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We asked two wrestlers on the team some questions about wrestling and their motivations. The first person we interviewed was Aidan Kohlheim, who is a junior in high school and one of the team captains. The first question we asked was "Which wrestling season was the best for you?" He responded with, "My best season was during my sophomore year because it ended with the most pins." Next, we asked Aidan to tell us which school was the easiest and which was the most difficult to compete against. He responded, "The easiest school to wrestle was Central Noble because I got my fastest pin there," and "the most difficult was East Noble High School. They were the hardest because the kid that I wrestled went to semi-state the year before."

We wanted to know what Aidan likes about wrestling. He told us that, "Wrestling is not a team sport so you can only blame yourself for losing." Something Aidan wants to achieve this year is to go to semi-state and go to state next year. We also asked who and what inspired him to wrestle. The answer he gave was "I was motivated to wrestle because of my two

brothers. My only motivation is to pass my brother Keegan." Another thing we wanted to know was what goes through your mind before and during a wrestling match. He told us, "Before a wrestling match, I just think about how I need to win and try my hardest. During a match, I only question what I need to do to pin my guy, the score, and how long I have left in the match." Finally, we asked Aidan what he thinks makes a good wrestler, what he wants to achieve in wrestling and who are his biggest supporters. He responded with "Some things that make you good in wrestling are grit and determination. Something I want to do is wrestle in college, and my biggest supporters are both of my brothers and my parents."



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VIEW'S

THE MONTH

The second wrestler we interviewed was Izaak Moore, who is a sophomore at Westview and another one of the team captains. We asked the same questions and Izaak told us the following information. Izaak's best season was during his freshman year. For Izaak, the most difficult school to wrestle was Prairie Heights. He said, "I consider it one of my hardest matches because it was the last round of sectionals, and I was tired." We also asked what he likes about wrestling which he responded with, "I like the reward of winning a match and being up on the podium."

One of Izaak's wrestling goals this year is to make it to semi-state. As for his inspiration to wrestle, he said, "It was one of those things that sounded fun to try, and I kept doing it because I love the sport." When we asked about what he thinks of before and during a match, he said, "I try to not think about my match if it is a duel because I don't want to get in my own head. If it is a tournament, then I like to watch how my opponent wrestles. During a match, I try to think about the next move to run and how my opponent will react, or my opponent's next move and how I should react."

Izaak said the qualities of a good wrestler include



good sportsmanship, good technique, and at least a little strength. He told us, "My biggest supporters are my family and friends."

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Back Row (left to right): Luke Haarer, Gavin Yoder, Jason Bontrager, Jackson Vaughn, and Carver Stump. Front: Brett Springer, Jayden Beachy, Brina Williams, and Lanita Mast. Not Pictured: Brylee White.

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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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WHS - February 2022

Back (left to right): Kristine Bolling, Faith Christner, and Ashwaq Aldhuraibi. Photo Submitted

Westview High School has selected three students to receive Student Ambassador of the Month honors for February 2022. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displaying great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend!



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As of today, I have started going to the gym again. Hopefully, this time around we will not have a pandemic hit in a couple of months

and shut down both the gym and my motivation! I have weighed about 105 pounds—soaking wet—for my entire adult life. I have tried to start a regular exercise routine in an effort to build up at least a little muscle a few times already. I am really hoping the routine sticks this time around. I am thoroughly ready to be able to lift and carry thirty or more pounds without feeling like my arms are going to fall off the next day. 📌

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Heart and Soul

by Kim Ray Mishler

Finding Your Herd!

I recently watched a video shot by someone on a safari in Africa. A water buffalo was being chased by a pride of lions. He was to be their main entrée. But the water buffalo was resilient and determined to stay out of the food chain for the day. He ran straight for the watering hole. Great thinking on the buffalo's behalf as cats do not like water. And it worked; 'til a giant crocodile sprang up out of the murky depths, snapping at his hind quarters with the intent of making him into a delicious snack. The buffalo did not give up and was just as diligent in trying to escape as the croc was in taking him down. He swam faster and fought harder until he reached the shore where the pride watched, licking their chops. He was faced with the tough decision—do I die by the pride or by the croc?

Taking his chances, the buffalo stepped out of the water and the annoying croc nipping at his behind, into his certain doom on the shore. The pride was crouched and ready to lunge when . . . drum roll, please . . . enter a herd of antler and tusk throwing water buffalos to save the day! The herd moved in a group, in large numbers, aggressively, and headed swiftly into the pride, scattering them and scaring them away! The herd then welcomed the brave little buffalo back into the safety of their community and went off for a celebratory graze.

The scene reminded me of my relationship to the church—my protective herd! When the enemy is approaching me at every angle, all I must do is call on the church and they will swoop

in for the rescue. There is not much antler throwing aggression but there is consistent prayer, loving encouragement, comforting casseroles, generous donations, and intercession for me in ways I did not even know I needed. Much like the water buffalo, they just show up when I least expect it.

Ironically, the video example came to life for me recently when a stressful day presented itself. Feeling unequipped to handle all the pressure of the day, I called on a few from my herd to hold me up in prayer, pull me to safety from the water—scatter the pride from the shore. And I felt their intercession for me all day! I am thankful for God's spirit that equips me to handle the pressures of each day, and for his people—my herd—that encourages me along the way.

Who is your herd? Your community? Family? A small group of friends? Who are those special people in your life that have come to your rescue? What group have you assisted in the rescue of a fellow friend? I have noted great things in our community this past week. A family member had a crisis, and I was amazed at the outpouring of support from a small group

of individuals who swooped in to help at a moment's notice. Yesterday, I saw a sign advertising a fundraiser to help a local cancer patient. Herds, doing what is necessary—providing strength when one is weak.

When you are between a rock and a hard place—or a lion and a crocodile, as in the buffalo's case—who will you call upon to get you to safety? What herd can count on you to jump in when needed?

Let us strive to be grateful for the impact others have in our lives. Let us be mindful of the ways we can serve the herd. 🙏

*The Hometown Treasure welcomes Kim Ray Mishler as the author of our new column, 'Heart and Soul!' Born and raised in Kentucky, she has called Shippshewana home for 33 years. She is a wife, mom, photographer, author, and a church secretary. She published her first novel in 2018, *A Life Rescued—a Story of Redemption, Adoption and Hope*. She enjoys writing short inspirational pieces using every day experiences—and, occasionally, a little humor.*



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- 3 Kay-Lynn Ferrin, Brandon Yoder
- 4 Jerel Bontrager, Kristopher Fry, Bradley Hochstetler, Michael Manns
- 5 Jaylynn Brown, Jenna Slabach
- 6 Justin Bontrager, Makayla Hershberger, Jamin L. Miller, Jamin R. Miller, Jenna Miller
- 7 Leyton Christner, Salena Gingerich
- 8 Rayelynn Campos, Ryder Lambright, Tyler Miller, Dante Schmucker, Cody Slabaugh, Keith Yoder, Kendra Yoder
- 9 Dakota Garl, Miley McDonald, Aaron Wingard
- 10 Daniel Hilty, Austin Schrock, Madalyn Yoder
- 11 Darin Fry, Melanie Fry, Bella Horner, Tara Schwartz
- 12 Kenlin Stutzman
- 13 Emma Graber, Lydia Long, Natalie McDonald, Lennon Webster
- 14 Ashton Hagerman, Dreyke Howard, Madelyn Miller, Saul Moreno, Ashton Yoder
- 15 Shayla Strater
- 16 Shated Aamer, Grace Beechy



Shipshe Area Table Tennis League Wraps up Season

The Shipshewana Table Tennis League recently completed another successful season during January and February 2022. Approximately sixty-sixty-five players met each Tuesday evening at the Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School gymnasium 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 Shipshewana-Scott Elementary

School 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. It was an all-Lambright final as Anthony Lambright of Shipshewana successfully defended his championship title from last year, defeating his “little” brother, Aaron Lambright, also of Shipshewana. This marks the first time in it’s eighteen-year history that a sibling duo has battled for the overall championship.

The players were divided into five groups for the double-elimination tournament. This season saw many newcomers to the sport, as well as players from the Nappanee and Goshen area, joining our local players. Results of the tourney are below. 📌

Photos submitted

- 17 Alayna Bontrager, Grayson Buchanan
- 18 Brenda Miller, Kaylee Miller
- 19 Melissa Bontrager, Nahar Shammam, Faith Stump
- 20 Austin Miller, Alexis Montgomery, Maryah Raber
- 21 Tarah Hochstetler, Layla Hostetler, Chase Martin, Lyndon Yoder
- 22 Jared King
- 24 Lilyanna Hatfield
- 25 Landon Bontrager, Christopher Miller, Keaira Schrock-Schragg, Grace Yater, Chandler Yoder
- 26 Lincoln Dalga, Lisa Hochstetler, Elliana Kaufman, Rylan King, Spencer Lambright, Brooke Mahon, Tyler Mast, Caleb Yoder
- 27 Somyh Aljaradie, Baylor Atra, Jace Kaufman
- 28 Jared Fry, Kelsie Hochstetler, Brigham Rahn, Ryan Schwartz, Jordan Troyer
- 29 Arianna Lehman, Colin Troyer
- 30 Ibrahim Algaradi, Addalyn Creek, Nolan Gonser, Kennedy Stutzman, Melanie Slabach



Group One: (left to right): Anthony Lambright (1st), and Aaron Lambright (2nd).



