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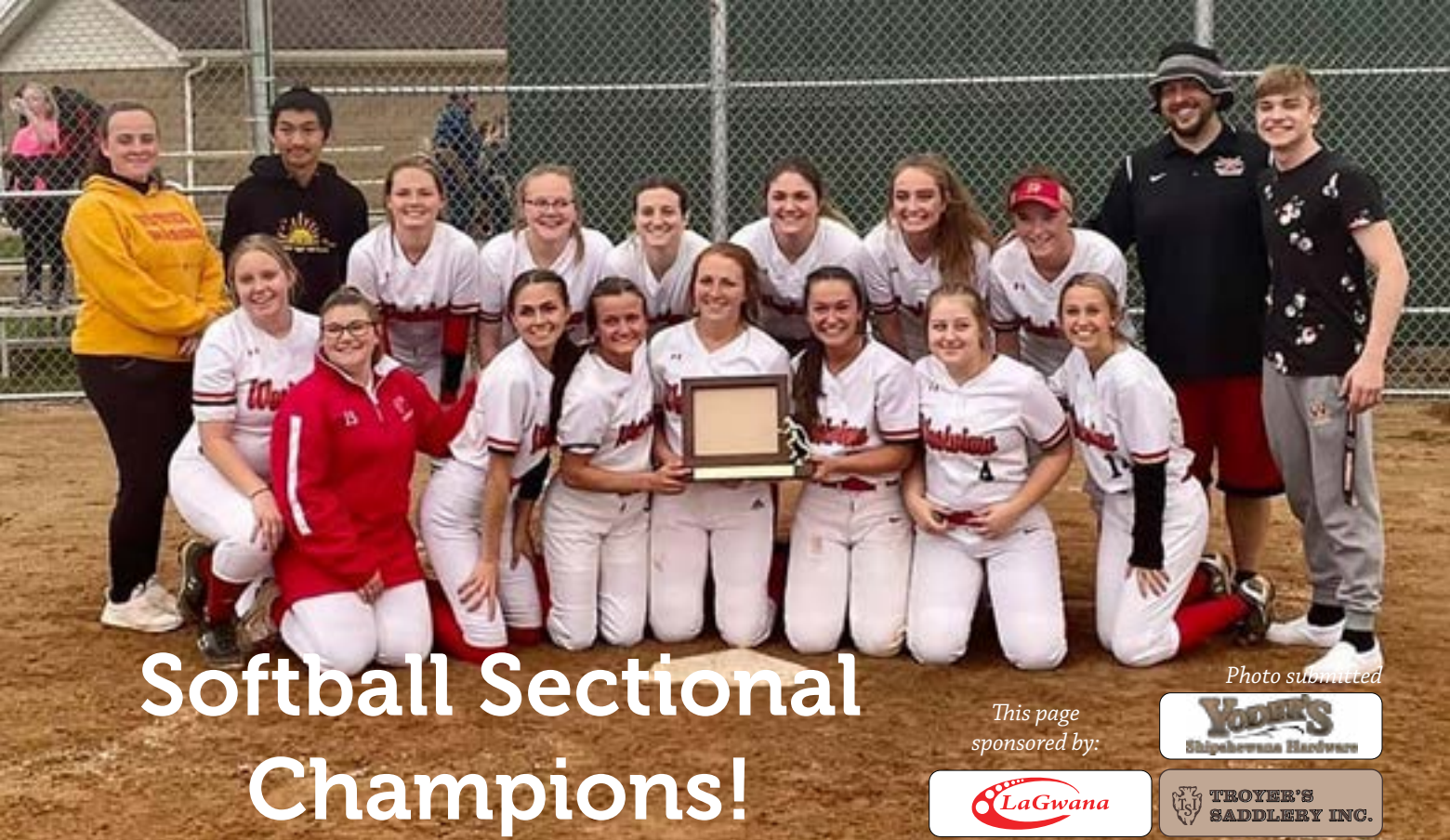
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Softball Sectional Champions!

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- 1) Senior Addie Bender catches a pitch.
- 2) Senior Kelsey Rich throws the ball to a teammate during warm ups.
- 3) Senior Hailee Caldwell throws to first to get a runner out.

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Tennis Sectional Champions!

Thank You Seniors!
Hallie Mast, Nicole Miller,
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Westview Girls Tennis Wins Sectional

For the second year in a row, the Westview Girls Tennis team won the Sectional Championship, defeating Lakeland at West Noble in Ligonier. They advanced to Regionals, which were held at Northridge, where they faced an undefeated Fairfield team, and, unfortunately, lost. Westview lost to Fairfield earlier this year in regular season play. Westview ends

their season with an impressive 11- 6 record. Westview Coach Clark had this to say about their season: "I tell them that we're the team that wasn't supposed to be. Two weeks before the season, we had no coach, and I stepped in seven days before (the start of the season). So, we had no preseason work, no conditioning, and we hit the ground running with what we had. I'm just so

impressed with these girls. They really learned to believe in themselves. I have a really talented group, but they learned to believe in themselves, and that's the most rewarding thing as a coach."

With this championship, the Westview girls have accumulated 14 tennis sectionals in the schools' history. 🏆

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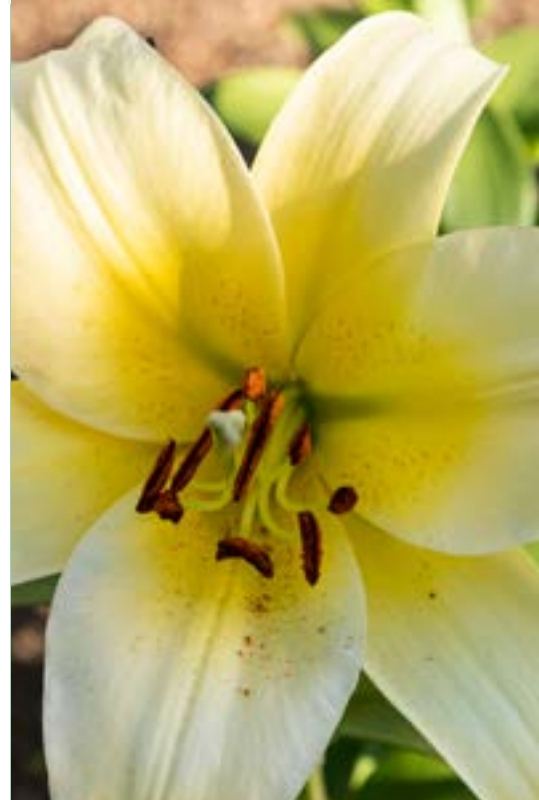
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I have learned recently that a really good way to impress people at a cookout is to provide homemade hamburger buns. I have been making various

homemade breads, but a loaf just didn't seem right for a Memorial Day cookout. I've wanted to try a recipe for buns for awhile, so I decided to give it a shot. I can now officially say I never want to go back to regular store-bought buns. The fact that I accidentally did revamp the recipe by doubling the amount of butter in the recipe might have helped. 

Solution on page 18

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Four Responses to Change

Can you believe it is the midpoint in 2021? Life is resuming back to some normalcy after a year of significant change. One thing is certain, from month to month, no matter what year it is. Things change. I wonder how you feel about change. Is it something you gravitate toward or push against?

Our world seems in a state of change and uncertainty. Almost every sector of our lives changed last year. Even without a pandemic, life is full of uncertainty. Death, divorce, addiction, or other problems impacting your life. You may wonder how your life got to be where it is.

Have you ever thought, *I never thought my life would be this way*? If you have, you are not alone. It happens to most of us at some point in our lives. Life has no guarantees other than it *does* change and it usually includes circumstances you never anticipated. Yet, while change is uncertain, there are a few things about life we know to be true.

If you are a person of faith, there are truths on which you can stand. In the Christian faith, one truth is God's unchanging nature. Malachi 3:6 says "I the Lord do not change." James 1:17 says God does not change like shifting shadows. That is good to know in a world where it seems so many things change!

Creation reflects life truths through its seasons. The life cycle is

young like spring. Summer mirrors life at its fullness in the years before midlife. Like autumn, midlife and its changing family life ushers in a time of rapid change and loss, bringing you to the latter years of winter, which are more dormant, settled, and quiet. Yet, in each season of life there are beautiful, sunny days filled with




goodness and joy. There are also dark, gloomy days where storms arise and darkness seems forever.

