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GIRLS 13-15

Team Natalie - (L-R) Heidi Yoder, Katy Yoder, Jalayna Bontrager, and Natalie Bontrager.



2ND

GIRLS 13-15

Team Colleen - (L-R) Michelle Fry, Colleen Yoder, Kara Miller, and Kayla Miller.



1ST

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Team Hochstetler - (L-R) Josh Hochstetler, Gerald Hochstetler, Joe Bontrager, and Davy Yoder.



2ND

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1ST

BOYS 10-12

Buckets - (L-R) Cooper Schwartz, Blake Hostetler, Grady Yoder, and Bryce Yoder.



2ND

BOYS 10-12

Team Justin - (L-R) Justin Slabach, Josh Slabach, and Jarred Miller.



1ST

BOYS 13-15

Team Daryl - (L-R) Ben Yutzy, Ethan Lambright, and Daryl Miller.



2ND

BOYS 13-15

Rangers - (L-R) Jaden Yoder, Milan Miller, and Brandon Yoder.



1ST

BOYS 16-18

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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.

A couple of friends from out-of-state were visiting recently, so we decided to have a group over Sunday afternoon. It was the first time we have had company over

in months, and the two older cats hid upstairs all day. Ophie was especially upset because cleaning included dismantling her throne of stuff that has built up on our dining room table over the past six months.

Eri, however, loved it. She's never had so many people around, willing to pet her, and let her sit on their laps. I don't think she stopped purring the entire time. I think the attention wore her out, though. After everyone left, she curled up on my lap—and slept for four whole hours without moving. 

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We have an in-house bakery specializing in cookies & breads, a large variety of fresh produce and home-style noodles, made right here at E & S Sales!

“Bee” Ready to Bloom

When I was ten, a bee managed to make her way up my pant leg while I was walking to a neighbor’s house. I was quite a spectacle as I ran home, screaming and swatting my leg as the bee plunged her poison into my thigh. I’ll never forget the pain that came afterward. That incident has made me fearful of bees ever since.

However, now that I’m a gardener (if you can call tending a raised bed for two years, gardening), I have a new appreciation for bees. Without them, pollination can’t happen. Delicious things will not happen without pollination—like zucchini bread slathered with honey butter, for instance!

This is how it works. The bee visits the male bloom of a plant to satisfy her nectar craving. While there, pollen sticks to her hairy little body. She then travels to the female blossom, where the pollen from her body is shed onto the flower. And this, boys and girls, is how beautiful blooms are made that produce fruit or vegetables. Thus, giving you your science lesson for today and proof that wearing your food can be a good thing!

Okay, back to my point here. You see, in the past when I saw a bee, I feared the sting. But now, when I see a bee, I look forward to the bloom. And so, it is in life. There are many things out there that I fear. When trouble arises in my world, I fear the pain it will cause me or a loved one. I often run panicked, much like I did that day when the bee crawled up my pant leg.

But I’m reminded of this verse from Romans that assures me of the fruit of suffering.

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Romans 5:3-4 (BSV)”

Now, I’m not saying I should let bees attack me willy-nilly and hope it produces great character in me. But, if I go to great lengths to get rid of the bees around my garden or myself because I fear them, then I interfere with nature. As a result, I won’t see what could have bloomed because of the bee’s presence. So, it is with the troubles of life as well.

Things happen in life. You may take a stinger to the rear when you least expect it. You may run and scream for your mama as I did that day. That, most likely, will be your

initial reaction. Shock typically occurs when bad things happen. But as we work through those tough times in life, we can be amazed at what we can learn from them, how our character is shaped and formed by our response, and how we can arrive at a hopeful outlook.

Just as the bee’s visit to the flower pollinates the squash plant or is carried back to the hive to make sweet honey—so is our response to life’s difficulties being used to produce endurance, character, and sweet hope in us.

In gardening and in life, I tend to grow impatient for the ripe fruit to finally appear. But, I have found that

if I nurture, prune, and have patience in both, the harvest is bountiful.

It’s a work in progress for me—always. Pardon the pun, please, but I hope to “bee” better at focusing less on the sting and focusing more on the bloom! 



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SHORE CHURCH

AT THE CABIN

August 13

4pm-7pm

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CARNIVAL NIGHT!

- Smokehouse BBQ Chicken
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Kids Club

