, reach the kernel, and fertilize the ovule.

Since each silk is attached to just one kernel, each silk must receive pollen or there will be gaps among the kernels on the ear. There are a number of ways the pollination process can fail, such as extreme heat (over 100 degrees), severe droughts, and insects like Japanese beetles or corn rootworm beetles.

When proper fertilization does not occur on an ear, you might see long green silk. The silk will continue to grow for about 10 days once they emerge from the tip of the ear. Once the fertilization process is complete, the silk turns brown, signaling successful fertilization.

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*An immature ear of corn, with a single silk strand attached to each kernel. Photo Submitted*

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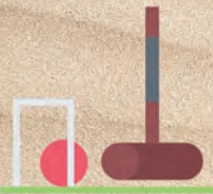
# August Kids Club Birthdays



- 1 Neva Bontrager, Kevin Lehman,  
 Jana Troyer, Gracin Yoder,  
 Jordan Yoder
- 2 Hadley Abney, Gunnar Barkman,  
 Gwendolyn Burgi, Charity Miller,  
 Jason Schrock
- 3 Nathan Martin, Aesha Omar
- 4 Leon Bontrager, Chandler Engle,  
 Sheldon Frey, Tyler Miller, Julie  
 Yoder
- 5 Austin Bontrager, Aryanna  
 Case, Anisah Omar, Cynthia  
 Osorio-Luna
- 6 Andraya Lambright, Travis  
 Miller, Seth Troyer
- 7 Braelynn McLaughlin
- 8 Emmalyn England, Millie Mishler
- 9 Evan Byroad
- 11 Audrey Lambright
- 12 Christina Killian, Lori Miller,  
 Nichole Miller
- 13 Ruth Miller, Melanie Troyer,  
 Brynlee Wingard
- 14 Marissa Miller
- 15 Harrison Bontreger, Avery  
 Starkey, Donna Yoder
- 16 Hanan Al Gurmi, Gavin Bauman,  
 Knox Fry, Deliah Jackey, Lilleigh  
 Mast, Landon Miller, Landon  
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- 17 Rugger Altimus, Kayla Bontrager,  
 Jolyn Yoder
- 18 Samantha Bontrager, Gibson  
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- 23 Janae Herschberger
- 24 Reagan Diehl, Isaiah Herschberger, Blake Hochstetler, Jayna Miller
- 25 Braden Detweiler, Brenna Mauck, Kenady Miller, Bryson Mullet, Emberlee Perez Zepeda, Travis Ritchie, James Yoder
- 26 Kalyn Bontrager, Isabella Marcum, Adrian Troyer
- 27 Kaylee Beachy, Asher Kauffman, Maxwell Reffett, Landon Schlabach, Angie Slabach, Nychai Sornross, Carson Stinnett
- 28 Jalayna Fry, Cameron Miller
- 29 Rydan Hill, Ryan Mast, Joshua Miller, Adelynn Raber, Bryson Roth
- 30 Dahlia Smith, Nicolas Wilkins
- 31 Norman Jackson, Alexis McDonald, Makynzee McLaughlin, Hailey B. Miller, Abdulla Omar

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# Westview Jr/Sr High School 7th Grade Orientation

On Monday, July 31, Westview will be holding an orientation night between 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Wilson Auditorium. This orientation is for all incoming 7th graders for the 2023-2024 school year.



**Other dates and times to note:**

Tues., Aug. 1	8–3 p.m.	Jr/Sr High Registration
Wed., Aug. 2	11–5 p.m.	Jr/Sr High Registration
Thurs., Aug. 3	11–1 p.m. OR 2–5 p.m. (anytime during these times)	Freshman Chromebook pickup & Training <b>REQUIRED</b>
Thurs., Aug. 3	8–3 pm.	Jr/Sr High Registration
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# End-of-the-Year Awards

There are a total of six fifth-graders and three sixth-graders who had perfect attendance this school year. Four of the nine students were drawn to receive a gift card from the PTO. These students are Jerel Bontrager, Kalyn Bontrager, Adrian Lehman, and Janelle Bontrager. Two students who had at least 95% attendance were drawn for a gift card.

They are Ethan Miller and Ashby Yoder. Lucas Swanson won the Roger Brenneman Math Award. Mr. Brenneman retired from Westview School Corporation after 36 years of dedicated teaching. He exemplified excellence in his teaching.

The Samuel L. Miller Excellence in Reading Award is given to the top

reader(s) in the fifth and sixth grades who participated in the Indiana Young Hoosier Book Program for this school year. This year, the Media Center Award goes to fifth-graders Jake Chupp, Dale Bontrager and Julian Warrenner, and sixth-graders Kenzie Detweiler, Karla Miller and Joshua Slabach. ❗

**Outstanding Young Hoosier Book Reading Award:** *(in no particular order):* Joshua Slabach, Jake Chupp, Abigail Hershberger, Vada Miller, Jessica Yoder, James Yoder, Alyssa Barkman, Dale Bontrager, Julian Warrenner, Lisa Troyer, Kenzie Detweiler, Kalra Miller. These students read and passed tests on all of the list's books.

**Roger Brenneman Math Award:** Lucas Swanson

**Outstanding Citizens of the Year:** *(in no particular order):* Josh Troyer, 5H; Brooklyn Stutzman, 5H; Lyndon Yoder, 6G; and Lisa Hochstetler, 6I. These students received a gift card and plaque from the Westview Elementary PTO.