Yet, the truth is that darkness and storms do not last forever. Neither are there endless sunny days. Since change is inevitable, the challenge is how to appropriately respond to change. Here are four ideas to consider:

1. Allow yourself to grieve what was but also embrace what is. You cannot change the past, but you can be present where you are. Who are the people you love around you? Focus on them. They are the who and what of now.

2. Give thanks for life experiences both in the past and present. In every storm, there is something for which to give thanks. Perhaps you are a survivor. Give thanks for how you have grown, been strengthened, and for your life today.
3. Embrace what you have learned and share it with others. We all learn from every life experience. Reflect on what you have learned in your season of change, past experiences, or current struggles. These lessons are not to keep to yourself. Share them with others in similar situations as encouragement or hope. People in hard places need to know it will not be that way forever. People also need wisdom from those a few steps ahead of them in life.
4. Focus on what you can control rather than what you cannot control.

Whatever change you are experiencing as in the heat of summer, do not fight it. Look at things you can learn, and hold fast to the truths that remain. 

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- 4 Talyn Manning
- 5 Melanie Yoder, Olivia Yoder, Reese Yoder
- 6 Adrian Hostetler, Lisa Lambright, Amy Miller, Michael Miller, Eric Riehl, Jordan Troyer, Josiah Yoder
- 7 Salia Bontrager, Jenean Hochstetler, Morgan Leis, Isaiah Miller, Julia Miller, Meghan Otto, Aubree Parker, Max Yoder, Sherri Yoder
- 8 Averie Brandenberger, Hannah Miller, Kyleigh Yoder, Michelle Yoder
- 9 Micah Miller, Jayden Schrock, Jeniece Schrock, Brayden Walz
- 10 Kendall Lambright, Allison Miller, Seth Schlabach, Micah Whetstone
- 11 Karen Miller, Trentlyn Wingard
- 13 Melissa Bontrager, Zachary Detweiler, Bethlyn Schwartz, Jeremy Troyer
- 14 Gavin Eicher, Braydon Yoder
- 15 Hudson Bloom, Elijah Martin, Aurora Miller
- 16 Sariah Detweiler, Lyndon Helmuth, McKinlie Lambright, Kamryn Lein, Jenna Schrock, Jordan Trowbridge, Braydon Wingard



July

- 17 Karson Mast, Jacob McCoy, Karen McDonald, Aaron Miller, Austin Miller, Skylynn Weeden
- 18 Allison Nissley
- 19 Kate Engle, Keegan Hershberger, Aubrey Lewis, Cameron Noble, Grady Yoder
- 20 Dunia Al Gurmi, Micah Lambright, Elizabeth Lehmer, Emma Stinnett
- 21 Josiah Fry, Jaylin Lehman, Jesse Miller
- 22 Justin Miller, Lucas Miller, Kendra Nisley, Journey Wilbourn
- 23 Seth Bontrager, Joshua Troyer, Logan Yoder
- 24 Landon Beachy, Jayla Lehman, Clayton Moon
- 25 Ashlin Rockey, Joshua Schlabach, Tanner Trittipio
- 26 Caleb Miller, Janel Yoder
- 27 Matthew Bibbee, Joshua Riehl, Joshua Slabach, Beckett Troxel, Bayzli Turner, Janae Yoder
- 28 Sytenyan Sornross
- 29 Grace Atwater, Arienette England, Sirena Rupert, Hadley Yoder
- 30 Brayden Bontrager, Adrian Miller, Mason Sivits
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P.S. His design only earned him a B minus in his class, but after D.C. selected the design, he received an A.

Source: <https://blog.hocking.edu/15-fun-facts-about-the-fourth-of-july>

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Below are the events planned for July. *If you have any questions, please call the library at 260-463-2841 for further information.*

Youth Department

Multiple Branches or Virtual Activities

Virtual Pre-School Story Time

Facebook • Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27 • 10 am

In-Person Preschool Story Time

Main • Tuesday, May 6, 13, 20, & 27 • 10:30 am

Topeka • July 6, 13, 20, & 27 • 11 am

Shipshewana • July 6, 13, 20, & 27 • 1 pm

No Registration Required

STEM (limited registration)

Main • Friday July 2 • 10 am • Ages: 7-18

Theme: Owl Pellets with Nature Leslie, LaGrange Co Parks

Please call the main library (260-463-2841) by Wednesday, June 30 to register.

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

All Locations • Monday, July 12

Fairy Doors

Each bag contains activity sheets and a simple craft for two children.

Paracord Bracelets

Shipshewana • Thursday, July 15 • 1 pm

Sandra Rutledge, Search Dog Handler, First Responder, SARTECH 2, and librarian will teach this free, fun, all-ages program. Register at the Shipshewana Branch or by calling 260-768-7444.

Summer Reading Program Finales!

Main • Saturday, July 24 • 9 am

Topeka • Saturday, July 24 • 11 am

Shipshewana • Saturday, July 24 • 1 pm

Bring your summer reading log to collect prizes.

There will be a presentation by Soarin' Hawk Raptors at each location, followed by games and ice cream!

Teen Activity

Main • In-Person • Monday, July 26 • 4 pm

Theme: Board Games (6th -12th Grade)

Please call the main library (260-463-2841) by Wednesday, July 21 to register.

Art (limited registration)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, July 28 • 4 pm

Theme: Paint & Paper Monarch Butterfly Ages: 8-12

Please call (260-463-2841) by Wednesday, July 21 to register.

Elementary Book Club

Main • Friday, July 30 • 2 pm

2nd - 5th Grade Book Club

Reading: *Chester and Gus* by Cammie McGovern

We will discuss the book, have a fun activity, and get the next book after the program.

Also, you may request to pick up at the branches.

Teen Book Club

Main • Friday, July 30 • 3 pm

6th - 12th Grade Book Club

Reading: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

We will discuss the book, have a fun activity, and get the next book after the program.

Also, you may request to pick up at the branches.

Family Movie Matinee

Main • Saturday, July 31 • 10 am

Movie to be decided, it will be a family movie.

(Facebook - m.facebook.com/lagrangelibraryindiana)

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

All Branches will be CLOSED Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

- Masks are optional in the buildings.
- Social distancing will be observed.
- Children are allowed in the library if accompanied by an adult.
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Mystery Farm CONTEST

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Norman Miller of 375W, Topeka, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Vernon & Katie Nisley, 7155S 400W, Ligonier**. Congratulations! He won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a lighted pen, a notepad set, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to **Lavon Miller, 400W, Topeka**. Third prize went to **Wayne & Lean Kay Fry, 700S, Topeka**.

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3rd Prize(s): *The Honeyville Journal*.

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

RULES:

- 1) Identify farm shown by owner's name, by address, or by road and nearest intersecting road.
- 2) Mail to *Hometown Treasure - Mystery Farm*, P.O. Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565.
Please include your name and address.
- 3) Entry deadline: **July 20, 2021**.
Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



There were 20 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Marion & Waneta Miller, Junior & Mabel Miller, Amos Jay & Ida Anna Miller, Edward & Ruby Herschberger, Katy Schmucker, Lorraine Miller, JoAnn Bontrager, Ida Slabach, Tobe & Elsie Hochstetler, Daniel & Erma Miller, Ezra & Mary Ellen Yoder, Samuel & LeAnna Bontraer, Dennis & Rosetta Lambright, Richard & Jolene Miller, Wilbut & Doreen Herschberger, Susie Miller, LaVerda Fry, Orla & Marilyn Miller, Lester & Wanda Beechy and Dan & Mary Bontrager.

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Smart Choices

By Connie Lehman, RD, CDCES at Topeka Pharmacy Wellness Program

The Wonder Treatment

I am not a salesman. I have found out through the years that if my livelihood depended upon my sales ability, I would be living in poverty. But I wonder how you, the reader, would react if I told you, with confidence, that there was a treatment which not only had glowing testimonials from almost everyone who had tried it, but it also has been proven in research to help in the following ways:

- Sleep better
- Increase energy levels and productivity
- Increase self-esteem and positive attitude
- Improve brain function and decrease risk for dementia
- Reduce depression and feelings of anxiety
- Reduce feelings of stress
- Slow down the effects of aging
- Lengthen the lifespan
- Improve the immune system to resist illnesses and infections

I wonder if you would be willing to try it? Would you be willing to take it daily?

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- A stronger back
- Decreased pain of arthritis
- Lower blood pressure
- Weight loss

What if you became absolutely convinced of its benefits but had to take half an hour every day to prepare for and take the treatment? Would all the possible benefits be worth enough to you to make the time?