Birthdays

- 1 Neva Bontrager, Kevin Lehman, Jana Troyer
- 2 Aiden Birch, Gwendolyn Burgi, Jason Schrock
- 3 Nathan Martin
- 4 Leon Bontrager, Chandler Engle, Tyler Miller, Christopher Rauguth, Darin Yoder, Julie Yoder
- 5 Austin Bontrager, Aryanna Case, Derek Miller, Anisah Omar, Cynthia Osorio-Luna
- 6 Andraya Lambright, Travis Miller, Seth Troyer
- 8 Arlin Bontrager, Kyla Thompson
- 9 Evan Byroad, Melody Miller
- 11 Audrey Lambright, Evan Roth
- 12 Christina Killian, Lisa Mast, Lori Miller, Nichole Miller, Seth Miller
- 13 Ruth Miller, Melanie Troyer, Brynlee Wingard
- 14 Marissa Miller
- 15 Harrison Bontreger, Donna Yoder
- 16 Gavin Bauman, Hanan Al Gurmi, Lilleigh Mast, Britton Miller, Logan Miller, Landon Nissley
- 17 Rugged Altimus, Kayla Bontrager, Molly Pelfrey
- 18 Sawyer Hites, Gibson Schwartz
- 19 Kenlin Bontrager, Chloe Briggs, Lilah Miller, Allane Ferrin, Lance Mullet, Adalena Stemm
- 20 Braden Fry, Abel Kistler, Cyrus Miller, Nasami Moore, Lyndon Wingard



August Park News

Please bring a sack lunch and/or a potluck contribution. *Registration is required. To register, call the Park Office, at 260-854-2225. For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.*

- 21 Nicholas Bontrager, Gatlin Hochstetler, Jason Miller, Erikson Mullet, Lyndora Schrock, Sean Williams
- 22 Nolan Lambright, Addelynn McLaughlin, Jennifer Miller, Landon Schlabach, Carson Yoder, John Yoder
- 23 Janae Herschberger, Hayden Wolf
- 24 Reagan Diehl, Isaiah Hershberger, Blake Hochstetler, Jayna Miller
- 25 Braden Detweiler, Brenna Mauck, Kenady Miller, Bryson Mullet, Emberlee Perez Zepeda, Travis Ritchie, James Yoder
- 26 Kalyn Bontrager, Kayla Miller, Kyle Miller, Isabella Marcum, Adrian Troyer, Grace Yoder
- 27 Jacob Hoff, Asher Kauffman, Maxwell Reffett, Landon Schlabach, Angie Slabach, Nyanchai Sornross, Carson Stinnett
- 28 Jalayna Fry, Cameron Miller
- 29 Ryan Mast, Joshua Miller, Laura Miller, Adelynn Raber, Bryson Roth
- 30 Channing Heintzelman
- 31 Makynzee McLaughlin, Gavin Miller, Hailey A. Miller, Hailey B. Miller

Patchwork Trails Walk
Tuesday, August 16 • 6:00 p.m.
Bonneyville Mill Park
53373 CR 131, Bristol, IN.
Free!

Meet at the main parking lot. Patchwork Trails is a partner program with the LaGrange County Public Library. For more information about the walking series, contact the Library at 260-463-2841.



Quilt Classes

Saturday, August 27
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN
Fee: \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks).

Stack of Pumpkins

Think snowman but with pumpkins! The pumpkins are stacked with the biggest at the bottom. Each pumpkin could be pieced differently or the same. Instructions are provided upon registration.



MONTHLY

Make-n-Take Crafts
Campfire S'mores

Saturday, August 13, 2022
10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
Maple Wood Nature Center
Free!

S'more kits will be available if it is raining.

Sewing Group

Wednesday, August 24
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Maple Wood Nature Center
\$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks

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

Folk Jam

Sunday, August 28
1:30–5:00 p.m.
Maple Wood Nature Center
Free!

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.* ⓘ



LaGrange County Library

Shipshewana Branch

250 Depot St. • 260-768-7444
T-F • 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

LaGrange County Public Library

203 West Spring Street • 260-463-2841
M - Th • 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Friday • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Topeka Branch

133 North Main Street • 260-593-3030
T - F • 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Below are the events planned for August 2022.

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

Youth Department

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

LaGrange • Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10:30 a.m.
Shipshewana • Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 1 p.m.
Topeka • Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 11 a.m.
Registration is appreciated but is not required.

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, August 8 • 4 p.m.–5:45 p.m.
Theme: Board Games!
Be sure to register. Limited registration.
Must register by Friday, August 5.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-5)

LaGrange: Tuesday, August 16 • 4 p.m.
We will discuss “Bookshop Girl” and do a fun activity! We will be handing out copies of our September book selection.

Teen Book Chat and Craft (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, August 22 • 4 p.m.
We will discuss *Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz and make a fun craft! Supplies provided.
Limited registration. Be sure to register by Monday, August 15.

Movie and Popcorn (All ages)

LaGrange • Friday, August 26 • 6:00 p.m.
Movie: *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* • Rated PG.
Free popcorn is provided! Bring your own covered drink if desired.



Adult Interest

Make-N-Take: Canvas Art (Ages 12+)

(With paint, book pages and scrapbook papers)

LaGrange • Wednesday, August 10 • 6 p.m.
We will make a piece of wall art using a canvas, paint, vinyl, book pages, and/or scrapbook papers. All supplies furnished.
Cost is \$20 per person. **Space is limited.**
Registration and \$10 deposit required at LaGrange by Wednesday, August 3.