Group Two (left to right): Lucas Miller (2nd), and Aiden Beechy (1st).



Group Three (left to right): Keith Bontrager (2nd), and David J. Yoder (1st).



Group Four (left to right): Caleb Mullet (2nd), and Daryl Yoder (1st).



Group Five (left to right): Joel Miller (1st), and Delmar Yoder (2nd).

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Topeka Branch

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Below are the events planned for April 2022.

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

All branches of the library will be closed April 15 in observance of Good Friday.

Youth Department

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

LaGrange • Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 11 a.m.

Registration is appreciated but is not required.

Lego Stop Motion Camp!! (Grades 5-8)

Parent Information Meeting • LaGrange • April 4 • 6 p.m.

Camp • LaGrange • April 5, 6, 7 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and

Friday, April 8 • 6 p.m. to view the movies!

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Class size limited to 15 students. Must register by Monday, March 28.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, April 11 • 4 p.m.

Theme: Board Games

Limited registration.

Be sure to register by Friday, April 8 so we can set up the correct number of gameboards.

New Activity Bags out for Pick-up (Limited supplies)

All Locations • Monday, April 11

A Take-N-Make craft will be available while supplies last at all three library locations.

Home School Group (All ages welcome)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, April 13 • 1 p.m.

LaGrange • Thursday, April 14 • 10 a.m.

Topeka • Thursday, April 14 • 1 p.m.

We will be celebrating National Poetry Month with some fun poetry activities! Registration required!

Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841) by Wednesday, April 6 to register.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-5)

LaGrange • Tuesday, April 19 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss "The 100-Year-Old Secret" and do a fun activity!

Movie and Popcorn (All ages)

LaGrange • Friday, April 22 • 6 p.m.

Showing: Disney's ENCANTO, Rated PG.

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

Teen Book Chat and Craft (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, April 25 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss *Cress* and make something fun!

Make sure to register—supplies provided.

Limited registration. Be sure to register by Monday, April 18.

Adult Interest

Yoga with Farra

LaGrange • Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 • 10 a.m.

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

Facing the Dragon Book Discussions (Teens and adults)

Topeka • Tuesday, April 5 • 2–3 p.m.

LaGrange • Thursday, April 7 • 2–3 p.m.

Shipshewana • Friday, April 8 • 2–3 p.m.

Free copies of the book are available at each library location while supplies last.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, April 9 • 11 a.m.

This month's book is *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells.

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Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange library's Adult Information Desk.

Easter Scavenger Hunt (Teens and adults)

LaGrange • Monday–Saturday, April 11–16

Shipshewana • Monday–Saturday, April 11–16

During Easter week, follow clues through the library to win a free book from the Friends of the Library Book Sale!

You will have to be a clever bunny!

Make-N-Take: (Ages 12+)

Metal Flowers for Garden, Fence, or Wall

LaGrange • Wednesday, April 13 • 6 p.m.

Back by popular demand! You've probably seen the large metal flowers that cost \$30–\$60 or more each. We will make two of our own versions for less!

Cost is \$20 per person.

Registration and \$10 deposit required at LaGrange by Friday, April 1. Space is limited.

Patchwork Trails

Nasby Dam • Tuesday, April 19 • 6 p.m.

300 N, East of 500E, Howe, IN

This year's first walk is to an old mill site within the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area that harbors many unusual birds, plants, and more. From 300N, turn north onto the first road east of 500E. The ground may be marshy, so wear appropriate shoes.

Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We will look at what is blooming, what is singing, what is flying, and what is underfoot.

No fees or registration required.

Learn to Tat (Ages 14+)

Shipshewana • Fridays, April 29, May 6, May 13 • 3:30–4:30 p.m.

No, not tattoos but *lacemaking*. Tatting is an old-fashioned skill that is in danger of fading away. Learn how to use a tatting shuttle to make beautiful patterns of knotted thread. This is a three-class course. You will learn a different skill at each class. All materials provided. Cost is \$5 payable at the first class.

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3rd Prize(s): The Honeyville Journal.

*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 21, 2022.** Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



April Contest sponsored by Tiffany's Restaurant and LaGwana

Last Month's Mystery Farm



There were 76 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Joseph & Doris Ottos, Dewayne & Rose Fry, Dean & Julie Yoder, JohnJay & LeAnna Kurtz, Paul E. Hochstetler, Wilbur & Susie Hostetler, Dan & Loretta Miller, Vernon E & Martha W. Miller, Junior & Mary Sue Lehman, Alton & Susie Miller, Fritz & Norma Bontrager, Ben & Rosanne Lambright, Harley & Loretta Miller, Ernie & Viola Bontrager, Paul & Mary Yutzky, Larry & Kari Miller, Gene & Wanda Yoder, Daryl Miller, Richard & Doretta Borntreger, David & Ida Bontrager, Enos Troyer, Orville & Nettie Miller, Myron Bontrager, Kevin & Dora Yoder, Steven & Gertie Yoder, Clayton & Linda Miller, Karl & Karen Yoder, Linda Lehman, Layne & Leona Miller, Nathan & LuElla Miller, Ernie & Martha Bontrager, Gary & Kristina Miller, Myron Miller, Marty & Karla Borkholder, Kevin & Marla Miller, Ora & Anna Beechy, Orlie & Julie Otto, Wilbur &

Norman & Wanda Otto of SR5, Topeka, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Paul & Oneita Hochstetler, 11435W 600S, Millersburg.** Congratulations! They won 1 Year Subscription from The Connection a pen, a notepad set, a letter opener and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to **Joel & Tina Miller of Millersburg.** Third prize went to **Mike & Sharon Bontrager of 675W, Topeka.**

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By: Judy Truong, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

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Health Benefits of Fiber

- Lowers cholesterol
- Helps prevent heart disease and diabetes
- Prevents and relieves constipation
- Helps you feel full longer to maintain weight control

Foods High in Fiber

- Whole grains (whole wheat, whole oats, brown rice, etc.)

- Dried beans (ie., black beans, lentils, split peas)
- Fresh fruits and fresh/frozen vegetables
- Seeds and nuts

Tips for the Family


- Choose whole fruits instead of fruit juice
- Choose whole grains instead of refined grains (ie., first ingredient should read: “whole wheat, whole oats, brown rice, quinoa”)
- Include fruits and vegetables with every meal
- Add beans to soups
- Top yogurt and oatmeal with fruits and nuts

What else should I know?

- Drinking plenty of water helps to move fiber through your intestines.
- Add fiber slowly to your diet over a few weeks.

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Urbanski Heads Parkview LaGrange Board

Joe Urbanski, president and CEO of Farmers State Bank in LaGrange, has been appointed chairman of the Parkview LaGrange Hospital (PLH) Board of Directors. Urbanski has been a member of the PLH board since early 2017.


“It has truly been rewarding to be a member of the PLH board these past five years,” said Urbanski. “Our community is blessed to have such a high-integrity health services organization focused on providing extraordinary care to the area. It is an honor to lead a team of board members focused on ensuring our community has access to the highest-quality care possible.” 

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Adra Miller of 850 W, Shipshewana 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 Kendra Joy Troyer, age 6; Katelyn Otto, age 5; Eden Otto, age 4; Lance Nissley, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Brandon Miller, age 6; Amy Borntrager, age 6; Maddy Lambright, age 5; Rende Jo Peterseim, age 5; Joshua Paul Miller, age 5; Alisa Bontrager, age 5. Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

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



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Twins on Twosday

On Twosday, Feb. 22, 2022, students at Meadowview in class 3D could participate in “Twin Day.” This was a way for students to celebrate this special “Twosday” occasion! The next time a date this special will occur is on Thursday, March 3, ‘33. Would it then be “Threesday?” There is a bit of time to figure it out since the current first graders will be graduating from high school! 📌

Meadowview Elementary



“Twins” from Meadowview line up for some photos on “Twosday.”

Photo Submitted

3D Rocks During IREAD!

To encourage third-grade students taking the IREAD test, each kindergarten class paired up with a third-grade class. On each testing day, class 3D students were treated with something special from their kindergarten buddies. Treats included shine bright stars, smarties, and painted rocks because they knew class 3D would “rock” the tests! 📌



Class 3D with their kindergarten buddies.

