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GIRLS 10-12

Team Whetstone - (L-R) Laura Mullet, Elizabeth Yutzy, Alexis Lambright, and Andrea Whetstone.



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GIRLS 13-15

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GIRLS 13-15

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BOYS 13-15

Black Ice- (L-R) Kurtis Mast, Eric Fry, Isaiah Bontrager, and Ben Yutzy.

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BOYS 13-15

BOYS 16-18

Blackhawks- (L-R) Darin Miller, Ryan Yoder, Sam Riehl, and Lyle Yutzy.



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BOYS 16-18

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Principal's Dozen

WJHS - April 2022

<u>Back Row (left to right):</u> Ryan Yoder, Austin Lehman, Majid Omer, Derek Yoder, and Ryan Otto. <u>Front:</u> Annette Whetstone, Kaitlyn Mast, and Jana Miller. <u>Not Pictured:</u> Lexy Bennett and Ashlie Yoder.

Photo Submitted

Westview Junior High School recognized the above students during the month of April 2022 for their efforts in academics, hard work in class, caring, leadership, citizenship, athletics, or random acts of kindness to others. ①



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WHS - April 2022

(Left to right): Brianna Caldwell and Chloe Donley.

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Westview High School has selected two students to receive Student Ambassador of the Month honors for April 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! •



Retaining Walls

Cover Photo by Abby Wenger

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Solution on page 18

(find all the underlined words) by Erika Byler

Word Search

Left-Over Letters Spell Out A Message From Erika!

Enter remaining letters starting at the top and going left to right.

Well, it is that time of year again. Those of you who have been reading my puzzles for a few years know trying to find plants that will do well in my

shady flower and vegetable gardens has been <u>quite</u> the epic <u>struggle</u>. The best contenders, so far, are the tulips someone else tossed into the vegetable garden years ago, that now pop up along the edge of the garden and out in my yard every spring. They are very pretty, but they do make mowing rather difficult. This year, I was given a bunch of perennials to fill up my flower garden. I had so many that I actually created two new flower gardens along the edges of my back yard! Now, I just have to hope they <u>survive</u>. 0

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Victim or Victor?

My friend, Carol, was diagnosed with cancer. The prognosis was grim. Carol faced the hard truth that she most likely wouldn't experience retirement, vacations, or meet her grandchildren. Upon her first chemo treatment, Carol looked around the room at all the hurting people, and she silently prayed for them. It didn't matter to her that they were all in the same boat. Carol prayed for their rescue.

Praying for those in the chemo room soon became like breathing to Carol. She grew pale, thin, and sicker. But she found joy in visiting the chemo lab all the same. It was her mission to bless those that shared the space with her. She freely gave out sweet smiles, kind words, shared scripture, or prayed over them. Carol decided not to fall victim to cancer. She chose to be victorious.

As cancer took its toll on her body, Carol blessed those who held a bedside vigil around her. Some may say that she was a victim of cancer, but to those who knew her, she was a victor in every right. While cancer was taking her life, she claimed victory by blessing those around her.

Carol didn't allow her circumstances to suck the life out of her. Instead, Carol chose to squeeze every ounce of life out of her remaining days. Living victoriously was characteristic of Carol throughout

her life. She always seemed to find the good amongst the difficult. She was a shining example to me. I can't say that my approach would be the same. Triumphing over my circumstances is not my strong suit.

Life seems unfair sometimes. Expectations get dashed. Hopes and dreams often fail. Our first instinct may be to throw a tantrum like a



toddler who didn't get his way in the candy aisle. We may grow bitter and depressed. We may even feel like giving up. I speak from experience. I have been that toddler—as an adult!

Thinking of Carol and her approach to remaining victorious in the most incredible fight of her life, causes me to ponder how I approach my battles. What if I chose to use the energy it takes to feel all those wretched emotions and focus on triumphing over the situation instead? What if I looked deep within myself to see how I

could turn sour into sweet by making lemonade out of the "lemons" handed to me?

Allow me to visit the Hundred Acre Wood for a moment and use Winnie the Pooh and his friends as an example. Eeyore said, "Woe is me," a lot. Eeyore was a victim of everything. No matter what happened to that sad little donkey, he saw it as one more exhausting hurdle he'd have to jump. Pooh, on the other hand, saw everything as an adventure. He met life's circumstances with excitement and wonderment. If the honey pot ran low, he sought the thrill of licking the sweetness from the bottom instead of lamenting that he'd soon be without it. Eeyore licked his wounds. Pooh licked the honey!

How about you? Are you crying over the looming crisis or savoring the moment's sweetness? How much time is your focus on the things you cannot change, compared to focusing your thoughts on what you can control?

Perhaps the real question is: With whom would you and I rather spend the day? Whom would you and I rather be to our friends?

Victim or Victor? The choice is yours! $\mathbf{0}$









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Paddle for Parkview Returns

In-person and Remote Participation

The thirteenth annual Paddle for Parkview is back this summer with an in-person celebration event after two years as a strictly virtual event due to the pandemic.

On Friday, June 10, Paddle for Parkview enthusiasts and sponsors are invited to attend a celebration event at noon at Trading Post Canoe, Kayak and Campground, 7525E 300N, Mongo, Indiana. Paddlers have the option to get out on the beautiful Pigeon River that day—following the short program and box lunch—or they can register online to paddle at their convenience anytime Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm, between July 25 and August 5. Event T-shirts will be provided to paddlers who register before May 25. Pre-registration for the June 10 event, and for paddling times between July 25 and August 5, is required—visit Parkview.com/LaGrangePaddle. Paddlers are encouraged to share photos from their experience with Parkview by emailing them to christina.blaskie@ parkview.com. Questions may also be directed to Christina Blaskie at her email address or 260-463-9389.

With both in-person and remote participation, Paddle for Parkview

encourages as many people as possible to enjoy a fun, relaxing afternoon on the water with family or friends while supporting the work of the Parkview LaGrange Foundation. This year's event offers two paddling options: a more leisurely seven-mile route at \$40 per person—and a thirteen-mile route at \$50 per person.

Farmers State Bank is this year's presenting sponsor, proceeds of which will benefit the Parkview LaGrange Mental Health Program Support Fund. LaGrange County has seen the need for mental health services grow notably during the pandemic.

