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# GRADUATES

Ashley Miller graduated from Westview in 2018 and went to Glenn Oaks Community College for her Associate degree in Allied Health Sciences.

She is currently working at Goshen Orthopedics as a receptionist. In high school, Ashley achieved a 3.75 cumulative GPA. She says the most challenging part of high school was her time management, but her advice to people in high school is "Do what you enjoy after high school, whether it's college or work."

While in high school, she enjoyed FFA, band, and the CoFacs Program. If she could go back to her high school days, she says the one thing she would want to be different would be to look for a career path earlier on in high school and to take more College Credit classes.



# STUDIES

Lucy Rensberger is a sophomore at Westview Jr. Sr. High School. This year, she has achieved student ambassador, varsity for volleyball, and she was in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Lucy also runs track in the spring.

Her motive for being an outstanding student is new challenges everyday. She enjoys playing sports in school, as well as sewing, drawing, and singing outside of school.

In school, she says the most challenging part about school is time management. "I take things day by day. I try to get my work done well ahead of time so I can focus on other things and not stress about it." Doing so is what she says keeps her grades as high as they are. Her advice to kids in and going into high school is "Live in the moment. You're going to make mistakes and learn from them. Don't worry about what's already happened. Instead, focus on what's ahead and what's happening now. Today

Some words of advice Lucy has for her peers were shared from her coach, Kaija Kauffman: "You are given one game, so play it as if it were the last game you ever got to play. You never know if it is your last time or not." Additionally, Lucy's favorite quote is "Sometimes you'll never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

For Lucy, there is a lot still to come in her high school career as she is only just a Sophomore, but she is aiming as high as she can.



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# sports

Remington Carpenter is a senior at Westview Jr. Sr. High School. He recently finished a successful crosscountry season and plans to run track in the spring. The crosscountry team was conference and sectional champions and also placed fifth in regionals. Remington, himself, qualified for the state cross-country meet in Terre Haute, Indiana. He also went back a few weeks after the state meet to compete in the race of the champions, placing 20th.

Remington has been running cross-country and track for seven years, starting in sixth grade. The most challenging part of cross country for him is keeping up with summer mileage and doing workouts in hot weather. For track, the most challenging part is running twelve 400 meter repeats on the track. He says the most rewarding part of cross-country and track is making it to state and feeling the accomplishment for all the hard work he has put in. To stay in shape during the off season, he works out every day. He says there is no off-season. He is always trying to get better

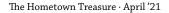
than the year before. His favorite memory of cross-country is his freshmen year getting third at state and also hanging out with the guys after Saturday meets.

Somebody who has been a positive role model to him is his coach, Matt Jones. There were times when Remington wanted to quit doing a workout, and Matt reminded him that he would not make it to state with that attitude and convinced him to keep trying his best. Some advice he has for underclassmen is to never settle for less. Keep going until your body gives out. Something that motivates him is the thought of serving his country.

When he gradnates at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Remington plans to go to college then join the Air Force as a pararescueman. He says he loves to do things that give him an adrenaline rush. Some things he likes to do outside of Westview are going hunting anytime he has a chance and hanging out with his friends during the weekend. Some other activities he likes to do include watching Fast and Furino movies or watching The Outer Banks TV show. Remington says, "Every day is a new day. Stop living in the past. It will only hurt you."

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# Principal's Dozen WJHS - February 2021

Back Row (left to right): Erika Yoder, Miley Mast, Briana Kauffman, Caden "Max" Engle, Alvin Lehman, and Derek Beechy. Front: Hussein Aldawshan, Leah Miller, Michelle Fry, Lisa Bontrager, Janell Lambright, and Lanita Mast. Photo Submitted

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



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# Student Ambassadors WHS - February 2021

#### Left to right: Justin Kindig, Kaylee Barger, and Ava Miller.

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Westview High School has selected three students to receive Student Ambassador of the Month honors for February 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! ()

# Preschool Enrollment

Shipshewana Cooperative Preschool Preschool enrollment has opened for the 2021 - 2022 school year at Shipshewana Cooperative Preschool.

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# Word Search

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika! Enter remaining letters starting at the top and going left to right.

The warm <u>weather</u> has <u>gotten</u> me feeling <u>antsy</u> to get back into my <u>garden</u>. I know it is way too early for that, <u>especially</u> since my garden is still <u>covered</u> in snow, but I have been <u>thinking</u> about starting some <u>seedlings</u>. I have never tried it before, but it would give me <u>something</u> to do to get <u>ready</u> for the <u>summer</u>. Plus, any plants in my <u>little</u> garden can use any <u>extra</u> help they can get! This year I think I am going to focus on a "<u>salad</u>" garden, since leafy plants <u>supposedly</u> do better in the <u>shade</u>. I am really looking forward to having fresh <u>herbs</u> for <u>cooking</u>. Fresh <u>rosemary</u> and <u>thyme</u> **s**traight from the plant, on a nice <u>roast</u> chicken just can not be beat for simple delicious flavor. **1** 





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# Healthy Healthy Homes

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

## **Good Fences Make Safe Neighbors**

This time of year, farmers fix fences. It is an important task, because fences establish boundaries and keep things safe.

Boundaries are important for humans, too. Interpersonal boundaries are similar to physical boundaries. Fences keep precious things in and harmful things out. It is important for parents to teach kids boundaries during the growing-up years.

Without boundaries, kids are vulnerable to a variety of harmful people and behaviors. Adults and peers can take advantage of kids by bullying them, manipulating them, or physically or sexually abusing them. A child without boundaries does not know how to stand up for themselves and say, "Something is wrong here!" because the natural "red flags" do not go off in their mind.

I relate it to a neighbor who comes over and takes the lawn mower out of your shed without asking. He does it repeatedly and yet you, the homeowner, says, "There is nothing I can do." We would not respond this way in real life! We would talk to our neighbor or put a lock on our shed door.

Yet, a child without appropriate protective boundaries grows up feeling helpless while others take advantage of them. A child is especially at risk through social media, gaming apps, and anything on-line.

Without protective boundaries,

kids build walls as the only way they know to protect themselves. It is a defense mechanism where a child shuts down or shuts other people out when they do not know how to be assertive, voice their needs appropriately, or how to stand up for themselves. Or they may explode with words or actions to get their protective needs met because they do not know any other way to do so.



Instead of harmful defense mechanisms, healthy boundaries are needed to equip a child to speak up for their needs and stand up for themselves. It helps them feel safe and loved. It teaches them how to trust others and themselves. It keeps them safe from harmful or hurtful situations and people.

Boundaries are important for problem solving and personal growth, too. One area where parents fail to set boundaries is by enabling kids. When you steal an appropriate struggle, kids do not learn from their mistakes or choices. If you tie a child's shoes beyond the appropriate age where they should learn it, they fail to know what they are capable to do. The same is true when kids make a bad decision and you rescue them from natural consequences or excuse their behavior. When you fail to allow kids to problem-solve, you rob

them of self-confidence and lessons needed for adulthood.

Setting boundaries is important for a lifetime of health and safety. It is not the easy part of parenting. But parenting includes equipping kids to foster what is good and protect themselves from harmful things so when you are not around, they know how to protect themselves in healthy ways.