The Answer

Well friends, you are in luck. I have the answer to give you all of this and more: Walk 20-30 minutes a day and do strength training 2 of those days. If you start out slowly and make sure you stay safe during your treatments, then get ready to feel better. Get ready to have your friends and family ask what you are doing, because they have noticed a difference and want to have the benefits of this treatment also. Then you can pass along the sales pitch, whether or not you are a natural born salesman, because you have found something that works!

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Lapp, Evan Litwiller, Collin Martin, Cole Mast, Jaxon May, Adrian Miller, Adrian L. Miller, Chase Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kamryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Maleek Myers, Natalie Privett, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Paige Schwartz, Dawson Shrock, Samantha Stump, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, and Ella Yoder.

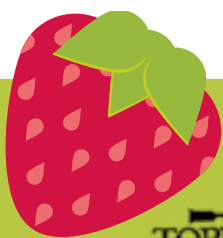
Grade 11

Mukhammadamin Abdurakhmonov, Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, Andrew Baughman, Brennan Beachy, Landon Bennett, Abigail Bontrager, Bohdy Bontrager, Easton Bontrager, Jasmine Bontrager, Spencer Conatser, Lillian Eash, Penelope Eash, Gramm Egli, Kaylyn Gates, Isaac Heyerly, Elijah Hostetler, Corey Johnson, Megan Kauffman, Brookelyn Lambright, Joslyn Marner, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Isaac Niccum, Alayna Nissley, Sean Nordman, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Anthony Sanchez, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Drew Walker, Aiden Wisler, Caleb Yater, and Alexander Yoder.

Grade 12

Kaylee Adelmann, Belal Al Yahiri, Hadel Alammari, Jason Al-Faisal, Younis Algaradi, Addison Bender, Douglas Calvillo, Spencer Carpenter, Samantha Castillo, William Clark, McKenna Collier, Bill Compton, Caleb Cory, Andrew Cupp, Hannah Davidson, Deann Fry, Isabelle Helmuth, Brady Hostetler, Mary Hostetler, Keegan Kohlheim, Drew Litwiller, Hannah Martin, Hallie Mast, Amber McHenry, Rosamaria McMahon, Andrea Mendoza, Alexis Miller, Andrew Miller, Ava Miller, Gloria Miller, Inah Miller, Luke Miller, Lyndon Miller, Melissa Miller, Nicole Miller, Rochelle Miller, Cassandra Moreno, Nicholas Mortrud, Joseph Mullett, Hannah Neff, Kelsey Rich, Abdulrahman Saleh, Hannah Schwartz, Katrina Schwartz, Takota Sharick, Nicole Stutzman, and Kiylee Thibos.

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old Renae Deann Miller of 900W, Shipshewana was our winner for the June Coloring Contest. She won an ice cream treat of choice at Dips Ice Cream Shoppe in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Dips Ice Cream Shoppe for a free small ice cream cone through July.

Runners-up were Jayna Ranae Otto, age 6; Isaiah (675N), age 5; Joshua Paul Miller, age 4; Angie Bontrager, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Angie Grace Mast, age 6; Crystal Yoder, age 6; Alayna Lambright, age 6; Serena Otto, age 6; Nicole Jean Hostetler, age 6; Landon Slabach, 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 don't want you to miss out! Remember, the contest is only for children up to six years old. 🍦

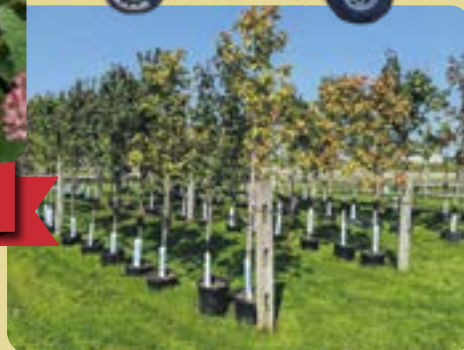


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by Brittney Schori, Extension Educator, Purdue Extension - LaGrange County

Ways to Trim Your Grocery Bill During and After Shopping

Grocery prices are not stagnant. The price of the foods sold in the grocery store or supermarket change with the economy. Prices go up and down to match periods of low inflation and surges of high inflation. During times of high inflation and higher food prices, saving money on groceries can be a challenge. A smart spending plan at the grocery store is one way to make ends meet and strengthen spending power. Begin your smart spending plan by creating a food budget. It just takes a little time and knowledge to put this into practice. Then, create a shopping strategy to support your food budget. Below are some specific money-saving ideas to consider as you navigate the grocery store aisle.

Here are a few tips to consider while you are at the store:

- Stick to your list. Grocery stores are designed to entice you to buy more with irresistible marketing. By sticking to a list, you will only purchase what you need and “get in and get out” of the store quickly.
- Shop with a calculator. That way, you can figure whether the unit price for a case lot is cheaper than buying one of the same items.
- Do not shop on an empty stomach. If you go to a supermarket hungry, you will most likely purchase more food than you need, including expensive items as well.
- Shop “off-hours.” Whizzing through supermarket checkouts in the early mornings or late evenings may give you time to “shop the specials” at more than one store per week.
- Break yourself of “brand habits.” Generic or store brands are generally better buys. Basic commodities such as sugar, flour, tomato sauce, and paper

towels are often indistinguishable when the label is removed. Some store brands are different from their national-brand equivalents, however, so buy small amounts first to test quality and flavor.


- Go easy on highly processed foods in expensive packaging. Buy the basics and add your own sugar, spices, condiments, and sauces. You will save 50 percent or more and feel much more creative. The closer a food is to its natural state, the less it tends to cost.
- Do not be deceived by packaging. Check the per-unit cost of food products; sometimes small sizes are more economical than jumbo packs.
- Beware of end caps. Food items on aisle “end caps” are often attractively displayed to entice shoppers to make additional purchases; these displays are not always a shopper’s bargain.
- Look up, look down. Items on the upper and lower shelves are often cheaper. Big brands often pay big bucks for eye-level shelf space.
- Buy fruits and vegetables in season. Stock up when items are cheaper. Check out local farmer’s markets.
- Watch “open or use by” dates. Look for dates marked on perishable foods to avoid buying outdated products. Also be sure to use these products at home in time to avoid waste.
- Purchase only what you will use. Eat everything that you buy to avoid food waste.
- Watch the cash register. Checkout errors can be costly. Some retailers guarantee that if the item does not ring up at the correct price, you get it for free or at a discount. Pay attention

to the details. Use supermarket discount cards to save.

- Seek out supermarkets that will double coupons. Some stores even triple the face value of manufacturer’s coupons.
- Stock up on “real” bargains and non-perishable foods. For example, buy canned goods on sale.
- Avoid non-nutritious foods. This includes “junk” food snacks, sugary foods, soft drinks, etc.

Here are a few tips to consider after you get done at the store:

- Bring lunches and snacks to work. Compared to eating out, brown-bagging can save food dollars.
- Always send in for the rebate. It does not matter if it is on a purchase worth \$2.00 or \$50.00. It all adds up.
- Find your green thumb. Consider growing some of your own vegetables, fruits, and herbs.
- Put your savings to work. Whether it is a trip, a car, or a savings account, have some specific goals for the money you are not spending on food.
- Do not pay interest on food bought on credit cards. This only increases the cost of food even more.

If you follow these tips and strategies regularly, you will start to see a difference in your food expenditures. While you cannot control the cost of food, if you manage your food dollars wisely, you will have more money in your wallet at the end of the month. 

Source: Kathleen T. Morgan, Dr. M.H., DTR Family and Community Health Services

Middlebury Summer Festival

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Next to the Fire Station

Check-in/Registration: 7:15-7:45 am

Games start at approximately 8 am.

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Division: Boys ☐ Girls ☐ Open ☐ Ages: 10 - 12 ☐ 13 - 15 ☐ 16 - 18 ☐

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of Aug. 14)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
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Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
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Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
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Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.

Cash Prizes
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 pre-registration (in our office by July 30). **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 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 2) **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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Fourth Quarter Mustang Awards

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

Photos submitted.

Meadowview Elementary

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Back Row (left to right): Chester Bloom, Nicholas Bontrager, Micah Miller, and Seth Bontrager. **Front:** McKinlie Lambright, Meghan Otto, Emmery Spencer, and Janelle Kurtz. **Not pictured:** Tidus Schrock

1st Grade



Back Row (left to right): Julian Flores, Davey King, Justin Helmuth, and Kenlin Bontrager. **Front:** Janessa Lambright, Rhoda Beachy, Grace Beechy, and Jenna Yoder.