"We now offer a Medical Detox Service to help individuals safely begin to quit an addiction with medical supervision in the hospital," said Jordi Disler, president of PLH. "We have a peer recovery coach who works with people during their recovery to connect them with supportive services as they work to rebuild their lives. We also offer monthly free QPR training classes for the public, to help area residents recognize the signs when someone may be contemplating suicide and equip them to support that person and refer them to compassionate help from mental health professionals." ()

Winford Jones to Present at SAHS

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, in the Farver School Museum at 315 N Morton St., Shipshewana. The program for the evening will be presented by Winford Jones of Yoder's Hardware. He will give a brief history of the hardware store and its owners. He will also share some of his earliest memories of Shipshewana, the local residents, and the businesses and names of business

owners. He will reveal how he got started in retail and some of the jobs he had. Expect Winford to share words of advice others have shared with him. The public is invited.

The SAHS, will be selling King's BBQ chicken in the lot between the Shipshewana Auction barn and the Town & County Hardware. The first BBQ will be held Saturday, June 4, starting at 10:00 a.m. until all of the chicken is sold. •

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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.

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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 June 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.

Youth Department

Summer Reading Begins! (Ages 3-18)

All Locations • Sign up beginning Saturday, June 4. Earn prizes for reading through the summer.

Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

LaGrange • Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 10:30 a.m.
Shipshewana • Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 1 p.m.
Topeka • Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 11 a.m.
Registration is appreciated but is not required.

Take and Make Activity Bags (Limited supplies)

All Locations

A new take-n-make craft is available each week of June while supplies last.

Activity Room Crafts (While supplies last)

LaGrange • June 6–11 • Recycled T-Shirt Bags. **LaGrange** • June 13–25 • Ocean Animal Crafts Mural.

LaGrange • June 27–July 9 • Mythical Creatures Flip Book.

When you visit the LaGrange library, head down to the Activity Room and make a fun craft. Some are for you to take home and some stay to decorate the room!

*Patrons at Topeka and Shipshewana can request a craft kit sent to their branch.

<u>Movie Mondays (All ages)</u>

LaGrange • Mondays • 1:00 p.m.

June 6 • Finding Nemo, June 13 • Finding Dory
June 20 • Moana, June 27 • Nim's Island
Movie is free and popcorn is provided!

Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, June 13 • 4–5:45 p.m. Theme: Board Games. *Be sure to register by Friday, June 10*.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-5)

LaGrange • Tuesday, June 21 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss I Survived the Japanese Tsunami and do a fun activity! We will be handing out copies of A Long Walk to Water to read and discuss in July.

Teen Book Chat and Craft (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, June 27 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan and make a fun craft! Supplies provided. *Limited registration*. Be sure to register by *Monday*, *June 20*.

STEAM at the Library—Lego Play! (Grades K-12)

LaGrange • Thursday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 2–4 p.m.
Shipshewana • Friday, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 • 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Topeka • Friday, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 • 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

STEAM at the Lib.—Science—Hold My Water! (Ages 8+)

LaGrange • Friday, June 10 • 11 a.m. or Wednesday, June 15 • 4 p.m.

Learn about reducing waste to keep oceans clean and how to make edible water "bottles" that you can hold, drink, and eat! Decorate a reusable water bottle to take home with you.

STEAM at the Library—Art Program (Ages 8+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 22 • 4 p.m.

We will be making a fun ocean-themed art project.

Family Activity: Bermuda Triangle Escape Room (Ages 8+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 29 and Friday, July 1.

Good for families to do together. You have 60 minutes to solve multiple puzzles to figure out the mystery of people going missing in the Bermuda Triangle!

MUST sign up for a time to participate—<u>Limited registration.</u>

Movie Mondays (All ages)

LaGrange • Friday, June 24 • 6:00 p.m.

Showing • Spider-Man: No Way Home. Rated PG-13.

 $Free\ popcorn\ provided.\ Bring\ your\ own\ covered\ drink, if\ desired.$

Adult Interest

Embroidery Class (Ages 12+)

Topeka • Thursday, June 2, 16, 30, July 14, and 28 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shipshewana • Thursday, June 2, 16, 30, July 14, and 28 • 3-4:30 p.m.

LaGrange • Saturday, June 4, 18, July 2, 16, and 30 • 10-11:30 a.m.

In this five-class series, you can learn a variety of embroidery stitches by creating a small sampler at each class. Cost: \$5, due at first class. All materials supplied. Register for the location of your choice by Thursday, May 26 by calling 260-463-2841 x1030.

Adult Summer Reading Challenge: Oceans of Possibility (Ages 18+) All Locations • June 4–July 30.

For every three books you read or library programs that you attend, you can enter to win a weekend for two at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park!

DIY Lawncare with Purdue Extension

LaGrange • Each Monday • 4–6 p.m.

June 6 • Lawn Care Basics, June 13 • Lawn Pests and Problems
June 20 • Weed ID and Management, June 27 • Seeding and Establishment
Join us for this series on essential turf basics needed to lay the groundwork for
creating, establishing and maintaining your lawn.

Make-N-Take: Patriotic Firecracker Porch Sitters (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, June 8 • 6 p.m.

We will make a set of three "Firecracker+ Porch Sitters in a patriotic theme. Cost is \$20 per person. All supplies furnished. Registration and \$10 deposit required at LaGrange by Wednesday, June 1. Space is limited.

Musical Cruise: Romance on the High Seas (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, June 9 • 2 p.m.

We will watch the movie musical Romance on the High Seas starring Doris Day, and enjoy popcorn and mocktails! Free Admission!

Second Saturday Book Club (Ages 16+)

LaGrange • Saturday, June 11 • 11 a.m.

This month's book is *The Unquiet Dead* by Ausma Zehanat Khan. A murder in Toronto may be connected to war crimes committed in Bosnia many years earlier. *Books are available at the LaGrange Adult Information Desk*.

<u>Patchwork Trails</u>

Delt Church Park (6455S 200W, Wolcottville, IN) • Tuesday, June 21 • 6 p.m. Meet at the playground at the park. Each monthly Patchwork Trails walk showcases the seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot. No fees or registration required. All ages welcome.

Musical Cruise: Anything Goes (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Thursday, June 23 • 2 p.m.

We will watch the movie musical Anything Goes, starring Bing Crosby and Donald O'Connor, with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Serving popcorn and mocktails! Free Admission!

<u>Friends of the Library Book Sale</u>

LaGrange · During library hours

Thursday, June 30 • Open to members only

(Memberships can be renewed or purchased the day of the sale).
Friday, July 1 • Open to the public

Saturday, July 2 • Public Bag Sale (\$2/bag).

One-Day Chicago Motorcoach Trip: Tall Ship Windy

LaGrange • Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Depart/return to LaGrange County Public Library. Cost \$188 per person. We will cruise Lake Michigan aboard the Tall Ship Windy, tour the Grosse Point Lighthouse, and explore Navy Pier, including free time and lunch. Registration forms available at all branches. Register with S&S Travel by

Wednesday, July 6.