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# Westview Elementary

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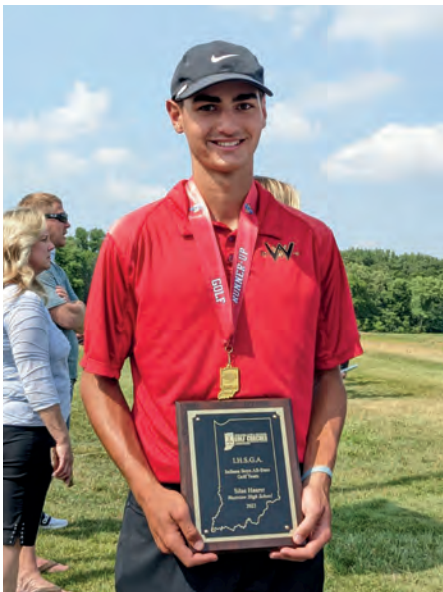
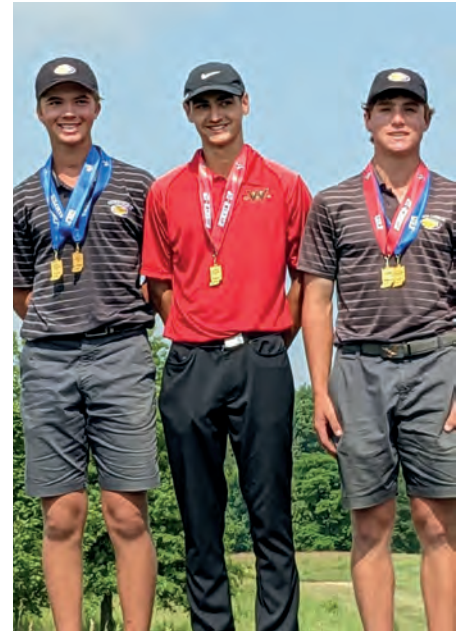
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# Silas Haarer Places Second at State

Silas Haarer's sophomore golf season has been a fruitful and victorious one. After setting a personal record at Sectionals and claiming the top spot at Regionals, Haarer advanced to the IHSAA Golf State Championship in June.

At the two-day tournament, Silas shot a 75 on the first day and a -6 (66) on the second. His second-day score was the lowest round of the tournament and is the fourth lowest in State tournament history. Overall, Silas had an impressive 12 birdies and 1 eagle. Earning second place in the State Championship, Silas was also named a part of the Indiana Boys All-State Golf Team by the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association (IHSGA). Congratulations Silas! 🏆



# 2022-2023 Quarter 4: Regular Honor Roll (3.0-3.499)

*In addition to the GPA requirements 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 10

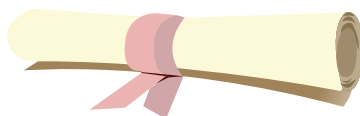
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## Grade 11

Carson Brown, Jocelyn Dominguez, Harper Klein, Ciara Mikel, Karli Miller, Micah Miller, KeeLee Palmer, Marin Ponce, Kirstin Stutzman, and Lauren Vanderpool.

## Grade 12

Kyle Hochstetler, Andrea Miller, and Christian Uresti.



# 2022-2023 Quarter 2: High Honor Roll (3.5 or above)

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## Grade 8

Karleen Bender, Matthew Bibbee, Jane Bontrager, Jillian Bontrager, Loren Bontrager, Josiah Fry, Caedmon Gates, Briana Hagerman, Boe Helmuth, Karl Hershberger, Carly Hicks, Alyssa Hochstetler, Ryan Hunsberger, Rayna Jackson, Lisa Lambricht, Sage Mercer, Adrian Miller, Benji Miller, Caleb Miller, Davis Miller, Janessa Miller, Jared Miller, Kenlin Miller, Ryan Miller, Travis Mitchell, Carson Niccum, Austin Schlabach, Jayden Schrock, Alex Troyer, Kevin Troyer, Owen Weinberg, Aaron Williams, Ashlie Yoder, Emily R Yoder, Kloie Yoder, and Marilyn Yoder.

## Grade 7

Baylor Atra, Makenna Bender, Alayna Bontrager, Amy Bontrager, Evan Bontrager, John Bontrager, Joshua Bontrager, Laban Bontrager, Loraine Bontrager, Melissa Bontrager, Laine Bortner, Tyler Brewer, Liam Brill, Kari Chupp, Noah Chupp, Luke Eash, Anthony Fry, Cooper Fry, Myra Fry, Mila Geyer, Travis Gingerich, Hailey Graber, Morgan Grossman, Victoria Halderman, Lyndon Helmuth, Remington Helmuth, Amy Hershberger, Caleb Hershberger, Katelyn Hochstetler, Alayah Hostetler, Jenisa Kauffman, Rylan King, Alexis Lambricht, Jacob Lambricht, Julie Lambricht, Melody Lambricht, Elizabeth Lehmer, Cooper Lowe, AJ Martin, Maggie Mast, Mari Mast, Jada Mauck, Paige McDonald, Amber Miller, Anna Miller, Brandon Miller, Brendan Miller, Brent Miller,

Cory Miller, Darrin Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller, Jaxon Miller, Kaylee Miller, Keith Miller, Landon Miller, Madilyn Miller, Michael Miller, Nicholas Miller, Ryan Miller, Steven Miller, Ava Mishler, Saul Moreno, Laura Mullett, Shelby Mullett, Kaylee Nuzum, Fisher Oakley, JoLinda Otto, Landon Raber, Gavin Rainsberger, Zuriyah Reed, Kya Roose, Josie Ryall, Shawn Schmucker, Aiden Slabach, Jerica Slabach, Emma Stinnett, Allison Stutzman, Tyler Stutzman, Lex Thompson, Bryan Troyer, Curtis Troyer, Merrill Warrenner, Rylee Watson, Elijah Watts, Andrea Whetstone, Seth Whetstone, Aaron Wingard, Amy Yoder, Brandon Yoder, Braydon Yoder, Grace Yoder, Hudson Yoder, Janae Yoder, Karla Yoder, Kasen Yoder, Melanie Yoder, Naomi Yoder, and William Yoder.