Photo Submitted

Junior Achievement with Mr. Raber

Steve Raber, a local business owner of Raber Dirtworx, LLC., and parent of Obie, a third grader in class 3D, spent five weeks visiting Meadowview Elementary and teaching the third graders all about Junior Achievement. Lessons focused on four things to do with money (earn, spend, save, and donate), goods and services, how to become an entrepreneur, and invisible money. They also built a Junior Achievement (JA) city. 📌



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Mr. Raber with class 3D after building the JA city.
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Healthcare Art

Second graders at Shipshe-Scott worked on collaborative projects in art class for local healthcare workers. This is a way to give back to the community and show our support for those who have been taking care of all of us! 📌

Photos submitted



Two's Day

Shipshe-Scott Elementary celebrated a day of two's on 2-22-22 by wearing tutus, ties, and tennis shoes. 📌



Shipshe-Scott staff pose in their tutus.

*Principal Amy Garber reads to students on Tutu Day.
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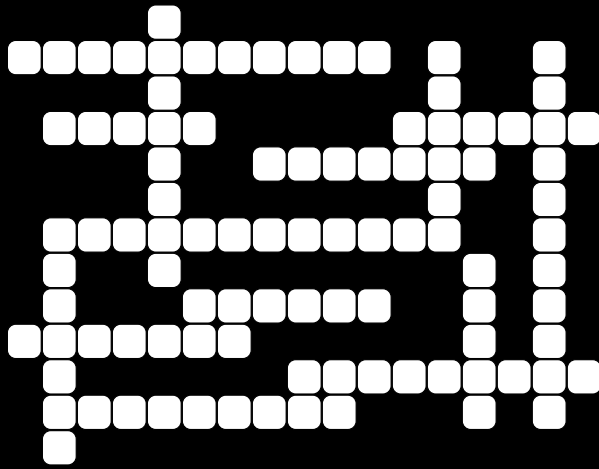
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Solution to Clueless

Crossword is on pg 24.

by Emily Vandevander

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Solution to puzzle on page 6



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Read Across America

Shipshe-Scott celebrated Read Across America week. They had different themed days each day that week to remind kids of the importance of reading and how fun it is, too. 1

Photos submitted



Cookies for the Pups and Kittens

First graders at Topeka Elementary are once again selling cookies one day a month as a fundraiser. The money collected goes to Ark Animal Sanctuary in LaGrange, IN (lagrangearkanimalsanctuary@gmail.com). Each grade level at Topeka Elementary has a special project at some point in the school year as part of the Bears that Care program. 1



Topeka Elementary

Camping Day

Mrs. Dawn Miller's class celebrated a day of reading with a camping theme in their room. They read books

about camping, worked on math using marshmallows, and enjoyed s'mores around a "campfire." 1 *Photo submitted*



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Left: First graders bag cookies for a fundraiser. Photo submitted



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Topeka Learning Fair Awards

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The Topeka Elementary Learning Fair is an annual event in which students have the option of participating in a project in one of the categories: Books Are Fun, Cooking, Math, Poetry, Science, Sewing, Social Studies, 2-D Art, and 3-D Art. The projects are completed at home and brought to school where several outside volunteers come in to judge them. Each student receives a ribbon. A grade-level winner is given a medal and the overall category winner receives a trophy. 🏆

Photos Submitted



SOCIAL STUDIES

Left to right: Regan Hochstetler (1st), Josie Vaughn (2nd), Larry Lambright (3rd), Aaron Hochstetler (4th), and Nassar Yahya (4th, Overall award).



BOOKS ARE FUN

Left to right: River Rheinheimer (2nd), and Jennifer Miller (4th, Overall award).



POETRY

Left to right: Olivia Everage (1st), Spencer Vaughn (4th), and Andrea Yoder (1st, Overall award).

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2-D ART

Left to right: Addie Yoder (K), Lucas Hershberger (1st), Stella Zabona (2nd), Grace Yader (3rd), Jaynie Drake (4th), and Andrea Barkman (2nd, Overall award).



3-D ART

Left to right: Jamin Miller (K), Landry Miller and Olivia Everage (1st), Ariel Bontrager (2nd), Hannah Riehl and Wilma Fry (3rd), Blake West (4th), and Aiden Birch (4th, Overall award).



COOKING

Left to right: Kelsie Hochstetler (K), Austin Miller (1st), Rylie Beechy (2nd), Raiden Huggins (3rd), Alyssa Barkman and Sharon Miller (4th), and Isabella Yoder (K, Overall award).



SEWING

Left to right: Lachelle Bontrager (K), Grace Yoder (1st), Heidi Miller (2nd), Alisa Yoder (3rd), Kathlyn Bontrager (4th), and Juliana Yoder (4th, Overall award).



MATH

Left to right: Jared Yoder (2nd), Angie Slabach (3rd), Jared Bontrager and Erin Frey (4th), and Kathlyn Bontrager (4th, Overall award).



SCIENCE

*Left to right: Aryanna Case (1st), Kelsey Smith (2nd), Hagar Algaradi (3rd), Adam Alamari (4th), and Austin Miller (3rd, Overall award).
Not Pictured: Bryleigh Miller (K).*

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Westview Elementary Tri Kappa Winners

The forty-second Tri Kappa Art Fair was held on February 19 at Lakeland Intermediate School. Students from the Westview and Lakeland school districts, in kindergarten through eighth grades, participated in the contest. Each grade had seven

Westview Elementary

finalists along with first, second and third places awarded. As always, the judges were impressed with the student's creativity and skill. Westview's artwork is currently on display at the Topeka public library and Lakeland's artwork is on display at the LaGrange

public library, in honor of the artist's accomplishments and to honor the Youth Art month in March. A reception was held on March 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at each library to honor the artists. 

Photos submitted



Fifth Grade Finalists

Not in order: Sara Bontrager, Elijah Martin, Alyssa Miller, Karla Miller, Adrian Yoder, Chloe Briggs, Ethan Mast, Amber Miller, Melody Miller, and Katelyn Martin.



Sixth Grade Finalists

Not in order: AJ Martin, Kameron Yoder, Mari Jo Mast, Joshua Bontrager, Paige McDonald, Tyler Stutzman, Emily Drew, and Jacob Lambright.
Not pictured: Jenisa Kauffman and Karla Yoder.



Fifth Grade Top Three Winners

Left to right: Melody Miller (second place), Amber Miller (third place), and Katelyn Martin (first place).



Sixth Grade Top Three Winners

Left to right: AJ Martin (first place), Kameron Yoder (third place), and Mari Jo Mast (second place).

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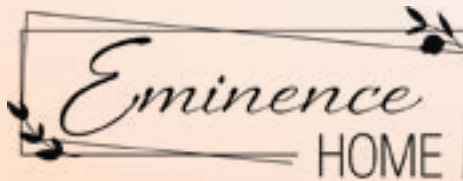


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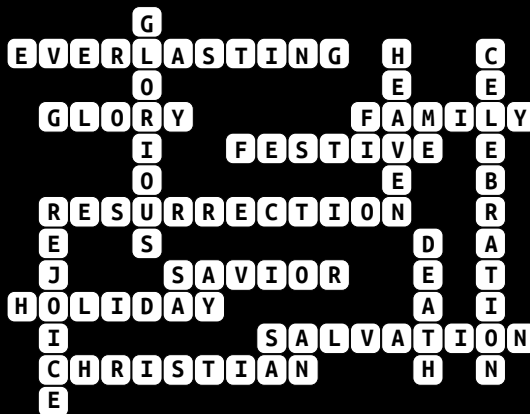


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Westview Elementary Outstanding Citizens

Outstanding Citizens for Westview Elementary 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 were rewarded by the PTO with coupons to JoJo Pretzels, Topeka Pizza, and Kitchen Cupboard, along with various food treats. These students are the winners for the third grading period. 📌

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Sixth Grade Students

(Listed in no particular order): Karen McDonald, Joshua Bontrager, Landon Miller, Rylee Watson, Luke Eash, Amy Bontrager, Curtis Troyer, and Ethan Bontrager.

Photos Submitted

Fifth Grade Students

(Listed in no particular order): Lisa Hochstetler, Jayna Riehl, Laura Miller, Tara Schwartz, Olivia Yoder, Hailey Otto, and Emma Miller.

Not Pictured: Melvin Hilty.



Westview Elementary DAR Awards

Students at Westview Elementary participated in a writing and art contest for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with the topic "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." This commemorated the centennial of the tomb. Way to go, students! 📌

State winners from Mrs. Sheets' fifth grade class and Ms. Huyvaert's sixth grade class.

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SECOND: Once the soil report is completed, a copy must be submitted to the Health Department. The Health Department will determine the type and size of the septic system necessary, with respect to the soils information and size of the home (# bedrooms). For commercial; the soil borings report should be sent to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) for sizing and approval of professional designed blueprints.