2nd Grade



Back Row (left to right): Micaiah Bontrager, Jesse Hostetler, Kaleb Cupp, and Tyler Yoder. **Front:** Christina Killian, Lucy Alwine, Sovonda Schrock, and Daisy North.

3rd Grade



Back Row (left to right): Anthony Otto, Landon Miller, and Adrian Hostetler. **Front:** Isla Slabach, Janie Bontrager, and Akhila Reed. **Not Pictured:** Adrian Bontrager

4th Grade

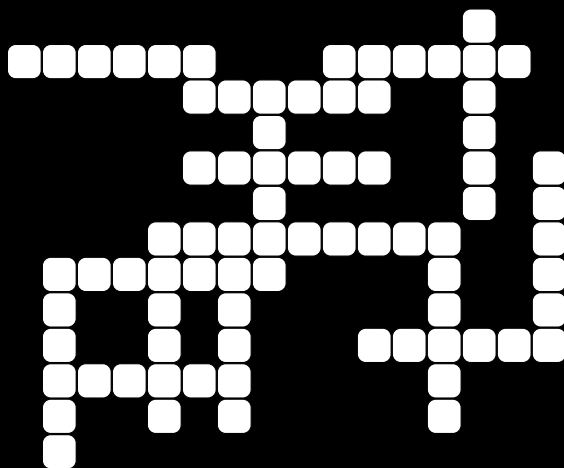


Back Row (left to right): Lucas Miller, Lukas Gingerich, Melvin Hilty, and Micah Lambright. **Front:** Addison Hershberger, Janessa Stutzman, and Faith Stump.

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by Emily Vandevander

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Shining CITIZENS

Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Fourth Grading Period

Shipshe-Scott Elementary has named their selection of Shining Citizens for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Congratulations students! 

Photos Submitted



2nd Grade

Back Row (left to right): Alicia Bontrager, Trenton Bontrager, and Luke Tormanen. Middle: Jorden Troyer, Warrick Owsley, Alex Detweiler, and Andrew Yoder. Front: Zoey Moon, Trentlyn Wingard, Hadley Abney, Paisley Brandenberger, and Cole Stutzman.



1st Grade

Back Row (left to right): Jameson Williams, Everlee Beiler, Austin Schlabach, Isaiah Yutzy, Ava Bontrager, and Jayda Stutzman. Front: Jennika Mullet, Krystal Schlabach, Keith Yoder, Kay-lynn Ferrin, and Madelyn Miller.



3rd Grade

Back Row (left to right): Coltin Bontrager, Jeslyn Schwartz, and Kayla Schwartz. Middle: Katy Miller, Brigham Rahn, and Heather Troyer. Front: Eliza Miller, Derrick Slabach, and Amber Stoltzfus.



4th Grade

Back Row (left to right): Evan Roth, Tara Schwartz, Alisyn Tetzloff, and Makayla Slabach. Middle: Hope Brandenberger, Blake Hostetler, and Hannah Jasso. Front: Abigail King, Keera Hostetler, Avery Christner, and Charlie Double.

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LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Fee required to enter fairgrounds. Forms received by **June 22, 2021** will receive a voucher in the mail to get into the fairgrounds for free.

Games start at approximately 1:30 pm.

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Division: Boys ☐ Girls ☐ Open ☐ Ages: 10 - 12 ☐ 13 - 15 ☐ 16 - 18 ☐

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of July 15)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of July 15)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of July 15)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of July 15)

T-Shirts for everybody!

All games will have refs!

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Entry Deadline July 6, 2021

Student Division \$60

Open Division \$75

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Outstanding Citizenship Award

Each year, Topeka Elementary awards two fourth graders the Outstanding Citizenship Award at the completion of the school year. This year's winners, Braden Fry and Tori Taylor, were announced at the school's awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 26. Congratulations Braden and Tori! 




Braden Fry and Tori Taylor.

(Photo Submitted)

Topeka Elementary

Legion Awards

Topeka Elementary fourth-grader, Anisa Omarouf, was selected as Indiana's District 4 winner for the American Legion's flag competition. This contest, sponsored by the LaGrange post, is open to fourth graders and involves a test on the American flag along with a written essay on what the flag means to them.

Anisa and fellow fourth-grader, Zayne Geigley, were named the top female and male award winners in the local competition. Congratulations Anisa and Zayne and thank you to the LaGrange post for sponsoring the contest. 



Anisa Omarouf and Zayne Geigley.



Anisa Omarouf, Larry Schlabach, and Cliff Thompson from American Legion Post 215, LaGrange.

(Photos Submitted)

Topeka Students Visit the Depot

Topeka Elementary School third and fourth graders enjoyed field trips to the Topeka Area Historical Society's Depot Museum on May 17 and 24.

Topeka third graders, who study local history, always look forward to

their end of the school year outing to the Depot. However, last year with the COVID-19 pandemic, the field trip had to be canceled. This year special arrangements were made to have the fourth graders visit the museum.

The tours were conducted by Topeka Historical Society board members Denny Hollis (a former station agent), Kit Castetter, and Harold Gingerich. 

(Photos Submitted)



Left: 3rd Graders, Middle: 4th Graders with Kit Castetter, Far right: 4th Graders



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4th Quarter Outstanding Citizens

Outstanding Citizens are chosen based on the following: They are responsible for their behavior, are responsible for their assignments, show respect for adults and peers, serve as role models for other students, respect the property and rights of others, display good manners, participate in the classroom and other school activities, are honest and trustworthy, and are courteous and cooperative. The Outstanding Citizens for the fourth grading period received coupons to JoJo Pretzels, E&S, and Kitchen Cupboard. ⓘ

Roger Brenneman Math Award

Jarius Lambright, Topeka, won the Roger Brenneman Math Award. The award is named after Mr. Brenneman who retired from Westview School Corporation after 36 years of dedicated teaching. He exemplified excellence in his teaching. ⓘ

(Photo Submitted)



Westview Elementary



The students are Mari Jo Mast, Evan Bontrager, Aurora Miller, Aiden Slabach, Jacob Lambright, Jerica Slabach, Violet Tormanen, Mabel Trethewey, Joe Dean Miller, Cameron Yoder, Lachelle Miller, Savannah Yoder, Peyton Miller, Emily Bontrager, Jessica Stump, and Gloria Miller.

(Photo Submitted)

Outstanding Citizens of the Year

Westview Elementary is pleased to announce their Outstanding Citizens of the Year. ⓘ



(Left to right): Elijah Watts, Addi Kauffman, Mari Jo Mast, and Kaine Reinhold.

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Citizens of the Year

These students were selected by their teachers as the Junior High Citizens of the Year. They exhibit the qualities of respect, integrity, leadership, and dependability. Great job students! 🏆

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Westview Junior High



(Left to right): Silas Haarer, Alexis Warren, Ashley Bontrager, and Brian Miller.

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Westview Schools

Westview Jr-Sr High Registration and Orientation

Westview Jr-Sr High School will be holding orientation for seventh grade on Monday, August 2, at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Registration for grades 8-12 will be Tuesday, August 3, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wednesday, August 4, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Thursday, August 5, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Junior High textbook rental and lunch fees may be paid at this time. Book rental for seventh and eighth grade is \$115.00.

The first day of school for all students will be Wednesday, August 11, starting at 8:15 am. Students will report to first-period classrooms where they will receive their schedules, student handbooks and other pertinent information.

School picture day for high school students will be Wednesday, August 25 and for junior high students on Thursday, August 26. 🏆

**First Day of School
Wednesday, August 11**

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Shipshewana Summer Festival

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY

*Friday, July 30,
Saturday, July 31, 2021*

At The Cove

705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Division: Boys ☐ Girls ☐ Ages: 7 - 9 ☐ 10 - 12 ☐ 13 - 15 ☐ 16 - 18 ☐

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of July 30)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of July 30)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
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Friday games start at 6pm.

Saturday games start at 8am.