## Grade 9

Gurmi Al Gurmi, Lilyan Bennett, MJ Canturk, Luke Hall, Landon Harris, Braxton Miller, and Dallas Yoder.

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## Grade 8

Nada Algaradi, Grace Atwater, Eva Bates, Evan Beechy, Lexy Bennett, Caleb Bontrager, Emily Bontrager, Janae Bontrager, Kaitlyn Bontrager, Mark Bontrager, Memphis Bontrager, Olivia Bontrager, Seth Bontrager, Vonda Bontrager, Camryn Christner, Ava Chupp, Isaac Drake, Jarrett Dunker, Josephine Eash, Graci Engle, Janie Fry, Landon Gingerich, Luke Haarer, Makenna Helman, Amanda Hershberger, Keegan Hershberger, Angela Hochstetler, Daron Hochstetler, Faron Hochstetler, Seth Hochstetler, Alyssa Hooley, Kaden Hostetler, Ibra-

heem Hussein, Addison Kauffman, Erica Lambright, Jarius Lambright, Seth Lambright, Tresa Lambright, Andrea Lehman, Ashlyn Martin, Kaitlyn Mast, Jacob McCoy, Emilia Mendoza, Abigail Miller, Alivia Miller, Allison Miller, Angela Miller, Austin L Miller, Coleen Miller, Diane Miller, Ethan Miller, Eva Miller, Gloria Miller, Jen Miller, Jenna Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Karen Miller, Katy Miller, Kevin Miller, Krista Miller, Lachelle Miller, Luke Miller, Peyton Miller, Lucas Mullet, Wyatt Murray, Kendra Nisley, Seth Nissley, Keegan Norberg, Wafa Omarouf, Jeremy Otto, Ryan Otto, Isaiah Radcliff, Kaine Rein-

hold, Marc Schlabach, Jeniece Schrock, Jaylen Schwartz, Luke Stults, Carver Stump, Kianna Stutzman, Kristin Stutzman, Chris Terrones, Geneva Whetstone, Braydon Wingard, Jared Wingard, Jason Wingard, Micah Wingard, Sophia Wingard, Cameron Yoder, Chris Yoder, Cynthia Yoder, Daniel Yoder, Diane Yoder, Emily G Yoder, Gavin Yoder, Hailey Yoder, Janel Yoder, Jaryl Yoder, Olivia Yoder, Pierce Yoder, Ryan Yoder, Savannah Yoder, and Sherri Yoder.

## Grade 9

Hyde Al Yahiri, Noriah Aldhuraibi, Kristen Bender, Katana Bibbee, Noah Bontrager, Taylor Bryan, Breann Cory, Chayenne Diaz, Hunter Egli, Makenna Feipel, Madison Grossman, Ava Hostetler, Dakota Hubbard, Kaleb Iddings, Briana Kaufman, Hailey Lambright, Janell Lambright, Janissa Lehman, Jasmine Litton, Bailey

Manns, Audri Martin, Lanita Mast, Miley Mast, Mykayla Mast, Eden Mauck, Kaiden Miller, Katie Miller, Milan Miller, Myra Miller, Samuel Miller, Lilly Mullet, Kailey Nissley, Majid Omer, Nathan Peruski, Aaron Roth, Bentley Ryall, Kylie Singleton, Brett Springer, Lili Terrones, Levi Trethewey, Savannah Vliet, Jordynn Wasson, Jalayna Whetstone, and Brina Williams.

## Grade 10

Sarah Alshuga, Cole Bontrager, Emily Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lilly Bontrager, Clarinda Byler, Mason Clark, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Max Engle, Zackary Fry, Micah Geyer, Ava Gilbert, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Hussein Hussein, Beau Jackson, Olivia Jasso, Asher Kennedy, Kiana Mast, Curtis Miller, Noor Omar, Tristan Pearson,

Adelyn Rainsberger, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexander Sanchez, Asma Sawal, Kirsten Schumacher, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Caitlyn Sites-McKowen, Alayna Suddarth, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Bryan M Yoder, Kamden Yoder, and Kylie Yoder.

## Grade 12

Mohamed Aamer, Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, Kylan Bender, Ava Brown, Andrew Byler, Isabella Carmona, Faith Christner, Ella Clark, Kaylee Cleveland, Jordan Collyer, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Braden Eash, Jace Everitt, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Courtney Hall, Chadwick Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Jethro Hostetler, Bailey Kenner, Aidan Kohlheim, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Bianca Leonard, Kylee Liechty, Evan Litwiller, Kaylin Mahon, Cole Mast, Adrian Miller, Chase Miller, Cora Miller, Justin Miller, Kaci Miller, Kamryn Miller, Katelyn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Wyatt Nissley, Brandt Norberg, Natalie Privett, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Logan Schwartz, Paige Schwartz, Dawson Shrock, Samantha Stump, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, Caden Suddarth, Julia Trethewey, Brady Yoder, Ella Yoder, and Regina Yoder.

