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Adam attributes his ability to focus on school work to not having electronics to distract him. He believes this has helped him excel in school because he can focus on assignments for a long period of time. His grades are high because he uses his time wisely and stays focused. He is motivated by the fact that he wants to be able to hold a good job so that he can support himself and his family. He lives by LeBron James' quote of "You have to be able to accept failure to get

better." His role

model in life is his brother because he is extraordinarily smart and has a good job. Adam's biggest challenge is completing all of his homework, but he always manages to get it done. For him, the most rewarding part about doing well in school is knowing that he will have a very high

chance of being accepted into college. He does not yet know what college he would like to attend, but he is going to start thinking about it. Adam's hope is that with all the work he is doing in high school, he can be successful in life.

Adam loves Westview. He strives to be the best version of himself so that he can pursue his dreams. Throughout his high school journey, hopefully the community can watch him achieve big things with the knowledge he is gaining. Adam

wants to be top of his class and he is working to accomplish that goal. Miller hopes to inspire many young kids and wants them to succeed.



Adam Miller, Grade 9

Adam Miller is a freshman at Westview Jr-Sr High School. Miller excels at school with a 4.0 GPA. Some advice he gives to his peers is to remember the good, fun times as a freshman, because it will only get harder from here. Adam enjoys playing video games and basketball. He loves the teachers at Westview quoting "There are very nice teachers, and it is very easy to make friends here at Westview."



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SPORTS

Braden Kauffman is a freshman at Westview Jr-Sr High School who plays both baseball and soccer. Braden loves to play baseball and has played since the age of 4. Kauffman plays shortstop and is very good at it. He wishes to attend a division one college but has yet to decide which one. At 14 years old, he is still the underdog in high school. He uses this to his advantage though, and he will always outwork his competition. He loves to watch college sports and always gets

inspired by them. His dream is to play on one of those teams, and he wants to become a professional. He uses the Westview soccer program to his advantage to get in shape in the off-season. Kauffman also works out in the school's weight room.

He is sometimes overwhelmed trying to manage school and sports, but he uses his time management skills to excel in both. His favorite part of baseball is that he meets many new people

and travels all over the United States. In his little free time, he enjoys watching sports. Kauffman loves to analyze games and see how they play with the hope that kids will want to analyze him on how he plays down the road. In addition to playing for Westview baseball, Braden also plays for a travel baseball team. Braden hopes to be a huge inspiration to many kids who want to become professional baseball players.

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Braden Kauffman, Grade 9



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Principal's Dozen

WJHS - January 2021

Back Row (left to right): Olivia Jasso, Morgan Riegsecker, Mason Clark, Titus Fry, Lora Mast, and Lilly Mullet. *Front:* Alexis Warren, Kylie Singleton, Adrian Bontrager, Hyde Al Yahiri, and Bethany Bontrager.

Not Pictured: Logan Miller.

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



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WHS - January 2021

Back Row (left to right): Lillian Schlabach, Brandon Tester, and Al (Jason) Al-Faisal. *Front:* Katrina Schwartz, Audrey Taylor, and Leilyn Bradley.

Photo Submitted

Westview High School has selected six students to receive *Student Ambassador of the Month* honors for January 2021. These outstanding students were selected by their teachers for doing a noteworthy accomplishment, a generous act, displaying great improvements or having an outstanding individual achievement. Students like these make Westview a great place to attend! 📌



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Lessons from a Year of the Great Pause

March is a mile marker for all of us as our lives changed in different ways since the coronavirus spread across the United States last year. We experienced the inconveniences of wearing masks, changing plans due to stay-at-home orders, and adjusting our work, school, or church life. Some of us had big changes like health complications, loss of activities, celebrations, or even the death of someone we love. Our community has seen both tragedy and blessing.

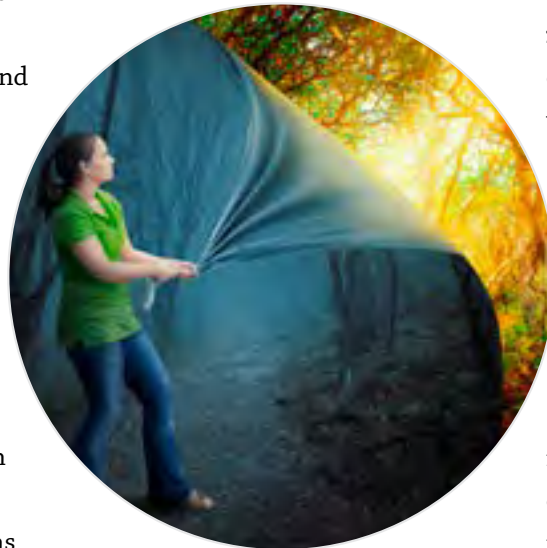
Life is like that, even without a pandemic. The tension of both positive and negative experiences is in every season of our lives. Going through them together the last year has accentuated them. Perhaps it has made some things better because you were not alone in how you felt. Or maybe it was more difficult because the regular rhythms of life were absent.

Our life is in between many things, caught in the “and”. Normal and unusual. Happy and sad. Relieved and anxious. Certain and uncertain. You can probably name a few more opposite feelings or situations occurring in your life. I can.

Living in the “and” is one thing we have learned from the past year. It has stretched us. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the pandemic, here are a few more things we have learned.

1. Hope is something you

choose. Many experiences brought disappointment, discouragement, even hopelessness this year. However, if we could stand in the future, we could look back at our present with an eye of hope. We would see the outcomes of things we cannot see right now. Hope is believing what you cannot see. Natural truths such as seasons




changing, time moving forward, and the resiliency of people give me hope when I’m not sure of an outcome. Belief in God and his goodness give me hope. Hope is found in tomorrow and all the possibilities it holds. What things give you hope?

2. A positive perspective is a choice. Just as hope is a choice, so is a positive perspective about a situation. It does not mean the situation is good, it means there is something positive to gain or learn from every experience

we have. A person said recently they were restless because they have not been able to try new things and fail. To them, failure is a learning tool that propels you to grow. Most of us think of failure as something negative or an experience to avoid. Failure can be full of growth and positivity. It is all in your perspective.

3. There is a time and season for everything. If you simply observed nature this year, you witnessed the magnificence in creation around us. There is a season to be dormant, to plant, to grow, and to harvest. I wonder if The Great Pause of 2020 was intended for humanity to recalibrate. To stop the hustle, bustle, materialism, and self-centeredness that has defined the modern world. Perhaps we have needed dormancy to look at what is most important in our lives, community, nation, and world.

Though we may approach March with disappointment that we are not “back to normal,” find a different perspective. Life may never be like it was before March of 2020. That may be a positive thing. The challenge is all in how we look at it.

What are positive things you have learned in the last year? 

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The main entrance at Parkview LaGrange Hospital has reopened, creating easier access to rehab, surgery and imaging departments, as well as the outpatient lab and specialty clinic. All of these are adjacent to the main lobby. The main entrance was closed for several months, with the emergency department entrance serving as the hospital's single access point. This change allowed the hospital to better manage the flow of guests and accommodate COVID-19 screening procedures.