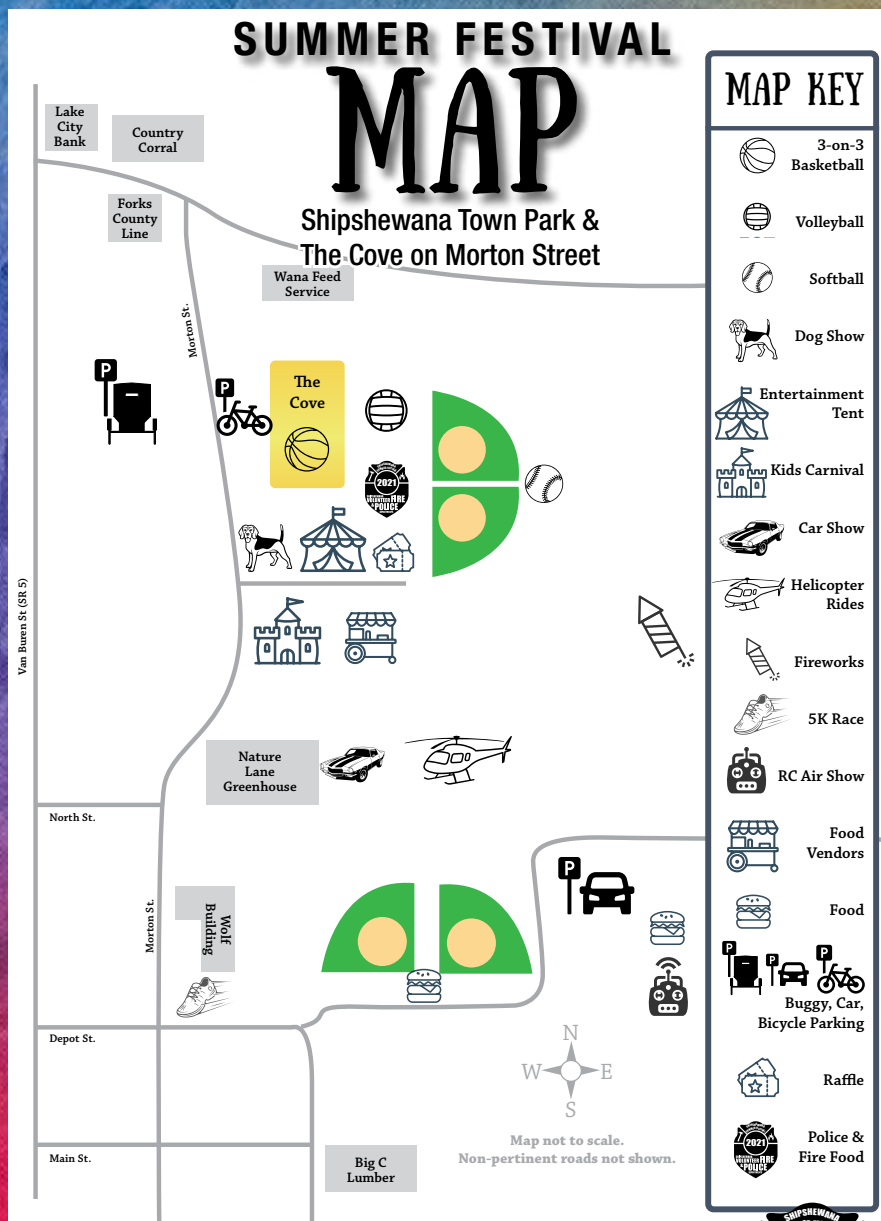
Watch for a postcard with schedule updates.

Schedule for Saturday games will be available at the Friday evening tournament, at lagwana.com, facebook.com/LaGwana/, or call 260-585-6050 after Tuesday, July 27.

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SHIPSHEWANA SUMMER FESTIVAL JULY 30-31



FRIDAY

- 3:00 pm Softball, *hosted by The Cove*
- 3:00 pm ... Volleyball, *hosted by The Cove*
- 3:00 pm 3-on-3 Basketball, *by LaGwana*
- 3:00 pm Kids Carnival
- 3:00 pm Food Vendors
- 3:00 pm Chicken & Fries
- 3:00 pm Remote Controlled Airshow
- 3:00 pm Raffle
- 3:00 pm Car Show
- 3:30 pm Helicopter Rides
- 7:00 pm Parade
- 7:00 pm Old Timers Softball
- 9:00 pm Fireworks
hosted by local businesses

SATURDAY

- 7-10:00 am Pancake & Sausage
Breakfast, *hosted by Police, Fire & The Cove*
- 7:00 am Softball, *hosted by The Cove*
- 7:00 am ... Volleyball, *hosted by The Cove*
- 7:00 am .3-on-3 Basketball, *by LaGwana*
- 8:00 am Kids Carnival
- 8:15 am Fun Run, *hosted by Lyle Bontrager*
- 8:30 am 5K, *hosted by Lyle Bontrager*
- 9:00 am Helicopter Rides
- 10:00 am K-9 Demo, *hosted by Police*
- 10:00 am Food Vendors
- 10:00 am .Remote Controlled Airshow
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Raffle
- 1:00 pm Waterball, *hosted by Fire*
- 2:00 pm ... Dog Show, *hosted by The Cove*
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Robert Lincoln Thompson

"A Hawpatch Treasure"

by Harold D. Gingerich

Very few people think to go looking for buried treasure in their own backyard. But, almost lost in time is one such person who was truly a community treasure. He was a farmer, a historian, a humble public servant, a poet, and an engaging speaker, who was much in demand across the state of Indiana. His name was Robert Lincoln Thompson (1864-1945). The story behind why he was given the middle name of Lincoln is fascinating. Unfortunately, very few people in this area have any idea of the true stature of the man, or that in every successive generation there has been a Thompson with the name of Lincoln.

Robert Lincoln (R.L.) Thompson was born near Akron, in Summit County, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 14, 1864. His parents, Robert and Marga-

ret Posten Thompson, originally from Ireland, moved from Ohio to Elkhart County in 1865. In 1867, the Thompsons moved to Clearspring Township in LaGrange County where R.L. would spend the remainder of his life.

Thompson family lore has it that as Robert (Sr.) lay wounded in a Civil War field hospital, President Abraham Lincoln paid a visit and stopped for a moment to talk with him. Patting him on the shoulder Lincoln said, "Son, I think you're going to be alright." Thompson was so impressed with the President that, a few months later, he named his son Robert Lincoln Thompson.

Verifying stories such as this is often difficult, however, we do have two sources of information. Robert Thompson's obituary states that he enlisted in Company H, 164th, Ohio National Guard on May 2, 1864, and mustering out on August 27 of that same year. The National Park Service online records do show a Robert Thompson (born in 1832) as a member of Company H, 164th Infantry, Ohio National Guard. He went in as a private and mustered out as a corporal. The 164th was sent to Washington D.C. on May 14, 1864, where they were attached to 1st Brigade, DeRussy's Division, 22nd Army Corps, and assigned to duty on the south side of the Potomac until the following August.

The 164th was involved in repulsing Confederate General Jubal Early's

daring attack on the outskirts of Washington on July 11-12, 1864. Had Robert Thompson been injured in that skirmish, and if we have the right Robert Thompson, it is altogether possible that President Lincoln did, in fact, visit him in a field hospital.

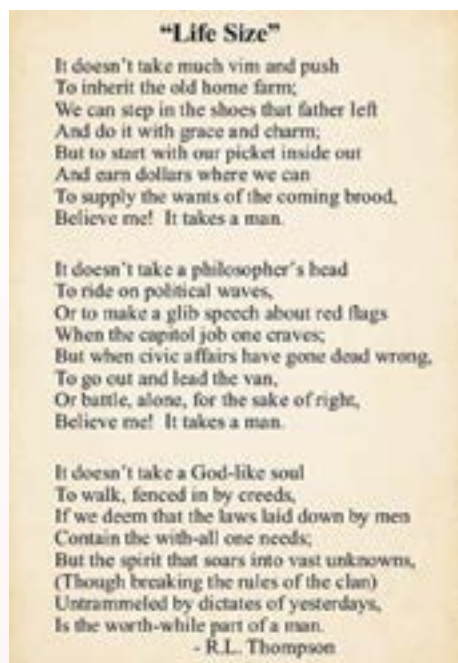
The *LaGrange County Centennial History 1828-1928* (page 77) gives us a glimpse into R.L.'s early years. Here is a portion of what was written as it appeared.

"Mr. Thompson, like many of us, was required to commence work early in life and at the age of eleven years he worked on the old Smith-Rossman brick in section twelve, Clearspring township. He attended the public schools of the township and attended the LaGrange High School for two years, took normal training and taught school in Clearspring township for ten years. During his vacation he was engaged in making brick. In other spare time he studied civil engineering and was elected county surveyor in 1896 and served in that capacity two years. He then purchased a farm in Clearspring township and commenced farming for himself and has continued farming since that date. He was an active member of the Purdue University institute lecture force for fifteen years and at one time served as county and district chairman of the Farm Bureau."