## Grade 11

Eli Atra, Layna Avila, Caleb Bontrager, Maryah Bontrager, Mia Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Katie Engelage, Joshua Heidorn, Luke Helmuth, Benton Her-

shberger, Judson Hershberger, Stephen Jones, Braden Kauffman, Jace Lang, Hope Miller, Karly Miller, Wiley Minix, Teague Misner, Izaak Moore, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Mahasen Omarouf, Jennifer Osorio, Jacob Pe-

ruski, Braden Rogers, Taven Schrock, Mackenzie Smith, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Skye Stump, Audrey Taylor, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Danika Yoder, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder.



by Chloe Lovell

# CALIFORNIA TO NEW YORK:

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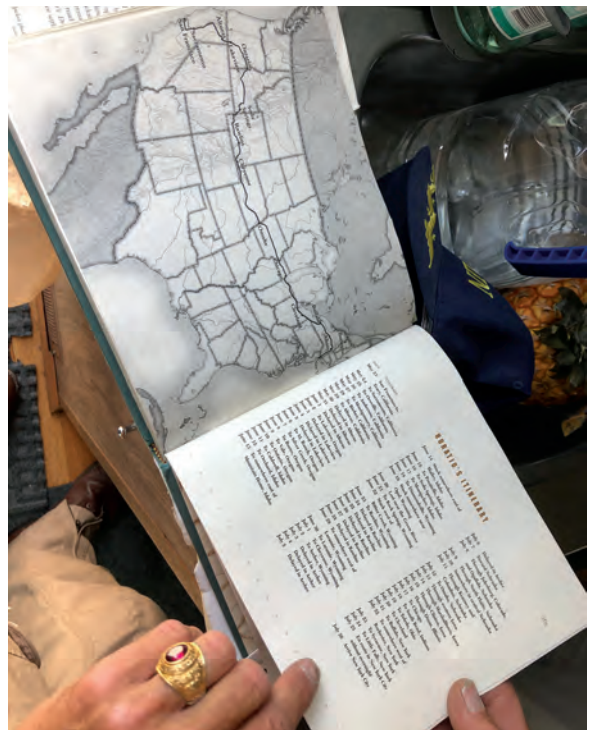


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**Captain Scott Montefusco** began an important journey on May 23, 2023. In his custom-built 1952 Willys Jeep, Montefusco set off from San Francisco, California with a long drive ahead of him. This trip will take him across the United States in just over two months, ending in New York City on July 26, 2023.

Formerly serving in the Marines and the FBI for 36 years, Montefusco has found another way to serve his country. The Great American Road Trip for Veterans, or GART for Vets, is Montefusco's mission to honor those who have served and continue to serve our country.

The inspiration for this road trip is Horatio Nelson Jackson, the first person to drive across America in 1903. An adventurer and go-getter, Jackson left San Francisco on May 23 in a 1903 Winton Touring Car and drove to the east coast. He traveled day and night to complete the cross-country trip in the fastest time possible. Although he got lost for four days in Wyoming, Jackson made the trip in just 65 days, arriving in New York City by 4:30 a.m. on July 26, 1903. Upon completing the nationwide road trip, he was deemed a hero.



Photos by LaGwana

When the United States entered World War I in 1917 just 14 years after his trip, Jackson attempted to enlist but was told he was too old to serve. After multiple rejections, Jackson revealed that he had a doctor's education; he was made a Captain in the Army and was sent over to France to serve in WWI. He was wounded three times in the war, receiving three purple hearts, a bronze star, and the Legion of Merit. Jackson retired as a colonel but continued to serve his country as one of the Founding Fathers of the American Legion.

To best simulate Jackson's driving conditions, Montefusco keeps the windshield and top down, saying: "If the Army can do it, so can the Marines."

remember why he is taking the trip. Montefusco plans to auction off the Jeep at the end of the trip as a piece of living history, with the final bid day on July 29th, in New York.

## The "Captain" Driver and Organizer



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Montefusco didn't just restore "Little Glory," he also restored a 1973 Winnebago RV that is used as a command center, and a room for the night, during his travels. The RV deemed "Marine's Dream" has been restored to represent

Montefusco is following the exact route that Jackson took to the exact dates, May 23 to July 26, to honor Jackson. As he travels, Montefusco relies on a copy of Jackson's diary, showing what cities he visited on which days during the original trip 120 years ago. Jackson's story and love for his country is a piece of American history that Montefusco teaches those he meets as he travels. With this history, he hopes to instill a sense of patriotism and encourage others to learn more.

This, however, leaves him unprotected against harsh weather like rain and hail. To keep himself protected against such elements, Montefusco wears a horse coat and a hard helmet with a visor.

Montefusco's law enforcement background on one side and his time in the Marines on the other. He also made sure to display the badges for each military branch on the RV.

The 1952 Willys M38 Military Jeep nicknamed "Little Glory," was restored just for Montefusco's road trip. Montefusco made sure to place a badge to represent each branch of the military on the Jeep to honor them, additionally adding the Army's founding date on one side and the Marine's on the other.