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2nd Prize(s)*: Lighted pen, notepad set, and Tl 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.
- Mail to Hometown Treasure Mystery Farm, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565.
 Please include your name and address.
- Entry deadline: June 21, 2022.
 Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



June Contest Sponsored by Tiffany's Restaurant and LaGwana

Last Month's Mystery Farm



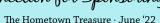
There were 21 correct entries this month.

Others that guessed correctly were:
Stephen & Ida Mast, Rose E. Miller, Roman
& Ruth Yoder, Gerald & Rose King, Glen
& Mary Miller, Jared & Kaylene Wingard,
Paul & Mary Yutzy, LaVern & Mable Yoder,

Mervin & Linda Miller of 700s, Topeka, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by John & Jolene Yoder, 10000W 500S, 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 Karl Yoder, 700W, Topeka. Third prize went to Larry & Kari, 400S, Topeka.

Jerin & Sharilyn Yoder, Alayna Lehman, John Allen Yoder, John D. Beechy, David & Anna Miller, Leon & Velma Beachy, Brenda L. Beachy, Maynard & Lora Miller, Kenneth & Carolyn Bontrager, Matt & Marilyn Borntrager.

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on display at Wana Cup. ALL PARTICIPANTS come in and claim your drawing for A FREE ICE CREAM CONE at
Wana-Cup in July. Mail submission to: LaGwana, Coloring Contest, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. Entry
deadline is June 21, 2022

Address:			

Smart Choices

By Shannon Purcell, PharmD Candidate at Topeka Pharmacy

High Blood Pressure: What Do I Need to Know?

High blood pressure is a common condition, and it is important to understand how to manage it to stay healthy! Almost 50 percent of adults have high blood pressure. You may also hear it called hypertension, which is the medical word for high blood pressure.

What is blood pressure?

Blood pressure refers to how much your blood pushes on the walls of the vessels that carry blood from your heart lifestyle changes and medications. Some to other parts of your body, including important organs like your kidneys.

Why is high blood pressure bad?

When your blood pressure is high, your heart has to work harder to get blood where it needs to go in your body. Over time, this stress leads to a higher risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure, and kidney problems.

What will I feel if my blood pressure is high?

Most people do not have any symptoms when their blood pressure is consistently high, even though this has serious consequences. This is why monitoring is so important! In adults over forty without high blood pressure, it is recommended that blood pressure is checked at least once a year. Some risk time. Then, a pharmacist can explain



blood pressure include: increasing age, being overweight, family with high blood pressure, high salt diet, inactive lifestyle, drinking alcohol, and smoking. For people who have high blood pressure, it is recommended to check blood pressure daily.

How is high blood pressure treated?

High blood pressure is treated with examples of lifestyle changes that can lower blood pressure are: changing your diet, reducing the amount of salt you eat, exercising, maintaining a healthy weight, stopping smoking, and reducing alcohol intake. Additionally, you need to discuss with your doctor the many safe medications that can control your blood pressure. High blood pressure is a chronic condition, which means that it will need to be monitored and managed for the rest of your life.

Who can help me with monitoring and managing my high blood pressure?

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2022 **Heart of Gold Nominations**

The LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) is seeking nominations for its thirteenth annual Heart of Gold award. The award honors La-Grange County citizens who embrace a volunteer spirit and unselfishly give of themselves to serve others by:

- Recognizing needs and fulfilling
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- Inspiring others to volunteer.

"Every year we are humbled by the generosity in our community. We are humbled by the hearts of individuals who continue to give their time to volunteering without an expectation of anything in return," said Executive Director Octavia Yoder.

The 2022 Heart of Gold recipient will be announced at the LCCF Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 30, and the recipient will have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 grant to the LaGrange County charity of his or her choice from a list approved and provided by the Community Foundation.

Nominations for the 2022 Heart of Gold award will be accepted through Friday, July 1, 2022. The award nomination form is available at the Community Foundation office or online at www.lccf.net/heart-of-gold. Nominations can be submitted online or sent to the Community Foundation at 0045 N 250 W LaGrange, IN 46761. For more information, please call 463-4363.

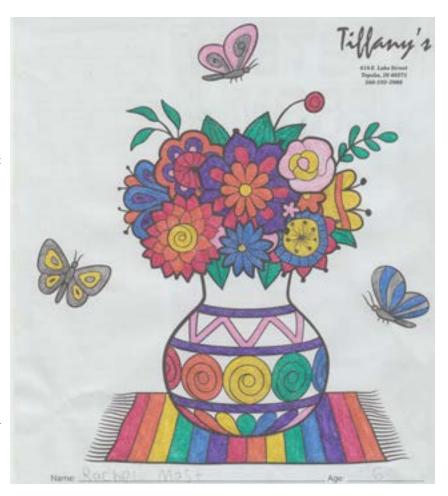
Coloring Contest Winners

Six-year-old Rachel Mast of 500 S, Millersburg was our winner for the May 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 June.

Runners-up were Jaydon Lynn Helmuth, age 6; Renae Jo Petersheim, age 5; Angie Bontrager, age 4. Honorable Mentions: Janelle Diane Miller, age 6; Derek Yoder, age 6; Meghan Miller, age 6; Hannah Jo Bontrager, age 6; Lorene Kay Troyer, age 6; Jeneva Rose Miller, age 6. 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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Mayfest Road Run

Unbeatable weather, Mayfest activities, and a great turnout, set up another great year for the Mayfest Road Run! For the men's 5k, local runner Merlin Knepp, captured first place, Alec Saylor, second, and Noah Bontrager, third. For the women, Petrana Petkova of Goshen, took first place, Kiana Mast, second, and Erica Lambright, third.

Winners of the One Mile Fun Run (left to right): Carson Niccum (first), Dale Yoder (second), Emmet Niccum (third), Merrill Warrerner (first), Eliza Miller (second), Not pictured: Vallory Yoder (third).

Photo submitted

Notes from the Naturalist

Park Staff is pleased to announce several improvements to the Delt Church Disc Golf Course. We listened to community suggestions about the needs of the aging course and have applied your feedback.

Here is a list of new design elements and upgrades currently in the works:

- Relocating half of the holes.
- Standardizing the appearance of the tees.
- Upgrading course signs.
- Placing marker flags above each basket for better navigation and identification.
- Installing a shade sail at the location of the former Logan Field Pavilion.
- Routing the beginning, middle point, and end of the course to the same location at the shade sail.

The goal is to have all improvements complete mid-summer 2022. It is our hope the course revitalization will encourage new players and challenge veteran players. Park Staff would like to see the course become the location of future tournaments. We also hope people will discover the beauty and versatility of Delt Church Park while playing the course. Congratulations to Chris Sluyter, of Park Maintenance, for being a great ambassador of this project.