Digital Decluttering

Shipshewana • Thursday, August 11 • 12 p.m.
Please register by Friday, **August 5** at 260-463-2841 x1030.
Topeka • Thursday, August 18 • 4 p.m.
Please register by Friday, **August 12** at 260-463-2841 x1030.
LaGrange • Thursday, August 25 • 12 p.m.
No registration necessary.
LaGrange • Tuesday, August 30 • 4 p.m.
Please register by Friday, **August 26** at 260-463-2841 x1030.

Technology should improve your life, not control it! These free classes will give you ideas about how to tidy up your devices and use them more effectively.

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, August 13 • 11 a.m.
This month's book: *The Woman Next Door* by Yewande Omotoso.
An unexpected friendship blossoms in contemporary Cape Town, South Africa—in a community where loving thy neighbor is easier said than done.
Copies of the book are available at the LaGrange library's Adult Information Desk.

Patchwork Trails (All Ages)

Bonneyville Mill Park • Tuesday, August 16 • 6 p.m.
53373 CR 131, Bristol, IN
Meet in the main parking lot.
We'll combine exercise, education, friendship, and fun!
No fees or registration required.

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

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MYSTERY FARM

CONTEST

OVER \$50 WORTH OF PRIZES!

1st Prize: Tiffany's Restaurant, Topeka, \$25 Gift Certificate, lighted pen, notepad set, and a copy of The Honeyville Journal from LaGwana Printing.

2nd Prize(s): Lighted pen, notepad set, and The Honeyville Journal from LaGwana Printing.

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: **August 23, 2022.** Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



August Contest sponsored by Tiffany's Restaurant and LaGwana

Last Month's Mystery Farm



There were 23 correct entries this month.

Others that guessed correctly were:

Ben & Wilma Borntreger, Marlin & Edna Miller, Sam & Ruby Beechy, Ezra & Elsie Hochstetler, Kenny & Ruby Fry, LaVerda Fry, Ernie & Martha Bontrager, Dean & Julie


Yoder, Maynard & Betty Mast, Steven & Marcia Miller, Kenny & Levera Whetstone, Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler, Olen & Ida Carolyn Beechy, Kenny & Dorothy Eash, Brian Yoder, Glen R. Mast, Daniel & Erma Miller, Ernest & Erma Bontrager, Matt & Cristina Troyer, Ida Mae Fry.

Junior & Ellen Keim of 675W, Shipshewana, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Richard & Waneta Miller, 4050S 675W, Topeka**. 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 **Richard & Esther Miller, Lake St, Topeka** Third prize went to **Lavern & Susan Miller, 500W, Topeka**.

LaGrange County— Connecting With Youth

LaGrange County Youth Centers, Inc. (LCYC), in partnership with the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation, are sponsoring a "Youth Connection." On Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Delt Church Park—6455 S. 200 W., Wolcottville, IN.—they are forging positive relationships between youth and the local law enforcement and community. All youth, sixth grade and older, are invited to attend—everything is free! There will be activities such as corn hole, disc golf, a dunk tank, golf, archery, K-9 demos, water spray, bird and nature hikes and more! Free food will be available including chicken, beans, chips, dessert, maple cotton candy, and Ben's Pretzels. There will also be a chance to win exciting door prizes like a kayak, disc golf discs, gift cards and more.

Organizations being represented at this event will be the LaGrange County Sheriff and Police Departments, Prosecutor and Probation Officers, Shipshewana Police, Topeka Police, Wolcottville Police, Topeka Fire Department, Indiana State Police, State Excise Police, LaGrange County Conservation Officers, JDAI, LaGrange County Park Police, Heron Creek Golf Course, and Bowen Center.

LCYC, Inc. is inspiring the youth of today to build successful adults for tomorrow. Donations are accepted. Call LCYC to help at 260-463-0334. 



Thank you to Tiffany's & The Connection for Sponsoring!



Name: _____ Age: _____

Coloring Contest: kids age 6 and younger. Sponsored by Brenda's Ice Cream in Shipshewana this month! Winner gets a FREE ICE CREAM TREAT OF CHOICE at Brenda's Ice Cream, 0410W 700S, Wolcottville. Winning drawings will be on display at Brenda's Ice Cream. ALL PARTICIPANTS come in and claim your drawing for A FREE ICE CREAM CONE at Brenda's Ice Cream in September. Mail submission to: LaGwana, Coloring Contest, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Entry deadline is August 23, 2022.**

Address: _____

Smart Choices

By Connie Lehman, RD, Topeka Pharmacy Wellness Program


Helping Children Eat Better

Would you say your child is a healthy eater? Although children go through stages of likes and dislikes, for the most part, they “catch” the eating habits of their family. The following are five healthy habits that children might “catch on to” if the family practices them together.