Also included in the *LaGrange County Centennial History* is a group picture of the writers of county history



(page 5), but the photo's reproductive quality is less than desirable. The volume includes two of R. L.'s poems and over two pages that he wrote about the history of Clearspring Township. "He has been writing for the agricultural magazines for a number of years but only in the last two years has he expressed his thoughts in rhyme. He attributes his poetic fancies to the memory of his old Scotch-Irish mother who, from his earliest recollections, used to sing Burns, Tannyhill and Tom Moore." (IBED, page 77). Thompson wrote about 150 poems, many of which were published in *The LaGrange Standard* and the *Farmers' Guide*.



On December 24, 1891, Robert Lincoln married Irva Mae Roy (1868-1910), the eldest daughter of William Irving and Mary Catherine Roy. It is worth noting that William Irving Roy's mother was Jane Grey Oliver (1808-1891). Jane, the oldest of nine children, was a sister to the James Oliver who developed the Oliver "chilled plow" in South Bend. (This means that Irva Mae was a cousin to Joseph Oliver who built the Oliver Mansion in South Bend.) All this helps to explain why some present-day Thompson descen-

dants have a love affair with Oliver farm equipment.

R.L. and Irva Mae would have one child, Irmin Leroy Thompson (1893-1953, THS Class of 1912). The family farm that Robert Lincoln purchased from his father Robert, has remained in the Thompson family since 1885. In 1909 R.L. and Irva Mae built their house on the south side of the farm (CR 600 S) for \$2,000. That house is now the home of their great grandson, Mark Thompson, and his wife Sharla. Mark and Sharla's son, Lincoln, and his wife Caressa, have recently built a home next door. Following a lingering illness, Irva Mae died on May 10, 1910, and is buried in the Sloan Cemetery. At some point, she had also taught school for several years.

In September of 1911, Thompson married Edna Price, the sister of Byron Price (THS Class of 1908). Byron became the Director of the Office of Censorship during World War II and retired as the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.

Among R. L.'s many interests were the LaGrange County Horticultural Society and the Sycamore Literary Society in Topeka. Along with speaking throughout Indiana at Farmers Institutes, he frequently spoke at local society meetings. His name appears on the original Sycamore Hall building's cornerstone as one of the trustees. That cornerstone is currently on display at the Topeka Area Historical Society's Depot Museum.


Thompson was a faithful member of Beulah Methodist Episcopal Church and did some preaching. His great-granddaughter, Marsha (THS Class of 1965), whose father was Bob Thompson (THS Class of 1941), has the Bible box that R. L. strapped to a horse whenever he went around the county to preach. Marsha's two brothers, Cliff

and Mark, still live in the Topeka area as does their cousin Marjorie.

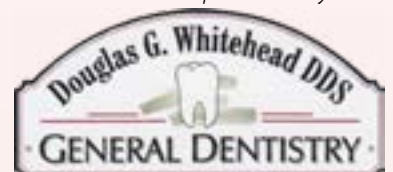
Robert Lincoln Thompson died on Wednesday, October 24, 1945, at the age of 81. Funeral services were held at 2 pm the following Friday in the Thompson home with Rev. Eldrige Saunders officiating. Burial was in the Sloan Cemetery.

The life of R.L. Thompson was eulogized in the front-page story that appeared in the *Topeka Journal* on November 1, 1945. Charles Mattingly, the editor, eloquently wrote,

"He lived a life of service to his fellow man. His splendid ability as a public speaker and conversationalist won him a host of friends and admirers wherever he went. His wit, his apt illustrations and his knowledge will long be remembered. He did not think of man as something thrust upon the world in exile. Rather he loved people. His voice was raised in defense of the right and for progress in their lives. His brain took counsel from his heart and while the wintry snows of age were falling on his head, spring was in his heart. He enlivened every conversation by his broad knowledge of affairs of men, of literature and by his love of nature. His life was full to overflowing, and like the falling leaves, when his work was done, he passed quietly away. Fare well, brother, father, husband, friend. This world is better for your having lived. We loved you living - - - we love you now."

Robert Lincoln Thompson was a man of deep faith and an active member of the Methodist Church. His life has left a lasting mark, a legacy in the community. He was truly a Hawpatch treasure.  (Photos Submitted)

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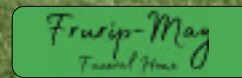


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They’re extremely athletic and talented, but they are even better people, which, in my opinion, matters more than anything.” 

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Shipshewana has come to be known across the country as one of the nation's top tourist destinations, and the home to the Midwest's largest flea market. It all started back in 1922 when George Curtis sold six pigs, seven cows, and a few head of young cattle at his home place. With that the Shipshewana Auction was born. In the years that followed, the auction expanded and diversified to where it is today, under the banner of Shipshewana Trading Place, you can stay in a great hotel and shop at the Midwest's largest flea market.

Founder George Curtis



"A Truly Amazing Shopping Experience"

By Harold D. Gingerich

Goldie Lambright (Keith and Kevin Lambright's mother), writing for *A Patchwork Sample* (pages 21-26), provides a detailed history of The Shipshewana Auction. George Curtis' 80-acre farm was located on the south side of Middlebury Street. The auction ring was made of wire fencing and the buyers stood around the outside. Although only a few animals were sold, the sale was a success. More sales followed and by 1926 the first sale barn was built, complete with a sale ring and plank benches for bidders to sit on. Animals had to be sold by the head in those days, because they had no scales to weigh them. The sale's popularity continued to grow until sales were held every other Friday, and eventually, every Friday.

Successful weekly livestock auctions created a good problem. People who go to auctions get hungry; somebody needs to feed them. So, every sale day they moved Curtis' car out of his garage, swept the floor, and set up tables. The ladies from the Methodist Church in Shipshewana operated the

restaurant until 1940, when Milo and Ruth Miller took it over. The vegetables were grown in the Miller's garden and Ruth baked the pies. Hamburgers were 20 cents topped with Ruth's homemade catsup.

In 1946, Curtis sold the auction to Fred Lambright, grandfather of the current owner Keith Lambright. The following year a new sale barn was built at the present location, which included a large scale, so that fat hogs and cattle could be sold by the pound. Shipshewana Trading Place Marketing Director, Lora Gates, noted that about that time, "People started selling things out of their cars and that is how the antique market and the flea market got started." Lambright also built a new auction restaurant that seated 50-60 people.

Walter Schrock, Fred Lambright's nephew, purchased the business in 1961. He expanded the flea market grounds in 1968, because they had grown to 400 vendors. The weekly antique auction had also grown from four auctioneers selling items simulta-

neously to ten, so, in 1978 an antique auction building was constructed. Unfortunately, in July of 1979, the livestock barn was destroyed by fire. With the help of volunteers, a new one was built in just three months.



Robert (Bob) Lambright, Fred's son, along with his two sons Keith and Kevin, purchased the business in 1981. In 1984 they expanded the flea market to accommodate space for 1,000 vendors, built a new restaurant with seating for 250 people, and built an office building. Robert passed away on April 25, 1992, leaving the business to his sons.

The continued growth of the flea market led to the construction (1997) of The Farmstead Inn, which provided excellent lodging right across the street from the auction and flea market. The hotel was expanded in 2004, and in 2004 a conference center was added.

An antique mall, later renamed the Farmstead Expo Barn, was opened next door to the hotel in 1998. The Farmstead Event Pavilion was added in 2012 and has become a popular venue for events such as reunions and weddings.

"We had vendors coming who needed a place to park and stay, so that is how the RV park got started," Lora Gates observed. In 2008 the Shipshewana RV Park was added on the south side of the flea market grounds, providing 70 full hook-up sites and wi-fi. In 2018, it was expanded to 165 sites. Many of those RV's needed service, so

in 2016 the state-of-the-art Shipshewana RV Service Center was built next to the park.

One of the most popular additions has been the Lights of Joy, during the Christmas Season. The 1.5-mile drive through opened in 2018 and features over 2 million LED lights illuminating holiday scenes.

About five years ago, Keith Lambright purchased the business from his brother Kevin. He is adamant when it comes to his business philosophy. "It's not about us...it's about people. There is no 'I' in this business and there should not be! It is 'we' because if you say 'I,' you are out...we do not need you. Everybody needs everybody and we need to care more about people than we do ourselves. And that's the bottom line!"