THIRD: Using the Technical Data Sheet for On-Site Sewage Treatment as a guide, the installer (HD has a list of licensed/bonded installers) must draw a site plan showing location of the house, septic tank size, trenches area with the boring locations marked, well location, driveway and any other existing buildings. Distances are important and also are required on all site plans. **A SITE PLAN DRAWING IS REQUIRED FOR A SEPTIC PERMIT.**

There is additional information to be included in the site plan drawing for the septic permit:

1. Set back distances for any part of the septic system including tank, trenches, mound sand, etc:
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 - C. Property lines..... 5 feet
 - D. Lake, pond or other enclosed water body.....50 feet
 - E. River, stream, creek or ditch.....25 feet
2. The maximum length of the trenches is 100 feet, and they must be of equal length.
3. If the required system is mound sand, flood-dosed or pressure distribution system using a pump, an experienced individual must design and install the system.

FOUR: The Septic Permit Fee is \$75.00 (Residential) and \$150.00 (Commercial).

FIVE: After the septic system is installed; the property owner and/or septic installer should call the Health Department to schedule a **FINAL INSPECTION**.

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GUIDELINES-PROCEDURES INCLUDING FEES (MARCH 2022)

Westview Junior High to Hold Parent Shadow Day

Westview Junior High School parents are invited to “Parent Shadow Day.” Parents may come to school with their child on Thursday, March 31, to shadow the student’s classes and learn more about what really happens on a daily basis.

Westview Sports Physicals


Athletic sports physicals for the 2022–23 school year will be performed at Westview High School, on two separate dates this year, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day.

Westview Elementary (current grades 5-6) and Junior High (current grades 7-8) on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Westview High School (current grades 9-11) physicals will be given on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.


All forms are to be completed by both parent and student and returned with payment by the deadline date of Friday, April 22. Unsigned forms will not be accepted. No forms will be accepted on the day of the exam!

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. Physicals will be scheduled by the athletic office. Physicals performed by your personal physician must wait until after April 5, 2022 to be eligible for the 2022–2023 school year

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

Westview Junior High


Information has been provided to parents with third-quarter report cards. Please act quickly and return the RSVP form to the Westview Junior High front office or call to reserve a spot by Monday, March 28. If a form was not received, a limited number of late RSVPs can be accepted until noon

on March 30. Transportation will not be provided. Westview is looking forward to providing an opportunity for parents to see their children in action. Any further questions may be directed to Jennifer May, Junior High Guidance Counselor, at 260-768-4146. 

Westview Schools

Westview Appreciates Their Bus Drivers!

Westview celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Tuesday, February 22. Schools were able to share their gratitude and appreciation for

the drivers through special greetings in the parking lots, homemade cards, thank you gifts, and snacks. 

Photos submitted



Top: Topeka bus driving staff. Left to right: Barb Geng, Barb Wingard, Chris Mullet, Amy Jones, and Rick Hostetler.

Bottom: Topeka Elementary students and staff cheer for their bus drivers as they came in for the morning.

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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/](https://www.facebook.com/LaGwana/), or call 260-585-6050 after Thursday, May 5th.

Other 3-on-3 Basketball opportunities include Topeka Independence Day, Middlebury Festival, and LaGrange County 4-H Fair.

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CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of May 7)

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From News to Entertainment— the Journal Had it All

by Harold D. Gingerich

Before the advent of radio, television, the internet, and social media, the only source of news and entertainment was the local newspaper. Local newspapers, like the *Topeka Journal*—published from 1905 to 1957—not only carried national news, but local news from the county and town meetings, legal notices, school news, and community events. It was what rural America depended on. While I knew that Bessie Oesch gathered the local news and then set the type for the *Topeka Journal*, I have wondered where did they have access to national and world news? The answer—syndication.

Western expansion, fueled by the promise of cheap land following the Civil War, along with the completion of the transcontinental railroad, resulted in the establishment of thousands of

new cities and towns. These new communities were a melting pot of diverse ethnic cultures. It was the newspaper that connected people with community life and provided them with news from the outside world. The Tom Hanks movie, “News of the World,” is about a Civil War veteran who made his living traveling from town to town, giving public readings from big city newspapers. It provides a fascinating glimpse into an often overlooked aspect of life in the Old West.

It is estimated that from 1881 to 1885, over a million Germans settled in the Middle West, from Iowa to Nebraska, to Kansas, and to the Dakotas. According the 1880 US Census, 182,000 Norwegians, 194,000 Swedes, and close to 90,000 Bohemians had proceeded them. Many of these settlers could not read English. To survive they needed each other, they needed new structures, and a new identity. Perhaps the single most unifying force in the transformation of the West was the small-town newspaper.

One of those German immigrants was a clock maker by the name of Ottmar Mergenthaler. He is remembered, not for his clock making, but for his 1884 invention of the linotype machine, which revolutionized typesetting. No longer did someone need to set every individual letter of every

word with a piece of type. Now an operator, using a 90-character keyboard, could set an entire line of type from hot metal. Linotype machines were widely used as late as the 1970s.

The Joslyn Castle Trust website, in an article entitled “Enduring Legacy,” noted



Ottmar Mergenthaler

that by 1899 there were 18,793 newspapers published in the United States with 12,979 of them being weeklies. At that time three quarters of Americans were living isolated on farms or in small towns. Newspapers like the *Topeka Journal*, with a subscription rate of \$1.00 a year, played a vital role within the life of their communities. But to survive they needed inexpensive, ready-to-print national news and entertainment—comic strips and serials—to fill the pages beyond the local news. Again, the answer was syndication.

In his 1942 article “Newspaper Syndication and Its Social Significance,” Curtis D. MacDougall cited Elmo Scott Watson’s “A History of



Drawing of a Linotype machine.

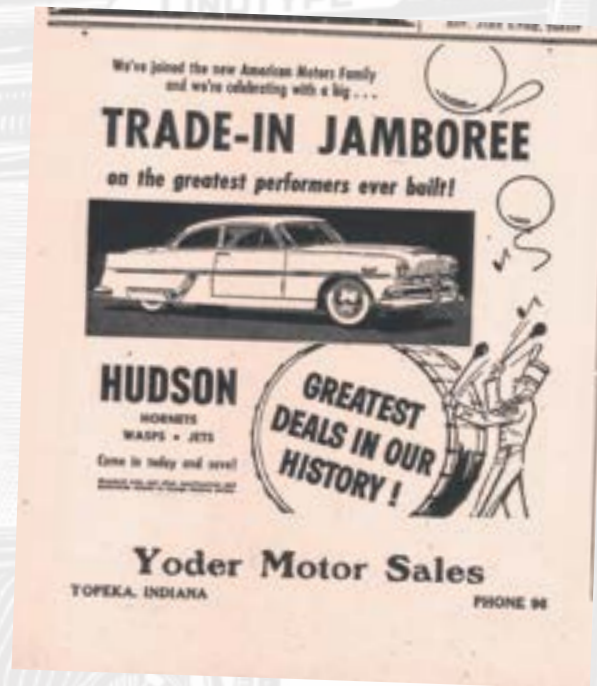
Newspaper Syndicated in the United States” for the earliest instance of syndication. “In December 1841 Moses Y. Beach, publisher of the *New York Sun*, defrayed the cost of a special messenger to bring a copy of President John Tyler’s annual message to New York from Washington, by selling extra copies of a news sheet containing it to numerous other newspapers.” MacDougall estimated that in 1942, newspaper syndication generated between \$15,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in gross sales. Comic strips were at the backbone of the syndication business. With a choice of about 300, the average daily newspaper published ten to fifteen comic strips.

Scanning page two of the January 9, 1947 issue of the *Topeka Journal*, something caught my eye. The headline read, “Murder in Plain Sight” by Gerald Brown, and with it was the graphic picture of a smoking revolver. It was a chapter from a serial novel about private detective Duke McCale who was investigating a murder. Beneath the headline was “W.N.U. Features”. But what in the world is W.N.U. Features? Inquiring


minds want to know.

A quick Goggle search led to George Joslyn and the Western Newspaper Union (W.N.U.). In 1879, while working for the Iowa Printing Company in Des Moines, Joslyn was sent to Omaha to manage a new branch that was initially called the Omaha Newspaper Union. The following year, it was renamed the Western Newspaper Union. Under Joslyn’s leadership the company grew, and they opened offices in St. Paul, Detroit, New York City, Denver, Dallas, St. Louis, and Chicago. By 1890, he had become the president and principal stockholder of the company. With the center of the ready-to-print industry in Chicago, Joslyn incorporated there and set out to corner the market. By 1911, W.N.U. had branches in thirty-three locations—including Ft. Wayne, IN—and serviced 7,185 papers. One of those papers was the *Topeka Journal*.