The best resource for setting boundaries is the book, *Boundaries* by Dr. Townsend and Dr. Cloud or *Boundaries with Kids* by the same authors. Or it is as simple as building the right fence at the right time, and following through on your guidelines. The saying, "Good fences make good neighbors" is a principle for all relationships, no matter your age. Let us help our kids be healthy and safe in their "neighborhood" for a lifetime! **()** 

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Make –n– Take Crafts Tracks Saturday, April 10, 10 am - 2 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

We will learn to identify common tracks and hit the trail to find real tracks. Everyone will make a track stamp booklet to take home. Groups/families must RSVP for a one-hour time spot. Groups will not overlap. **Limit of 20 per group.** *RSVP to Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org.* 

#### **Patchwork Trails Walk** Tuesday, April 13, 6 pm Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site

1205 Pleasant Point, Rome City, IN

Join us for a relaxing stroll. The grounds will hopefully be a carpet of beautiful wildflowers. Trails are easy and well maintained in gardens. Masks are required. This walk is offered by the LaGrange County Public Library with Nature Leslie as the guide.

RSVP to the Amanda Wisler at (260) 463-2841 x 1030.

## Forest Bathing

Saturday, April 17, 4 pm Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN Meet at the Park Office parking lot. We will take a short, quiet one hour walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring in the wetland and prairie. This walk is for adults and youth aged 12 and older. **RSVP is required; limited to 25 walkers.** 

# RSVP to Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org.

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# **April Parks News**

All LaGrange County offices are closed on Friday, April 2 for Good Friday observance.

> MONTHLY Quilt Class

Saturday, April 24, 9 am - 3 pm Maple Wood Nature Center

#### "Star Struck"

Star Struck Pattern: A jelly roll (2.5" strips) friendly project. Choose a lot of contrast in the stars. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. *Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given to Lagrange County Parks). Call Instructors Julia Wolheter* 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson 260-367-1438 for information and to RSVP.



#### **Folk Jam** Sunday, April 25, 1:30 - 5 pm Maple Wood Nature Center

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. For more information and to RSVP contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247 or reo43@ aol.com.

#### **Sewing Group** Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 am -3:30 pm Maple Wood Nature Center

For more information and to RSVP to Linda Grobis at (260) 351-3609. ①

# aGrange County Library. LaGrange - Main Branch

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#### **Topeka Branch**

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#### **Shipshewana Branch**

250 Depot St. • 260-768-7444 M - F • 1 pm - 5 pm Curbside Pickup: M - F • 10 am - 2 pm

Below are the events planned for April 2021.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 260-463-2841 for further information. 

### Youth Department

Multiple Branches or Virtual Activities

Virtual Pre-School Story Time Facebook • Every Tuesday, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 • 10 am

#### In-Person Pre-School Story Time

Main • Tuesday, April 6 • 10 am (MUST register by March 30) Topeka • Tuesday, April 6 • 1 pm (MUST register by March 30) Shipshewana • Tuesday, April 13 • 1 pm (MUST register by April 6) Theme • National Library Week

#### New Activity Bags out for Pick-up

All Locations • Monday, April 12 • Bunny Craft Each bag contains activity sheets and a simple craft for 2 children. Limited supplies available.

#### Home School Group (limited registration)

Main • In-Person • Wednesday, April 14 • 10 am Shipshewana • In-Person • Wednesday, April 14 • 1 pm Main • In-Person and Zoom • Friday, April 16 • 10 am Topeka • In-Person • Friday, April 16 • 1 pm Theme • What did the Owl eat? Dissecting owl pellets! Space is limited. Must register by April 7. Call 260-463-2841 for April 16 (10 am) Zoom session details.

#### Teen Advisory Group (TAG) (limited registration)

Main • In-Person • Thursday, April 8 • 4 pm Theme • Celebrating National Library Week by painting bookends. Space is limited. Must register by Thursday, April 1.

#### STEM (limited registration)

Topeka • In-Person and Zoom • Wednesday, April 21 • 4 pm Theme • Eat dirt! Learning soil layers by making a fun snack! Call 260-463-2841 for Zoom session details. Space is limited. Must register by Wednesday, April 14.

#### Art (limited registration)

Shipshewana • In-person and Zoom • Wednesday, April 28 • 4 pm Theme • Rain watercolor resist. Ages: Kindergarten - Grade 5 Call 260-463-2841 for Zoom session details. Space is limited. Must register by Wednesday, April 21.

(Facebook - m.facebook.com/lagrangelibraryindiana)

Adult Interest

LaGrange Branch

Seed Starting: Tomatoes Topeka • In-Person • Thursday, April 1 • 2 pm Shipshewana • In-Person • Thursday, April 1 • 4 pm Main • In-Person • Saturday, April 3 • 10 am

With only six weeks until the frost-free date, it's time to start your garden! Stop by your local library and plant three varieties of heirloom tomatoes in recycled containers. Take them home, put them on a sunny windowsill, and imagine your harvest! Please register by March 18 at 260-463-2841 x1030.

Gentle Flow Yoga with Farra

Main • In-Person • Mondays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 • 10 - 11 am Main • In-Person • Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 10 - 11 am Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Or, you may bring a rug or a blanket instead. The first class is free! For each further class a \$5 donation is suggested. Social distancing is observed. Masks are required. but may be removed once you sit at your mat. Space is limited. Call 260-463-2841 to register.

#### Second Saturday Book Club

Main • In-Person • Saturday, April 10 • 11 am This month's book is "Neverhome" by Laird Hunt. Copies of the book are available at the main library's Adult Information Desk. Masks and social distancing required.

#### Patchwork Trails

In-Person • Tuesday, April 13 • 6 pm Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site, 1205 Pleasant Point, Rome City, IN Join us as we explore LaGrange County! We'll combine exercise, education, friendship, and fun! We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot. Our first walk of the season! No fees or registration required. We'll meet in the parking lot.

#### <u>Make-N-Take</u>

Paper Beads Workshop Main • In-Person • Wednesday, April 14 • 6 pm Participants will make a variety of custom beads in different shapes and sizes that can be used to make bracelets, earrings or necklaces. Cost is \$10 per person. Masks are required, but may be removed once you sit at your workspace Space is limited. Reservation and \$5 deposit due by April 9 at the Main Library.

The following health and safety measures are currently in force at all library locations:

- Masks must be worn by patrons and staff at all times in the buildings.
- Social distancing will be observed.
- Children are allowed in the library if accompanied by an adult and must wear a mask if over 2 years old.

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Find more information at www.lagrange.lib.in.us or call 260-463-2841.

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## April Contest Sponsored by Tiffany's Restaurant and LaGwana

David Hochstetler, 900W, Topeka, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by Wayne & Wanda Yoder, 3100S 950W, Topeka. Congratulations! He won a One-Year Subscription from The Connection, a lighted pen, a notepad set, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to David & Norine Hostetler, 4885S 900W, Topeka. Third prize went to Ray & Ada Yoder, 2720S 900W, Topeka.



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\*Additional 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded for every 50 entries over 100 received. RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Please include your name and address.**
- 3) Entry deadline: April 20, 2021
- Allow time for mail delivery.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:** Lee & Ada Beachy, LaVon & Margaret Bontrager, John & Waneta Miller, Lloyd & Mary Anna Miller, Wanda Beechy, Junior & Christina Raber, Lonnie & JoAnn Bontrager, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Wayne & Karen Miller, Edna Borkholder, Ray Schlabach Jr., Gerald Miller, Mark & Erma Miller, Raymond & LaVera Miller, Ray & Elnora Schlabach, Vernon & Lydia Yoder, Lonnie & Mary Beachy, Samuel & LorEtta Schrock, LaVon & Dora Lehman, Herman & Viola Lehman, Vernon & Paula Hochstetler, Steve & Wilma

## Parkview LaGrange Hospital Wins Award

Parkview LaGrange Hospital (PLH) has been recognized for reducing its energy consumption, receiving the Energy to Care Award (ECA) from the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). PLH was one of only two hospitals in Indiana to receive

Parkview LaGrange Hospital (PLH)the award for 2020, reducing its energybeen recognized for reducing itsconsumption more than ten percent inrgy consumption, receiving thea year.