1. **Make healthy foods easy.** Simple but really healthy habits include keeping a bowl of fresh fruit on the counter, or keeping apple slices in the refrigerator. Also, try putting sliced cucumbers and baby carrots into a bowl on the kitchen table in the evening. All of these will encourage children to eat well.
2. **Let them help.** Ask children to help you plan meals and snacks that include vegetables and fruits. Depending on their ages, let them help you chop, stir, and cook. Talk about why healthy eating is important.
3. **Learn about and choose healthy portions.** In the 1960’s, a healthy portion for an adult at McDonald’s was a small fry, a small hamburger and a small drink. In other words, a healthy portion for an adult was a Kid’s Meal. It still is a healthy portion for an adult! It

is only our perceptions that have changed. A healthy portion at any restaurant is usually one-third to one-half of what is typically served. What a difference it would make if your child grew up in a family that practiced ordering healthy portions when eating out!

4. **Look carefully at the foods you have.** Check in your cupboards, your refrigerator and on the counter. If you see pop, sweet cereals, chips, cookies, donuts and other baked goods, then your family may fit into the averages that show Americans eat almost 800 calories of “junk foods” every day. You could save a lot of money by not buying these foods or by cutting way back. What a great healthy habit to pass on to your kids!
5. **Try the Tasting Game.** Pick a vegetable or fruit you want your child to like better and have some stickers available. Every day, offer the child a taste of the food. Make the food as desirable as possible, adding grated cheese to broccoli or ranch dip with the cucumbers. If the child tastes the food, they get to put a sticker on a chart. Earning fourteen stickers lets them pick a small prize. Many children will go from disliking to neutral to liking a food after several times of tasting it.


At Topeka Pharmacy, we wish you healthy eating and healthy families! 

**LAGRANGE
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The Pathway For Our Future

The draft of the LaGrange County Together comprehensive plan is complete and is available online. Blending technical analysis and community engagement, the plan intends to outline a path to create a future that appreciates and enhances the quality of life in the LaGrange County communities. Residents are encouraged to take a look at the plan’s vision, goals, and actions.

There is a community meeting on July 27 from 7:00–8:00 p.m. at the Lakeland Jr.–Sr. High School Auditorium for an introduction to the plan and to answer any questions about it. No registration is required. Lakeland Jr.–Sr. High School Auditorium is located at 0825 E 075 N, LaGrange, IN.

You can also share your thoughts and show your support for the plan through the process website for the next several weeks. To view the draft plan online, or share your thoughts about it, visit: www.LaGrangeCountyTogether.org. 



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Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Application

LaGrange County's 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application opens on August 1, 2022. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECS) will provide one scholarship in LaGrange County.

The scholarship may be used for unreimbursed full tuition and required fees for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis, leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. A special allocation of up to \$900 per year to cover the costs for required books and required equipment will also be included.

The program, administered locally in LaGrange County through the LaGrange County Community Foundation, is open to all Indiana residents who:

- Graduate from an accredited Indiana high school by 2023 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2023.


- Intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an eligible college or university in Indiana.

- Students applying in LaGrange County must be a LaGrange County resident, attend a LaGrange County High School, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Applications will be evaluated on, but not limited to, the following criteria: academic achievement, demonstrated service to others, leadership ability, commitment and motivation to succeed, employment history, extracurricular involvement and essay responses. Two recommendations must also be submitted with the application. A personal interview will assist in

determining the scholarship recipient. Five students will be selected as finalists and be interviewed in October 2022. The scholarship recipient will be announced in December.

The finalists not selected for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will receive a \$1,000 four-year renewable scholarship from the Lam-bright Leadership Fund established by Kevin and Carrie Lambright.

Students can learn more about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in LaGrange County and apply for this scholarship by visiting www.lccf.net/lillyscholarship. Applications must be completed and submitted by September 15, 2022, at 5 p.m. to be considered. 

Community Impact Grants Awarded

The LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) awarded \$47,500 to four nonprofit organizations during its 2022 Spring Community Impact Grants cycle. The grants will address community needs in education and health and human services. One of the grants will support the development of the Community Health Clinic in Shipshewana. The Community Health Clinic is a nonprofit healthcare facility that focuses on research and specialized care for individuals with rare genetic conditions.

"All of the nonprofits are providing important services and programs to the LaGrange County community," said Octavia Yoder, Executive Director.

The 2022 Spring Community Impact Grant recipients include:

- Community Health Clinic—

Community Health Clinic Building, \$40,000.

- RespectTeam—RespectTeam programming for LaGrange County, \$3,000.

- McMillen Health—Preventative Health Education for LaGrange County youth, \$2,500.

- LaGrange County Miracle Tree—Turn Up for Teens, \$2,000.


The Community Impact Grants are made possible by the generosity of donors who give to the unrestricted and field of interest funds at the Foundation. To learn more, visit lccf.net/grants. 



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Community Health Clinic personnel receive a check for the health clinic building.

(Right to left): Jared Beasley (Executive Director of the Community Health Clinic), Octavia Yoder (Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation), and Dr. Zineb Ammous (Clinical Geneticist and Medical Director of the Community Health Clinic).

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Meadowview Elementary




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Mrs. Willard's second graders enjoyed having Jordan Younce come into their classroom for five weeks for Junior Achievement. On the last day, they celebrated with donuts. 