The main entrance will now be open 7 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Outside of those hours, all patients and visitors should use the emergency department entrance. Upon arrival at either entrance, patients and visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, and everyone is required to wear a face mask inside the hospital. As a reminder, the café remains closed to the public, and visitors are not permitted to wait in the lobby.

The hospital also continues to follow visitor restrictions, with two adult visitors per patient permitted from 8 am to 8 pm daily in most inpatient departments. Only one visitor at a time (per patient) will be allowed in the hospital. For details on visitor restrictions, visit parkview.com/visitorupdates and click on Parkview LaGrange Hospital. 

Westview Jr./Sr. High Quarter 1 High Honor Roll

In addition to the GPA requirements (3.5 or above) for High Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours and have no grades lower than a C-.

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

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Multiple Branches or Virtual Activities

Virtual Pre-School Story Time

Facebook • Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 10 am
Theme • Dr. Seuss

In-Person Pre-School Story Time

Main • Tuesday, March 9 • 10 am (MUST register by March 2)
Topeka • Tuesday, March 9 • 1 pm (MUST register by March 2)
Shipshewana • Tuesday, March 16 • 1 pm (MUST register by March 9)
Theme • Dr. Seuss

New Activity Bags out for Pick-up

All Locations • Monday, March 1 • Dr. Seuss Birthday Bags
Monday, March 8 • CD Animals
Each bag contains activity sheets and a simple craft for 2 children.
Limited supplies available.

Home School Group (Limited Registration)

Main • In-Person • Wednesday, March 10 • 10 am
Shipshewana • In-Person • Wednesday, March 10 • 1 pm
Main • In-Person and Zoom • Friday, March 12 • 10 am
Topeka • In-Person • Friday, March 12 • 1 pm
Theme • Making your own bouncy balls
Space is limited. Must register by March 3.
Call for details for March 12 (10 am) Zoom session.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) (Limited Registration)

Main • In-Person • Thursday, March 11 • 4 pm
Theme • Colored Sand Paintings
Space is limited. Must register by Thursday, March 4.

STEM (Limited Registration)

Shipshewana • In-Person and Zoom • Wednesday, March 17 • 4 pm
Theme • Leap into Science - Lights and Shadows
Call for Zoom session details.
Space is limited. Must register by Wednesday, March 10.

Art (Limited Registration)

Topeka • In-person and Zoom • Wednesday, March 24 • 4 pm
Theme • Rain watercolor resist. Ages: Kindergarten - Grade 5
Call for Zoom session details.
Space is limited. Must register by Wednesday, March 17.

Adult Interest

LaGrange Branch

Gentle Flow Yoga with Farra

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 10:15 - 11:15 am
Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 • 10:15 - 11:15 am
Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Or, you may bring a rug or a blanket instead. The first class is free! For each further class a \$5 donation is suggested.
Social distancing is observed.
Masks are required but may be removed once you sit at your mat.
Space is limited. Call 260-463-2841 to register.

Hillsdale College Free Online Course

"An Introduction to C. S. Lewis:
Writings and Significance"
Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 2 pm
Nine weeks, nine 30 minute lectures. No prerequisites, non-credit.
Call 260-463-2841 x1030 to register.

Make-N-Take

Clay Pots Wreath
Wednesday, March 10 • 6 pm
Participants will make a wreath with miniature clay pots, greenery, and other items to welcome Spring! Cost is \$20 per person.
Masks are required, but may be removed once you sit at your workspace.
Space is limited. Registration and deposit of \$10 required by Monday, March 1.

Second Saturday Book Club

Saturday, March 13 • 11 am
This month's book is "The Calculating Stars" by Mary Robinette Kowal.
Copies of the book are available at the main library's Adult Information Desk. Masks and social distancing required.

Painting Class with Carl Mosher • Tropical Moonlight

Friday, March 19 • 1 - 4 pm
Even if you have never painted before, you will be amazed at what you are capable of! Carl will supply all materials. Ages 12+.
Cost: \$25 per person, payable at the class.
Classes fill fast so register soon at 260-463-2841 ext. 1030.

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- Social distancing will be observed.
- Children are allowed in the library if accompanied by an adult and must wear a mask if over 2 years old.
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Mystery Farm CONTEST



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Wilma Schrock of 8370W, Topeka, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Davie V. & Lorene Miller, 6600S 300W, Topeka**. Congratulations! She 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 **Lamar & Leora Troyer of 600W, Topeka**. Third prize went to **Harvey & Martha Miller of 300W, Topeka**.

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

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- 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: **March 16, 2021**.
Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



There were 48 correct entries this month. **Others that guessed correctly were:** Norman H. Miller, Dan & Loretta Miller, Albert & Mary Mullet, Nathan & Linda Wingard, Lorraine Miller, Kenton & Katy Schmucker, Vernon & Kathryn Yoder, Leroy & Darlene Schrock, Leland & Irene Lehman, Lavon & LaVerda Miller, Wayne & Dorothy Bontrager, Larry & LeEtta Eash, Nathan & Norma Yoder, Fannie M. Miller, Crist & Sara Miller, Jr & Esther Beechy, Mervin H. Miller, Harely & Marsha Miller, Pete & Mary Barkman, Eli & Ruth Miller, Marion & Waneta Miller, Norman & Darla Lehman, Susie D. Miller, Dave