The ECA is given to hospitals who meet the ASHE's strict guidelines for energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption by ten percent in a single



Kauffman, Bill & LouIda Miller, Norman H. & Rosanna Miller, LeEtta Wingard, Floyd & Lisa Graber, Nate & Jolene Hostetler, Mary Lambright, Orla & Martha Eash, Dave & Treva Lambright, Wilbur & Ida Weaver, Karl Yoder, Aaron & Doretta Wingard, and Marion Mast.

year or fifteen percent over two years.

"Improving energy efficiency is important not only for the hospital, but also for the environment and our community," said Jordi Disler, president, PLH. "We are proud of our facilities team for achieving this recognition and thank them for their efforts in preserving valuable resources."



Members of the PLH facilities team. Left to right: Brandon Osborne, Don McGinnis, Greg Crisenbery, and Ron Geyer. Not Pictured: Robert Bloomfield, Facilities and Engineering Manager.

(Photo Submitted)



Name:	 	 	

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Coloring Contest: kids **age 6 and younger**. Sponsored by Lakeside Nursery this month! Winner gets a 10" HANGING BASKET of their choice at Lakeside Nursery, 675 West, Shipshewana. Winning drawings will be on display at Lakeside Nursery. ALL PARTICIPANTS come in and claim your drawing for 4" ROUND POTTED FLOWER (of your choice) at Lakeside Nursery in May. Mail submission to: LaGwana, Coloring Contest, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Entry deadline is April 20, 2021**.

Address:



by Michaela Todd, pharmacy student, Topeka Pharmacy

## Do You Know Your A1C?

#### What is an A1C?

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with diabetes, you may have heard of a blood test called an A1C. To understand what it means, it is helpful to have a basic understanding of diabetes. When we eat food, our blood sugar levels rise. Our bodies then make insulin, which lowers blood sugar levels. When someone develops diabetes, they are either not producing enough insulin naturally, or their body is not using its insulin properly, so their blood sugar levels are too high. An A1C test measures what the average blood sugar levels have been over the past three months.

#### What is a normal A1C?

A normal A1C, for a person without diabetes, would be less than 5.7%. People who have an A1C between 5.7% and 6.4% are diagnosed with "prediabetes." It is estimated that around 35% of people between the ages of 45 and 64, and 24% of people over 65 have prediabetes, but may not know it. If you have an A1C in the prediabetes range, your doctor may recommend some lifestyle changes (healthier diet, exercise, or weight loss) and sometimes medications to decrease your chance of developing

diabetes. Diabetes is



diagnosed with an A1C of 6.5% or higher.

# Who should have an A1C test done?

Your doctor may check your A1C, if you have signs or symptoms of diabetes. Some typical symptoms are increased thirst, frequent urination, and blurry vision. It is possible to have diabetes without any symptoms, so it is recommended for all adults older than 45 to have an A1C test, or if you are younger than 45 and have risk factors (see below). If you have prediabetes, your healthcare provider may want to perform an A1C test every year or two to make sure that you have not developed diabetes. In someone who has diabetes, an A1C can help determine how well medications and lifestyle changes are working, so an A1C test is usually recommended every 3 to 6 months.

#### What are risk factors for Prediabetes and Type 2 diabetes?

Some risk factors for developing prediabetes and Type 2 diabetes would be having family members with diabetes, being overweight, older age, diabetes during pregnancy, and not being active.

#### Where can I get an A1C test?

Your physician's office can usually perform A1C tests. Topeka Pharmacy also offers A1C tests. Call us at 260-593-2252 with any questions. We are here to help you stay healthy!

# Westview Sports Physicals

Athletic sports physicals for the **2021-22** school year will be performed at Westview High School on two separate dates this year, starting at 8:30 am each day. Physicals will be scheduled by the athletic office.

Westview High School (current grades 9-11) physicals will be given on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021.** Westview Elementary (current grades 5-6) and Junior High (current grades 7-8) will be given on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021.** 

Students may pick up forms (physical, cardiac, and concussion) from the athletic office. The cost is \$20.00 and checks may be made payable to Westview High School. All forms are to be completed by parent and student and returned, with payment, by the **deadline date of Wednesday, May 5.** Unsigned forms will not be accepted. No forms will be accepted on the day of the exam!

Physicals performed by your personal physician must wait until after April 5, 2021 to be eligible for the 2021-22 school year.

Remember that students must have a new physical every school year to participate in athletics. ①



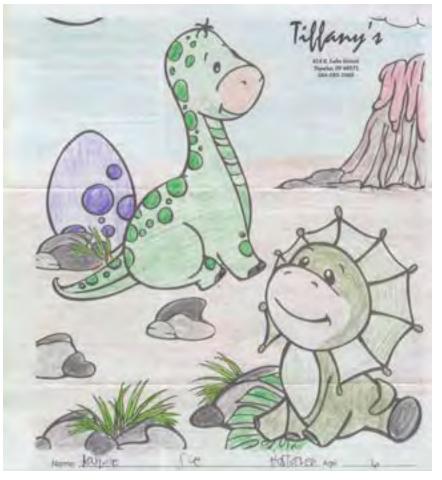
# Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Kaylene Sue Hostetler of 400 W, Ligonier was our winner for the March Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Tiffany's in Topeka.

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

Runners-up were Luke Lambright, age 6; Adra Miller, age 5; Lucas Miller, age 4; Angie Bontrager, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Mallory Rose Miller, age 6; Serena Otto, age 6; Benjamin Schlabach, age 6; Luke Jon Miller, age 6; Nicholas Bontrager, age 6; Jenna Grace Yoder, age 5. Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

Be SURE to include all your information on the coloring page, even your age! ... we don't want you to miss out! Remember, the contest is only for children up to six years old. **(**)







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

## **Teaching Youth About Money**

How did you learn to handle money? Many people learn about money from their parents. In fact, most young adults say they look to their parents to teach and guide them in money management<sup>1</sup>. Good money skills are the best way to build wealth. As parents/guardians, you can help kids learn how to build their wealth. Whether a child is two or twentytwo, there are many ways you can help them learn about money. For example, preschoolers can learn to count and learn about coins. Elementary age children can start to learn about banking, credit, and planning ahead. Adolescents may be interested in learning about income and career options. A young adult may need to know about auto loans or retirement accounts.

When was the last time you talked about money with your kids? If it does not come up in conversation naturally, make an effort to bring it up. Children's understanding of money varies by age level. Young children watch as we visit the drive-thru at the bank, make decisions at the store, and pay at the register.

Seize the moment to talk about what you are doing. Take the opportunity to teach kids to count because it is the basis of all financial exchanges. Have age-appropriate conversations with your adolescent children. You can talk about how your family earns income and discuss your

#### household budget.

**Remember to be calm and positive.** Money can be stressful and an emotional topic for adults. How do you want your children to feel about finances? If you are looking to talk about money and are not sure how to start the conversation, here are a few



ways to start a discussion about money around the dinner table: "If you found \$100 what would you do with it?", "What are two inexpensive things our family could do for fun?" and "If you could start your own business, what would you do?"