Thank you to disc golf course improvement sponsors:

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- Parkview LaGrange Hospital Community Health Improvement Grant
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Worry Confetti?



Meadowview class 3D celebrates the end of ILEARN testing by throwing their "worry" confetti into the air. Students wrote down their testing worries prior to the start of testing and then tore the worries into small pieces. The confetti pieces waited patiently to be used in celebration when testing was over.

Photo submitted

Family Fun!

Meadowview Elementary School celebrated its first Family Fun Night, Mustang Round-Up!, on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

The night opened with a presentation by Melissa Weisser, author of *Spunky the Little Horse: The Dream Catcher.* Afterwards, students were able to rotate to a variety of stations—including Spunky the mini pony and his friend Jazz, stick horse races, a bull roping station, ring toss, western craft, choice of a free book, and snacks.

Due to an overwhelming response by families, the evening included two sessions with over 600 persons present. The following businesses donated to this fun evening for all—Melissa Weisser, Snax In Pax, R & S Boats, Beers Mallers Attorneys, Topeka Livestock Auction, E & S Sales, and Meadowview PTO.

Meadowview Elementary

Go to the Beach!

Photos submitted



Third grade classes at Meadowview participated in Beach Day at the end of April to celebrate the end of testing. In one activity, students lined up and passed water from one end of their class line to the other. The class with the most water left in their cup won the water relay.

The Sponge Soak was another one



of the fun activities. Students soaked up as much water as possible with a sponge, ran with it to the other end of the field, and wrung out as much water as possible. The class with the most water in their container was the winner.

Mrs. Besser's class (3C), dominated the water sports! Congratulations!





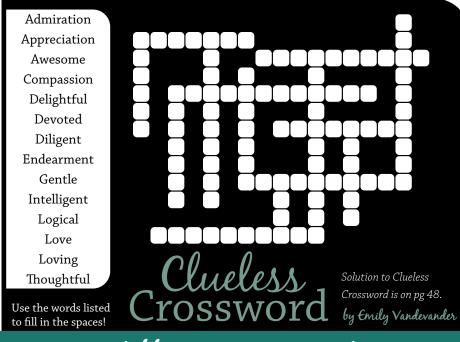




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Second Grade Pilots!

Second graders enjoyed flying their paper airplanes as part of their weather unit. 🕕 Photos submitted





Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Fourth Grade Play

Fourth graders in Mrs. Bergstedt's class performed a short play for Shipshe-Scott students. 0

Photo submitted



Self-Portraits

Students in the art room use mirrors to look at themselves while drawing self-portraits. 0

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Tournament of Books



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Guest speakers, Dr. Randy Miller and Mr. Rob Yoder, stopped by the Shipshe-Scott library for the fourth graders' Tournament of Books. 0

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Pennies for Patients

As part of its Bears that Care initiative, Topeka Elementary collected money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's program, Pennies for Patients. The students collected money for two weeks and, at the end of that period, a total of \$2,100.34 was raised! 1



First grader, Aleasha Miller, contributes to Pennies for Patients.

Photo submitted

Beach Day!

One of the favorite spirit days of the year at Topeka Elementary fell on Friday, April 1—Beach Day! Although there was a dusting of snow outside, it did not dampen the enthusiasm inside! \bigcirc

Topeka Elementary



Second graders Lila Wingard, Andrea Barkman, and Easton McDonald pose with a lot of pop tabs! Photo submitted

Pop Tabs for Ronald

During the month of March the second-grade classes of Topeka Elementary sponsored a pop tab drive for Ronald McDonald House. Ten gallons of tabs were collected to help families with sick children. ①



 $\label{eq:continuous} A \ \textit{few kindergartners enjoy some beach activities with reading interventionist Megan} \\ \textit{Culp.} \\ Photo \ \textit{submitted}$

Multiplying Joy!

A group of fourth graders at Topeka Elementary celebrated recently after successfully completing all of their multiplication and division timed tests. For the celebration, students spent some time in the gym where they jumped rope, shot baskets, and bowled. The students also enjoyed choosing a book and a snack as part of the celebration.

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3rd Quarter Awards

Topeka Elementary honored students with awards in Math, Reading, and Life Skills. These students are listed in no particular order.

Back Row (third and fourth grade, left to

right): Morgan Bontrager, Yaritzi Munoz-Huerta, Dale Siples, Annabelle Balyeat, Hanan Algaradi, Ava Wingard, and Justin Bontrager. Not Pictured: Lillian McCord-Benedict, Mildred McClellan, and Hadleigh Cotherman.

Middle (first and second grade): Kelsey Smith, Taelynn Heath, Andrea Barkman, Nathan Martin, Lila Wingard, Oliva Miller, Bayzli Turner, Sytenyan Sornross, Jada Nissley, Olivia Everage, and Jenise Eash. Not Pictured: Anna Spillers.

Front (kindergarten): Leilia Fry, Makayla Hershberger, Janie Bontrager, Sirena Rupert, Everleigh White, Jeneva Miller, and Avery Leonard. **Not Pictured:** Addellyn McLaughlin.

Back Row (third and fourth grade, left to

right): Spencer Vaughn, Mason Case, Aaron
Hochstetler, Grace Yater, Hagar Algaradi, Kipton
Schrock, Kadrian Miller, Hannah Miller, and Larry Lambright. Not Pictured: Bently Miller.

Middle (first and second grade): Rebah
Williams, Brian Bontrager, Maram Omer,
Bryson Noble, Briley Brown, Lucas Hershberger,
Kristopher Fry, Jared Mast, Keaton Zimmerman,
Andrea Yoder, and Keagan Willis. Not Pictured:
Ellisynn Hamm.

Front (kindergarten): Briana Yoder, Victor VanderRoest, Thomas VanderRoest, Lindsey Wingard, Sarah Yoder, Lucas Bontrager, Breann Riehl, and Malachi Bunch.

Back Row (third and fourth grade, left to

<u>right</u>): Keturah Fry, Sammy Miller, Darin Fry, Ava Hufnagle, Hannah Riehl, Raiden Huggins, Trevin Reynolds, Zarien Campos, Saadia Omar, and Xaviah Howard.

Middle (first and second grade): Nichole Miller, Michelle Yoder, Ariel Bontrager, River Rheinheimer, Angie Al Yahiri, Jacob Noe, Caleb Miller, Adrian Reihl, Elijah Flores, Shayla Strater, and Raylan LaForce. Not Pictured: Kadence Jones. Front (kindergarten): Lachelle Bontrager, Jenna Miller, Sharon Hochstetler, Isabella Yoder, Jana Miller, Raeola Gingerich, Muna Omar, and Landon Fry.