Fourth Quarter Outstanding Citizens

Westview Elementary

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's Pretzels, Topeka Pizza, and Kitchen Cupboard along with various food treats. These students are the winners for the fourth grading period. 

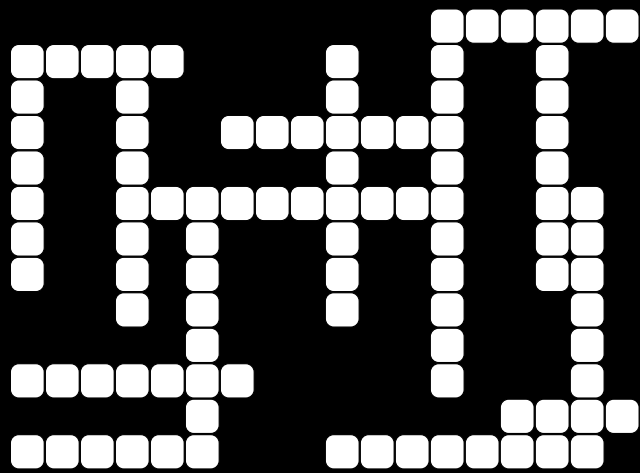


(Listed in no particular order): Makayla Slabach, Tyson Bontrager, Melody Miller, Caydon Miller, Noah Cleveland, Kaci Troyer, Isaiah Miller, Joshua Slabach, Anna Miller, Mari Jo Mast, Emily Drew, Mabel Trethewey, Melanie Yoder, Rylan King, Laban Bontrager, and Andrew Martin. Photo Submitted

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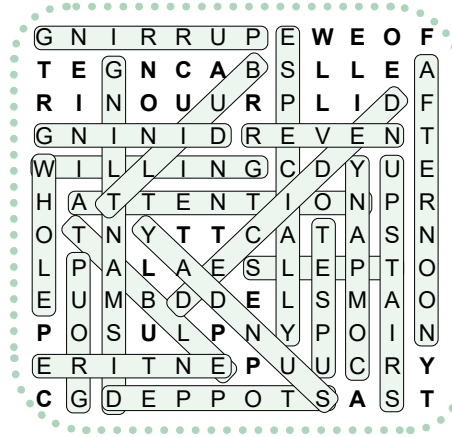


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Activity Day!

Topeka Elementary



The students of Topeka Elementary were treated to special activities prior to summer break. On Monday, May 23, they were hosted by the PTO for an activity day, complete with a bounce house, carnival games, sidewalk chalk, prizes and cotton candy.

On Tuesday, May 24, the cafeteria served them lunch on a Frisbee. The students enjoyed the activities immensely and the students and staff are most appreciative of the PTO and parents for sponsoring Activity Day and of Farmers State Bank for providing each student a Frisbee. 



Photos submitted



Citizenship Awards

American Legion Flag Award

Photo submitted





Fourth graders Jerel Bontrager and Jennifer Miller were awarded the 2021-22 Top Citizenship Award for Topeka Elementary. Principal Becky Siegel presented the award during the final school assembly on May 20. 

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Fourth graders Jerel Bontrager and Jayni Drake received an award from the American Legion for their entry in the Legion's flag competition. The contest, sponsored by the Lagrange post, involves a test on the American flag and a written essay on what the flag means to them. Congratulations to Jerel and Jayni and thanks to the Lagrange post for sponsoring. 



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Annual School Picnic

Topeka Elementary

Topeka Elementary students and staff celebrated with their annual school picnic that was held on Monday, May 16. More than 175 families were able to attend. Picnic lunches were enjoyed on the lawn followed by a recess. During recess, a tug-of-war was set up, as well as, corn hole, softball toss, volleyball, and kickball. One student was overheard the next



Zarien Campos and his mom, Kristen Campos Osbun, in the softball toss.




Third and fourth graders playing tug-of-war.



Families enjoying lunch on the lawn.


day, saying, "I loved the picnic and my family coming. I wish we could do

yesterday all over again." 

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Ark Visits Topeka!

Ark Animal Rescue and Adoption from LaGrange visited Topeka Elementary on May 9 to visit with the first graders. The Ark brought a couple of puppies with them as they shared with the students about their work.

The first graders had something for the agency as well. Throughout the year the students periodically sold cookies and collected a total of \$420 in donations for the Ark. 

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The students had fun with the puppies that Ark brought with them.



First graders Kylee Hostetler, Elijah Flores, and Shaun William hold the donations that the students collected for Ark.

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Westview All Sport Passes

Westview All Sport Passes for the upcoming 2022-23 school year will go on sale from the Westview Athletic Office during school hours— 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.—beginning Monday, August 1 through Friday, September 2. Passes will also be available during registration hours and at seventh grade orientation.

All Sport Passes will allow entrance into fifth and sixth grade, Jr. High and High School home sporting events. **Passes may not be used at any jamboree, tourney, invitation-al, NECC, or sectional games that are held at Westview.** The All Sport Pass is non-transferable. It may only be used by the person to whom it was issued.

