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# Westview Club Spotlight Archery Club

For the Archery Club spotlight, we interviewed two members of the club—Maddison Mishler (**MM**) and Kyle Hochstetler (**KH**). The questions and their responses are below.

## What is the purpose of Archery club?

**MM:** I feel we each have our own purpose for this club. Personally, I wanted to feel like I was part of something, to show we all can have strength in what we do. **KH:** I like the challenge of the club. We have to do our best, but you can have fun at it too. I know all the members in the club, and that's what makes me feel comfortable and part of the team.

## What are some difficulties you must work through?

**MM:** Self-confidence and focus. When you're in archery, you have to have a common focal point. Sometimes I have days where I feel down because I could have done better or hit a number I didn't want to, but, in the end, I feel it's more about being able to have fun and enjoy what you're able to do. **KH:** Focusing on the target. In archery, you can't just aim for the bullseye, you have to find the right spot to aim. You also have to make sure your form is correct.

## How do you handle the challenges?

**MM:** We all encourage each other and we all tell each other we have done a good job. **KH:** Stay calm and focus. The team and Mr. Stacy, the club sponsor, help me to stay focused. I try to take a deep breath before I shoot.

## Can you name one of your best memories?

**MM:** My favorite memories include the times after we have competitions where

we go out to eat. It gives us a chance to relax after the stress of the competition, to just talk, and have fun. **KH:** There is a senior I really look up to. She has taught me a lot. I finally topped her score. After that we went to Subway as a group and took some pictures with the Christmas lights. It was a lot of fun.

## Have there been any horrible memories?

**MM:** The only horrible memory I have is probably the one time where we went to a 3D shoot and I missed the biggest target about three times. **KH:** At practice, someone made a bet with me. I had to hit so many bulls-eyes or yellows or I couldn't speak for the rest of practice. It was the longest practice ever!

## What does the future of this club look like to you?

**MM:** Archery club is a hobby I would really like to be able to continue with, or be in one of the archery leagues they have. **KH:** I am planning on continuing it next year for my Senior year. After that, I would love to find a college or continue shooting somehow. I would love to see the club keep growing so that others can enjoy it as much as I have.

## For those who join this club in the future, do you have any advice for them?

**MM:** Have fun, try your hardest. A couple bad scores isn't going to hurt you; live life and just realize you're doing something for your own enjoyment and not just to prove that you are better. **KH:** Have fun! Don't worry about every little detail you can think of. It will take practice and concentration. Anyone can do it. You

have to be aware of your surroundings—archery is a safe sport when you and others follow the safety rules.

## Tell me how you think this club impacts students?

**MM:** You get to feel like a family. If one person is feeling down or just not in the mood, everyone pitches in and talks to each other and has a good laugh. You'll learn teamwork, confidence, and positivity. **KH:** It has made me feel a part of something. I absolutely love the club and don't mind getting up early for practice or going to a competition on Saturday. We are like a family and enjoy each other. It teaches us discipline and how to be a good sport and encourage each other and the other team. We also learn and practice good manners. For example, when we go up to score, we might take turns or let the other person go first.



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# Westview Club Spotlight

## National Art Honor Society

For the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) spotlight, we interviewed club sponsor Mrs. Jesse Martin (JM). The questions and her responses are below.

### What is the purpose of National Art Honor Society?

**JM:** The purpose of NAHS is to spread awareness of the visual arts to our school and our community. It is geared toward the students who excel in the visual arts because so often academics focuses on math and science.

### What are some difficulties you must work through?

**JM:** Scheduling! It's hard to schedule events where all members are able to attend because so many members are involved in so many things.

### How do you handle the challenges?

**JM:** Be flexible with students and their schedules and try to include as many members as possible.

### Can you name one of your best memories?

**JM:** There are too many to name. I have enjoyed all of the summer excursions we have been able to take with students in early June. We have gone to NYC, to see Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house, Chicago, and Toledo. It's been fun to take students on art related trips.

### Have there been any horrible memories?

**JM:** Not really in the club. However, it was horrible to lose one of our early members, Will Becker, in a car accident just before he left for college. We became a tight knit group/community. One of my early years at Westview, NAHS was determined to add flowers/color into the courtyard. Will brought a HUGE

box of purple irises to plant in the courtyard. To this day, I always think of Will when the purple irises bloom in the courtyard.