Throughout his travels, Montefusco will receive gifts from the people he meets; such gifts include

As Montefusco travels to each stop, individuals like police officers, firefighters, patriots, and military veterans will volunteer to drive the RV ahead of him for a certain number of stops; the RV

*"Little Glory," was restored just for Montefusco's road trip.*

military coins, a homemade sign, a knife, and more. He can use magnets for most gifts to attach them to the Jeep, just as he attached Jackson's photograph to the dash as a means to motivate himself and

will arrive at the next location anywhere from two to twelve hours before Montefusco to inform people of



who he is and his mission. There can be difficulties with getting volunteers out to Montefusco's location, however.

Some rural locations are too far away from an airport for the volunteers to get there quickly, or efficiently, and some volunteers have a hard time getting back home once their shift is done. Despite these difficulties, "Little Glory" keeps pressing on, driving longer hours during the day to make up for any lost time from delays and the detours made to talk with others.

Although determined to stick to Jackson's original route, Montefusco will deviate from the path to stop at various locations to share Horatio Nelson Jackson's and Stephen Siller's stories. These locations include VFWs, historical sites, American Legions, police stations, fire stations, veteran memorial sites, and more. Before arriving in Shipshewana, Montefusco had visited a boys and girls Brethren in LaPorte, Indiana, where he was able to explain the purpose of his journey.



Within LaPorte is the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, which holds a unique tie to the road trip. One of the exhibits in the Kesling Auto Collection portion of the museum is a 1903 Winton Automobile, the same year, make, and model of the car Jackson used in his cross-country trip. In 2003, the Auto Collection founder Peter Kesling used this exhibit car to drive Jackson's route for the 100th anniversary.

Alongside sharing Jackson's history and raising veteran awareness among those he meets, Montefusco has

another purpose behind the road trip. Teaching a second piece of American history surrounding the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Montefusco describes the beginnings of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the importance of it.

The 501(c)3 non-profit organization Tunnel to Towers Foundation was founded by Frank Siller following the 9/11 attacks. Frank's brother Stephen was a fireman in New York who had been out playing golf when the call came in. By the time Stephen arrived at the fire station to suit up, his team had already left to help.

Stephen drove his personal vehicle to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but police had created a barricade to secure the city and wouldn't let him through. He could have turned back to be with his family. Instead, he put on all his gear and took off through the tunnel on foot to the Twin Towers.

Stephen Siller is one of the many first responders who gave his life to save others that day.

Frank Siller created the Tunnel to Towers Foundation to provide funding to the families of fallen heroes and first responders who die in the line of duty to help them pay off a mortgage or to buy a mortgage-free home. The foundation also works to fund wounded veterans to provide them with smart homes to allow them to live



independently once again.

As he travels, Montefusco works to raise awareness of the Tunnels to Towers Foundation and raise funds to donate to the foundation. By raising awareness, he hopes to inspire others to "pick up the flag and move forward" by becoming first responders or military members, or at least honor and respect those who choose to do so.

Captain Scott Montefusco, retired FBI Agent and Marine veteran, has taken upon himself this new mission. Where the trip may end on July 26, the mission lives on to honor our fallen heroes and first responders who were killed in the line of duty. "I'll never stop serving my country," Montefusco exclaimed. "I'm doing this for them."

For more information about his travels and his mission, visit the website at [www.gartforvets.org](http://www.gartforvets.org), the YouTube channel @gartforvets, or the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gartforvets](http://www.facebook.com/gartforvets).



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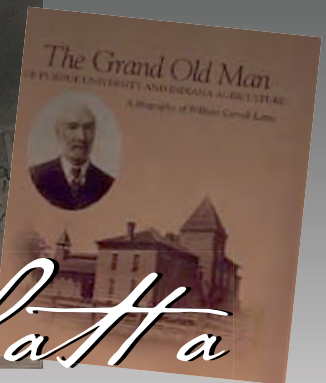
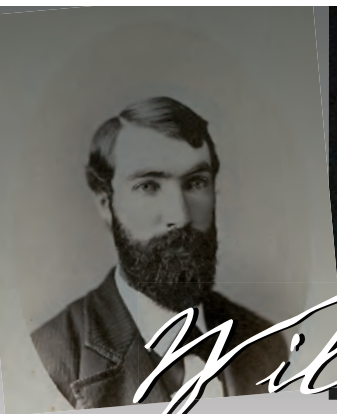
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# William Carroll Latta

When most people think about Purdue University, their School of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service that serves Indiana's 92 counties, very few people associate it with Eden Township on the Haw Patch. However, one could easily make the case that it was a professor with ties to Haw Patch, William Carroll Latta, who put Purdue on the agricultural map. The University's own website says it best: "When William Carroll Latta arrived at Purdue University in 1882, the school had only been operating for eight years and the enrollment was a mere 150 students. More than a century later, the university can still trace the roots of its world-renowned College of Agriculture to the framework established by this man as he worked to place the struggling new agriculture program on the path to prominence."

But who was William Carroll Latta and what was his connection with this area? In their excellent biography of William Carroll Latta, (*Grand Old Man of Purdue University and Indiana Agriculture* published in 2005 by Purdue University Press) Frederick Whitford and Andrew G. Martin answer these questions.