A Family Pass may be purchased for \$195 for parents, and their children attending Westview in kindergarten through twelfth grades. Adult passes are \$75, passes for college students under twenty-five years old, or senior citizens over sixty-five, are \$45, and student passes are \$30.

Boys basketball game passes will be available at a later date. **i**

Meadowview Elementary Back-To-School Night

Meadowview Elementary has announced it's Back-To-School Night for **August 4, 2022**. Last names A–L may attend from 5:30–6:30 p.m. and last names M–Z may attend from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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Back (left to right): Jason Rahn (Baseball Head Coach), Brian Titus (brother), Steve Christner (Baseball Coach), and Adam Christner (Baseball Coach).

Front: Amber Titus (mom), Alec Titus, and Sam Titus (dad).

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Meadowview Elementary

who their teacher will be for the 2022-23 school year! Depending on enrollment, this could change at the start of school.

- Book rental of \$90.00 for Kindergarten–Fourth grade can be paid that evening.
- Bus information will be available.

• Ice cream treats will be served in the cafeteria.

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Well-Child Visits—A More Complete Picture

Summer is traditionally considered “sports physicals season.” However, pediatric and family medicine providers are urging parents to schedule well-child visits at their offices, too, instead of relying only on sports physicals.

Sports physicals—required to make sure kids are healthy enough to participate in school sports—only provide a momentary “snapshot” of a child’s health situation that simply is not adequate, say physicians. The scope of a well-child visit is much more robust than that of a sports physical.


“In pediatrics and family medicine, we look at the whole child,” says Duane Hougendobler, MD, Parkview Physicians Group–Pediatrics. “During that annual wellness exam, we’re looking at their mental health status, any old issues or injuries, heart

problems, lung problems, asthma, and diabetes. Those kinds of things.”

Hougendobler is also concerned that kids may have missed out on some of their needed immunizations as families curtailed some activities to lessen their COVID-19 exposure. Medical experts have begun expressing concern about decreasing childhood vaccination rates. This could open the door for some highly contagious diseases, like measles, to become more common again in this country. “Vaccinations help strengthen a child’s defenses against serious disease,” Hougendobler continues. “Measles, hepatitis A and B, chicken pox, mumps, rubella, tetanus, polio, HPV, rotavirus . . . can impact the rest of their lives.”

Screening tests performed in the office can also help alert

the physician to other issues that may need intervention. “There are different screenings we’re doing much more aggressively than we did in the past,” says Hougendobler. “The recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics is that all kids eleven and above have mental health screenings for anxiety and depression, which we have seen on the rise during the pandemic. And kids around age nine should have lipid tests—which can flag potential problems with diabetes, heart function and other issues—plus other tests as time goes on.”

Hougendobler encourages parents to schedule a wellness exam for their child with a pediatric or family medicine provider before sports activity this summer and fall. 

Healthcare Scholarships Awarded

Three \$1,000 scholarships for 2022 were awarded by the Parkview LaGrange Foundation for seniors pursuing healthcare-related studies.

Westview Junior/Senior High School senior, Allie Springer, the daughter of a dairy veterinarian and a registered nurse, plans to study biochemistry at Hillsdale College in preparation for medical school. Allie hopes to have her own LaGrange county dermatology practice one day. She is a strong performer both academically and athletically, as well as being very active in her church. Allie is also a licensed pilot.

Lakeland Junior/Senior High School class valedictorian, Pilar Canedo, and Prairie Heights High School senior, Samarah Orr, were also selected. Canedo will attend Purdue University to study nursing with a goal



Allie Springer


of becoming a psychiatric nurse practitioner or a psychiatrist. Orr will study nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The scholarships are made possible, in part, by donations to the foundation and through income from Parkview LaGrange Hospital’s gift shop. Proceeds from the 2021 Paddle



2022 Parkview LaGrange Foundation Scholarship recipients (left to right) Pilar Canedo, Samarah Orr and Allie Springer.

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Elmore Belote

Bachelor, Farmer and Coroner

by Harold D. Gingerich

Local history is filled with ordinary people who lived their lives, served their community, but who are far too quickly forgotten. But, without their contribution, pioneer communities would have never survived. They did what had to be done, not for notoriety, but simply because someone needed to do it. Elmore “Elmer” Belote, a bachelor farmer, is a perfect example.

Born on August 10, 1814, in Monroe County, New York, to John and Frances “Fanny” Elmore Belote, Elmore arrived in LaGrange County with his parents in October of 1834. They settled on 200 acres of land in Section 29 of Van Buren Township, southeast of

Stone Lake. The nature of their living quarters that first winter in Indiana is not known. But the following year, they built a house on the homestead.

The *1882 History of LaGrange County, Indiana* (page 174), records that John Bolete had been a member of an independent company of horse soldiers that fought in the War of 1812. He was born in Connecticut on May 21, 1789. He married Frances “Fanny” Elmore on February 14, 1813, in the state of New York. Frances was a native of Rhode Island and born on January 1, 1796. They would have eleven children, Elmore being the oldest.