### What does the future of this club look like to you?

**JM:** This is a new year for us that actually opened up NAHS to freshmen. Because of the new pathway program, some students were able to take the Intro to Art class as 8th graders, which has allowed freshmen to take advanced level art classes, making them eligible for NAHS. This will, and has, made our club bigger and more diverse. I hope this will continue to build our club, to make it stronger, and to encourage students who excel in the visual arts to keep excelling in school overall.

### For those who join this club in the future, do you have any advice for them?

**JM:** Jump in! You get what you give, so if you love the arts, get involved!

### Tell me how you think this club impacts students

**JM:** I hope that the club builds a community of artists and gives them a safe space to not only build their talents but thrive as a whole. The arts teach so much more than making pretty pictures. Sometimes, an art project that a student is invested in is what gets them to walk through the school doors in the morning. The rest will follow. I hope this club fuels the fire of visual artists and lets them know that they have a safe space to work and thrive at Westview.

Diamond Noe and Alayna Suddarth chose the topic, conducted the interviews, and designed the layout for this article.





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*Back Row (left to right):* Ryan Yoder, Kaine Reinhold, Darin Schlabach, Jina Slabaugh, Angela Yoder, and Alyssa Hooley. *Front:* Loren Bontrager, Becky Moore, Lisa Bontrager, Elyse Wingard, Kaitlyn Bontrager, and Graci Engle.

*Photo Submitted*

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

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# Student Ambassadors

WHS - January 2022

*Back Row (left to right): Jackson Minix, Braden Rogers, Ronnie Raley, and Wiley Minix. Front: Justin Miller, Isaac Rogers, and Alex Rial.*

*Photo Submitted*

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



*Cover Photo by Abby Wenger*

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# Local Citizens Honored at SRMA Banquet


Paul Mishler and Gary Miller (in memorial) were honored at the 2022 Shishewana Retail Merchants Association annual dinner on February 9. The town's annual Quality of Life Award was given to long-time resident Paul Mishler by Shishewana Town Board Member Zach Stoltzfus.

The business longevity award was given to Wana RV's late Gary Miller, and accepted

by his wife Patti and his son Justin. Gary had opened the business in 1980 as a small engine repair shop. The business has transitioned into selling RVs, but overall has been in business in Shishewana for forty-two years.

After a one year hiatus because of Covid, this year's event was attended

by around 120 business owners and guests. Following a meal by The Blue Gate, a report on tourism efforts was given by LaGrange County CVB director Phylis Youga.

Afterwards the attendees were treated to "Family Feud - Shishewana Style" hosted by Jay "Steve Harvey" Chupp. The winning family was the team from The Davis Mercantile. 



*Above: Jay "Steve" checks the board to see if The Davis Mercantile Family answer is on the board!*

*Left: SRMA Executive Director Mariah Contreras presents the Business Longevity Award to Justin Miller and Patti Miller of Wana RV Center.*

*Right: Paul Mishler is awarded the Town of Shishewana's Quality of Life Award at the annual SRMA dinner in February.*

# March 2022 LaGrange County Parks Events

**Sap Run and Syrup Stroll  
5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk  
Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. start  
Maple Wood Nature Center**

Walkers and runners of all ages and skill levels welcome! The course is a limestone park trail and paved road. Printable registration forms and link to online registration can be found on Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page. Hard copy forms

will also be available at Maple Wood Nature Center starting February 11. Prices and goodie bag contents will be announced by February 11. Proceeds benefit LaGrange County Parks.

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## Maple Syrup Days

**March 19-20, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Maple Wood Nature Center**

Maple syrup, maple kettle corn, maple cotton candy, maple suckers and candy for sale! Maplewood Nature Center gears up to make maple syrup and to host the festivities of Maple Syrup Days. It is time to dress warmly and let the aroma of wood smoke and boiling maple sap lure you in to enjoy all that Maple Syrup Days offer. Maple Syrup Days will follow any and all LaGrange County coronavirus-related mandates.

As of January 2022, there are none. However, the pancake breakfast will be 50% seating capacity. If you are ill for any reason, or have been with someone who is ill, please stay home and purchase your syrup later. Please help keep park staff and volunteers healthy and safe.