William Carroll Latta came from good Scotch-Irish stock. His great, great grandfather William Latta immigrated to the American colonies from Great Britain in the mid-eighteenth century. William's second son (William Carroll's great-grandfather) was Robert Latta (1773-1851). Robert came to Eden Township with his wife Isabella (1768-

1853) and daughter Achsah in the spring of 1832. He built a log cabin in Section 26, one mile west of what is present-day Topeka. Two years prior to making the move from Urbana, Ohio, Robert Latta had brought medical supplies to his son Dr. Johnston Latta, a physician in Goshen. During that visit, Robert heard about the fine land on the Haw Patch from surveyors. According to John W. Hanan's *LaGrange County Centennial History 1828-1928* (page 89), "he owned a well tilled farm in Ohio, but he longed for an untamed wilderness to conquer." Robert went to see the land and made an investment by purchasing 640 acres at a cost of \$1.25 an acre. In the years to come, he would purchase 18 80-acre tracts of land (1,440 acres) from the federal government on and near what was known as Haw Patch.

Land became his "medium of exchange." Hanan noted, "he gave away eighty acres in return for a year's work. Another eighty went in exchange for a job of rail splitting, and still another went to a blacksmith on the condition that the smith erect a shop for the accommodation of the countryside." Being an ardent Methodist, Robert donated land for the first Methodist Church which was called Eden Chapel. Land was also set aside for a cemetery (Eden Cemetery) which is still being used today.

Robert Latta was one of the first to settle in Eden Township. Robert died in 1851 when William Carroll was one year old. William Carroll Latta was born at Union Mills in LaPorte County

on March 9, 1850. His parents were Robert Seegar Latta (1826-1900) and Mary Tumbleson Latta (1828-1907).

Robert Seegar Latta was in great demand as a circuit-riding Methodist minister. In the late 1850s, he moved Mary and their three children to Olmstead, Minnesota. By 1860, they were back in Indiana. They purchased an 80-acre farm one mile north and one mile west of Ligonier near the railroad line and within sight of the Elkhart River. With his dad frequently away in ministry, much of the farm work fell to William.

William's life was molded by ties to working the land and by the rich heritage of faith that was passed down to him by his great-grandfather Robert; his grandfather James Latta, one of the first Methodist ministers in the area; and his own father Robert Seegar Latta. In addition, his uncle, Eden Reeder Latta, was a hymn writer with over 1,600 hymns to his credit.

William Carroll received his secondary education at Ligonier High School from 1867 to 1869. Following high school graduation, he taught at Goodhope School near the family home. For the next two years, he continued to teach school and farm with his father.

Plat records from the time show that his brother James owned a 40-acre tract of land, and William Carroll owned a 28-acre tract adjacent to his brother's land to the east and his parents to the south. When their father moved the family to Nebraska, William Carroll and James stayed in Indiana.

# HISTORICAL FEATURE

Biographers Whitford and Martin noted that he seldom saw his parents in Nebraska: "According to a letter dated July 3, 1894, on one occasion fourteen years passed between visits" (page 7).

At the age of 22, William Carroll left the farm and headed for Lebanon, Ohio, where he enrolled in the National Normal School intending to become an accredited public school teacher.

Following that, he returned to Indiana for a short time to farm and teach in one of the country schools. By the summer of 1873, he moved to Michigan where he hoped to earn enough money to attend the Michigan Agricultural College in East Lansing.

In 1874, William Carroll enrolled in Michigan Agricultural College, what we know today as Michigan State University. It was the first land-grant college in the United States. The Morrill Act of 1862, signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, set aside 30,000 acres of federal land to be used to create schools of agriculture and engineering, or "land-grant colleges." Purdue University is also one of those land-grant schools. William Carroll earned his bachelor's degree in science in 1877. With a degree in hand, he taught for several years in rural schools before returning to his alma mater to pursue a master's degree.

With rural school out for the summer, he found employment with Amos Wood in the spring of 1878. Wood had come to Michigan from New York and owned a farm 10 miles southeast of Michigan Agricultural College. According to Whitford and Martin, "it was here that the young, college-educated William Carroll learned how science could help farmers improve production and the importance of bringing farmers and their families

together to discuss life on the farm" (page 13). It was also here that he met Wood's daughter Alta.

Alta E. Wood, born on March 16, 1854, in Woodville, New York, graduated from Mason High School in 1875. Having taught in the local school system, Alta also worked at Michigan Agricultural College. William Carroll and Alta were married on July 10, 1879. They had four children: Bertha (1884-1960), Robert (1886-1970), Pauline (1890-1955), and Mary (1894-1973). All four children attended and graduated from Purdue University.

Shortly before the completion of his graduate work in Michigan, Latta was offered a job as an instructor and farm superintendent at Purdue University. The man he was hired to assist resigned in July and Latta found himself being promoted to professor of agriculture and horticulture. In addition to Latta's contributions in the classroom and research, one of his greatest enduring legacies is that of the Farmers' Institute which grew into what we know today as the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. The Indiana General Assembly passed the Farmers' Institute Act on March 9, 1889, giving Purdue its oversight and a \$5,000 annual appropriation to educate farmers on new and innovative farm practices. William was given the responsibility to guide its development.

William Carroll Latta held the



The launching of the SS W.C. Latta in April 1944. The Liberty ship would carry cargo and ammunition, both in the European and Pacific Theaters, during World War II. Courtesy of Kim Sharpe.



Members of William Latta's family (near top of stairs) attended the launching of the SS W.C. Latta. Guests were invited to the public ceremony in New Orleans on April 13, 1944. Courtesy of Kim Sharpe.