John Belote was one of the first

trustees of Van Buren Township and held that office for several years. He died at the age of 61, on Thursday, August 20, 1850, and is buried in the Sidener Cemetery—also known as the Belote Graveyard—at the corner of SR 120 and CR 525 W. Fanny died on October 26, 1870, and was laid to rest next to John.

During the winter of 1834–35, the Belotes constructed a log bridge across the river that ran through their property. Prior to the log bridge, a canoe had to be used as a makeshift ferry. The *1882 History* adds this interesting note, “travelers on the other side, with good voices, were promptly served.” The bridge remained in use for seven or eight years.

Students of history understand that people’s names have a way of changing and mutating for various reasons. Most written references to Elmore Belote refer to him as Elmer. There are at least four separate references to him in the *1882 History of LaGrange County, Indiana* (pages 174, 177, 180, and 343). In each of these references, he is referred to as “Elmer”. However, on the Find a Grave website, his name is listed as Elmore. Elmore was his mother’s maiden name. The 1870 U.S. Census records his name as



“Elmor”. One can certainly understand, with records being handwritten, how over the years his name gradually changed to simply Elmer.

Elmer is described in the 1882 *History* as, “a steadfast bachelor, (and) is still a well-known citizen, and has served the county for two terms as Coroner.” As of this writing, I have been unable to discover exactly when he served as the coroner, what was the nature of his duties, and how frequently was he called upon.


It would be most interesting to know if Elmer Belote was the coroner in 1871. Was he called to the scene as coroner? It was around noon on June 22, 1871, near Stone Lake, that Chauncey Barnes shot and killed Addie Dwight—a young school teacher—who had refused his offer of marriage. Barnes, unsuccessfully, attempted to commit suicide. The story of Shipshe-

wana’s version of Romeo and Juliet was featured in the February 2016 edition of the *Hometown Treasure* in an article entitled “Forbidden Love”.



The Friday, September 8, 1893, edition of the *Bremen Enquirer* newspaper reported on the death of Elmore’s brother, William, and the tragic end of several of his other brothers. Here is the page eight item as it appeared in

print. “The death of William Belote in LaGrange county, recalls the that [sic] he was only of a family of five brothers who died from natural cause. Jefferson died from the kick of a horse, Joseph died as the result of a cut in his leg that led to blood poisoning, James was shot accidentally by a companion while hunting, and David committed suicide.” Apparently, the newspaper editor was unaware that William had two other brothers, Elmer and John.

Elmore “Elmer” Belote, like his brother John, never married. He was a respected member of the community and served when and where he could. He died in 1894 and was buried with his parents. 

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By Harold D. Gingerich

Levi King is a businessman with a passion. He clearly has a keen sense for business with King Corporation, owning and operating several successful businesses in the Shippshewana area, such as JoJo's Pretzels and Sarah Davis Ltd. But his passion is not just in the business arena, it is helping kids through The Farm Place.

Levi and his wife, Joanna, have

deep roots in the Westview community, even though they live in Middlebury. Joanna's father, Alvin Miller, is a widely known and highly respected leader in the Shippshewana area. Joanna currently serves as the District 49 Representative to the Indiana General Assembly.

According to Joanna's website, Levi and Joanna were married on May 17, 1990. Certain family members—who will remain anonymous—say that the couple met in Florida and that there was an incident involving a pitcher of water. Inquiring readers will need to ask Joanna and Levi for more details on what really happened—and who did what to whom. Levi and Joanna have four children and two grandchildren, with a third grandchild scheduled to arrive by the end of the year.

One of the King's first business ventures was JoJo's Pretzels, established in 1990, and currently located in the Davis Mercantile in downtown Shippshewana. With Levi being a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania—known for pretzel making—and with their Amish roots, it was not hard for the Kings to create their delicious pretzel recipe. Thirty years later, JoJo's is still serving up some of the tastiest hot pretzels in the area.

Levi and Joanna branched out in 1993 with new store in the Davis Mercantile. Sarah Davis Ltd. features women's apparel, handbags, accessories, and name brands like Vera Bradley and Alex and Ani. In 1995, they opened the Kitchen Cupboard coffee shop next door to JoJo's Pretzel. The Kings also own and operate the Village Boutique, formerly known as the Trading Post. It



is the one business they did not start.

When approached about an interview for this article, Levi said, "I don't want to talk about me—can we talk about The Farm Place?" The Farm Place is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is "To provide a safe, nurturing, and restorative place for children in need, through animal companionship and other therapeutic methods." The goal is to create an atmosphere that allows children to have a facility to be utilized for supervised therapeutic events. These events




will include, but not be limited to, the use of animals along with local support organizations. Levi joined its board of direc-

tors in July 2017 and is currently the vice president of the board, overseeing the fundraising committee.

The Farm Place, also referred to as The Farm, is the vision of Marge Malone, the founder and its first president. It is a co-operative effort of a group of county officials, church leaders, foster parents, and other concerned citizens, working with mental health counselors and child services advocates. They put together the idea of The Farm, where children could spend time after losing their parents to incarceration related to drug abuse.