**South Milford Lions  
"All You Can Eat"  
Pancakes and Sausage  
7 a.m.-TBD**

**Sugar Shack Open Tours  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides  
Into the Sugar Bush  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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## Westview Jr./Sr. High 2nd Quarter High Honor Roll

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### Grade 7

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### Grade 8

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- 4 Isaac Bontrager, Janie Bontrager, Addison Gray, Natalie Nuzum, Ethan Miller, Aiden Slabach, Jaden Slabach
- 5 Tyler Brewer, Mahweensa Marks, Amber Miller
- 6 Tyrone Baccol, Morgan Bontrager, Darin Borkholder, Jenna Yoder
- 7 Cyota Ferrera
- 8 Darin Bontrager, Damion Hites, Kendra Lehman, Kathy Miller, Genesis Perillo, Braylen Treadway
- 9 Austin Miller, Evan Voris
- 10 Finley Berkey, Alexis Diehl, Kyla Miller, Hudson Moon, Danielle Mehrley, Ava Wingard
- 11 Darcy Baker, Bryndle Bontrager, Gabriel Demerly, Erika Mast, Zuriah Reed, Griffin Tormanen, Kinley Yoder
- 12 Jasmine Graber
- 13 Annabelle Case, Kathleen Halderman, Jared Miller, Kierra Slabach
- 14 Kynzie Kondy, JoLinda Otto
- 15 Molly Grimmer, Aaron Hochstetler, Brandon Miller, Saadia Omar, Cole Stutzman, Savannah Yankosky, Nora Yoder





- 16 Adam Alamari, Grace Yoder
- 17 David Bontrager, Krista Bontrager, Kayla Miller, Edelyn Munoz
- 18 Jamie King, Amber Miller, Kristal Miller
- 19 Riley Lambright, Jacob Mast
- 20 Tyler Stutzman
- 21 Adrian Frey, Lindsey Slabaugh
- 22 Willis Hilty, Jada Nissley
- 23 Brian Crothers, Jerry Troyer
- 24 Raeola Gingerich, Kenzie Hochstetler, Derrick Martin, Addelyn Miller, Noah Schlabach
- 25 Brantley Dunker, Austin Yoder
- 26 Derek Bontrager, Marcus Garrett, Bryce Hostetler, Jessica Hostetler, Kristen Lambright, Jacob Noe, Kipton Schrock
- 27 Blake Miller, Sandra Miller, Kristen Yoder
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- 29 Coltin Bontrager, Heidi Bontrager, Micah Fry, Darin Miller
- 30 Kashton Martinez, Kaci Troyer
- 31 Kristen Bontrager

## Work on the Hawpatch Trail Continues

Members of LaGrange County Trails, Inc. recently met with LaGrange County Commissioner Peter Cook to share information about the status of the Hawpatch Trail. The Hawpatch Trail is the first bike/pedestrian trail the organization has planned to be constructed in southwest LaGrange County. The proposed trail will ultimately connect the Fishing Line in Noble County to the Strawberry Trail in Elkhart County.


While the Norfolk Southern railroad has accepted a purchase proposal from the LaGrange County Trails, Inc., the transaction has not yet been finalized. As of late last year, LaGrange County officials were made aware of the possibility of a better price for the land and another proposal to purchase the land is being offered.

In the meantime, the LaGrange County Trails, Inc. has been acquiring signatures on quitclaim deeds of individuals who own parcels of property that adjoin land that is owned

by Norfolk Southern. To date, just over fifty percent of adjoining property owners have signed the documents:

The quitclaim deeds give clear title of ownership of the current railroad land to the county once the funds to purchase are transferred. This is necessary to obtain grants and other funding to construct the trail.

County officials and Trails board members are hopeful the transfer of ownership of the railroad property will occur later this year. As soon as the final proposal of intent to purchase is accepted and signed, fundraising can begin and grants will be sought. In addition to fundraising, negotiations will begin with several individuals who own portions of the railroad corridor that are necessary to complete the trail.

LaGrange County Government and LaGrange County Trails, Inc. are optimistic and determined that together the Hawpatch Trail will be completed in the near future. 

## Check-Up Day at Parkview LaGrange Hospital


On Saturday, March 12, Parkview LaGrange Hospital (PLH) will host its first Check-Up Day event of 2022 where common lab tests can be obtained at a reduced cost. Blood tests such as A1C, a complete blood count (CBC), prostate specific antigen (PSA), thyriod antigen test (TSH), as well as a Vitamin D test, and wellness packages will be available.

Check-Up Day is an appointment-only event; walk-ins cannot be accepted. Participants must pre-register by calling 260-347-8125. If no one is available at the time of the call, callers should leave a message including their name and phone number. The center's office hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Payment by credit card at the time of pre-registration is required.

For the safety of Check-Up Day guests and staff, precautions will be taken to guard against the spread of COVID-19. Per Parkview Health policy, masks must be worn over mouth and nose at all times.

Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography will also be on-site during Check-Up Day. Mammogram appointments for women thirty-five and older can be made by calling 260-483-1847.

Questions about Check-Up Day and information on pricing and packages may be directed to 260-347-8125 or at [parkview.com/checkupdays](http://parkview.com/checkupdays). 

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Friday • 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Saturday • 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

## Topeka Branch

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Saturday • 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Below are the events planned for March 2022.

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

## Youth Department

### Preschool Story Time (Ages 0-5)

LaGrange • Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Shipshewana • Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 • 1 p.m.

Topeka • Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 11 a.m.

Theme: Learning the Alphabet

Registration is appreciated but is not required.

### Home School Group (All ages welcome)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, March 9 • 1 p.m.

LaGrange • Friday, March 11 • 10 a.m.

Topeka • Friday, March 11 • 1 p.m.

We will be decorating our own coasters to take home. You might get messy—please dress for the mess! Registration required!

Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841) by **Wednesday, March 2** to register.

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

All Locations • Monday, March 14

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

### Teen Games (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 14 • 4 p.m.

Theme: Board Games

Limited registration.

Be sure to register by **Monday, March 11** so we can set up the correct number of game boards.

### Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-5)

LaGrange • Tuesday, March 15 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss "Alvin Ho" and do a fun activity!

### STEAM at the Library (Ages 5-18, Grades K-12)

Shipshewana • Wednesday, March 23 • 4 p.m.

Lego Free Play!

Come build with all the Legos at the library!

Must call the LaGrange library (260-463-2841) by **March 16** to register.

### Movie and Popcorn (All ages)

LaGrange • Friday, March 25 • 6 p.m.

Showing: *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, Rated PG-13.

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

### Teen Book Chat and Craft (Grades 6-12)

LaGrange • Monday, March 28 • 4 p.m.

We will discuss *Scarlett* and make something fun! Make sure to register—supplies provided.

Limited registration. Be sure to register by **Monday, March 21**.

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

LaGrange • April 5, 6, 7 • 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

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

Come learn how to make a stop motion movie with Legos! We will spend three days working on making a movie then have a premier night on the big screen in the library community room with free popcorn on Friday night. Bring your own tablet or iPad if you have one.

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

## Adult Interest

### Hillsdale College Free Online Course

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LaGrange • Saturday, March 5 • 10 a.m. (Register by Feb. 26)

Shipshewana • Saturday, March 19 • 10 a.m. (Register by March 12)

Topeka • Saturday, March 26 • 10 a.m. (Register by March 19)

Drink a cup of tea, learn how to make your own tea bags, and plant herb seeds for your very own tea garden. No charge.

Register for the class of your choice by calling 260-463-2841x1030.

### Yoga with Farra

LaGrange • Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 10 a.m.

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

### Make-N-Take: Suncatcher/Wind Chimes (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Wednesday, March 9 • 6 p.m.

We will make a suncatcher mobile with chimes in anticipation of spring! \$15 per person. Registration and non-refundable \$10 deposit required by **Wednesday, March 2**.

### Second Saturday Book Club

LaGrange • Saturday, March 12 • 11 a.m.

This month's book is *Beat to Quarters* by C.S. Forester.

The Admiralty has given Captain Horatio Hornblower, in command of the HMS Lydia, nearly impossible orders, daunting enough without his distraction by a passenger, Lady Barbara Wellesley.

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

### Coffee Tasting (Ages 12+)

LaGrange • Tuesday, March 15 • 11 a.m.

Myron Bontrager, owner of Goshen's Electric Brew, will bring a selection of coffees for us to taste. We will learn about the history and cultivation of coffee as well as how to detect and appreciate different aromas and flavors. Free class.

Call 260-463-2841 x1030 by **March 8** to register.

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# MYSTERY FARM

## CONTEST

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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: **March 24, 2022.**  
Allow time for mail delivery.
- 4) Winners will be drawn and prizes mailed.
- 5) Correct entries listed in our next issue!



March Contest sponsored by  
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### Last Month's Mystery Farm



There were 40 correct entries this month.