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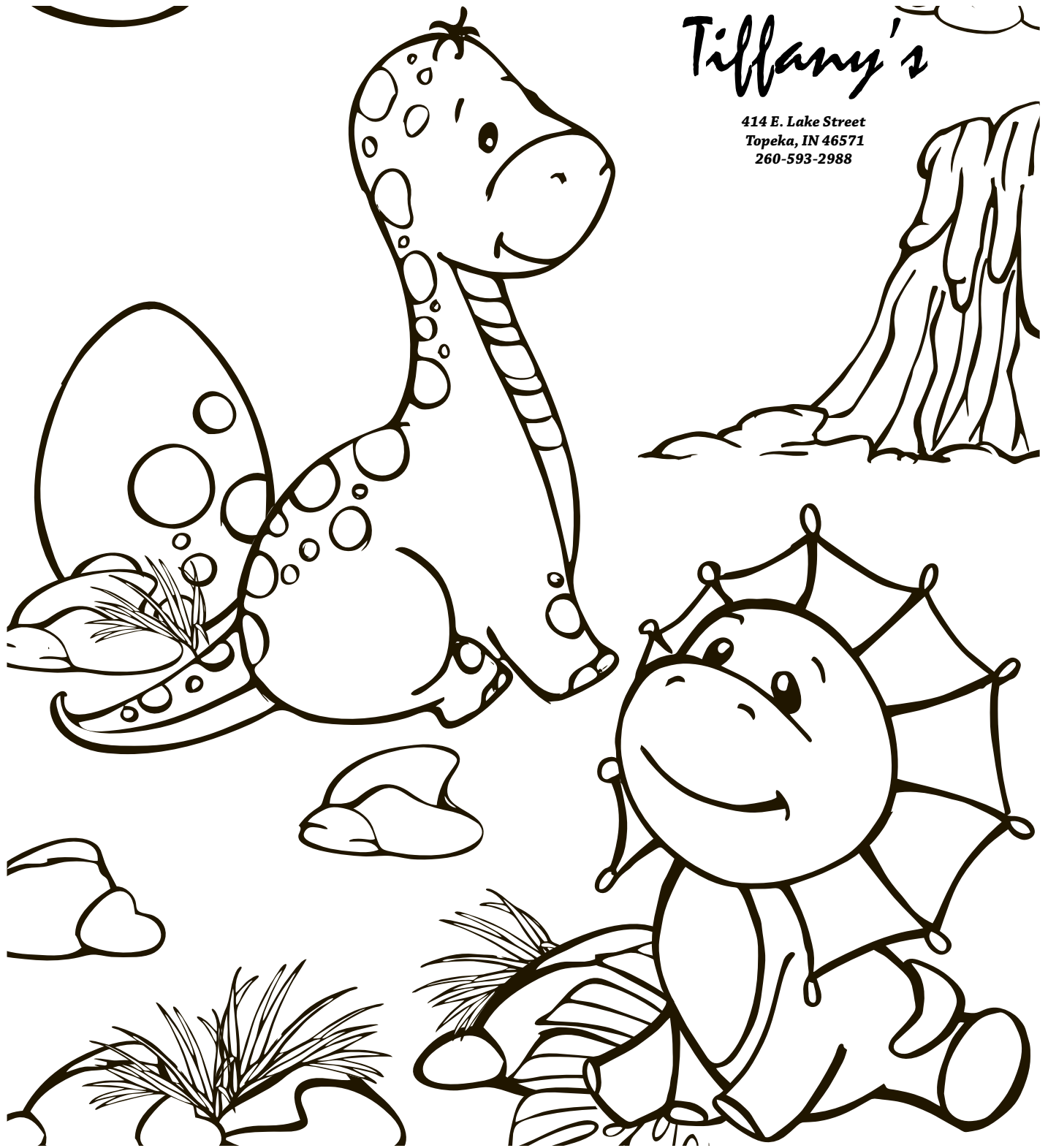
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Smart Choices

By Cassie Thain, Pharm D, Topeka Pharmacy

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

As of January 31, 2021, in the United States there have been more than 26 million cases of COVID-19 and, of those cases, over 439,000 people have died from complications of the virus. The following information about the COVID vaccine will help answer some of your questions.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a virus. People with COVID-19 may have mild or severe symptoms or may not have any symptoms at all. Possible symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Some people experience long-term effects such as damage to the lungs, heart, or brain.

Is the vaccine safe?

Clinical trials were performed involving over 30,000 people for the Moderna Vaccine and 40,000 people for the Pfizer vaccine. Most patients that received the vaccine reported only minor, short-term side effects. None of the participants in either trial died. All deaths that have been reported after receiving the vaccine have been determined not to be related to the vaccine.

Will the COVID-19 Vaccine give me COVID-19?


No, the Moderna and Pfizer Vaccines do not contain the virus and cannot give you COVID-19.

Will the vaccine work?

During the trials, the Moderna vaccine proved to be 94.1 percent effective and the Pfizer vaccine proved to be 95 percent effective in preventing participants from catching the virus. In addition, those in the vaccinated group who did become ill had less severe symptoms.

What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Side effects that have been reported with the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines include: injection site reactions, pain, swelling, redness, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea, vomiting, and fever. There is a remote chance that either vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the vaccine. Overall, the risks posed by the virus are more dangerous than the side effects of the vaccine.

Topeka Pharmacy is currently administering the Moderna Vaccine to anyone in the groups that have been approved by Indiana State regulations and requires two doses separated by 28 to 42 days. Please call us at (260)-593-2252 with any additional questions you may have or to schedule an appointment. 

H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 9

Alvin Lehman, JoAda Lehman, Joshua Lehman, Karl Lehman, Janell Mast, Kiana Mast, Brian Miller, Caleb Miller, Curtis Miller, Derek Miller, Heidi Miller, Ida Miller, Jane Miller, LaWayne Miller, Leah Miller, MaKayla Miller, Marla Miller, Norma Miller, Sara Miller, Diamond Noe, Isaiah Otto, Gwendolynn Owsley, Tristan Pearson, Matthew Raber, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexzander Sanchez, Kyle Schla-bach, Sharla Schmucker, Kason Schrock, Brandon Schwartz, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Matthew Slabach, Sorcha Stewart, Sheila Stoltzfus, Amy Troyer, Keith Troyer, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warrener, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Katura Wingard, Kerry Wingard, Laurene Wingard, Megan Wingard, Bryan M. Yoder, Bryan R. Yoder, Derek Yoder, Erika Yoder, Jacob Yoder, John Yoder, Kamden Yoder, Kylie Yoder, Nicole Yoder, Tyler Yoder, Velma Yoder, and Benjamin Yutzy.

Grade 9

Eli Atra, Caleb Bontrager, Mia Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Carson Brown, Katie Engelage, Sharla Frey, Joshua Heidorn, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Braden Kauffman, Brady Lehman, Kaylin Mahon, Karli Miller, Douglas Minix, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Luna Osorio, Jacob Peruski, Braden Rogers, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Sierra Stump, Kirstin Stutzman, Abriana Suddarth, Audrey Taylor, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder.

Grade 10

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Coloring Contest Winners

Six year old Sadie Elizabeth Beechy of 1000 W, Shipshewana was our winner for the December Coloring Contest. She won a special prize at Yoder's Shipshewana Hardware.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Yoder's Shipshewana Hardware for a prize through March.

Runners-up were Luke Lambright, age 6; Janelle Diane Miller, age 5; Tanner Porter, age 4. Honorable Mentions: Karl Bontrager, age 6; Leah Rose Yoder, age 6; Bryan Bontrager, age 6; Annie Miller, age 6; Karen Sue Herschberger, age 5; Caroline Schlabach, age 5. Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

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



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MONEY Wise

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

Tips On Savings For Retirement

For many of us, a “nest egg” may seem like a fantasy. We all realize that we should be saving for retirement, but many of us are consumed with mortgage payments, auto loans, child care, tuition, and credit card debt, among other expenses. Instead of planning for retirement “later,” or hedging your bets on social security, making a plan now for that nest egg will reduce stress and challenges down the road. The earlier that you start saving, the better off you will be. Remember, it is never too late to start. Here are a few tips to help you kick off the process of saving for retirement!

1. First things first, pay off any high-interest debt and outstanding credit card debt! As your credit card balances decrease, your momentum and drive will likely increase. I recommend checking out a personal finances calculator to determine how long it will take to pay off your credit card(s).