Many courts require children's supervised visits with family to meet in a public place. Unfortunately, in rural areas like LaGrange County, those public places are hard to find. The Farm will allow children to visit their families outdoors, alongside animals who offer unconditional love.

Beginning in 2016, these dedicated community leaders have been working to raise funds through grants, dinners, sales of t-shirts and bricks, fundraisers by children, churches, local businesses, corporations, and individuals, chicken BBQs, and miscellaneous other sources. An auction and dinner in August 2019 raised over \$50,000 to build a barn with counseling rooms and office space on a ten acre property that is located north of LaGrange at 1680 N. State Road 9. There will be supervised visitations, skills training, board meetings, and a variety of animals will be housed.

For more information on The Farm Place visit them on Facebook or on their website at www.farmplace.org. Also, be sure to visit the King's website at www.shipshewanashops.com to learn more about their stores located in the Davis Mercantile. 



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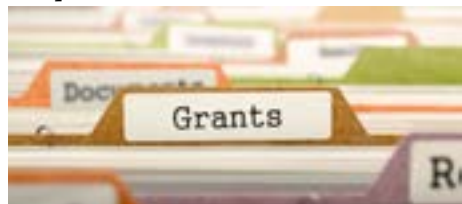


Applications for Fall Community Impact Grants

The LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) is now accepting applications to its Community Impact Grants program from nonprofit organizations serving LaGrange County. The LCCF seeks proposals for innovative or creative projects with significant impact to the county. Previous grants have ranged from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per award.

Organizations are eligible to apply in six areas: arts and culture, recreation, health and human services, community development, education, and environment. To submit an application, visit lccf.net/community-impact-grants. All applications are due **September 1, 2022**. These grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have supported the unrestricted and field of interest charitable funds at the Foundation.

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Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet on Monday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Farver School Museum located at 315 N Morton St., in Shipshewana. The Power-Point presentation for the evening will be on "Louise Marshall", presented by Harold Gingerich of Topeka. Louise retired a full Colonel of the Air Force. She was a nurse and she brought home the last of the soldiers from the Korean war. She was stationed in the Philippines and Japan.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the presentation.

The SAHS will also be selling King's BBQ chicken in the lot between the Shipshewana Auction Barn and the Town & Country Hardware on Saturday, August 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. until it is sold out. This will be our last BBQ chicken fund raiser for this year. Thank you for your support.

Come and visit our Museum in the Old Farver School House at 315 N Morton St., in Shipshewana. We are open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Other times are by appointment. Let us tell you how the town was named Shipshewana. 

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Topeka Historical Society Launches Documentary Series

The Topeka Area Historical Society released the first episode of a new documentary series on July 1, 2022 entitled “Memorable Moments in Topeka History”. Episode One features Byron Price, who graduated from Topeka High School in 1908 and Wabash College in 1912. Price went on to become the Director of the Office of Censorship during World War II and the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.

“We have been talking about doing a series of short videos for a long time,” says Harold Gingerich, Topeka Area Historical Society president. “The idea was to create short, five-to-ten-minute videos that


would highlight significant events and individuals in Topeka’s rich history. It only seemed appropriate to start with Byron Price who may be the most famous and the most influential national person to come out of Topeka. And we thought that the week of July 4th was the perfect time to release the first episode.”

Future episodes will feature people like U.S. Air Force flight nurse Louise Marshall, and the 1927 Air Mail plane crash that claimed the life of pilot John Milatzo and saw over a million dollars in bearer bonds go up in flames.

Noah Cleveland, who will be a sixth grader at Westview



Elementary School this fall, is the production assistant in charge of videotaping as well as assisting with the editing. Cleveland has been spending his summer vacation volunteering at the historical society’s Depot Museum on Saturday mornings.

Episode One of “Memorable Moments in Topeka History” can be seen by going to the historical society’s YouTube channel “Topeka Area Historical Society”, or by visiting their Facebook page. 

Photos submitted



Lt. Governor Crouch Visits LaGrange County

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch’s first stop on a July 7, day-long tour of LaGrange County, was the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center (PAC) in Shipshewana. Ryan Riegsecker, Blue Gate Hospitality President, was on hand to welcome the Lieutenant Governor, State Senator Sue Glick, Rep. Denny Zent, and a group of LaGrange County officials. Riegsecker led the group on a guided tour of their state-of-the-art, 1,500-seat facility and outlined some of the well-known artists who frequent the Blue Gate stage. The Blue Gate PAC was recently nominated as one of the top five venues in the nation by the Country Music Association.


Following lunch at Cook’s Bison Ranch and a covered-wagon ride to feed the bison, the group toured the SEE Terminal in South Milford, then boarded vintage railroad cars pulled by



(Left to right): Harold Gingerich, Rep. Denny Zent, Ryan Riegsecker, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Chief Deputy Tracy Harker, Sen. Sue Glick, and LaGrange County Republican Chair Pat Brown.

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