The sooner children learn the difference between needs and wants, the better. Needs are things that are critical to survival, such as food, shelter, and clothing. Wants are not necessary for health or safety. They may add fun to life, but they are limitless. Unlimited wants can lead to overspending. A solid spending plan covers the family's needs before putting money toward things family members want. Do your children receive an allowance? Providing an allowance is a good way to help children learn the basic concepts of budgeting, savings, and goal setting! An allowance is a specific amount of money given at a regular time. For example, you might give your 12-yearold \$5.00 every week. Individuals have different views about an allowance,

but this can be a great teaching tool when it is done right! If you are considering giving your child an allowance, I recommend giving a specific amount at a regular time. This can be either weekly or monthly. The amount should reflect your child's age, your income level, and the types of things you expect your child to pay for. Will the allowance money be pocket change? Will your adolescent be paying for entertainment, gasoline, or clothing? Provide guidance, but also let your child have some freedom to make their own decisions. I do not recommend using an allowance as payment, reward, or punishment. Using an allowance as a reward or punishment, gives the idea that everyone and everything have a price. All family members should have regular household chores that are not tied to payment! 🚺

 Charles Schwab 2009 Young Adults & Money Survey Findings Source: University of Arkansas



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# Learning Fair

Meadowview Elementary students participated in a Learning Fair. Awards were handed out in the following categories: 2D Art, 3D Art, Poetry, Science, Sewing, Short Story, and Social Studies. Thank you to all who participated!



Kindergarten - Kara Yoder; 1st Grade - Elijah Kemp; 2nd Grade - Miranda Carmona; 3rd Grade - Damon Lambright; 4th Grade - **Kathleen Bontrager (Overall Winner)**.

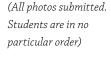
# Meadowview Elementary



AC - Galen Yoder; Kindergarten - Brenna Mauck; 2nd Grade - Javon Whetstone; 4th Grade - **Jared Fry (Overall Winner).** 



Kindergarten - Haiden Garcia; 1st Grade - Adam Hershberger; 2nd Grade - Kinley Hershberger; 3rd Grade - Cody Hill; 4th Grade - **Faith Stump (Overall Winner)**.





Kindergarten - Heidi Lehman; 1st Grade - Natalie McDonald; 2nd Grade -Abby Hershberger; 3rd Grade - Jesse Lambright; 4th Grade - **Faith Stump (Overall Winner).** 

Kindergarten - Kashton Martinez; 1st Grade - Kenady Miller; 2nd Grade - **Jayda Beechy (Overall Winner);** 3rd Grade - Jamin Miller; 4th Grade -Faith Stump.









Kindergarten - Jack Alwine; 1st Grade - Chloe Swanson; 2nd Grade - Landon Beachy; 3rd Grade -Elyannah Miller; 4th Grade - **Karina Hochstetler (Overall Winner)**.

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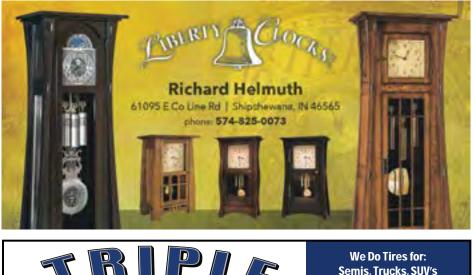
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# 3rd Quarter Mustang Awards

A maximum of two students are chosen by the classroom teacher each nine weeks. Winners are chosen based on their display of the following characteristics: effort, attitude, improvement, respect, and responsibility. Winners receive a Mighty Mustang tag on a chain and their choice of a bag from the principal, Mrs. Whitney. Pictured are the winners for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Go Mustangs!

# Meadowview Elementary



Back Row (left to right): Joshua Otto, Lane Mullet, Landon Slabach, and Eric Miller. <u>Front</u>: Allison Bontrager, Peyton Lambright, Jenna Yoder, and Lisa Miller. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Brent Miller.





<u>Back Row (left to right)</u>: Zachary Miller, David Hilty, Kendall Yoder, and Graesin Lambright. <u>Front</u>: Natalie Stutzman, Andrea Schwartz, Madelyn Miller, Amber Miller, and Juman Alyaharee.



<u>Back Row (left to right)</u>: Logan Yoder, Obadiah Raber, Landon Bontrager, and Jaylin Lehman. <u>Front</u>: Jayna Otto, Hannah Troyer, Lydia Bloom, and Rylan Spencer. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Sydney Yoquelet.



<u>Back Row (left to right)</u>: Jacob Hoff, Damon Lambright, and Cash Miller. <u>Front</u>: Aleya Schrock, Melody Yoder, and Valentina Mendoza.

<u>Back Row (left to right)</u>: Brennan Caldwell, Spencer Lambright, Jaron Bontrager, and Lucas Swanson. <u>Front</u>: Kenzie Detweiler, Andrea Lambright, and Ana Wingard.





# Shipshe-Scott Elementary CITIZENS Third Grading Period All photo captions are left to right. Photos Submitted Ist Grade



<u>Back:</u> Heidi Kneep, Kurtis Miller, Jalayna Penick, Averie Brandenberger, Nevaeh Miller, and Seth Schlabach. <u>Front:</u> Natalie Detweiler, Kristen Lambright, Darin Stutzman, Nicole Bontrager, Kayla Miller, and Jaren Schlabach.



<u>Back:</u> Ava Hochstetler, Addison Lambright, Gavin Miller, Alayna Hochstetler, Kaitlyn Yoder, and Austin Miller. <u>Front:</u> Jasmine Graber, Melody Hites, Katy Mishler, Kari Hochestetler, and Allison Miller. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Miles Glassman.



<u>Back</u>: Vada Miller, Maryah Raber, Kayla Schwartz, and Hallie Stultz. <u>Front</u>: Kalyn Bontrager, Abigail Hershberger, Jessica Yoder, and Nicole Troyer.



<u>Back</u>: Addyson Gabbard, Sophia Miller, and Janelle Bontrager. <u>Front</u>: Brianna Miller, Britton Miller, Cassidy Detweiler, and Ethan Miller.







Kindergarten classes celebrated Read Across America Week by doing author studies.

<u>Top and Middle</u>: Mrs.Troxel's class, read books by Dr. Seuss and Mo Williams. They had hat day for Dr. Seuss and a 'piggie and elephant day' when they read Mo Williams! <u>Bottom</u>: Miss Mowery's and Mrs. Rose's classes learned about Mo Willems' books and dressed up as their favorite character. Photos Submitted

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It's that time of year again... renew your buggy plates TODAY!

New plates and renewals for buggy are \$100 each, new plates and renewals for trailer are \$30 each.

## The renewal period is from March 1, 2021 to May 15, 2021.

## After May 15th there will be a \$10.00 late fee assessed for EACH STICKER!

ALL PLATE RENEWALS WILL BE BY MAIL-IN ONLY. Simply mail us a copy of the last's year registrations, along with a check, made payable to Lagrange County Treasurer, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: Newbury Township Trustee (Brandie Fitch), P.O. Box 184, Shipshewana, In 46565.

We will complete your new registrations and return them, along with your new stickers. If you want to save a stamp you can also use the drop box located on the outside of the building. You must still include everything listed above, including the self-addressed stamped envelope so we can send your new stickers and registrations.

If you have misplaced last year's registration, please send us the plate and sticker number or send us a picture of the plate and sticker number.

ALL NEW PLATE PURCHASES WILL BE MAIL-IN ONLY THIS YEAR. You will need to send us the correct spelling of your name, your address and a check made out to Lagrange County Treasurer for the full amount owed (\$100 for buggy, \$30 for trailer). Mail to:

Newbury Township Trustee (Brandie Fitch), P.O. Box 184, Shipshewana, In 46565. We will then send you the new plate and sticker.

If you have any questions or need to contact the office, please call 260-768-7330 and leave a message. Someone should return your call within 72 hours.