2. If your employer offers a 401(k) account, be sure to participate! You can contribute a percentage of each paycheck, before taxes, to retirement. For those who need a reminder to save regularly, I highly recommend this method! The money is automatically deducted from your paycheck, so you do not see it and have the opportunity to spend it! Many employers offer a matching contribution to 401(k) plans. This means, that they will add money to your 401(k). In this case, opting out of

your company’s 401(k) is like saying no to free money! In order to maximize this benefit, you should contribute the same percentage of the employer match, at a minimum! What if you are self-employed or your employer does not offer a 401(k)? I recommend opening an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or a Roth (IRA). If you want to pursue this option, I




recommend seeking guidance from a financial advisor to help you determine the right retirement account for your needs and your goals!

3. It may be easier said than done, but do not spend more than you are making. Our grandparents and great-grandparents had the right idea when they tucked their grocery money into one envelope and their gas money into another. They did not spend more than they had, and they saved up for big-ticket items like cars and kitchen appliances. These days, we are bombarded with credit cards, leasing offers, etc. “Saving up” is not a

necessity when you can simply charge your purchase, right? I recommend not racking up more debt and try your best to save money for those luxury items!

4. Have you considered a health savings account? If you are enrolled in a High Deductible Health Plan, consider a Health Savings Account (HSA) to ease healthcare costs as you enter retirement. HSAs allow you to make tax-free deposits into a savings account designed for health-related expenses. Just like a regular savings account, your contributions collect interest and grow over time! You can pay into an HSA now and withdraw for medical costs in your older years. Just keep in mind that withdrawals for non-medical expenses will incur stiff penalties!

As the catch phrase goes, do not put all of your eggs in one basket. This certainly applies to your nest egg! Take a look at U.S. Savings Bonds and treasuries for safe, guaranteed, inflation-linked investments. “Safe” investments become more crucial as you come close to retirement age. Remember it is never too late to start saving for retirement. Socking away \$25 a week, or even \$25 every month will significantly improve your quality of life in retirement while providing peace of mind right now! 

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These students dressed as if they were 100 years old. The students are (left to right) Makayla Slabach, Sara Bontrager, and Kylie Mast.

Shipshe-Scott Elementary



Celebrating 100

Shipshe-Scott Elementary celebrated their 100th day of school on Wednesday, January 20. The students celebrated in many different ways, including, making 100-day crowns, putting 100 piece puzzles together, dressing up and pretending to be 100 years old, and thinking about what they will do and look like when they are 100 years old. 

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Bus Safety


Kindergarten and first grade students at Shipshe-Scott Elementary participated in a bus safety refresher course. While on the bus, they reviewed rules on how to stay safe and how to cross in front of the bus. 

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Mrs. H Mast's class worked on putting together 100 piece puzzles.

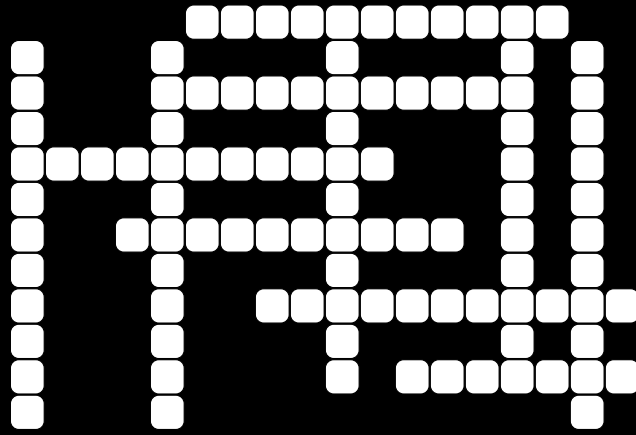


Ms. Rose's class made 100-day crowns!

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Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Shipshe-Scott Elementary School collected money for a school-wide service project. They collected money for Pennies for Patients that helps to find a cure for cancer. The entire school collected \$3190.40. **i**

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Mrs. Brown's third grade class collected \$485.45.



Westview Elementary

Community Project

Sixth grade students at Westview Elementary are working on a community project and are looking for your help! These students are collecting old or broken cell phones, tablets, iPads, and chargers. They will be collecting these items starting in March and running through mid-April. If you would like to help these students, please drop off items for donation at the following locations: All Westview Schools, The Blue Gate, Davis Mercantile, Dollar General, E & S Sales, Elkhart Plastic, Farmstead Inn, Grand Design, Jayco, Lambright County Chimes, The MEC, Save-A-Lot, Shoe Show, Shore Church, and Yoder Popcorn. Thank you in advance for your donations! **i**

Second Grade Studies Communities

Second grade students at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary are learning about rural, suburban, and urban

communities. They made dioramas of a community that they chose. **i**

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Trenton Bontrager



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Let's Go Camping!

Mrs. Miller's first grade class enjoyed camping in the school's gymnasium as they worked on math activities using marshmallows and completed numerous activities while they sat around the campfire. **i**

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Bus Safety

Kindergarten and first grade students at Topeka Elementary recently spent a few minutes with bus driver Barb Geng as they reviewed bus safety procedures. **i**

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Kindergarten students, from Ms. Mast's class, line up for the bus as Mrs. Geng supervises.

Cub Connection

Each year Topeka Elementary hosts a family night called Cub Connection. Parents and students come to school and have a chance to experience hands-on reading and math activities. This year Cub Connection took on a different look as it was delivered in a bag with each family receiving one. The bags were sent home with the needed supplies for reading, writing, and math activities on Friday, January 22. **i**

Second graders hold their family's activity bags. Back row (left to right): Kipton Schrock, Mallory Antal, Wilma Fry, Sofia Martinez-Diaz, and Austin Yoder. Front: Jalayna Fry, Marcus Runyon, Terra Harlow, and Ashlynn Rockey.

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Topeka Elementary



100 Days in School

Day 100 in an elementary school is always one that students enjoy as they read, count, sort, and move to the number in honor of the 100th day of

the school year. This year it felt just a bit more special at Topeka Elementary when day 100 was celebrated on Wednesday, January 20th. **i**



Kindergarteners from Mrs. Linda Carpenter's class, Vincent Vogt and Eric Riehl, pose with their class' collection of 100 items.



Aryanna Case, from Mrs. Sharon Mast's kindergarten class, counts out 100 items.

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H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 13

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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, Megan Kauffman, Brookelyn Lambright, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Alayna Nissley, Sean Nordman, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Allie Springer, Brandon Tester, Elaine Troyer, Aiden Wisler, Caleb Yater, and Alexander Yoder.

Grade 12

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Understanding the Opioid Crisis

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Event will be delivered **LIVE via ZOOM on March 25, 2021 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**. Registration is not required. Those interested in participating will go to the virtual link: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/96402182073>


The virtual event will be recorded and shared via the LaGrange County Facebook page, as well as the coalition's social media page. 