Professor Latta's granddaughter, Carol Reemtsma, christened the ship with champagne at the launching. Courtesy of Kim Sharpe.

position of professor of agriculture for 53 years until his death on December 22, 1935, at the age of 85. He was buried in the Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette, Indiana. Alta died on June 12, 1940, and was laid to rest next to her beloved husband. The Liberty Ship SS W.C. Latta was christened on April 13, 1944, with their granddaughter Carol E. Reemtsma breaking the traditional bottle of champagne across the hull. All four of the Latta children attended the launch. When the ship was decommissioned, the nameplate of the SS W.C. Latta was transferred to Purdue University with a ceremony held in 1962. In attendance were Purdue President Frederick L. Hovde, two of Latta's children (Robert and Mary), and Howard S. Kennedy from the Maritime Memorial Commission. **i**

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My husband's grandfather left us a rather macabre porch decoration recently! He had been working to repaint our porch, when he decided to replace a number of the boards. After removing the old rotten boards he found a "treasure" that he guessed had been there for a couple decades. He very thoughtfully left it on the trellis of my rosebush so that I would see it as soon as I got home from work that day.

I knew he had been working on the porch that Friday afternoon, so I expected to see the porch in a bit of disarray. What I didn't expect was the desiccated decades-old corpse of a rabbit, complete with the arrow through its belly that killed it, on my roses!

What a way to kick off my weekend! **i**

Solution on page 37.

# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

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\$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana. Second prize went to **Norman & Edna Sue Miller of 1000 W, Shipshewana.** Third prize went to **Devon & Colleen Fry of 600 S, Topeka.**

There were 41 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Ervin & Carol Lambright, David Miller, Lonnie & Lea Miller, LaVern & Elnora Yutzy, Mervin & Ida Hershberger, Alton & Katie Bontrager, Dale & JoEllen Yoder, Richard & Wanita Miller, Kevin Yoder, Linda Lehman, Marlin & LeEtta Bontrager, Mary Kurtz, Marty & Karla Borkholder, Teresa Schmucker, Gene & Rose Yoder, Orla & Sally Bontrager, Mike & Lorene Troyer, Gene & Wanda Yoder, Lyle & Erma Troyer, Daniel Lambright, Harley & Sherri Schwartz, Edna Eicher, Levi & Mary Miller, David & LeAnn Raber, Nelson & Susan Miller, AnnaMarie Hostetler, Lyle & Karin Lambright, David & Becky Yoder, Leonard & Melanie Miller, Eugene & Charlene Bontrager, Kevin & Cheryl Mullett, Daniel & Erma Miller, Wilbur & Martha Bontrager, Mary Ellen & LeAnna Miller, Harvey Miller, Jake & Loretta Jones, Amos Jr. & Ruby Schlabach, and Daniel & Katie Mac Miller.



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# Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Lavera Jean Hostetler of 600 S, Topeka, was our winner for the July Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Tiffany's for a free small ice cream cone through August.

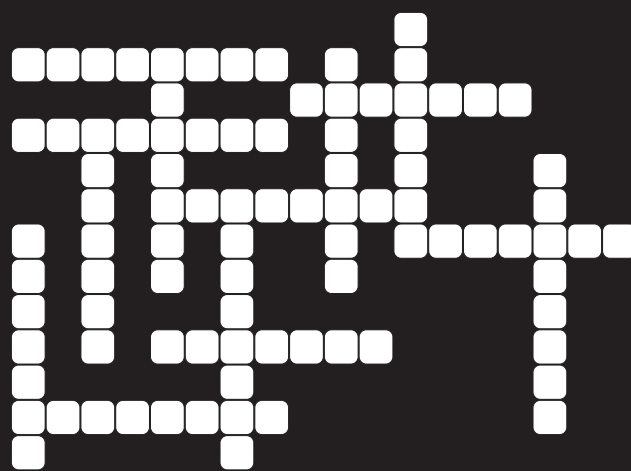
Runners-up were Brooklyn Yoder, age 6; Lance Nissley, age 5; Halle Hostetler, age 4. Honorable Mentions: Lincoln Bortner, age 6; Emily Jess, age 6; Heidi Slabach, age 5; Hadassah Grace Yoder, age 5; Brylee Wilson, age 6; Lydia Grace Miller, age 5.

Be SURE to include all your information on the coloring page, even your age! We do not want you to miss out! Remember, the contest is only for children up to six years old. 