Keith and Doreen Lambright are active members of the River Oaks Community Church. They have three children: Brian, Stacy, and Jenny. They all work for the Shipshewana Trading Place.

Gates, who has been with the company for six years, is equally passionate about working for Shipshewana Trading Place. "I know that I work for an organization that is very community oriented and supportive in ways that most people know nothing about. They treat their employees, their customers, and the shoppers like family. My kids would feel like they are treated like family."


Lora's son, Caedmon, who had

been taking a nap on the floor before going to marching band practice, was quick to sit up and echo his mother's sentiments. "Yeah, because all of our grandparents live two-and-half hours away from us." Caedmon will be a seventh grader this fall at Westview.

With the pandemic behind us and large numbers of people coming to Shipshewana, Gates says, "We know that we are successful because of the support of the community." She went on to say, "We are looking for workers...full-time, part-time, or seasonal, we have something for you." They also welcome local vendors as well as shoppers.

To find out more you can call Shipshewana Trading Place at (260) 768-4129 or visit their website: ShipshewanaTradingPlace.com.

Postscript:

One of the interesting outgrowths of the Flea Market is Menno-Hof in Shipshewana. Many visitors to the flea market had questions about the differences between the Amish and the Mennonites. For many years local volunteers manned an information booth at the Flea Market to answer those questions. It was Tim Lichti, a local pastor and Downey, California native, who came up with the idea of building an Amish-Mennonite Center. Menno-Hof, a 12,000 square-foot house and barn complex, opened on May 2, 1988, across the street from the Flea Market.  *The Lambright Family*



The Hometown Treasure • July '21

Shipshewana Area Historical Society

The Shipshewana Area Historical Society will meet Monday, July 19, at 6:30 pm, in the Farver School Museum at 315 N Morton St. in Shipshewana.

The program "Shipshewana Amish Quilt History" will be given by Rebecca Haarer of Shipshewana, owner of Rebecca Haarer Arts & Antique store. Rebecca is the daughter of Paul Haarer, who was an antique dealer for many years. The program

will address; why Amish Quilts became popular circa 1970-80. Rebecca will show museum quality quilts from her personal collection (circa 1895-1940). The public is invited.

Another King's BBQ chicken fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, starting at 10 am, located north of the Shipshewana Auction Barn, on the east side of State Road 5. Thank you for keeping our history alive by supporting us. 📍

Questa Education Foundation Announces Scholars

The Questa Education Foundation (QEF) is excited to announce its newest class of LaGrange County students selected to participate in its nationally distinctive Questa Traditional Scholars program.

Hannah Martin, from Westview Jr-Sr High School, joins Ella Thompson, from Prairie Heights High School, as the two LaGrange County students receiving the honor.

Ms. Martin will be attending Indiana University Kokomo, pursuing a degree in nursing. She plans to give back her talent to the Northeast Indiana workforce after completing her degree.

The QEF's one-of-a-kind funding provides the possibility of receiving loan forgiveness up to 75% of the total loan amount. By attending a regional partner school, students can receive 25% forgiveness, and an additional 50% forgiveness by living and working in the area for five years after graduation. This incentive for scholars to live and work in Northeast



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July Park News

All LaGrange Co. Offices are CLOSED Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

Forest Bathing Dallas Lake Park Sunrise Viewing and Walk

Saturday, July 17, 7:00 am

Dallas Lake Park

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A slow, quiet hour walk designed to awaken your senses and relax your mind. Ages 12 and older.

Limited to 25 walkers. RSVP is required. *RSVP to Leslie Arnold at (260) 463-4022 or larnold@lagrange-county.org.*

Second Wind Band Outdoor Music

Saturday, July 17, 6:00 pm

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Dallas Lake Park

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

Bring your lawn chairs or a picnic and enjoy classic rock sounds in the park. They also play some original music and blues. Gate admission is \$5 per vehicle. Rain date is Sunday, July 18, at 4:00 pm.

Patchwork Trails Walk

Tuesday, July 20, 6:00 pm

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Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Please meet at the White Hall Parking Lot just north of the gym.

East LaGrange County Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 24

North American Butterfly Association 2nd East LaGrange County Butterfly Count. Contact compiler Leslie Arnold to volunteer! The ability to identify the most common butterflies is helpful, but not required. Upon registration, volunteers can pick or be assigned an area

that is east of SR9; you can count anytime that day. *RSVP to Leslie Arnold at (260) 463-4022.*

MONTHLY

Make-n-Take Crafts

Ice Cream in a Bag

Saturday, July 10, 10:00 - 2:00 pm

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Please note that these items will contain dairy products. Come anytime, stay as long as you want!

Maple Wood Fiber Guild

Wednesday, July 14,

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S LaGrange, IN

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Bring a project to work on. Bring your own sack lunch and snacks. Donations for the Parks is appreciated. *RSVP to Leslie Arnold at (260) 463-4022.*

Folk Jam

Sunday, July 25, 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

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Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. *For more information and to RSVP, contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, reo43@aol.com or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022.*

Sewing Group

Wednesday, July 28,

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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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 a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. *RSVP to Linda Grobis at (260) 351-3609.* ⓘ

DALLAS DAYS

Join park staff to learn about nature, then choose to explore a trail or play at the beach on your own for the rest of the day. Children of all ages are welcome (target age is 5-8); they must be accompanied by at least one adult (aged 17 or older). Family units will be spaced 6 ft. apart. **FREE!** Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to spread out. **Space is limited to 25 per program.** *RSVP to Leslie Arnold at (260) 463-4022 or larnold@lagrange-county.org.*

Backbone Bonanza

Thursday, July 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dallas Lake Park Office Lawn

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Learn about the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate animals. We will examine real bones and compare LIVE animals.

Wetland Wonders

Thursday, July 22, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dallas Lake Park Office Lawn

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Using dip nets, let us investigate who lives in Pond Lil' - the wetland behind our office. We will also test the water and learn about healthy habitats.

Grasshopper Safari

Thursday, July 29, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Dallas Lake Park Office Lawn

0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN

We will head to the prairies and collect grasshoppers for observation. Learn about the basic functions of different body parts and how grasshoppers fit into the ecosystem.

Compass Basics

Tuesday, August 3, 10:00 - 11:00 am

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Topeka Fourth Quarter Awards

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

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Reading Reward

Topeka Elementary fourth-grader, Devon Bontrager, joined LaGrange County Sheriff Jeff Campos, for lunch to celebrate Devon's reading achievements this year. Devon was the top AR reader in fourth grade accumulating over 600 Accelerated Reading points. 

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Math Awards: Back Row (Fourth Grade, Left to Right): Janelle Bontrager, Kevin Bontrager, Lyndon Yoder, Adrian Yoder, Ibrahim Algaradi, and Kynzie Kondy. Fourth Row (Third Grade): Sammy Miller, Jerel Bontrager, Marissa Childers, Brayden Walz, Blake West, and JuLayne Whetstone. Third Row (Second Grade): Mohammed Madar, Layla Hochstetler, Austin Miller, Austin Yoder, Daimon Yoder, and Terra Harlow. Second Row (First Grade): Nathan Martin, Kylan Yoder, Aaron Bontrager, Caleb Lehman, Reema Alziadi, and Maram Omer. Front Row (Kindergarten): Maverick Turner, Izaak Musser, Seth Slabach, Jared Mast, Kristopher Fry, Maverick Geigley, and Grayson Miller. Not Pictured: Kadence Jones.

Topeka Elementary



Life Skills Awards: Back Row (Fourth Grade, Left to Right): Carson Schwartz, Jayna Riehl, Justin Bontrager, Serenity Tennant, Ayden Kloth, and Chloe Turner. Fourth Row (Third Grade): Erin Frey, Marowah Algaradi, Abdulrahman Alyaharee, Kendall Lambright, Juliana Yoder, and Julian Warrener. Third Row (Second Grade): Kadrian Miller, Kyleigh Schwartz, Marcus Runyan, Alyse Hostetler, Angie Slabach, and Jayna Miller. Second Row (First Grade): Alayah Hankins, Emmett Niccum, Ariel Bontrager, Ninna Neely, Stella Zabona, and Maciah Miller. Front Row (Kindergarten): Lillian Thomas, Landry Miller, Sytenyan Sornross, Max Yoder, Adrian Miller, Keagan Willis, and Aryanna Case. Not Pictured: Lyan Madar.