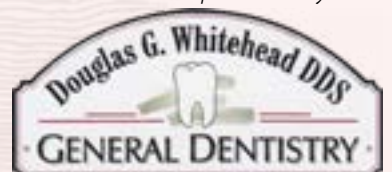
William “Bill” Connelly, the former owner and publisher of the *LaGrange Standard*, was able to answer a lot of questions about the way the service worked. Bill, who got started in printing in the 1950s said, “As I recall, the service was not all that expensive; we would get things in the mail or by motor freight.” He went on to say that news features and pictures would be on a very heavy egg carton like paper mat. The local newspaper could then pour hot lead over those mats to form the plates that were used for printing the paper. National car makers designed their advertisements



so the name of the local dealer could easily be added at the time of printing.

Innovations in the printing industry and the advent of electronic wire services has made companies like the Western Newspaper Union a thing of the past. Gone are so many of the local weekly newspapers that once played a predominate role in small town America. Today, many daily newspapers are struggling to survive. Smartphones, the internet, social media, television, and cable news networks are all competing to take over our lives. And while I appreciate everything we have at our disposal, there are times when I think it would be nice to go back to a simpler lifestyle. But alas, as I sit in my recliner watching something on Amazon Prime, I can at least have my laptop open on my lap to “Newspapers.com” and peruse the old issues of the *Topeka Journal*. 

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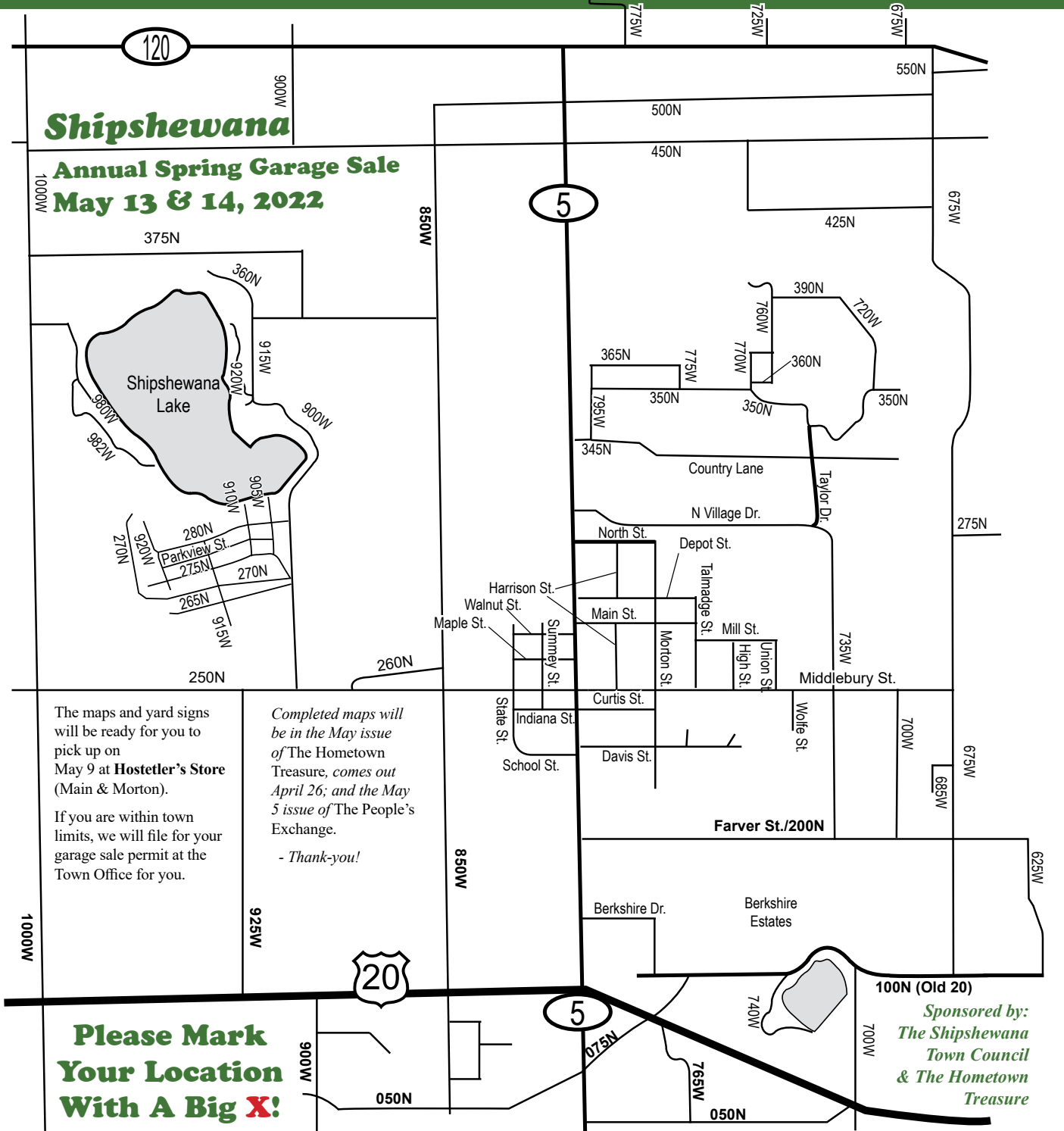
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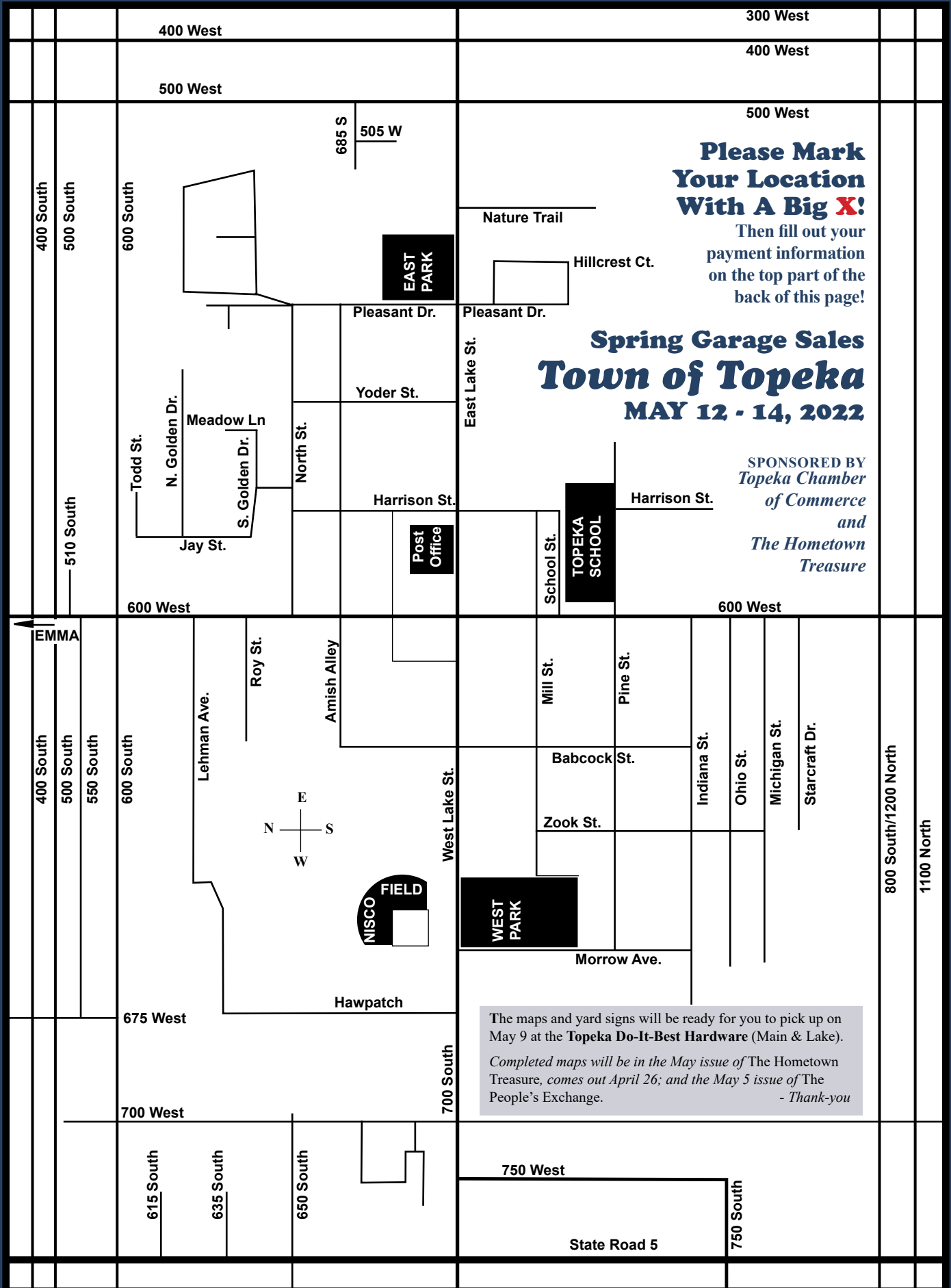
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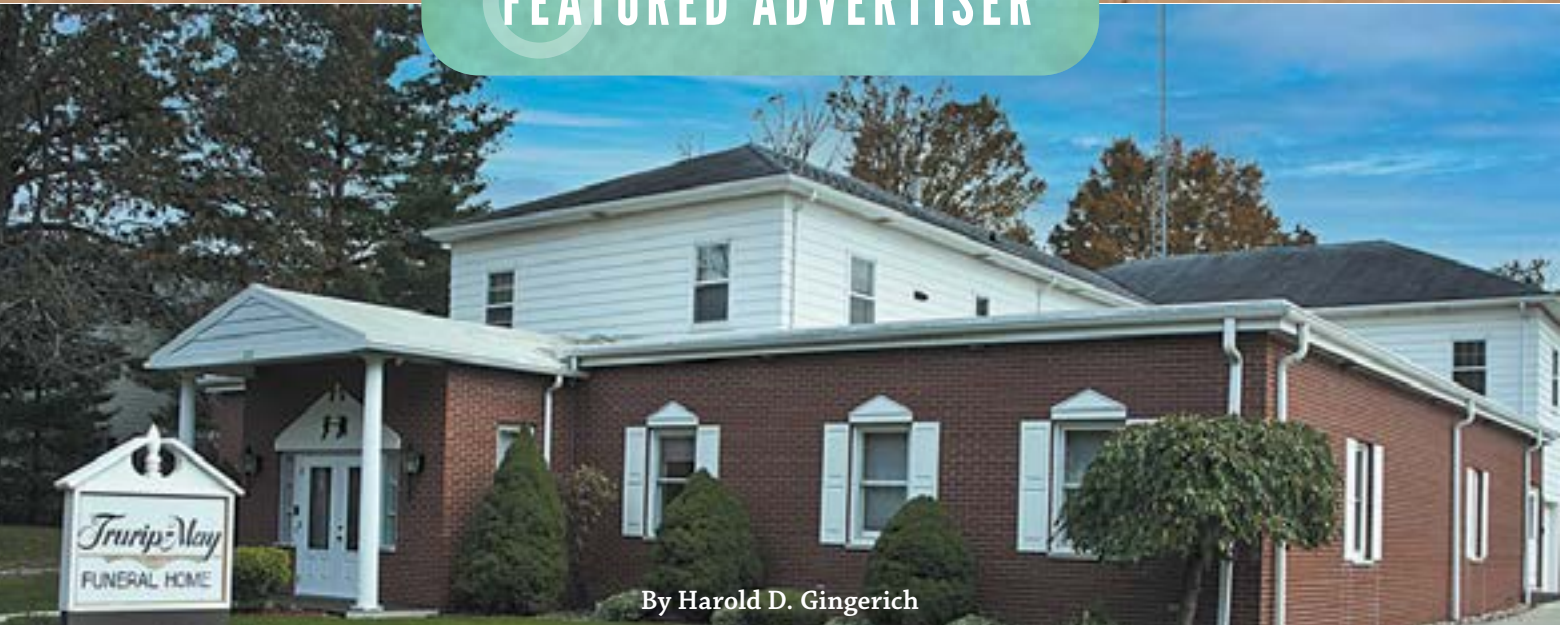
Completed maps will be in the May issue of *The Hometown Treasure*, comes out April 26; and the May 5 issue of *The People's Exchange*.