**Others that guessed correctly were:** Junior & Fannie Mae Bontrager, Mel & Marla Lehman, Jerry & Ruby Miller, Junior & LeEtta Yutzy, John & Sara Miller, James & Brenda Otto, Vernon Q. Lambright, Orla & Esther Miller, Floyd & Mary Miller, David & Katie

Kuhns, Calvin & Edna Yoder, Ida Frey, Mervin & Fannie Miller, Freemond & LeAnna Miller, Lyle & Sarah Yoder, LaVern & Mandy Yoder, Dale Helmuth, Elroy & Rachel Miller, Ezra & Wilma Bontrager, Ora & Mary Bontrager, Galen & Alayna Miller, Kaitlyn Yoder, Lyle & Jolene Miller, Freeman & Leanna Nisley, Aaron Miller, Marvin & Beth Bontrager, Mel & Carol Miller, Wilma J. Bontrager, Paul & Mary Yutzy, Junior & Mabel Miller, Samuel & LeAnna Bontrager, Harley & Mary Miller, Elsie Otto, Cletus & Ida Sue Bontrager, Perry & LaVerde Yoder, Sam & Ruby Beechy.

**Elmer & Mary Miller of 850W, Shipshewana**, correctly identified last issue's farm as being owned by **Steve & Wanda Miller, 0325S 900W, Shipshewana**. Congratulations! They won \$25 Gift Certificate from Tiffany's Restaurant, a pen, a letter opener, a notepad set, and a copy of *The Honeyville Journal* from LaGwana Printing. Second prize went to **Ray & Ada Yoder, 900W, Topeka**. Third prize went to **Amos W. Hochstetler, 900W, Shipshewana**.

### H. Honor Roll ... cont. from page 8

Lambright, Janell Lambright, Aaron Lehman, Ashley Lehman, Austin Lehman, Janae Lehman, Janissa Lehman, Jenna Lehman, Keith Lehman, Bailey Manns, Audrianna Martin, Lanita Mast, Miley Mast, Mykayla Mast, Eden Mauck, Amanda Miller, Ava Miller, Hailey Miller, Ina Miller, Isaiah Miller, Jacob Miller, Jana Miller, Kaiden Miller, Katie Miller, Kevin Miller, Kristen Miller, Megan Miller, Milan Miller, Myra Miller, Wendall Miller, Becky Moore, Lilly Mullet, Isaac Nissley, Kailey Nissley, Corra Owens, Shawn Raber, Aaron Roth, Bentley Ryall, Darin Schlabach, Hannah Schlabach, Nora Schlabach, Jina Slabach, Brett Springer, Levi Trethewey, Alex Troyer, Lucas Troyer, Melody Troyer, Jordynn Wasson, Annette Whetstone, Jalayna Whetstone, Brina Williams, Benjamin Wingard, Elyse Wingard, Angela Yoder, Jaden Yoder, Jared Yoder, Kaitlyn Yoder, Katurah Yoder, Kurtis Yoder, and Miciah Yoder.

### Grade 9

Hussein Aldawshan, Hudhaifa Almhn, Cole Bontrager, Emily Bontrager, Ian Bontrager, Lilly Bontrager, Clarinda Byler, Mason Clark, Gavin Engle, Jaxon Engle, Max Engle, Lakota Everitt, Zackary Fry, Micah Geyer, Silas Haarer, Grace Heyerly, Olivia Jasso, Asher Kennedy, Kiana Mast, Curtis Miller, Diamond Noe, Gwendolynn Owsley, Tristan Pearson, Morgan Rich, Morgan Riegsecker, Jonathan Roth, Alexzander Sanchez, Kason Schrock, Lindsey Schwartz, Dylan Shrock, Sorcha Stewart, Kelsie Ward, Alexis Warren, Annagail Warren, Jacob Watts, Ava Williams, Ella Williams, Bryan M. Yoder, Bryan R. Yoder, Kamden Yoder, and Kylie Yoder.

### Grade 10

Eli Atra, Maryah Bontrager, Mia Bontrager, Nicholas Bontrager, Hope Bortner, Jayce Brandenberger, Carson Brown, Katie Engelage, Sharla Frey, Chloe Hagerman, Luke Helmuth, Benton Hershberger, Judson Hershberger, Stephen Jones, Braden Kauffman, Harper Klein, Jace Lang, Brady Lehman, Kaylin Mahon, Ciara Mikel, Karli Miller, Karly Miller, Wiley Minix, Teague Misner, Christien Noward, Kaitlin Nuzum, Mahasen Omarouf, Luna Osorio, Jacob

*continued on page 13*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Coloring Contest: kids age 6 and younger.** Sponsored by Tiffany's in Topeka this month! Winner gets a **FREE ICE CREAM TREAT OF CHOICE** at Tiffany's. The Winning Drawings will be on display. **ALL PARTICIPANTS claim your drawing for A FREE ICE-CREAM CONE** at Tiffany's in April. Mail submission to: LaGwana, Coloring Contest, PO Box 70, Shipshewana, IN 46565. **Entry deadline is March 22, 2022.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# Smart Choices

By Sherry Wong, Pharmacy student at Topeka Pharmacy

## Low-Dose Aspirin—Should I take it or not?

For many years, doctors have recommended low-dose aspirin for better heart health. The American Heart Association (AHA) has changed the recommendation on who should be taking low-dose aspirin daily. Continue reading to see if you should start a conversation with your doctor about taking it.