Reading Awards: Back Row (Fourth Grade, Left to Right): Michael Bontrager, Micah Fry, Devon Bontrager, Adrian Lehman, Jared Fry, and Ivory Sprunger. Fourth Row (Third Grade): Aiden Birch, Adam Alamari, Trinity Antal, Jaxson Marks, Alyssa Barkman, and Jennifer Miller. Third Row (Second Grade): Kyle Hershberger, Abrar Saleh, Ashlin Rockey, Mason Grossman, Landyn Honyoust, and Kipton Schrock. Second Row (First Grade): Wyatt Foust, Amy Miller, Jolisa Bontrager, Landon Troyer, Jonathan Collins, and Emily Yoder. Front Row (Kindergarten): Jada Nissley, Jenise Eash, Olivia Miller, Lanae Miller, Eric Riehl, Jayden Mast, Derek Bontrager, and Jaylin Miller.



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Shipshe-Scott Participates in Relays

To help close out the school year, students from Shipshewana-Scott Elementary participated in the annual Shipshe Relays. The students were able to experience different types of non-competitive relays. 


(Photos Submitted)



Shipshe-Scott Elementary



Shipshe-Scott Celebrates Last Day of School

Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School celebrated their last day of school with a hot dog roast. Parents and guests were invited to join their students. The PTO sponsored the Kona shaved ice truck for a special treat for the students. Thank you for a great school year and we hope everyone has a wonderful summer! 

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Honor Roll ... cont. from page 37

Grade 11

Hailey Bibbee, Sarabeth Drew, Shane Kindig, Brandon Lehman, Kaelee Michels, Zachary Miller, Maddison Mishler, Jaime Mullet, Saleh Omar, Amina Omarouf, Alexzander Rial, Savana Strater, and Mason Yoder.

Grade 12

Rana Alyaharee, Braden Barton, Benjamin Byrkett, Blake Diehl, Aislyn Fry, Dominic Hostetler, Logan McNamara, Briceida Mojica, Janice Mullet, Tanner Pruitt, Jordan Schrock, and Kyla Smart.



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Saturday, Aug. 7

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Community Impact Grants

The LaGrange County Community Foundation awarded \$65,000 in Community Impact Grants (CIG) to 12 projects and programs benefiting LaGrange County.

The 2021 CIG spring awards include:

- **Veterans Headstone Project:** American Flag Holder Program, 19th-21st Century Military Service Project (\$3,500).
- **LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity:** A Brush with Kindness (\$10,000).
- **Science Central:** Science 4U Outreach, Interactive Video Conferencing Programs, and study trips (\$5,000).
- **McMillen Health:** Preventive health education for LaGrange County youth, \$5,000.
- **Agape Child Care Ministry:** Professional development, and classroom materials, \$2,500.
- **Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry:** Meat the Need, \$1,500.
- **LaGrange County Miracle Tree:** Stock the Storage, \$2,000.
- **The Farm Place, Inc.:** Animal companionship supervised visitation center, \$20,000.
- **Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky:** Hands-free drinking water fountain, \$2,000.
- **Brightpoint:** Covering Kids and Families of Brightpoint, \$5,000.
- **Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House:** Overnight accommodations for LaGrange families, \$5,000.
- **Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana:** Client Advocate and Client Services Program for LaGrange County, \$3,500.

Through its CIG program, the Foundation aims to support non-profit needs and provide innovative programs and services in LaGrange County. The grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have supported the unrestricted and field of interest charitable funds at the Community Foundation. Applications for the fall grants will be accepted until September 1. To learn more, visit lccf.net/grants. 

LaGrange County Community Foundation Awards Scholarships

The LaGrange County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 Community Scholarship Program, which aims to support the educational aspirations of students in LaGrange County. The foundation awarded \$77,000 in scholarships to seven Westview graduating seniors.


The Community Scholarship Program is open to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing higher education at an accredited university, college, or trade school. The program has grown to include

45 donor-created scholarship funds, each with their own unique criteria. Funds are started by individuals, families and businesses and are managed by the Community Foundation.

"We look forward to awarding scholarships to high school seniors each year, and it's exciting to be making these awards in person again. These scholarships recognize the accomplishments the students have achieved in the last four years," said Executive Director Octavia Yoder.


Westview Jr-Sr High School scholarship recipients:

- Alexis Miller – Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship, Lambright Leadership Scholarship.
- Ava Miller – Allread-Rife Scholarship, Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship.
- Hallie Mast – Lambright Leadership Scholarship.
- Nicole Miller – Allread-Rife Scholarship, Farmwald Scholarship, James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship, Keith and Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship, Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship.
- Nicole Stutzman – Rheinheimer Scholarship.
- Timothy Brandenberger – Rheinheimer Scholarship.
- William Clark – LIFE Scholarship, Lyle Smith Scholarship, Lambright Leadership Scholarship.

To learn more about LaGrange County Community Foundation's Scholarships, visit lccf.net/scholarships. 

Steve Schrock wins Topeka Republican Caucus



Steve Schrock was the Republican Caucus winner on Tuesday evening June 15, 2021. Schrock replaces Justin Geigley on the Topeka Town Board. Schrock has lived in Topeka for over ten years. 



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SRMA Gives Back

Generous members of the Shipshewana Retail Merchants Association (SRMA) and other amazing volunteers packaged candy to pass out following the 2021 Mayfest Parade. In true Shipshewana fashion, the community came together to go above and beyond by packaging 5,000 bags of candy.


Following Mayfest, the SRMA still had plenty of candy to go around! The candy was distributed to the Westview School Corporation bus drivers to pass out on the students' last day of school. Many of the bus drivers like to have a little gift to pass out to their students at the end of the year and that cost is taken on by the bus drivers. A HUGE "thank you" goes out to all bus drivers. Your exhaustive efforts to care for our students does not go unnoticed and they are greatly appreciated! Following a year of uncertainties, it is certainly



SRMA Board of Directors Member, Judy Yoder, and long-time bus driver, Michele Newcomer, are holding some of the candy that was distributed.

(Photo Submitted)

reassuring that LaGrange County, Indiana has not lost its generous and

empathetic heart! 

Grant Workshop

The LaGrange County Community Foundation will host a grant workshop on Thursday, July 22, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at the Community Foundation's (CF) Community Room.

The CF encourages nonprofit organizations considering applying for a Community Impact Grant in 2021 to attend the workshop. The CF fall funding cycle is open, and applications are due September 1.

Topics at the workshop will include an overview of the Community Impact Grant program, the online application portal, the do's and do not's of grant writing, and partnership collaborations.


"We are thrilled to offer a grant

workshop that will provide information about the Foundation's grants process," said Leanna Martin, Grants and Communications Manager. "We encourage nonprofits who are considering applying or who want to learn more about seeking funds from the Foundation to attend. We will be sharing helpful tips on how to avoid common mistakes when submitting an application to the Foundation and how to write a compelling application that tells your story."

The CF aims to support nonprofit needs and provide innovative programs and services for residents through its grantmaking program. The grants are made possible through

the generosity of donors who have supported the unrestricted charitable funds at the CF.

The CF seeks proposals for innovative or creative projects with significant impact on the community. Nonprofit organizations serving LaGrange County are eligible to apply in six areas: arts & culture, community development, recreation, health and human services, education, and environment.

To RSVP for the grant workshop visit lccf.net. Those who register and attend will have a chance to win a gift basket of local items valued at \$25. For more information, visit lccf.net/community-impact-grants. 



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CENTURY DIVISION:

STARTS AT 3 PM

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Teams limited to 4 players
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Deadline is 12 o'clock noon, games start at approx. 3.

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Referees will call the games (their decisions are final). Tournament is double elimination. Cash awards of \$200 (first place) and \$100 (second place) will be awarded. Entries (in these divisions only) will still be accepted until day of

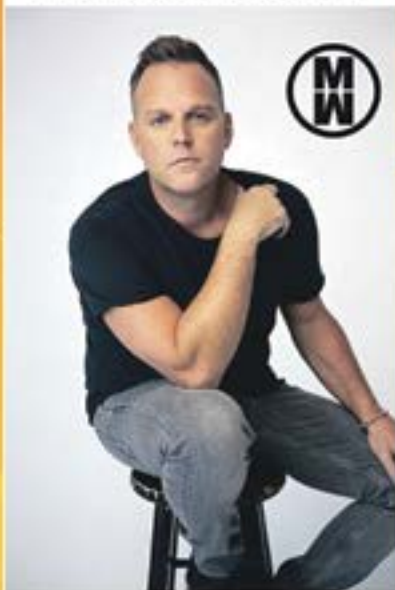
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