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By Harold D. Gingerich

Frurip-May Funeral Home

Here to Serve in Your Time of Need

When death strikes, it is a blow that causes a person to look to someone they know and trust. They want someone who will lovingly care for the body of their loved one. They look for someone compassionate who understands their pain. For over 100 years, people have turned to Frurip-May Funeral Home on West Michigan Street in LaGrange in their time of need.

“We are here to serve,” says Brian May, “that is what we want people to really know about us.” He went on to say, “We understand what families are going through when they lose a loved one. When my mother died it was like I was in a fog for six months—and I am a funeral director.”

Brain May describes Frurip-May Funeral Home as being the “grand-child” of John P. Caton, who opened his own furniture store and funeral service in 1904. Caton, born in LaGrange County on April 11, 1877, was a

farm kid from the Mt. Pisgah area. He attended the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming in Chicago. Following his graduation on October 24, 1903, Caton returned to LaGrange and, for a short time, went to work for Johnson Brothers Undertaking before going out on his own. Within a few years, his brother, Claud, joined the business making it Caton Brothers Furniture and Undertaking. Their place of business was on North Detroit Street in what is now the Indiana License Branch. Caton’s horse-drawn funeral coach is now in a Texas museum.

Leland “Lee” Frurip was a LaGrange native who graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, IL in 1936. He opened the Frurip Funeral Home at 309 West Michigan Street in 1940. With the outbreak of World War II, he

joined the U.S. Navy in March, 1944. At the conclusion of the war in 1946, Frurip purchased Claud Caton’s share of Caton Brothers to form Caton and Frurip.

In January 1957, John Caton’s son-in-law, Donald Diggins, became a partner in the furniture and funeral business. Following the death of John Caton on June 9, 1960, the partnership was dissolved in October 1961. Diggins retained the furniture business and Frurip took over the funeral business.

Frurip built a new funeral home





at 309 West Michigan Street in 1965–1966. In 1968, he hired Albion native, Lowell E. May, a 1965 graduate of the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. Lowell became a partner in January 1973. When Leland Frurip died in 1981, Lowell purchased Frurip's share of the business from Lee's wife, Elouise, but has retained the name of Frurip-May Funeral Home to this day. Elouise continued to live above the funeral home until her death in 1993.

"To me she was always like my third grandmother," Brian recalls. "I spent a lot of time over here as a kid, hanging out with her and Lee, because they never had any grandkids. My dad moved here with two kids and then had four more, so we became the grandkids they never had. We lived right behind the funeral home."

"There have been different owners but like the same lineage," Brian says. "Don and his wife, Joan—the daughter of John Caton—lived straight across the street from us when I was growing up." Ironically, Joan's obituary was the first one to be published when Frurip-May launched their website, www.fruripmayfuneral-home.com, in 2005.

Brian will be the first to tell you that, although he grew up around a funeral

home, he never intended to be a funeral director. A 1991 graduate of Lakeland High School, Brian says, "To be honest, when I was eighteen years old, I just wanted out of here! There is no way that I wanted to be a funeral director. You are on call all the time and I saw my dad coming and going—getting a call and needing to leave just because the phone rang—and you had to go. Mainly, I just wanted out of LaGrange."

Brian enrolled at Central Michigan University to study industrial technology. "By the end of the first year I knew I didn't want to spend the rest of my life drawing boxes," he joked. Brian switched his major to business and then to communications. He graduated from Central Michigan in 1995 with a degree in communications and marketing.

It was during his junior year of college that he began to talk with his father, Lowell, about the possibility of coming back after graduation and working in the family business. "You know, not everybody's father-son duo can work together—that is a different dynamic when it is your dad," Brian chuckles. "But it went well, and in the fall of 1996, I enrolled at Mid-America


College of Funeral Service in Jeffersonville, IN." In 2001, Brian went into partnership with his father.

Brian met his wife, Jennifer, at Central Michigan that year. They were married on July 5, 1997. Jennifer has been a junior high school guidance counselor at Westview since 2010. The Mays have two children, Payton, a sophomore at Purdue University, and Jaxon who is in his final year at Westview High School.

There have been significant changes in the funeral business over the years. For years, funeral homes also provided ambulance services. Federal legislation ended that in 1974. Advances in technology have also brought changes. Most funeral homes now maintain their own website and Facebook page where obituaries are posted and funerals are live-streamed. Until recently, obituaries were published free-of-charge by newspapers. Today, newspapers are charging a fee that can cost a family several hundred dollars if they want their loved one's obituary published in several newspapers.

While Frurip-May has an excellent, user-friendly website, they have maintained traditional services. One of those services is a casket selection room where families can actually see

the casket for themselves and not make a decision based on a picture in a book or on a computer screen.

Brain and his assistant, Jill Sherman, are also available to answer your questions and help you with pre-planning. Give them a call at (260) 463-3131 or stop by and see them at 309 West Michigan Street in LaGrange. 



Lowell and Brian May.

April Park News

LaGrange County Park offices will be closed on April 15, 2022.

Patchwork Trails

Nasby Dam Reservoir Walk

Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

Nasby Dam Reservoir

300N, East of 500E, Mongo, IN

Turn north onto the first road east of 500E. Nasby Dam is an old mill site within Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area and harbors many birds and plants. Hopefully we will see lots of blooming wildflowers. The walk travels within sight of an osprey nest.

This walk is offered by the LaGrange County Public Library, and has a Naturalist guide. For help with directions, contact the Pigeon River FWA Office at 260-367-2164.



Earth Day Hike

Friday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

This evening walk is to make up for the canceled January 1 First Day Hike. Spring woodland wildflowers should be a carpet on the forest floor. Hopefully we will hear and see spring frogs and Wood Ducks too. Dress warmly! Walk will last approximately one hour. Please RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-854-2225.