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Westview High School Freshman Orientation

Westview High School is hosting an "Orientation to High School" meeting on **Monday, March 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wilson Auditorium**. Parents of current eighth graders, whose child will be attending Westview High School as a freshman in the fall, are invited to attend. Items

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Deann Fry Signs to Run Cross Country at University of St. Francis in Illinois



Back Row (Left to Right): Rich Cory (Principal), Daniel Fry (brother), Erica Fry (sister), Jalen Fry (brother), Lyle Bontrager (XC coach), Danae Fry (sister), Darlene Mathew (Athletic Director). Front row: Ervin Fry (Father), Deann Fry, JoAnn Fry (Mother).  Photo submitted

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2020-21 Dynamic Singers: Back (left to right): Nathan Miller, Aiden Wisler, Kaitlyn Burton, Jackson Minix, Lillian Eash, Jordan Collyer, Lucy Rensberger, Isaiah Hostetler, and Kylan Bender. Middle: Brookelyn Lambright, Ethan Hibbs, Andrew Cupp, Allie Springer, Kaylyn Gates, Brady Hostetler, Mary Beth Hostetler, Zack Miller, Caleb Yater, and Abby Bontrager. Front: Elijah Hostetler, Hannah Davidson, Isaac Rogers, Rosamaria McMahon, Drew Walker, Landon Bennett, Ava Miller, and Jethro Hostetler. Not Pictured: Nicole Miller, Paige Reigsecker, and Will Clark.

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2020-21 Jazz Band: Back (left to right): Caleb Yater, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jordan Collyer, and Aidan Koehler. Middle: Kaylee Adelmann, Landon Bennett, Isaac Rogers, Rosamaria McMahon, and Ethan Hibbs. Front: Gaven Miller, Braden Rogers, Nick Bontrager, and Braden Barton. Not Pictured: Kaitlin Nuzum.

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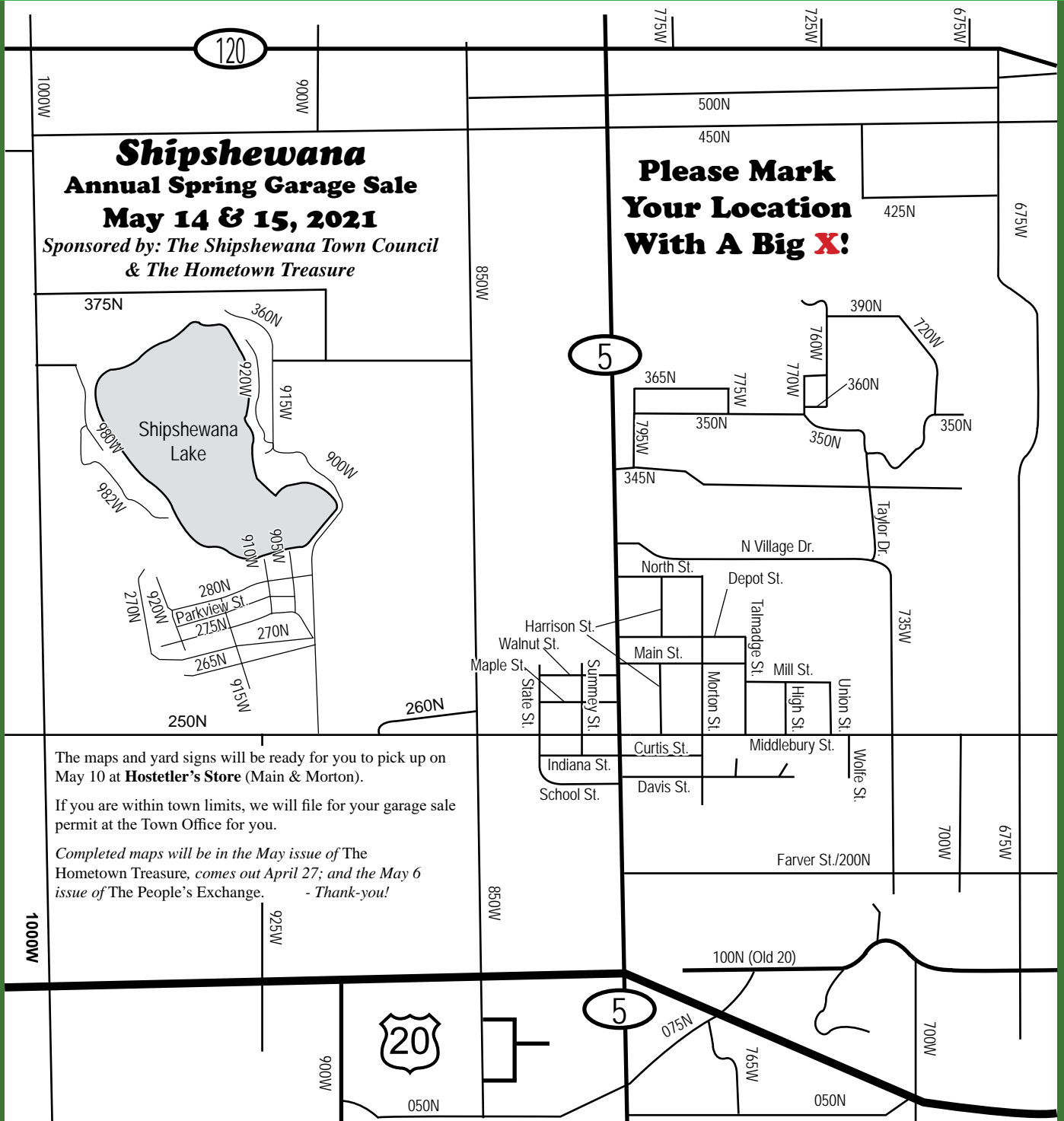
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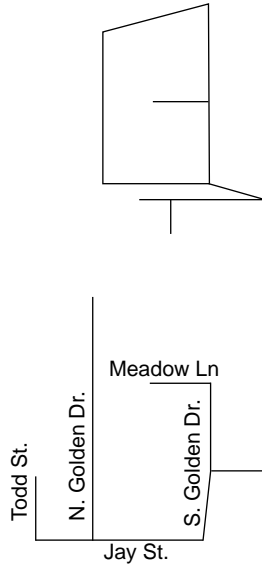
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Army Deserter Arrested in Topeka

by Harold D. Gingerich

It is not every day that an Army deserter is arrested in Topeka, Indiana, especially when the year is 1918. The nation, and the world, was at war. And the story of Topeka Town Marshal Iris Stage arresting U.S. Army deserter Valentine Mohl Jr. on February 1, 1918, was headline news not only across the state of Indiana, but around the country. But why would Mohl have even been in Topeka? What ever happened to him after his arrest and trial; was he shot as a traitor or was he sent to prison for the rest of his life? The answers may surprise you.

Valentine (Val) Mohl Jr. was born on August 10, 1897, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Valentine and Maria Esslinger Mohl. According to the 1920 census, both parents had been born in Hungary. When they immigrated to this country is yet to be discovered. City records show that by 1911 the family was living in Cincinnati. Val did have an older brother, Adam (1894-1969) who served as a private in the infantry during World War I. On Adam's 1918 application for a license to marry Mary Krauser, it states that he was born in "Austria, Hungary" and that his occupation was that of a "soldier".