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Life Skills Awards



Math Awards



Reading Awards





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Cans Galore!

The students of Westview Elementary have been busy. They collected over 76,000 aluminum cans! A local facility recycled the cans and the proceeds, over \$1500, will be donated to Riley Hospital for Children.

Mrs. Kelsey Mowery's class brought in the most cans this year, with a total of 9.068. To reward students for their hard work, a schoolwide drawing was held at each grade level for a pizza party. The Westview Elementary PTO will provide pizza for Mrs. Jasso's fifth-grade class and Mrs. Elswick's sixh-grade class. Good job Westview Elementary! 0

Westview Elementary



Mrs. Mowery's winning class.

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Trip to Circle City and Chi-town

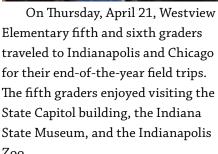


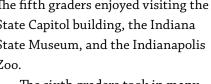


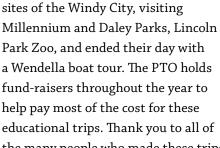




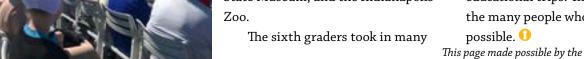








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Mason Yoder Signs with Judson University

Westview basketball MVP, Mason Yoder, has signed to play at Judson University next year. He is joined here by family and coaches. •

Back Row (left the right): Logan Taylor (AAU coach), Brandon Durnell (AAU coach), Rob Yoder (Westview basketball coach), Kamden Yoder (brother), and Bruce Fields (Judson University basketball coach). Front: Katie Yoder (mom), Mason Yoder, and Mark Yoder (dad). Photo submitted

Boys Basketball Coach Announced

Westview High School is excited to announce the hiring of Coach Chandler Prible as junior high mathematics teacher and head varsity coach of the Westview boys basketball program. Mr. Prible has been employed with Eastern High School, Pekin, IN, for the past two years as a geometry teacher and head varsity boys basketball coach. In his time with Eastern, Coach Prible guided the program to its winningest season in their school history. Mr. Prible has also served in various other coaching and leadership positions. His coaching resume' includes head boys varsity basketball coach at Eastern, head boys tennis coach at Central Noble, head boys junior varsity basketball coach at Central Noble, and assistant boys basketball coach at Bluffton High School. We are excited for the passion and enthusiasm that Mr. Prible brings to the classroom and the court. Mr. Prible brings a wealth of basketball experience, and will be an extremely positive role model for our students and athletes. 0

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 $(Left\ to\ right): Tim\ Helmuth,\ Bill\ Bostain,\ Chandler\ Prible,\ Rich\ Cory,\ and\ Keith\ Lambright.$

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Noah Bontrager Grabs Two Track Records

On May 5 2022, Noah Bontrager set a school record in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:07.93, breaking the old record of 2:09.39 set by Braden Reynolds. This is the second school record set by Bontrager this week, On May 2, Noah beat the record in the 1600 meter run set by Spenser Carpenter. Noah's new time is 4:39.16. ①

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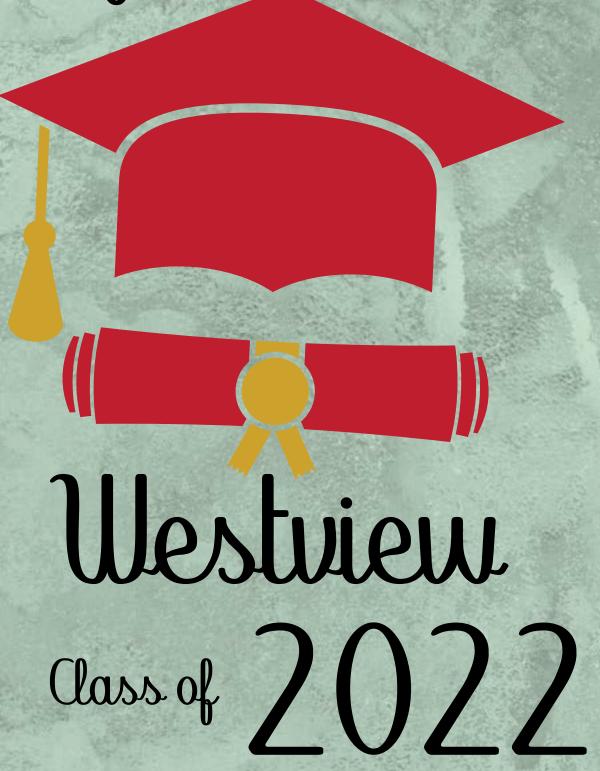
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Exchange Student

Santiago Canellas Clapers

By Tamar Wilkins

Exchange student Santi Canellas is a soccer-loving young man from Barcelona, Spain. He has been staying with his host family, Dave, Dorothy, and Dom Hostetler, while experiencing life in Shipshewana, Indiana. Dave and Dorothy work at their family business while Dom is preparing to head off to college.

Santi signed up for the exchange student program in order to "have a new experience and culture in my life and also to learn English." He very quickly noticed differences between home and Shipshewana. These differences included "the high school subjects, high school sports, and living out of the city" which would be quite the change as LaGrange County is very much not a city. The

biggest culture shock came from the fact "that in high school sports, you play with people of your age." Sports are a big part of Santi's hobbies and interests, so differences in this area were very obvious.

The exchange student experience was different than what Santi had been anticipating because of the school and sports aspects functioning in distinctly different ways. But, that did not stop him from enjoying the high school soccer season. In fact, it is the soccer season that is most likely to be shared back home "because we won state and it was the first time that the school was state champion[s] at soccer."

While playing soccer and watching soccer are some of Santi's

favorite hobbies, he also enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games.

There were "a lot of things" that Santi classified as the worst tasting American food, but he gave mac and cheese his vote for the best tasting American food. Going home, he may not miss American food and will definitely not miss "living out of the city," but he will miss the friends that he made and his host family.

Santi doesn't "know very well" what his future plans will be but he would like to go to college and eventually work in a sports job where he can utilize the English that he has learned.

Warm wishes and best of luck, Santi Canellas! •





Exchange Student

Juarj Hurny

By Tamar Wilkins

One of this year's exchange students was Juraj Hurny who is the son of Juraj and Iveta Hurney and is from Slovakia. Back home, his dad works in the city forest while his mother is a librarian. He has two brothers and one sister, all of whom are now living on their own. Here in Shipshewana, Indiana, Juraj found a host family in Dave, Dorothy, Dominic, and Tim Hostetler.