Trillium Walk

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

This walk will hopefully align with the peak show of Large Flowered Trilliums. We will also admire other spring friends in bloom. This

will be a casual stroll and a great chance to learn the names of some common wildflowers. We will also plan to pull invasive Garlic Mustard as we see it along the trail. Walk will last approximately one hour.



Make-n-Take Crafts En Plein Air Painting for Kids

Saturday, April 9,

10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

We will take our paints outside to the blooming wildflowers and paint what we see (must be accompanied by an adult). Paint, paper, and brushes supplied. Free.

MONTHLY

Maple Wood Fiber Guild

Wednesday, April 13,

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, dying, tatting, embroidery, and more! Bring projects to work on, get inspiration from others, or learn a new hobby. Bring your own sack lunch and snacks. Donations for the Parks is appreciated. RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-854-2225.

Quilt Class

Saturday, April 23,

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center



“Stars Over Ohio”

A neat project combining the Ohio star block and a combo four patch block, making a chain around the stars.

To register, call the Park office at 260-854-2225. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given to LaGrange County Parks). Call instructors Julia Wolhether 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson 260-367-1438 for information.

Folk Jam

Sunday, April 24, 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center


Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. Bring a snack to share if you like. For more information, contact Erv Troyer at 463-2247 or reo43@aol.com.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, April 27,

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022



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A Note from the Shipshewana Fire Department:

To everything there is a season. With community growth there are demands that cannot be fully accomplished as a volunteer fire department; thus causing a need for a full time Chief to be hired at the Shipshewana Fire Department. So begins a new season; a transition in leadership.

Respectfully introducing Shawn Ellis, the first full time fire chief of Shipshewana Fire Department. He comes to us after finishing his contract while stationed in Bahrain. He was born in Virginia, where his father was stationed in the Navy and raised in New Hampshire. Mr. Ellis has 30 years experience in the fire service in varying capacities, such as volunteer, full time, Federal DOD and on contract in the war zone of Iraq. Shawn's father was the first full time Chief in the firehouse where Shawn got his start in the service in his hometown.

Shawn married Ameera in 2017, and they are looking forward to establishing a new home here in Shipshewana as soon as possible. Shawn has five children, ranging from almost 2 to 25 years old.

When asked what peaked his interest in Shipshewana, he replied, "The simple answer, it aligns with the type of people I want to be surrounded by, it aligns with my beliefs and views in life." Shipshewana reminds him of the area in New Hampshire where he grew up. It has the hometown feel where he and Ameera want to raise their children. He appreciates the fact that Christianity can be expressed and is welcomed openly.

Mr. Ellis is excited to take what exists (as Shipshewana FD) and move forward, commenting that a great foundation has been laid for him to expand on. He is motivated to take his years of experience and knowledge and share with all who are willing to grow within the department as they provide safe and efficient services to the residents and visitors of the Shipshewana area.

Mr. Ellis recognizes the invaluable and unique relationships that have been cultivated between the Shipshewana Fire Department and the Amish in the community. It is his desire to continue this relationship. He plans on continuing the services that the fire department does so well already.

Welcome to Shipshewana Shawn!

With this transition, we give a huge thank you to the former Chief, now Deputy Chief, Chad Miller. He will serve as Deputy Chief and assist Chief Ellis in the intricate workings that makes Shipshewana Fire Department unique.

Mr. Miller has been a member of the fire department since 1994 and has served as Fire Chief since 2007. During this time, he has maintained a full time job, got married, established a business and countless other things. With the ever-growing population in the area, along with numerous industries, changes to the demands as Fire Chief have become more time consuming.

Chad is certified in many certifications: Basic Firefighter, Firefighter I&II, Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I, Residential Fire Tactics, Hale Pump Training, Basic Auto Extrication, Advanced Auto Extrication, Hazardous Materials Awareness Level, Hazardous Materials Operations Level, Basic Fire Investigation, EMT-Basic, National Incident Management System and more. One of Chad's highest priorities for the department was education and safety, ensuring that all firefighters would remain safe while on scene and return home to their families, unharmed.

During Chad's time as chief, he was responsible for creating and maintaining a financial budget for the department. Since 2007, he was responsible for spearheading the improvements of eight new or refurbished fire apparatus. He volunteered countless hours to educate firefighters, keeping everyone up to date on the department happening, holding business meetings, working with township trustees on needs of the community, fund raisers, community events and school drills/education. All these things were completed selflessly with the well-being of the community in mind. Chad's goals were never about himself but what was best for the department and the community.

Chad, the community and the department are forever grateful for your sacrifices of time and energy to Shipshewana Fire Department and the entire community.



Thank You Chad!

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HORSE SALE**



**FRIDAY, APR 15
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Shipshewana Auction
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LaGrange County Summit on the Future

The LaGrange County Together Steering Committee hosted the Summit on the Future. On February 22, around 100 residents, community leaders, business owners, and elected officials joined the committee at the LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building. The committee presented what has been learned through the process that will begin shaping strategies for the future of LaGrange county. An online version of the activities is available at www.LaGrangeCountyTogether.org for those who were not able to attend the in-person meeting. The online survey will be available until March 31.

Participants at the Summit were introduced to LaGrange County To-

gether through a brief presentation that shared the process background, key findings from previous public engagements, and research conducted by the consultant team. Activities were provided to get feedback on the draft vision, goals, and structure that will guide the county over the next decade.

“We were excited that so many people came out to the Summit,” said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation

and member of the LaGrange County Together Steering Committee. This summit was the second round of public engagement for the LaGrange County Together process. A full summary of the first round of engagement along with the technical research by the consultant team is available at the above website.  *Photo submitted*



Members of the community listen to a presentation for the Summit on the Future.

New Fund Supports Early Learning

A new LaGrange County Early Learning Coalition Fund, from the LaGrange County Community Foundation, will support efforts to improve early childhood education in LaGrange County. Early learning supports the need for childcare and access to quality care, for infants, toddlers, and young children.

In 2020, Parkview LaGrange spearheaded efforts to discuss childcare needs in the community with community leaders and businesses, leading to the formation of the LaGrange County Early Learning Coalition. The coalition includes representatives from Farmers State Bank, LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce, Parkview LaGrange, Agape Childcare Ministry, Rainbow Years Learning Ministry, LaGrange County Community Foundation, LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation, LaGrange County REMC, Lakeland School Corporation, and other community leaders.


Parkview LaGrange contributed \$10,000 to launch the fund which will support the coalition's efforts to improve access to childcare and allows fundraising efforts to begin. The coalition will:

Conduct a feasibility study to determine the needs in LaGrange County for childcare and early learning facilities.

Acquire a facility to start a childcare and early learning program.

Hire staff to run the facility

and classrooms.

To donate to the LaGrange County Early Learning Coalition Fund, visit lccf.net/donate. 



Members of the LaGrange County Early Learning Coalition

Back row (left to right): Sara Patrick (LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce), Denise Landers (Crossroads United Way), Andrea Howe (Farmers State Bank), Jordi Disler (Parkview LaGrange Hospital). **Front:** Traci Blaize (Lakeland School Corporation Preschools), Greg Baker (Lakeland School Corporation), Christina Blaskie (Parkview LaGrange Hospital), and Octavia Yoder (LaGrange County Community Foundation).

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Shipshewana Mayfest Parade

May 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

“ Petals & Pedals ”

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(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.

Candy/Gifts/Treats may only be handed out, not tossed from vehicles or floats.

The parade will begin at 10:00 am

~ Parade Entry Form ~

Please complete and return this form by
**April 27, 2022 to: (Mail) SRMA, PO Box 637,
Shipshewana, IN 46565; or (Email) cfwray@embarqmail.com;
or (fax) 877-416-2495; or director@shipshewana.com**

Information for the Parade Announcer:

Unit Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Company Name: _____

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What information would you like for the parade announcer to read as you pass by?

(Please provide a short paragraph about your entry, and please print clearly)



Westview Warrior Girls Youth Soccer Camp 2022

Date: June 7th- June 9th
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Location: Westview Jr. High Fields (Behind Westview Elementary)
Grades: Girls entering grades 1st – 6th (Fall of 22)
Cost: \$35.00 per camper (includes T-shirt)
Coordinator: Jesse Ward – Varsity Head Coach Cell # 260-499-1460

****A SINGLE RAIN OUT DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY JUNE 10TH****

Camp Overview: The Warrior Girls Youth Soccer Camp will be a fun, instructional three days of soccer skills development led by the players and coaches of the Westview girl varsity and junior varsity soccer program, intended to challenge campers and increase awareness and excitement of the Westview girls soccer program.

What to bring: Water, cleats, shin guards, and sunscreen.