Val joined the Winchester (Jasper



County, Indiana) Militia in June of 1916. On April 3rd of the following year, Mohl and the Winchester Militia were stationed in Goshen, IN to guard the New York Central Railroad bridge west of Goshen. Within a month of being stationed in Goshen he met and married Viola Keim. The marriage took place in Goshen on Saturday afternoon, July 28, 1917, and was performed by Rev. S.P. Freyenberger. It seems that the boys from the Winchester Militia took a fancy to the girls from Goshen because *The Star Press* in Muncie, IN ran a

page-one story entitled "Winchester Soldiers Busy Marrying Goshen Girls." The story reported on the Mohl-Keim marriage and went on to say that since the militia arrived, "four soldiers have married Goshen girls."

Later that year, Mohl's unit was transferred to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. When his request for a furlough to spend the holidays with his new bride was denied, Val deserted. When he was later captured *The Star Press* (Feb. 4, 1918, page 3) reported that, "At the time he was captured he was with his wife." So why were they in Topeka?

The answer may be that his wife, Viola, had a brother by the name of John S. Keim (1892-1961). He most likely was the same John Keim who owned and operated a general store on the westside of North Main Street in Topeka. We are left to wonder, "How much did John Keim know about Mohl's desertion?" Were Val and Viola



hiding here in Topeka? Did Marshal Stage know Mohl personally? No doubt the good folks in Topeka discussed all these things, and much more, while we are only left to wonder.

What we do know is that Iris Stage arrested him, apparently without a struggle, sometime on Friday, February 1, 1918. Stage reported the arrest to Sheriff Sanford of Elkhart County who came to Topeka and took custody of Mohl that same day. Where Stage held



Mohl until Sheriff Sandford arrived would be very interesting to know. The first town hall (current home of the Topeka Police Department), with its one jail cell, was not built until 1926. Mohl was later turned over to the Federal authorities and taken to Fort Sheridan in Illinois.

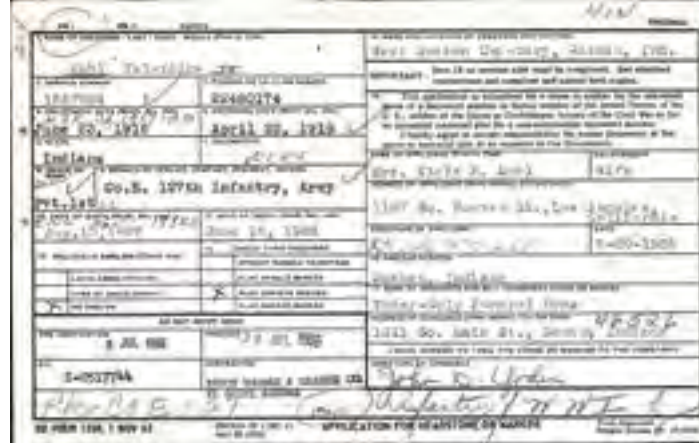
Iris Vernon Stage (1884-1963) lived in Topeka all his life. How he got the nickname "Pike" would be very interesting to know. But Pike, as everyone knew him, had only been the town marshal for a few days when he arrested Mohl. The January 24, 1918, edition of the Topeka Journal reported that Stage had been appointed Marshal the previous Friday by the "City Council". Stage's full-time job was as a line-man for the Peoples Mutual Telephone

Company in Topeka.

Thus far, I have been unable to uncover any details of his court martial for desertion and the punishment that was handed down. According to Eric T. Alli, the author of *Counterfeit Justice: The True Story of 19th Century Crime* and the one who sent me the electronic newspaper clipping of the 1918 story about Mohl's arrest that appeared in the *Topeka Journal*, "they were fairly light on sentencing back then, more of giving people a second chance." Alli believes that most likely Mohl was given a pay cut and some extra duty.



What is clear from military records is that Valentine Mohl was not imprisoned nor was he dishonorably discharged. In fact, on July 9, 1918, the same year as his arrest for desertion, he sailed to France from Hoboken, New Jersey, on the USS Mount Vernon. Unlike Mount Vernon's September 1918 voyage that was struck by German torpedoes off the coast of France, Mohl's crossing of the Atlantic was uneventful. At 10:41 on the morning of March 5, 1919, Val set sail aboard the USS South Carolina for Newport News, Virginia. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on April 22, 1919.



Following his discharge, Val and Viola moved to Chicago where they would live for the next 40 years. In April of 1961, they moved to Los Angeles, CA. Valentine Mohl Jr. died on June 18, 1966, and was buried in the West Goshen Cemetery. His obituary reads that, "Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Clyde Copenhaver of Goshen, Mrs. Robert Ridderhoff, and Miss Yvonne Mohl, at home, a son, Robert P. Mohl, Melrose Park, Md; a brother, Adam Mohl, of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Huch, of Chicago; and eight grandchildren."

Viola Frances Keim Mohl died



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Not Another Fire... Topeka Deserves Protection

Topeka Volunteer Fire Department

By Harold D. Gingerich

Sometimes you just hit that point when enough is enough. The January 13, 1916, front page story in *The Topeka Journal* was as much a call to arms as it was a report on the latest in a series of fires. This latest fire destroyed the Topeka Grist Mill owned by Elmer Wisman. It is amazing to this writer that the weekly edition of *The Topeka Journal* was published on the same day as the fire. Charles Mattingly, publisher of the newspaper, was quick to point out that the business could have been saved “had they (the firefighters) been able to get anything to fight the fire with.”

Fires had been an ongoing problem for the emerging town of Topeka. On Friday afternoon, April 16, 1915, Sycamore Hall, the iconic crown jewel of the community, went up in flames. Newspapers as far away as Indianapolis ran the story. Since Topeka had no fire fighting equipment, calls for help immediately went out to Goshen and Millersburg. It was feared that the entire business district would be destroyed because embers were raining down on the neighboring buildings. By the time that the Millersburg horse drawn fire engine arrived, after making the nine-mile trip, the hall was in ruins.

The janitor had fired up the two-year-old furnace about noon. A group of high school students from Ligonier were scheduled to perform “*Won by Wireless*” that night at Sycamore Hall. A stairway, part of the scenery which had been built over a heating register, was deemed to be the cause of the fire. Sycamore Hall, the center of commu-

nity life, had been built in 1905 with \$4,000 donations from both Andrew Carnegie and Jacob Straus. Despite the hall’s honored place in the community and the estimated \$12,000 loss, there does not appear to have been an outcry from the community for greater fire protection.

It was Mattingly’s front-page story and his call to arms following Elmer Wisman’s mill fire in 1916, that got the community moving. His story included a passionate plea for the people of Topeka to “demand that we are given fire protection as soon as possible.” Mattingly also noted that the new





Volunteers on the Topeka 1915-16 fire department pose with their two hand drawn hose carts. In the front row, left to right, are Van Meyer, Adley Marshall, Fred Roy, Asst. Hookey and Harry Lantz.

“water works plant” was nearly completed, and that “if it could have been used, the terrible loss could have been averted.”

Within days, a meeting was called to address the problem. The front page of the January 27, 1916 issue of *The Topeka Journal* carried the headline: “A Fire Department Organized”. The organizational meeting took place just 11 days after the mill fire. On Monday evening, the 24th, 40 people met in the office of A.W. Ritter. By the end of the evening, officers had been elected with Iris “Pike” Stage as Fire Chief, Asst. Chief Charles Hoverstock, and the other volunteers organized into two companies, one for the north side of town and the other for the south. Stage would also be called upon to serve as the town marshal.