Due to the volume of mail-ins please allow at least two weeks for new registration, stickers, and plates to arrive.

# 4th Grade Science

Miss Dues' fourth grade class has been learning about the forces of motion and aerodynamics. At the end of their unit, they created paper airplanes to test out the forces of motion. The task was to see whose airplane flew the farthest using the forces of thrust, lift, drag, and gravity/ weight. **1** 

# Bears that Care

As part of its Bears that Care initiative, Topeka Elementary collected money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's program, LLS Hero Squad. During the weeks of February 8th and 15th, money was collected by the students. At the end of the two weeks, a total of \$2,290.31 was raised. ①



First graders, Emmett Niccum and Ellisynn Hamm, from Mrs. Dawn Miller's class, are ready to help pass out the collection envelopes.

# Jopeka Elementary



Dunia Al Gurmi is providing thrust to her airplane during the contest, as several classmates look on.

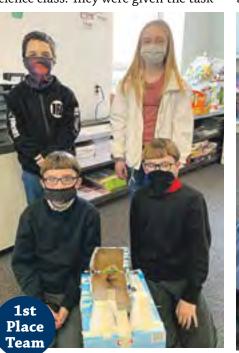


Below: Gavin Miller was the winner of the paper airplane contest.



# **Marshmallow Launchers**

Miss Cripe's fourth grade class has been studying simple machines in science class. They were given the task



<u>Back row</u>: Logan Miller and Tori Taylor. <u>Front:</u> Braden Fry and Maciah Yoder.

of building a complex machine, with a goal of launching a marshmallow as far as possible. (*Photos Submitted*).



<u>Back row</u>: Holden Rheinheimer and Melody Miller. <u>Front:</u> Kyle Hochstetler and Deanna Yutzy.

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- The vaccine has received Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA after completing three phases of testing involving 43,000 participants
- The Centers for Disease and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has reviewed the vaccine and recommends its use
- The incliana Department of Health's external advisory administee of experts has reviewed the clinical trial data and also approves its administration
- + The vaccine is available at no cost
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seven days after the second dose

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• Learn about V-Safe COVID-19 after-vaccination health checker.

• Indiana Areas on Aging and AARP offices are assisting seniors to make their vaccine appointments.

• Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System (VAERS).

• Visit the FDA's website for vaccine information. • Visit the CDC's vaccine webpage.

# Learning Fair

Topeka Elementary students participated in a Learning Fair. Awards were handed out in the following categories: 2D Art, 3D Art, Books Are Fun, Cooking, Math, Poetry, Science, Sewing, Short Story, and Social Studies. Thank you to all who participated! **1** 



Kindergarten - Regan Hochstetler; 1st Grade - Ariel Bontrager; 2nd Grade - Larry Lambright; 3rd Grade - **Darin Fry (Overall Winner)** and Nasser Yahya; 4th Grade - Tori Taylor.



Kindergarten - Seth Miller; 1st Grade - **Serenity Lambright (Overall Winner)** and Kylan Yoder; 2nd Grade - Sofia Martinez-Diaz and Austin Yoder; 3rd Grade -Jerel Bontrager; 4th Grade - Anisa Omarouf and Melody Miller.



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1st Grade - Josie Vaughn; 3rd Grade - Julian Warrener; 4th Grade - Devon Bontrager and **Adrian Yoder** (**Overall Winner**).



Kindergarten - Andrea Yoder; 1st Grade - Jared Miller; 2nd Grade -John Neal; 3rd Grade - **Alyssa Barkman (Overall Winner)**, Morgan Bontrager, and Jennifer Miller; 4th Grade - Sandra Miller and Caydon Yoder.



1st Grade - Stella Zabona; 2nd Grade - Grace Yater and Wilma Fry; 3rd Grade - **Keturah Fry (Overall Winner)** and Juliana Yoder; 4th Grade -Nasami Moore.

(All photos submitted. Students are in no particular order.)



4th Grade - Braden Fry (Overall Winner) and Josh Slabach.



2nd Grade - Landyn Honyoust; 4th Grade - **Zayne Geigley** (**Overall Winner**) and Kyle Hochstetler.



3rd Grade - Kayla Bontrager; 4th Grade - Adrian Lehman (Overall Winner).



1st Grade - **Elyas Ali (Overall Winner)**; 4th Grade - Ayah Ali.

1st Grade - Nathan Martin and **Kelsey Smith (Overall Winner)**; 2nd Grade - Hagar Algaradi; 4th Grade - Holden Rheinheimer.



The Hometown Treasure  $\cdot$  April '21

## **Academic Awards**

In the interest of recognizing academic excellence, Westview High School, for the 29th year, has an incentive program that provides students the opportunity to earn specially designed academic blankets, stars, and rings. 103 Westview scholars were honored.

35 sophomores have established a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.75 cumulative for the first three semesters of their high school careers. 28 sophomores received academic blankets.

These students are: Ashwaq Waleed Aldhuraibi, Kylen Bender, Ava Brown, Brianna Calwell, Ella Clark, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Chad Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Aidan Koehler, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Evan Litwiller, Jaxon May, Adrian Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kamryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Natalie Privett, Lucy Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Haluh Saleh, Dawson Shrock, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, and Ella Yoder.

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

These students are: Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Brennan Beachy, Landon Bennett, Bohdy Bontrager, Easton Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Gramm Egli, Kaylyn Gates, Isaac Heverly, Elijah Hostetler, Megan Kauffman, Brookelyn Lambright, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Alayna Nissley, Sean

# Westview High School =



<u>Back (left to right)</u>: Joseph Mullett, Katrina Schwartz, Melissa Miller, Addison Bender, Rochelle Miller, Keegan Kohlheim, Kelsey Rich, Alexis Miller, and Hallie Caldwell. <u>Middle</u>: Andrew Miller, Brady Hostetler, Hannah Schwartz, McKenna Collier, Inah Miller, Andrew Cupp, Will Clark, Caleb Cory, Abdulrahman Saleh, and Drew Litwiller. <u>Front</u>: Andrea Mendoza, Hannah Davidson, Rosamaria McMahon, Nicole Miller, Mary Beth Hostetler, and Ava Miller. <u>Not Pictured</u>: Hadel Saddek Hamood Alammara, Raegan Bender, Tim Brandenberger, Doug Calvillo, Hallie Mast, Erika Miller, Lyndon Miller, Nicholas Mortrud, Katherine Stutzman, Peyton Schwartz, and Nicole Stutzman. (Photo Submitted.)

Nordman, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Elaine Troyer, Aiden Wisler, and Jadon Yoder.

37 seniors participated and received awards. 32 received an academic ring. They must establish a GPA of 3.75 or better for seven semesters. There were also five seniors who established a GPA of least 3.65 cumulative for seven semesters (marked with \*). They received a blanket or star.

These students are: Hadel Saddek Hamood Alammari, Addison Bender, Raegan Bender, Tim Brandenberger,

## Westview Winter Sports MVPs

Westview High School has named their Most Valuable Players for the winter sports season. Hallie Mast won the award for girls' basketball, Lyndon Miller and Luke Miller for boys' basketball, and Doug Cavillllo in wrestling. Left to right: Hallie Mast, Lyndon Miller, Luke Miller, and Doug Cavillo. Photo Submitted Hailee Caldwell, Doug Calvillo, Will Clark, McKenna Collier, Caleb Cory\*, Andrew Cupp, Hannah Davidson, Deann Fry, Brady Hostetler, Mary Beth Hostetler, Keegan Kohlheim, Drew Litwiller, Hallie Mast, Rosamaria McMahon\*, Andrea Mendoza\*, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Erika Miller, Inah Miller, Lyndon Miller, Melissa Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Nicholas Mortrud\*, Joseph Mullett, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Hannah Schwartz, Katrina Schwartz, Katherine Stutzman, Peyton Schwartz\*, and Nicole Stutzman. **1** 



# 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 third grading period were provided coupons to JoJo Pretzels, E&S, and Kitchen Cupboard, courtesy of the PTO.