For hobbies and interests, Juraj enjoys watching anime, playing all kinds of sports, and playing board games. He also loves ultimate frisbee!

He decided to take on this adventure as an exchange student

because, "I wanted to improve my language skills and become more independent." Part of the process involved trying new things. Eating burgers received a thumbs up from Juraj while celery did not fair as well and instead received the prize for being the worst tasting American food.

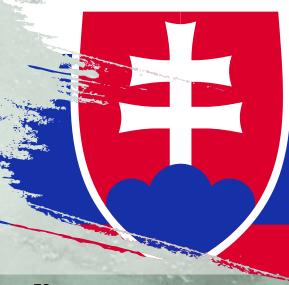
Another new activity for Juraj was participating in track and field for the first time ever. He never thought he would participate in this sport but the experience won Juraj the title of first place in the 4800m at NECC. According to Juraj, this will be the story he will share the most with family and friends back home. Ironically

enough, Juraj points out that it is the track and field practice that he will not miss when he returns home.

This exchange student adventure did come with some cultural shocks, the biggest of which Juraj claimed to be the Amish in the area. It also came with new friends that he will miss when he leaves.

Looking toward the future, Juraj plans to continue his studies in high school back in Slovakia. Afterward, "I will probably go to college to study Dentist Medicine."

Warm wishes and best of luck, Juarj Hurny! 0











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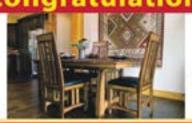


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Alexys Antal is the daughter of Michael and Heather Antal of Topeka. She is active in National Honor Society, Student Council, PLUS, Education Professions, Community Service Club, Spanish Club, Peer Tutor, National Junior Honor Society, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer. Alexys

plans to attend the University of Findlay to pursue a degree in Nursing and play softball.

Bohdy Bontrager is
the son of Joel and Sherri
Bontrager of Middlebury. He
is active in National Honor
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plans to attend the College of
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Butterfly Counts Chain O' Lakes Count

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 12:00–3:00 p.m. Chain O' Lakes State Park, Stanley Schoolhouse

Our Naturalist is partnering with the staff of Chain O' Lakes State Park to count butterflies! Volunteers are needed. All volunteers will be given free admission for the day! We will begin in the parking lot of the Stanley Schoolhouse. Hopefully we will have enough people to divide into teams and count more areas of the park. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow butterfly lovers and enjoy a day in a beautiful park.

The rain date is Friday, June 24, 2022. Contact Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org to register.

June Park News

Forest Readers—Insects

Friday, June 3, 1:00–3:00 p.m. Dallas Lake Park Office lawn 0505 W 700 S Wolcottville, IN

Families will play nature games, read the story "Butterflies are Pretty . . . Gross," and go on a walk to look for insects. Nets and viewing containers will be provided. We will also practice a "living lasso" activity, where families look for tiny living beings in small spaces. This program is best suited for children aged 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, snacks, water bottles, sun screen and insect repellent. **Space** is limited. An adult must accompany children. RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org.

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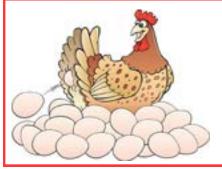
Folk Jam

Sunday, June 26, 1:30–5:00 p.m. Maple Wood Nature Center

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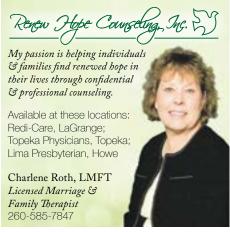
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Jesse Huntsman

Free Thinker and Van Buren Township Pioneer

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History is filled with forgotten people whose only wish was to raise their families and live their lives according to the dictates of their hearts. One of those forgotten people is Jesse Huntsman, one of the first settlers of Van Buren Township. He would later play a prominent role in the formation of Springfield Township. He was also a member of a group of freethinkers who attempted to build a new social order between 1843 and 1848.

The name of Jesse Huntsman is referenced at least ten times in the 1882 History of LaGrange County Indiana. R.H. Rerick, in his chapter on Van Buren Township writes, "The first comers, so far as known, were Jesse Huntsman, who took possession of the only piece of prairie land in the township in 1829, before the land was on the market, and Nehemiah Coldren, who in the same year built the first log house,

near the bridge over Crooked Creek" (page 173). The phrase, "before the land was on the market," raises some interesting questions. Was Huntsman a homesteader, or was he a squatter? How could he lay claim to land that did not belong to him?

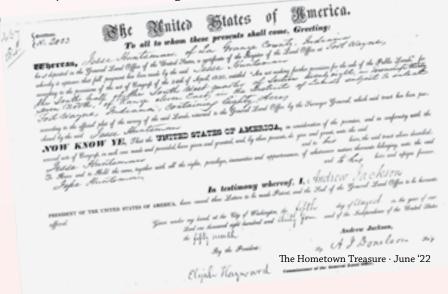
A Patchwork Sampler, published by the Shipshewana Area Historical Society, provides some important local historical information (pages 2-4). On the national level, Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase in 1803 doubled the size of the United States. The problem was that the nation was still burdened by huge war debts from both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The sale of land in the Northwest Territory—of which Indiana was a part—was a much needed source of revenue. But how do you acquire the legal title to the millions of acres of

Indian land in the west?

The Harrison Land Act of 1785 set the price of public land at two dollars an acre with a minimum purchase of 320 acres. The Land Act of 1804 reduced the minimum acreage to 160 acres with half the purchase price upfront and the balance paid in installments. This meant that most settlers were still priced out of the market. It was only the speculators who could afford to buy land. The Land Act of 1820 sought to level the playing field for the settlers by reducing the price of public land to one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre with a minimum purchase of only eighty acres.

Between 1818 and 1837, in a series of treaties, the Potawatomi ceded much of their land in Indiana to the federal government. In a landmark decision in 1823, the Supreme Court ruled that Indians could occupy lands within the United States but could not hold title to those lands. The Court ruled that their "right of occupancy" was subordinate to the United States' "right of discovery".

Even before government surveys were made, land speculators and settlers began arriving in Indiana looking to lay claim to cheap public land. In Indiana alone, the sale of public land grew from 1.9 million acres between 1820 and 1830, to over five million





acres between 1830 and 1837. The states population swelled from a mere 148,000 in 1820 to 686,000 by 1840.

Jesse Huntsman was among those early settlers who came to Indiana. Leaving Ohio, he settled in Van Buren Township laying claim to land that had yet to be officially surveyed. There is at least one surviving certificate of land purchase, signed on behalf of Andrew Jackson, with Huntsman's name on it that appears to have been signed in 1834.