*Registration/Release forms and payment must be received via mail no later than **April 29th, 2022.***

Please make checks payable and submit registration to: Jesse Ward 307 Mill Street Middlebury, IN 46540
Camp Questions can be sent via email to jesse_ward@jayco.com.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Birth Year: _____

Parent's Cell Phone #: _____

Child's School: _____

Child's Grade (Fall of 2022): _____

Child's T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL (Circle one)

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Westview Jr. Sr. High School Honors Students

An Academic Awards Ceremony was held on February 15 between the junior varsity and varsity Wawasee basketball games at the Westview High School gym.

In the interest of recognizing academic excellence, Westview High School is in their thirtieth year promoting an incentive program that provides students the opportunity to earn specially designed academic blankets, stars and rings. Ninety-one Westview scholars were honored.

Thirty seniors participated and received awards. Twenty-nine seniors received an academic ring. They must establish a GPA of 3.75 or better for seven semesters. There was also one senior who established a GPA of least 3.65 cumulative for seven semesters (marked with *). She received a blanket.

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, Jaxon May, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jaime Mullet*, Isaac Niccum, Alayna Nissley,

Save the Date Westview Theatre

The Westview Theatre Department will be presenting *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2022. Come and enjoy a "behind the scenes" look at a 1940s radio station as they perform three thrilling stories, each of which has been produced on the big screen by Alfred Hitchcock. **i**

Westview High School

Sean Nordman, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, and Aiden Wisler.

Thirty-five 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: Ashwaq Waleed Aldhuraibi, Kylan Bender, Asher Bontrager, 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, Adrian Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kacie Miller, Kamryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Natalie Privett, Lucy Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Dawson

Shrock, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, and Ella Yoder.

Twenty-six sophomores have established a GPA of at least 3.75 cumulative for the first three semesters of their high school careers and received their academic blanket.

These students are: Eli Atra, Caleb Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Carson Brown, Katie Engelage, Sharla Frey, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Stephen Jones, Braden Kauffman, Jace Lang, Brady Lehman, Wiley Minix, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Wade Springer, Audrey Taylor, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yoder, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder. **i**

Academic Honors students and their parents line up in the Westview High School gym for the thirtieth annual Westview Academic Awards Ceremony.

Photo submitted



Westview Wins Small Engines Contest

On February 28, Westview placed first and second at the Northeast Indiana, District III Small Engines Career Development Event held at Central Noble High School. There were a total of twenty-three teams representing eleven different schools. The contest consisted of an exam, specifications sheet, tool and parts identification, skills practicum, and an engine assembly section. Westview's teams will compete at the

State Contest on April 23 at the Central Nine Career Center. At the state contest, \$25,000 worth of scholarships will be available. **i**

Left to right: Ronnie Raley and Chad Hershberger (First place team), Paul Baker (FFA Advisor), Benton Hershberger and Andrew Baughman (Second place team).

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Varsity Boys Basketball



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- 1) Mason Yoder goes up for two in the sectional game against Eastside.
- 2) Brady Yoder signals a teammate to come up and receive the ball.
- 3) Wade Springer keeps his eye on the action, getting ready to block any shots from Eastside.
- 4) Wiley Minix guards against his Eastside opponent under Eastside's basket.

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Road Work Closes SR 5 in Shipshewana and North


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1. Page Ditch north of town has a 250-day closure and must be completed by 11/9/2022.


2. Cotton Lake Drain, just north of US 20, has a 14-day restriction that can not start until 10/3/2022 and must be completed by 11/4/2022,

3. Curb ram work, in the middle of town, is to be completed by 4/29/2022.

4. All other work on the section between US 20 and School street cannot start until 3/20/2023.

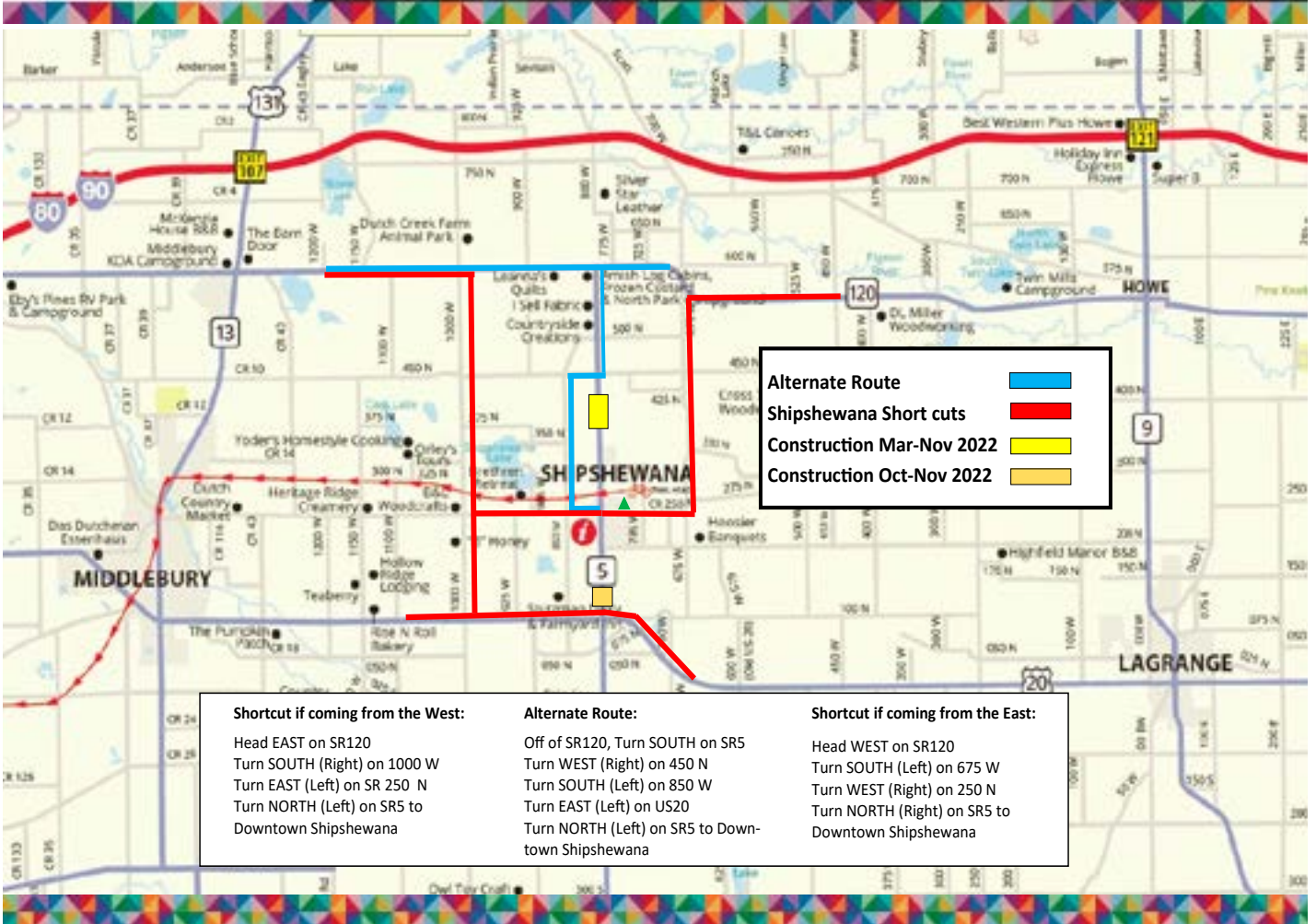
During this time 675W and 850W will be used as detour routes for travel between US 20 and US 120. Refer to the map for visual details. 





Construction Update

If traveling to Shipshewana this season, you may encounter construction detours. Please note the INDOT detour and Shipshewana shortcuts below. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we know you'll be pleased with the improvements to Shipshewana roadways.



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Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry Benefit Auction

Gospel Echoes thirty-fourth annual benefit auction will be held at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, 2022. The fairgrounds are located at 17746D CR34 in Goshen. The weekend will kick off with an open house on Friday evening, April 8. A haystack supper will be served from 4:30–7:30 p.m. with a Gospel Echoes Teams concert beginning at 6:00 p.m. A mini auction featuring specialty items will begin following the concert at 7:30 p.m. Come and go as you please to all events.

On Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 a.m., the day kicks off with an all-you-can-eat breakfast including biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, and fried mush. Delicious foods will be available all day. The main auction begins at 9:00 a.m. It features beautiful hand made quilts, solid oak furniture, a five-piece oak bedroom suite, tables, hand tools, collector toys, a swing set, a 24' x 32' x 10' post frame building, a Bad Boy zero-turn, 58" inch mower, a gas grill, a flat-top grill, and an 8' x 12' storage barn, A Bobcat 6' x 16' dual 5,000 lb axle trailer, outdoor furniture, and over 300 additional items will be auctioned. Also, a book store, bake sale, and a variety corner will be open both days.

Proceeds from all events help to support the Gospel Echoes teams that provide bible study correspondence courses, scripture address booklets, and special events to over 700 prisons throughout North America.

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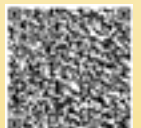


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