At Westview Elementary, all sixth grade students participated in a science fair. Awards were handed



<u>1st Place:</u> Angela Miller and Peyton Miller. <u>2nd</u> <u>Place:</u> Carly Hicks and Grace Atwater. <u>3rd Place:</u> Ava Chupp and Olivia Bontrager.

# Westview Elementary



The students are: Ibraheem Aldawshan, Janae Bontrager, Kaitlyn Bontrager, Melissa Bontrager, Memphis Bontrager, Camryn Christner, Isaac Drake, Luke Eash, Hailey Graber, Andrew Martin, Austin L. Miller, Darrin Miller, Janessa Miller, Keith Miller, Curtis Troyer, and Merrill Warrener. <u>Not Pictured:</u> Hailey Graber. Photo submitted.

# **Science Fair Winners**

out in the following categories: Biomedical, Engineering, Earth and Natural Science, Social and Emotional



Social and Emotional Sciences Winners <u>1st Place:</u> Emilia Mendoza and Savannah Yoder. <u>2nd Place:</u> Landon Gingerich and Daniel Yoder. Sciences, and Chemistry. Thank you to all who participated! 😶

(Photos shown students in no particular order)



<u>1st Place:</u> Erica Lambright and Cynthia Yoder. <u>2nd</u> <u>Place:</u> Angelina Mishler, Armani Omar, and Sophia Wingard. <u>3rd Place:</u> Kayla Bontrager, Gloria Miller, and Duaa Saleh.

<u>Below: 1st Place:</u> Carver Stump. <u>2nd Place:</u> Deborah Weaver and Marilyn Yoder. <u>3rd Place:</u> Cameron Eash, Keegan Norberg, and Jason Wingard. <u>Below: 1st Place:</u> Jarius Lambright and Seth Lambright. <u>2nd Place:</u> Amanda Hershberger and Angela Hochstetler. <u>3rd Place:</u> Eva Miller and Jenna Miller.



Engineering Award Winner This page made possible by the ESTVIEW SCHOOL CORPORATION

# Mayfest Alert! May 7 & 8

Are you planning to attend this year's Mayfest? Clear your schedule and mark you calendars because it is happening!

The Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association is organizing the festival to bring back the fun while remaining committed to providing a safe environment. Governor Holcomb has issued a statement lifting the mask mandate, except in government facilities, as of April 6. Although, it is encouraged to continue to maintain adequate distancing when possible. Shipshewana truly is better together and with that in mind, the festival theme will be Shipshewana... Better Together.

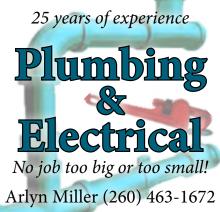
After the ups and downs of 2020, let Mayfest provide the family with a weekend full of activities. Tournaments, fun runs, music and entertainment, there's a little bit of everything. Oh, and don't forget the parade!

Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8 are merely weeks away! This is a festival you will want to attend.



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In Shipshewana North Village just east of SR 5 Hrs: Mon.-Thur. 8-5:30, Fri. 8-7:00, Sat. 8-4:30



# Shipshewana Mayfest Parade

# May 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m. <sup>27</sup> Shipshewana . . . Better Togetherl <sup>27</sup>

Staging at 8:30 a.m. on the Shipshewana Flea Market grounds. All entries <u>MUST</u> be there by 8:30! (Enter from the North on Morton Street)

Parade units will not be judged. Participants are asked to adhere to the following changes due to safety concerns:

Semi-cabs only.

For the safety of our parade participants and spectators, this year we are not permitting the handing out or tossing of candy, gifts or treats of any kind.

# $\sim$ Parade Entry Form $\sim$

Please complete and return this form by April 26, 2021 to: (Mail) SRMA, PO Box 637, Shipshewana, IN 46565; or (Email) cfwray@embarqmail.com or director@shipshewana.com

#### Information for the Parade Announcer:

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#### Shipshewana Mayfest **3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY T-Shirts for everybody!** Friday, May 7, All games will have refs! Teams limited to 4 players. Tournament Gaturday, May 8, 2021 is double elimination. Must be at least 2 entries in a given division for competition to take place. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and At The Cove 2nd place teams in student divisions. 705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana Also, top two teams in 16 - 18 division may play in the open division FREE! Team Name\_\_\_\_\_ Entry Deadline April 23, 2021 Student Division \$60 Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to LaGwana. Send completed form and entry fee to: Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Ext\_\_\_\_ LaGwana, PO Box 70 Shipshewana, IN 46565 Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone: 260.768.7878 After May 6th, call 260-585-6050 for 3 - on - 3 schedule and info. City\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Division: Boys $\Box$ Girls $\Box$ <u>Ages:</u> 10 - 12 13 - 15 16 - 18 Shirt Size (all adult sizes): CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_ S M L XL (as of May 7) Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_ S M L XL (as of May 7) Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ S 🗌 M 🗌 L 🗌 XL 🗌 (as of May 7) S M L XL Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_ (as of May 7) Boy's 16 - 18 division will be played Friday evening starting at 6. Boys 13 - 15 Sponsored by:

division will start Friday evening at 6 and finish up on Saturday morning. Both divisions need to check in by 5:45pm (doors open at 5pm).

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

Schedule for Saturday games will be available at the Friday evening tournament, at lagwana.com, facebook.com/LaGwana/, or call 260-585-6050 after Thursday, May 6th.

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# HISTORICAL FEATURE Some Things Can Haunt You Forever! Memories of Palm Sunday

Very few people have the day April 11 circled on their calendar. Why would they? What makes that day special? But if you grew up in the Shipshewana area and someone says, "Palm Sunday, 1965", an ocean of memories begins to flood your mind. We can tell you; where we were, what we were doing, and how it affected our lives forever. We remember the images of utter destruction and death that remained in the wake of the dozens of tornadoes that ripped through the area.

There are numerous books and online resources available that describe, in detail, the events of that day as dozens of tornados ravaged Northeast Indiana. A simple Goggle search will bring up dozens of pictures and related stories. Without question, one of the iconic photographs was taken by Paul Huffman of *The Elkhart Truth* newspaper, capturing twin funnels on either side of U.S. 33 in Dunlap. In *The Patchwork Sampler*, by Harold D. Gingerich



published by Shipshewana Area Historical Society, you will find 25 pages of memories of that day contributed by local people who survived the devastation. Timothy Bontrager, who lost his grandparents in the tornado, has also written a book entitled *The Palm Sunday Tornado*. Written as a novel, Bontrager has woven into the story many of the details from that day in Shipshewana. The book is available in paperback and on Kindle.

But for those of us who lived in this area in 1965, we do not need books to remind us. We lived through it. Some suffered greater loss than others, but that Palm Sunday is etched in our minds. We remember. We all have memories. I am writing some of mine for the first time.

After a cold and snowy March, everyone welcomed the warmth and humidity of April. I was a senior at Topeka High School. After church that Sunday, my folks let me use the family car to take my girlfriend, Lucy, to a movie, as long as I had the car back home by 4:30 in the afternoon. Being raised Mennonite, I felt a little guilty about going to the movies on a Sunday, but I wanted to see the movie and be with my girl. So off

to Goshen we went to see, of all things, The Longest Day, which is the story of the D-Day invasion. I remember walking out of the theater and being greeted by a warm breeze and unusually high humidity. Neither of us thought too much about it, besides, I had to get the car home on time. My dad taught me that "If you get there on time ... you are late!"