One year after taking office, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act on May 28, 1830. This authorized the president to grant lands west of the Mississippi in exchange for Indian lands with the existing states. That led to the Potawatomi Trail of Death and the Cherokee Trail of Tears where native Americans were forcibly removed from their lands. Chief Shipshewana was among the 876 men, women and children forced to walk 665 miles over sixty-one days to Kansas in 1838. It is worth noting that the family of Topeka resident Charlie Collyer, whose forebears were members of the Potawatomi tribe, escaped the Trail of Death because Amish Mennonite people in southern Michigan hid them.

Jesse Huntsman was born on October 21, 1804, in Nottingham, Pennsylvania, near the Maryland border. He married Lucy Jones (1813–1860) in Knox, Ohio, on February 16, 1826. If sources such as Ancestry and Find a Grave are correct, Lucy would have only been thirteen or fourteen years old when she married Jesse. Their daughter, Rosanna, was born in July of 1828. In 1831 they moved to the Mongo area. Their

son, Phineas, born on December 29, 1832, is reported to have been the first white male born in Springfield Township (*LaGrange County Centennial History 1828-1928*, page 92). Jesse and Lucy would have at least six children, most of whom did not survive to adulthood.

According to the 1882 History LaGrange County, Indiana (page 368), Jesse, who was among a group of freethinkers, played an active role in the organization of the township and the LaGrange Phalanx. The Phalanx (Association) was a group of about thirty freethinking families that experimented with communal living between 1843 and 1848. They are reported to have been active in the Underground Railroad, giving aid to escaping slaves



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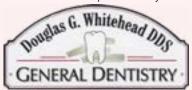
At its height, the group numbered 120 men, women, and children. They lived together in a 210-foot-long building that was twenty-four feet wide located east of what is now the intersection of State Road 3 and US 20. There was a common dinner room, a school room, and dormitory rooms for individual families. The group farmed over 1,000 acres, operated smoke houses, grist mills, tanneries, and lumber operations. While it was always profitable, the group ultimately disbanded because of personal differences that arose within the members.

When the association disbanded, Huntsman's share was a homestead farm of 220 acres in Sections 20 and 21. Following the death of his parents in 1860, Phineas purchased the family farm. On January 1, 1863, Phineas married Orissa Jennings (1832-1912) who had moved to the township with her parents in 1854. Phineas' name appears on the 1874 Springfield Township map.

Lucy Jones Huntsman died on June 5, 1860. Six months later Jesse died on December 24. They are buried in the Rogers Cemetery on N. CR 750 East, north of Brushy Prairie. Five of their children—Rosanna (1828–1839), Simeon (1840–1842), Mary (1842–1862), Julia (1845–1847), and Alice (1852–1856)—were also laid to rest in the Rogers Cemetery. Phineas and Orissa Huntsman are buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. ①

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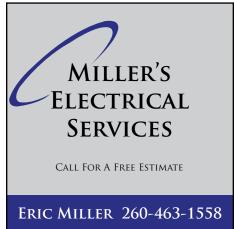
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Donna's love affair with creative design started when she was a student at Westview High School. "I loved art, designing, and creating," Hite recalls. "And so, I worked for area florists in the Middlebury-White Pigeon area,

and I learned design from them." Her plan was to attend college and study design. "One of my mentors in the floral shop said, 'All you are going to learn in college is what he did—the business end—design is born within you. What God gave you, that's what you use. Everybody designs differently.' I found that to be true, especially as I was teaching (design) to my girls."

The decision not to attend college after graduating from Westview in 1978 lead to a twelve-year career in banking at Shipshewana State Bank. Donna credits working in the bank for teaching her what it would take to operate her own business. She also credits her father, Ezra Fry, for her success. With a smile, Donna said, "My dad always said that if something is worth doing, it's worth doing right!"

Two years out of high school, on August 9, 1980, Donna married Tim Hite, who also graduated from Westview High School in 1978. Tim grew up in the Shipshewana area. They were married at the Emma Mennonite Church where Donna and her parents, Ezra and Jeanette Fry, were members.



It was in the summer of 1990 that Dutch Blessing Floral began in downtown Shipshewana, but with the growth of tourism in the area, the location became less than ideal. When Dennis Troyer decided to build a new complex in North Village Drive for Troyer Saddlery, Dutch Blessing was his first tenant. Up until eight years ago, Dutch Blessing operated out of a small corner suite. The move across the hallway has more than doubled their space allowing for beautifully designed display areas.

Both Tim and Donna, members at New Life Fellowship, had deep faith roots. "Our name came about because we wanted to bless the community," Donna says. "Anyone who has worked in the floral industry knows that you are not going to make enough to retire on it, but we wanted to pay the bills, and serve and bless the community." One of those blessings was starting "Witness Wednesday" where they weekly "bless" someone with free flowers.

"We've been doing Witness Wednesday since we've been here," Donna says. "We don't know who is going to get it—we just ask God to lead us." Stories abound about people's response to the gift of a bouquet of flowers. "You wouldn't believe the calls from people wanting to say 'thank you' and then they'll say, 'How did you know that I just got a call from my doctor," Donna said with a twinkle and a tear. "Sometimes no one's name comes to mind, so I'll just tell our delivery gal to give it to someone on the route that she thinks could use a blessing."

As a husband whose wife, Janice,—a two-time cancer survivor—was a recipient of a Witness Wednesday gift of flowers, I can attest to the fact the flowers were fresh and beautiful, lasting for days. Those flowers were indeed a blessing, coming at just the right time when she was needing an emotional boost.

Donna says that one of the gratifying things about being in business



in the same area for thirty-two years has been the relationship with their customers over the years. "We have high school kids who come in for prom flowers, and then it's for their wedding, and then for other occasions."

Tim and Donna Hite have three children—two girls and a boy—and five grandchildren. Their son, Tad, and his wife, Megan, live in Shipshewana where he is the Clerk-Treasurer. Lynsey and her husband, Jordon, work for the family at Hite Auto Body in LaGrange. Jina has her own salon in Mishawaka.

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2022 Junior High Boys Track Team: Back (left to right): Coach Don Williams, Bentley Ryall, Jaden Yoder, Jacob McCoy, Isaac Drake, Jayden Salisbury, Tyler Trittipo, Kaine Reinhold, Derek Yoder, Coach Rusty Niccum, Coach Lyle Bontrager, and Coach Erin Bontrager. Third: Coach Mike Brown, Seth Lambright, Jaryl Yoder, Kyle Mullet, Tyler Stutzman, Justin Miller, EJ Watts, Brendan Miller, Cole Miller, Ethan Yoder, Kasen Yoder, and Remington Helmuth. Second: Ian Donat, Alex Yoder, AJ Martin, Matthew Sabin, Austin Schlabach, Milan Miller, Dallas Yoder, Levi Trethewey, Darin Schlabach, Keegan Hershberger, and Nathan Peruski. Front: Dom Sweet, Luke Miller, Chandler Johnson, Adrian Bontrager, Luke Hall, Noah Bontrager, Hunter Egli, Jarias Lambright, Gavin Rainsberger, Austin Miller, Jaylen Schwartz, and William Yoder.