The fire brigade only had two hand-drawn hose carts which had to be pulled to the fires and then the hoses connected to the nearest hydrant. It was not much, but it was a start and a far cry from the old bucket brigade. City water became available in Topeka around 1911. By 1912 local businessmen had banded together to fight fires, but there is no record of an officially organized fire department.

When the Ford Motor Company offered free trucks to volunteer fire departments, Topeka took advantage of the opportunity. While the truck was free, the town did need to pay to

have it outfitted with pumps and other firefighting equipment. The 1929 Model A fire truck was a modern marvel. With a pump and two small water tanks on board, the firefighters no longer needed to solely depend on water hydrants. The original Model A served the department for more than 20 years. It was

sold in 1962. Still in running order and with only 2,929 miles on the odometer, it made a return visit to Topeka for the fire department’s 100th anniversary celebration in 2012. There are some who dream of the day when the old Model A can come home to stay.

Continuity of leadership has been a vital part of the department’s success beginning with Iris (Pike) Stage 1916 to 1924, and beyond; J.E. Blough, prior to 1937 to 1960; Richard (Dick) Dubbs, 1960-1963; Stan Miller, 1969-1997; Steve Wainscott, 1997-2002; Kent Simons, 2002-2006; and Stewart Bender 2007 to present. Bender is the first full-time fire chief.

From its inception, the fire department has enjoyed strong community support. That support is on display when the department hosts their semi-annual fish fry fundraiser. Firefighters typically serve up over 2,500 pounds of their “secret recipe” fish to standing room only crowds. It is truly a community event, with church groups working side by side as people come to enjoy the fish and a chance to sit and talk.

In the year 2000, the department established a “Fireman of the Year Award” in memory of Auburn “Red” Haggard. Red, a 1948 graduate of Topeka High School, was an active member of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years.

Over the years, the department

has worked to maintain and upgrade their equipment. Station 30 has known several homes around town. A modern state-of-the-art fire station was constructed at 180 Crossfire Drive in 2016. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 10, followed by an open house.

Fighting fires is dangerous business. That reality hit home when two Topeka firefighters became trapped in a fiery ceiling on May 16, 2020, while fighting a fire at the Beauty & The Bull Restaurant. “We love what we do, but we also know that there are risks,” said Fire Chief Stewart Bender. “In situations like this you don’t have time to think. Your training just takes over.” Indeed, the training did take over.

Both men were rescued because of the quick thinking of their fellow firefighters. Galen Bontrager was the most seriously injured, with 3rd degree burns to both of his hands. Despite numerous surgeries, he eventually lost all his fingers and is currently being fitted with prosthetics.

The department’s current officers, in addition to Bender, are Asst. Chief Adam Lambright, Captain Brian Miller, Rescue Captain Devon Bontrager, Lt. Barry McDonald, Lt. Harley Miller, and Safety Captain Pete Kauffman. Station 30’s primarily territory is Clearspring and Eden townships, along with the Town of Topeka. ❗



A Note from the Naturalist

Warm Greetings,

The Maple Syrup Days festival is going to look different this year. Festival fans will still have the opportunity to purchase delicious syrup and other sweet treats, as well as learn about the process of making maple syrup. But, due to group size regulations and safety concerns, we are spreading out our maple syrup activities over two weekends. Unfortunately, there will not be a Lions Club pancake breakfast at Maple Wood Nature Center. We will have a drive-thru syrup sale, fun run, and walking tours. Please note that the Sap Run & Syrup Stroll as well as the Sugar Bush Tours require registration.

We know this is sad news for many. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we strive to keep all patrons safe. Please come and visit us in the drive-thru and help us celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Maple Syrup Days. We stay hopeful that we can once again gather around the table together in 2022.

Respectfully,

Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist

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Not your average tax credit

The stimulus payment or 'economic impact payment', as the IRS calls it, is technically a tax credit for 2020. But this is not widely understood. Some people assume that the IRS will add the amount to your income, generating a bigger tax bill, or reduce your future tax refund when you file your tax return next year. Neither is the case, but this takes some explaining. In the tax world, a tax deduction is a good thing. It reduces your income, which reduces the amount of tax you owe. If you had \$50,000 in income and had a \$5,000 tax deduction, your deduction would reduce your taxable income by \$5,000. If you were in the 12 percent tax bracket, you would reduce your taxes owed by \$600 (12 percent of \$5,000). A tax deduction is good, but a tax credit is even better. A tax credit reduces your

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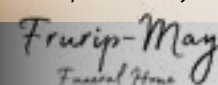
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- 1) Braden Eash, sophomore, shoots for two.
- 2) Sophomore Evan Litwiller clears his opponents' head and attempts a basket.
- 3) Hunter Porter, junior, goes for a layup.
- 4) Freshman Christien Noward looks for an opening to pass the ball.
- 5) Maleek Myers, sophomore, gets ready to set a screen against Prairie Heights.

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Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Friday, May 7,
Saturday, May 8, 2021

At The Cove
705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of May 7)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 7)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 7)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 7)

T-Shirts for everybody!

All games will have refs!

Teams limited to 4 players. Tournament is double elimination. Must be at least 2 entries in a given division for competition to take place.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams in student divisions. Also, top two teams in 16 - 18 division may play in the open division FREE!

Entry Deadline April 23, 2021

Student Division \$60

Make checks payable to LaGwana.

Send completed form and entry fee to:

LaGwana, PO Box 70
Shipshewana, IN 46565
phone: 260-768-7878

After May 6th, call 260-585-6050 for 3 - on - 3 schedule and info.

Shirt Size (all adult sizes):

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Boys 16 - 18 division will be played Friday evening starting at 6. Boys 13 - 15 division will start Friday evening at 6 and finish up on Saturday morning. Both divisions need to check in by 5:45pm (doors open at 5pm).

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

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

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Shipshewana Mayfest

3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 8, 2021

At The Cove

705 N. Morton St. Shipshewana

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Phone _____ Ext _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

email _____

Division: Open Century

CAPTAIN Age _____
(as of May 8)

Player 2 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 8)

Player 3 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 8)

Player 4 Name _____ Age _____
(as of May 8)

T-Shirts for everybody!

All games will have refs!

Open and Century Divisions \$75

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Cash Prizes

STARTS AT 1 PM

Must keep 100 years of experience on the court.

CENTURY DIVISION: Teams limited to 4 players (Century Division must keep 100 years on the court with 3 players at all times). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 1.

STARTS AT 1 PM

For anyone over 18 who still wants to play.

OPEN DIVISION: Teams limited to 4 players, can be over 18 (but don't HAVE to be). **Deadline is 12 o'clock noon**, games start at approx. 2.

Players cannot play in both the Century and Open Divisions.