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- Immunize
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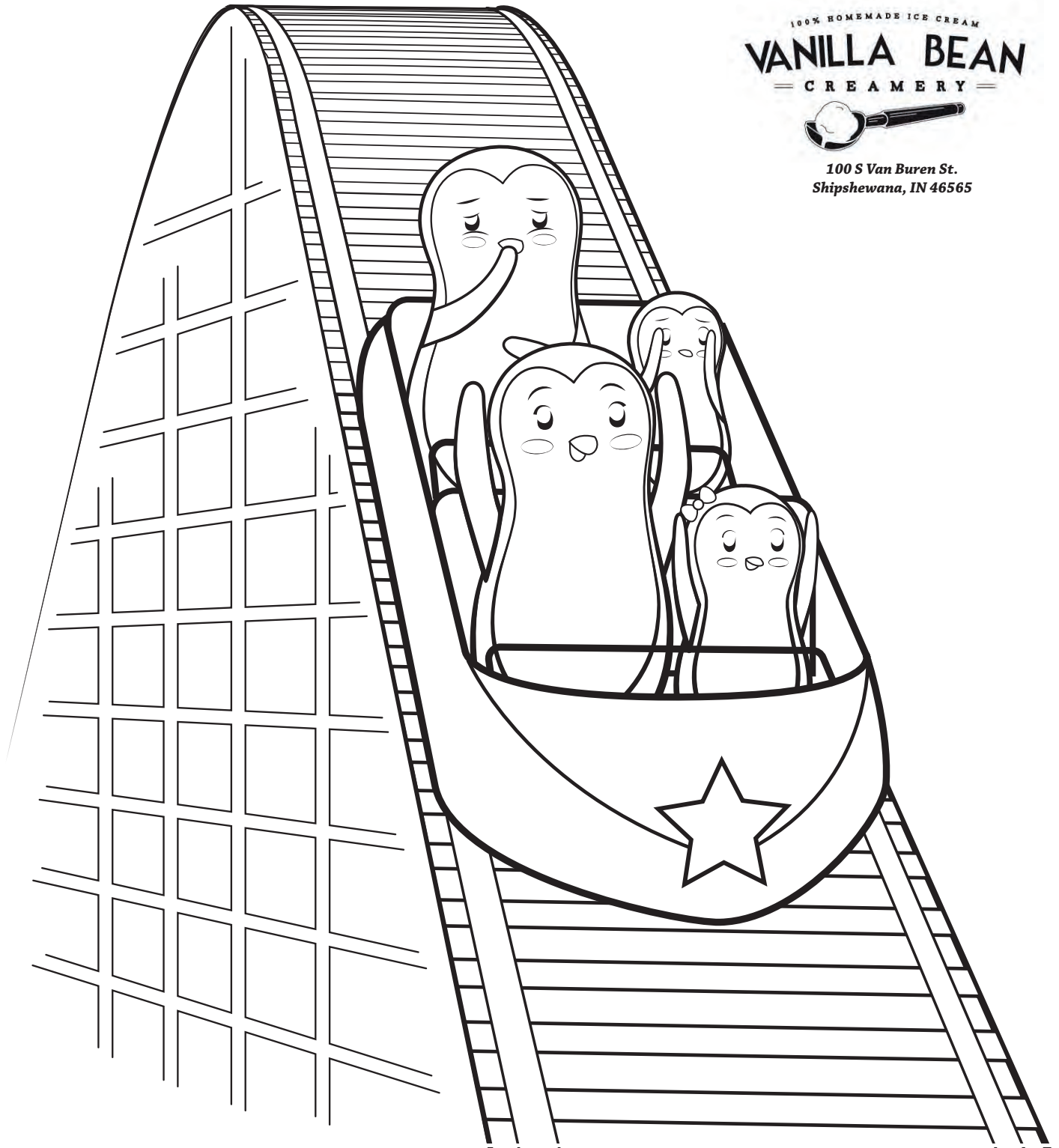
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**Answer:**  
**A river.**



Riddle on pg 34.  
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Solution to puzzle on page 33

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R	E	C	E	N	T	L	Y	N	I	A	R
A	D	A	C	E	U	H	Y	K	T	O	U
T	I	B	D	F	F	M	G	I	M	Y	S
I	C	R	O	S	E	B	U	S	H	A	
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# LaGwana Interns 2023

LaGwana launched a summer internship program for the first time this year. The five interns learned about the various departments here at LaGwana, later choosing one department to focus on for the internship. The staff at LaGwana want to extend a big thank you to these interns for their hard work this summer! Best of luck to you all in your future endeavors!



## Skyler Stewart

Skyler, a junior at Elkhart High School, joined the internship to get job experience—and earn a little bit of money. Skyler spent time in several different departments throughout the company this summer, working on big projects like helping create mock designs of The Hometown Treasure's website and placing brochure racks in Elkhart. One memory that Skyler will never forget from the internship is a field trip to The Papers Inc., a printing company in Milford, Indiana. Although he's not completely sure of what he is going to do after high school, Skyler believes he will likely get a degree in pastoral duties.



## Kaylee O'Haver

Kaylee, a junior at Indiana Digital Learning School, decided to give the internship a try to see what it would be like to work at LaGwana. Kaylee worked with the Sign Department and the Print Department this summer. Some of the projects she worked on included packaging print jobs like business cards and books and learning how to apply sign graphics. Out of the whole internship, Kaylee found she enjoyed the people she met the most. Although she is unsure of what she wants to do after high school, she found the internship has helped her think more about her future plans.



## Clarinda Byler

Clarinda, a junior at Westview, has spent time around LaGwana before but joined the internship because she thought it would be a cool way to learn more about the business. She chose to work in the Publications Department at LaGwana this summer, where she worked on big projects like designing ads for the Business Directory and proofreading ads for the People's Exchange. One thing Clarinda has enjoyed with the internship is learning new things and meeting new people. After high school, Clarinda plans on going to a university but is unsure what she will study yet.



## Taven Schrock

Taven, a senior at Westview, chose to work in the Web Design department at LaGwana this summer. Taven found his favorite class in school to be Digital Design, taught by Mrs. Manns. Some of the big projects that Taven worked on were creating mock website layouts of The Hometown Treasure's website and designing business cards and yard signs. One of Taven's favorite memories at LaGwana is taking part in a water balloon fight with the other interns. After high school, Taven plans on going to college for Business Management and working at his father's business as a salesman or on the expenditure side.



## Noah Yoder

Noah, a junior at Central Noble, joined the LaGwana internship to explore his options and to decide if an office job would be right for him. Noah chose to spend his time with the Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) and in the Human Resources department. Some of the bigger projects he worked on this summer were organizing the company's summer picnic outing and designing catalogs and flyers. Out of the internship, Noah enjoyed working with customers as they came in and over the phone. After high school, Noah plans to attend college and study math education.