Shortly after I got home, my folks took off with my little brother to visit my aunt and uncle, who lived in the

Dunlap area. That evening, I walked from



our house on North Main Street to the Maple Grove Mennonite Church, on the south end of town for the evening service. Looking back on it now, the clouds did look a bit ominous, and I think maybe storm warnings had gone out. But I did not think too much about it. that was until the wind started to roar and the windows in the old church began to rattle and shudder. And then everything stopped; the silence was eerie. Fortunately for us, the wrath of the storm had passed by. We had no idea of the death and devastation that had hit the Dunlap area in Elkhart and the Rainbow Lake area south of Shipshewana. But I do remember praying repeatedly that God would keep my family safe.

There was great relief when my folks pulled into the driveway. They told me that at one point a tornado was headed directly for their car. Fortunately, they were near a crossroad and Dad made a turn and got them out of harm's way. They were shaken, but they were safe.

Storm damage reports were all over the radio and television. Word began to spread that the Shore Mennonite Church and the Rainbow Lake area had been hit hard, a lot of people were missing, and nobody knew how many were dead. The severity of the storm was beginning to sink in.

Later that evening, my folks took me to Fritz and Betty Lambright's house where I lived during the week. I had started driving tractor for Fritz during the summers going back to when I was a seventh grader. Since he needed help on the farm, Fritz



& Betty asked me to live with them through the week, help with the chores and milking, and he would pay me to work Saturdays. I was part Lambright for two and a half wonderful years.

The entire Lambright clan was in a state of both thanksgiving and shock. Leroy and Georgia Lambright, Fritz's younger brother, were living in a mobile home in the Midway Trailer Court between Goshen and Elkhart. When the tornado hit, their trailer virtually exploded. Leroy talked about grabbing their kids and holding on to a small tree for dear life, so they were not blown away. They had lost everything but the clothes on their backs, but they were alive and so were their kids.

All the schools were closed on Monday. Frankly, I do not remember how many days the schools were not in session. After the milking was done and breakfast was over Fritz said to me, "Let's go see how bad things are." I ran and grabbed my new Kodak Instamatic camera, an early graduation present from my folks, and hopped into the pickup truck. Nothing could have prepared me for what we were about to see. Everything was gone ... dead farm animals, here and there a cow or two aimlessly roaming around, a random piece of straw sticking out of a fence post, and demolished cars that had been sandblasted by the wind and the blowing dirt just sitting out in a field. The pictures that are with this article are some of the ones I took that day.

While property can be replaced, people cannot. That reality hit home with the news that LeRoy and Florence Yoder had been killed. The Yoder's had gone to Willis & Grayce Bontrager's to practice for a special musical performance. Florence, Grayce, and Lula Miller had a trio, and they were to sing that evening at the service at Shore. Unfortunately, without warning, the tornado took not only the Bontrager's home but the lives of all those who were in it.

LeRoy was the greatly loved principal of the Honeyville School. The Yoder's only daughter, Linda was in my high school class. Linda



had not been feeling well so she stayed home, otherwise she would have been killed along with her parents.

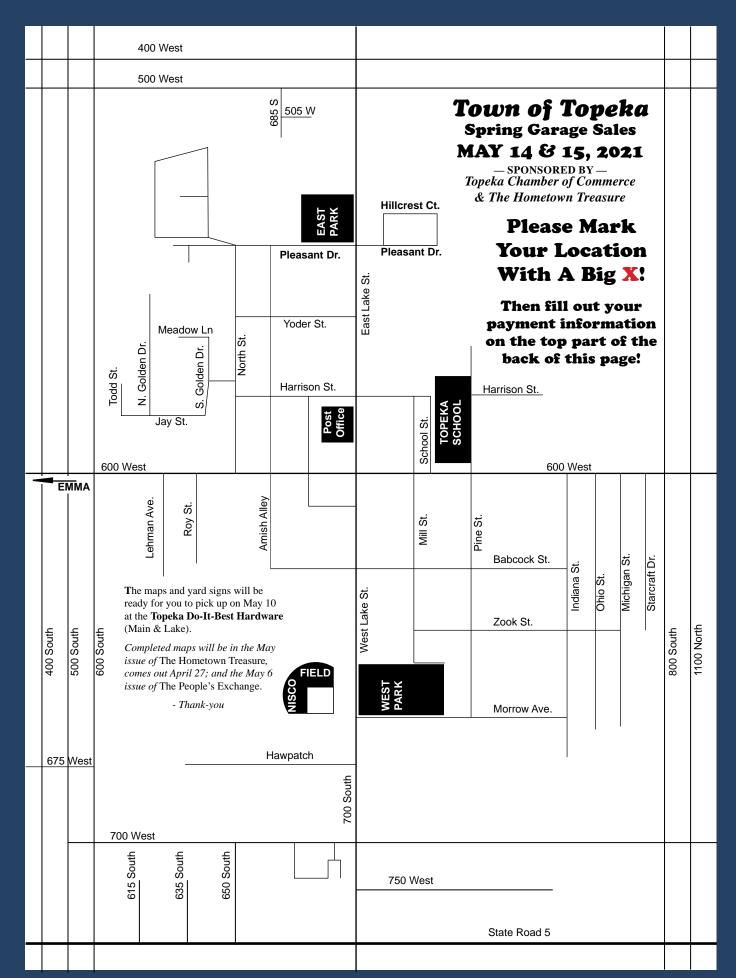
Instead of looking forward to graduation, in just over a month, everyone was in shock. The funeral for LeRoy and Florence was in the Honeyville School, and rightly so. The gym was filled with heartbroken students and teachers, a grieving community, and the Senior Class from Topeka High School.

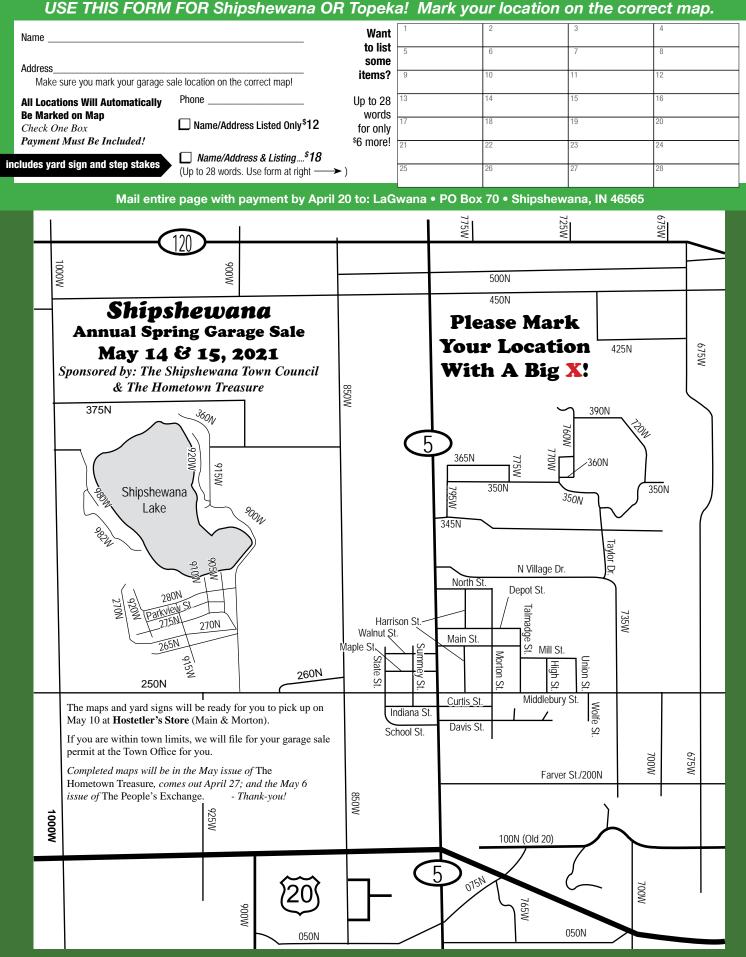
Funerals were taking place all across the community. A mass funeral was held in the Shipshewana school gym for eight of the victims: Frank and Grace Haarer, their son Noble, Iva Nofzinger, Bessie and Bernis Hostetler, and John and Jennie Yoder.