2022 Junior High Girls Track Team: Back (left to right): Coach Don Williams, Gloria Miller, Eva Bates, Isabelle Savocchi, Grace Atwater, Maddie Miller, Coach Rusty Niccum, Coach Lyle Bontrager, and Coach Erin Bontrager. Third: Coach Mike Brown, Lindsey Slabaugh, Emilia Mendoza, Memphis Bontrager, Hannah Miller, Jada Mauck, Alana Donat, and Merrill Warrener. Second: Peyton Miller, Amanda Hershberger, Jessica Stump, Eden Mauck, Erica Lambright, Marilyn Yoder, Janae Yoder, and Mila Geyer. Front: Madi Yoder, Selena Martin, Jasmine Litton, Jaylynn Brown, Lexy Bennett, Josie Ryall, and Lynette Miller.

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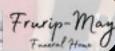
















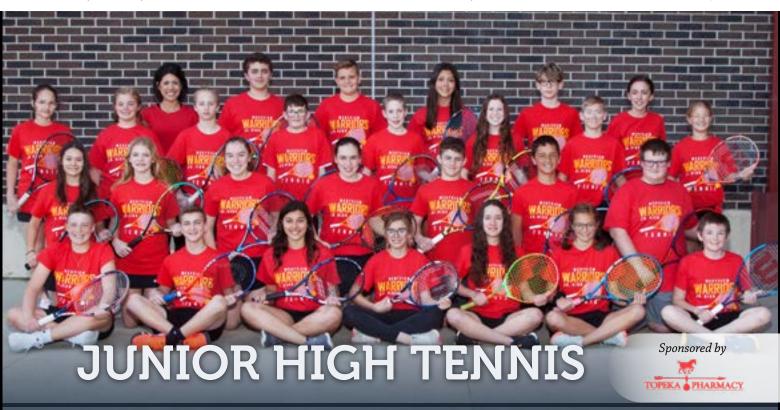






2022 Junior High Golf Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Coach Cassidy Roush, Caiden Marks, Caiden Schrock, Luke Haarer, and Brett Springer. <u>Middle</u>: Caedmon Gates, Becky Moore, Lily Bennett, and Marcus Garrett. <u>Front</u>: Liam Brill, Chase Martin, and Devyn Whetstone.

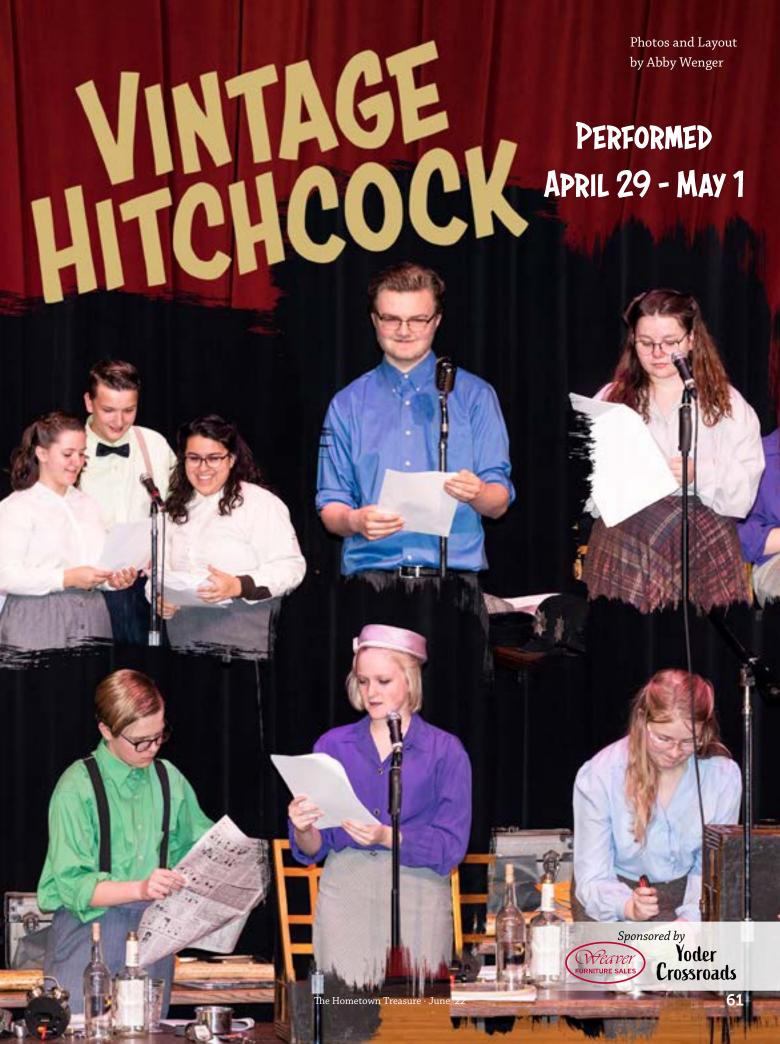
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2022 Junior High Tennis Team: <u>Back (left to right)</u>: Coach Megan Christner, Carver Stump, Pierce Yoder, Miley Mast, Jackson Vaughn, and Bailey Manns. <u>Third</u>: Savannah Yoder, Ava Hostetler, Kaden Hostetler, Aaron Roth, Cameron Yoder, Graci Engle, Jaxon Miller, and Malarie Steider. <u>Second</u>: Kristen Bender, Addy Kauffman, Lanita Mast, Mari Jo Mast, Collin Vandergriff, Hudson Yoder, and Keegan Norberg. <u>Front</u>: Luke Stults, Ethan Miller, Camryn Christner, Aurora Miller, Karleen Bender, Alayah Hostetler, and Lex Thompson.

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Thursday, July 14, 2022

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OPEN DIVISION: Teams limited to 4 players, can be over 18 (but don't HAVE to be). Referees will call the games (their decisions are final). Tournament is double elimination. Cash awards of \$200 (first place team) and \$100 (second place) will be awarded. Entries (in this division only) will still be accepted until day of tournament. Must be at least six paid entries for competition to take place. Each team to pay \$75 entry fee with preregistration (in our office by July 5). All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts. After that, please bring your \$75 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments (deadline is 2 o'clock, games start at approx. 4) Make checks payable to LaGwana.

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