Guidelines:

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 tournament. Must be at least three paid entries for

competition to take place. Each team to pay \$75 entry fee with pre-registration (in our office by April 23). **All pre-registered teams will get T-shirts.** After that, please bring your \$75 to the tournament site during the younger teams' tournaments. **Make checks payable to LaGwana.**

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March Park News

MAPLE SYRUP EVENTS

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

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

Origami Turtles

Tuesday, March 2,

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

The Naturalist will read *Yertle the Turtle* and help each participant make and decorate an origami turtle to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will meet a live turtle! **Families or groups must register for a 45-minute time spot. Groups are limited to 25. No group will overlap.** Easy for all ages with some folding help from an adult. *RSVP is required Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org.*

Forest Bathing

Saturday, March 27, 10:00 am

Maple Wood Nature Center

A slow, quiet one-hour walk designed to awaken your senses and relax your mind. This walk is for adults and youth aged 12 and older. **Space is limited to 25 walkers.**

RSVP is required to Leslie Arnold at (260) 463-4022 or larnold@lagrangecounty.org.

Folk Jam

Fourth Sunday, March 28,

1:30 - 5:00 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added.

For more information, contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247 or reo43@aol.com.

RSVP to Erv Troyer.

Make - n - Take Crafts

Maple Tree Hand Prints

Saturday, March 13,

10:00 am ONLY

Maple Wood Nature Center

Children will make a Sugar Maple tree using a hand and arm tracing. Attach a foil "bucket" and you have a seasonal keepsake.

Sap Run & Syrup Stroll: 5K Fun

Run and 1 Mile Walk

Saturday March 13,

Starting at 10:00 am

Maple Wood Nature Center

Walkers and runners of all ages and skill levels welcome! The course is a limestone park trail and paved road. Goody bags include pure maple syrup and winter head gear! Printable registration forms and links to online registration can be found on Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page.

Registration fee is yet to be determined. Updated information will be posted soon on the Facebook page. Proceeds benefit LaGrange County Parks.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks>

Sugar Bush Tours

Saturday March 13, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, (on the hour, every hour)

Maple Wood Nature Center

Take an easy walk through the Sugar Maple woods and learn about the process of making backyard maple syrup. Participants will taste a pure maple syrup sample. **RSVP is required. Group size is limited to 25 people per hour.** Tours are 100 percent outdoors so dress to stay warm.

Not able to come Saturday?

Contact Leslie to schedule a week-day tour!

Drive-thru Syrup Sale

Saturday March 20,


8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday March 21,

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

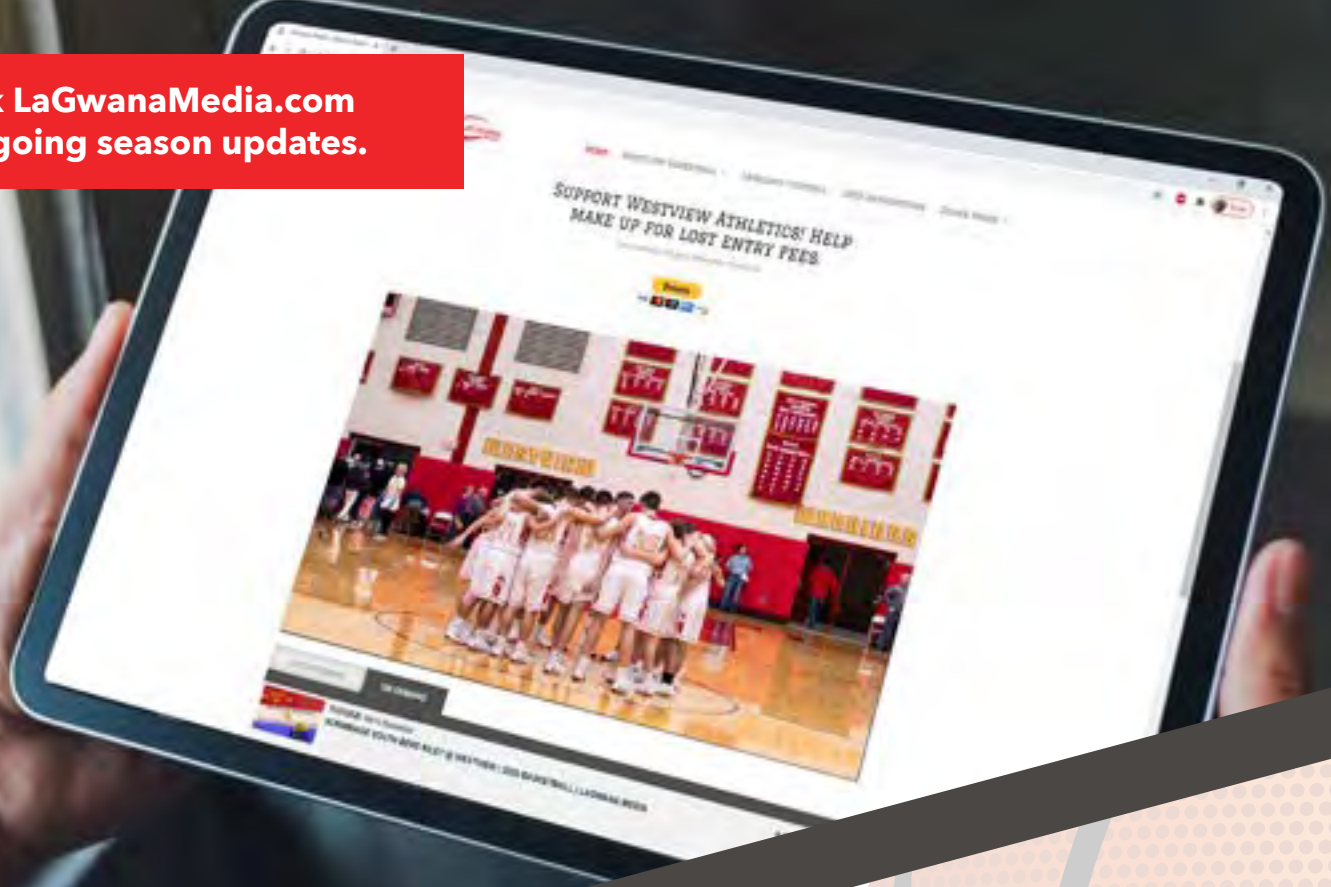
Maple Wood Nature Center

Pick up all your Maple Syrup Days festival favorites while staying safe and warm. Maple cotton candy, maple kettle corn, maple syrup suckers, plush finger puppets, and cloth shopping bags. 2020 discounted maple syrup in pints, quarts, decorative tins and glass bottles.

All items are "while supplies last." Thank you for your support! 



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Viewership is not.



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Be watching
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for the upcoming
sectional tournament
games on March 1-6.

Pairings for those games
will be drawn on Sunday,
February 21. If you want to
watch the selection show, it
will be livestreamed at:
IHSAAtv.org.

The sectional games will all
be played at Westview.

We plan to bring
you all the
Westview action!

We are required to stream
on IHSAAtv.org only and
will be required to charge
\$10.55 to view the games.

Watch LaGwanaMedia.com
for schedule changes.