Now, 56 year later, there are still times when I sit in our church, which makes its home in the old Honeyville School, and I see LeRoy and Florence's caskets sitting side by side. I had great respect for LeRoy, and once again I feel a personal sense of loss and that of the community.

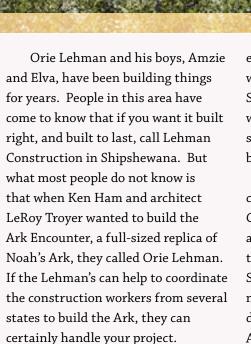
There are some things you just do not forget. 
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"My dad, Orie, actually started the company," Amzie recalls. "As a teenager he worked for his brother as a second job." Sometime after Orie got married he started his own construction company. Amzie and Elva looked at each other and said with a grin, "Yeah, we grew up on a farm northwest of Shipshewana and at one point Dad wanted to just farm, but he couldn't stay away from construction, so he got back into it."

By Harold D. Gingerich

In 1988, Orie incorporated the construction company as Lehman Construction. In 2012, he sold all but a small percentage of the business to Amzie, Elva, and his son-in-law, Samuel Borkholder. "For a while, nothing changed with Dad being the dad and making most of the decisions," Amzie commented, "but things really changed when we started talking about building the Ark down in Kentucky."

It was LeRoy Troyer of the Troyer Group, a well-known architect, who got Orie Lehman, and his brother Earnest, involved with the construction of

the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. Troyer had hired the Lehman brothers when the Troyer Group built the Countryside Farmers Market in Elkhart. Countryside Farmers Market was the largest wood-pegged barn in the country. The Lehman's were also involved in the rebuilding of Davis Mercantile in Shipshewana after it had been

destroyed by fire. So, when Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis asked Troyer to spearhead the construction of the Ark Encounter, Troyer knew

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Orie and Earnest coordinated the efforts of Amish builders from several states to assemble the heavy timber for the 510-foot long, 85-foot wide, and 51-foot high structure. Orie spent about 13 months on site overseeing construction. Amzie and Elva spent a short time in Kentucky working on the Ark. In a June 26, 2015 interview for the Northern Kentucky Tribune, Orie spoke about the project. "I view it as very important and very significant in sharing the values that (Ham) has espoused," Lehman said. "It's very difficult, but if you take one day at a time, no big challenges have arisen that are much different than any (other project)." Every year over a million people visit the Ark Encounter.

While Orie is no longer involved in the day-to-day operations, Lehman

Construction is still serving the building needs of the community and the surrounding area. "We love to do construction and the main people that we serve are people who value getting the details right," Amzie says. "We care about getting the details right ... we want to build something of quality that will last." The phrase "getting the details right" was a reoccurring theme in the interview for this article.

Lehman Construction has been building homes for years. They have recently added Rob Yoder to the team.



Rob has experience in commercial design and project management.

Amzie and his wife Janie were married on September 1, 2016. They have a 3-year-old daughter and an 18-month-old son. Elva and Mary were married on October 11, 2006. They have four children: their oldest son is 13, two daughters ages 9 and 10, and a 5-year-old son.

If there is a building project in your future, make sure that you stop by and talk to the folks at Lehman Construction. Their offices are located at 245 Morton Street, Suite 204 in Shipshewana. You can reach them at (260) 768-7707. Visit their easy to navigate website at www. lehmanconstruction.com, and check out their ad in this issue.

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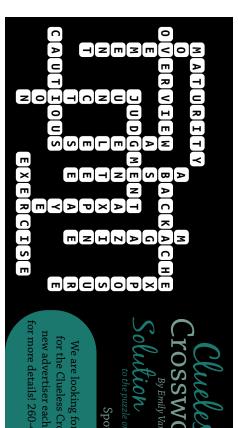
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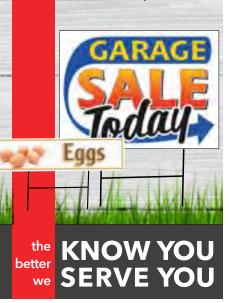
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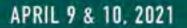
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#### **Natural Ways to Fight** Inflammation

#### Virtual:

Friday, April 2, 1:00 - 2:30 pm; Monday, April 12, 11:00 -12:30 pm; Wednesday, April 21, 11:00 -12:30 pm; Monday, April 26, 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

#### **In-Person:**

Wednesday, April 7, 1:00 - 2:30 pm; Thursday, April 22, 11:00 - 12:30 pm.

Cancer Services of Northeast IN 6316 Mutual Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Instead of the medicine cabinet

open the refrigerator. Explore which foods naturally fight inflammation in the body. Presented by Sue Delagrange, MS. RDN. LD.Links for the virtual programs will be sent after registration.

#### **Spiritual Forest Therapy Walk**

Monday, April 12, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Fox Island County Park 7324 Yohne Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809. Please meet at the Nature Center.

This is a very low impact activity that supports healing and wellness in natural environments. This is an In-Person event, facilitated by Christy Thomson, Certified Forest Therapy Guide. Registration is required.

#### **Healing Rhythms**

Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cancer Services of Northeast IN 6316 Mutual Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Healing Rhythms is a group experience, where we will work together to express ourselves through the use of music making. Many participants share that this class is as peaceful as it is energizing. No previous music experience or instruments needed. This is an In-Person event, facilitated by Emily Borkholder, MT-BC.

To register for these events, e-mail Ann Hathaway at ahathaway@cancer-services.org or call 260-484-9560 ext. 351. 🕕

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The Shipshewana Table Tennis League recently completed another successful season during the months of January and February. Approximately 65-70 players met each Tuesday evening at the Farmstead Expo Barn, for hours of competitive play. A big THANK YOU goes out to the players and parents for their continued support of this league and to the Shipshewana Trading Place for providing the venue. Yoder's Shipshewana Hardware is the proud sponsor of this event.

A double-elimination tournament was held on the final evening. In a reversal of last years' championship match, Anthony Lambright, of Shipshewana, defeated four-time champion Kenny Fry, of Topeka, to win his first overall championship.

The players were divided into six

groups for the double-elimination tournament. Jalen Hochstetler was the only winner that came from the losers' bracket to win their group. This season



Kenny Fry (2nd) and Anthony Lambright (1st).



Myron Whetstone (2nd) and Jason Bontrager (1st).

saw many newcomers to the sport as well as players from the Nappanee and Goshen area joining our local players. () (Photos Submitted)



Micah Mullet (2nd) and Lucas Miller (1st).



Jalen Hochstetler (1st) and Eric Yoder (2nd).





Andrew Fry (1st) and Joseph Slabach (2nd).



Lyndon Yoder (2nd) and Eric Beechy (1st).

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