**What is low-dose aspirin?** Low-dose aspirin, also called baby aspirin, is 81 mg. strength, which is lower than the normal dose of 325 mg. The higher dose can be used to treat mild to moderate pain and reduce fever.

**How do I know if I need to take low-dose aspirin?** The AHA recommends people that have already had a heart attack or stroke take low-dose aspirin everyday. Unless your doctor specifically recommends it, the AHA does not recommend low-dose aspirin for people that have not had a heart attack, stroke, blocked arteries, or coronary angioplasty with stent placement.

If any of the following applies to you, do not take low-dose aspirin without talking to your doctor first.

- Have an intolerance or allergy to aspirin.
- Regularly drink alcohol.
- Are an adult over 70 years old, or a child under 18 years old.
- Are at risk for gastrointestinal bleeding.

- Take a blood thinning medication such as warfarin (Coumadin), Eliquis, or Xarelto.
- Have upcoming dental or medical procedures.

Aspirin prevents blood clots from forming and thins the blood. This may increase your risk of forming a stomach ulcer or internal bleeding. You should not start taking aspirin daily without speaking to your doctor because the risks and benefits of taking it are different for each person. Do not take aspirin during a heart attack or stroke. Taking aspirin can make a certain kind of stroke, called a “bleeding stroke,” worse. If you have symptoms of a stroke or heart attack, call 911. The 911 operator or EMT may tell you to take aspirin, but do not take it to treat a heart attack or stroke.


**What are symptoms of a heart attack or stroke?** If you have any of these warning signs, CALL 9-1-1 immediately.

### Heart attack symptoms:

- Pain or discomfort in the chest, one or both arms, neck, jaw, back, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath.
- Nausea.
- Cold sweat.

### Stroke symptoms:

- Face drooping.
- Arm weakness.
- Slurred speech.

Call Topeka Pharmacy at 260-593-2252 to answer any questions you may have about aspirin and other over the counter drugs. 

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

Peruski, Braden Rogers, Wade Springer, Madeline Stults, Audrey Taylor, Nevaeh White, Mason Wire, Kjersten Yater, Melissa Yoder, and Scott Yoder.

### Grade 11

Ashwaq Aldhuraibi, Kylene Bender, Asher Bontrager, Leilyn Bradley, Ava Brown, Brianna Caldwell, Isabella Carmona, Faith Christner, Ella Clark, Alyssa Collier, Alyssa Cory, Kaitlyn Cupp, Braden Eash, Skye Growcock, Hope Haarer, Chadwick Hershberger, Ethan Hibbs, Savannah Hoover, Isaiah Hostetler, Bailey Kenner, Aidan Koehler, Ethan Konkle, Sara Lapp, Evan Litwiller, Collin Martin, Adrian Miller, Adrian L Miller, Chase Miller, Dayshayla Miller, Gaven Miller, Justin Miller, Kaci Miller, Karmryn Miller, Lyndon Miller, Maria Miller, Katelyn Mishler, Matthew Mortrud, Linda Mullett, Natalie Privett, Lucille Rensberger, Paige Riegsecker, Taylor Sherman, Dawson Shrock, Samantha Stump, Emily Stutzman, Stacy Stutzman, Caden Suddarth, Paige Waldenville, Brady Yoder, and Ella Yoder.

### Grade 12

Mukhammadamin Abdurakhmonov, Hoyda Al Yahiri, Abderahman Alrashied, Alexys Antal, Mason Atra, 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, Juraj Hurny, Corey Johnson, Megan Kauffman, Brookelyn Lambright, Jaxon May, Kaelee Michels, Alana Miller, Hailey Miller, Nathan Miller, Jackson Minix, Jaime Mullet, Isaac Niccum, Alayna Nissley, Sean Nordman, Amina Omarouf, Hunter Porter, Isaac Rogers, Anthony Sanchez, Allie Springer, Savana Strater, Brandon Tester, Drew Walker, Aiden Wisler, Caleb Yater, Alexander Yoder, and Mason Yoder.



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# Coloring Contest Winners

Five-year-old Jaydon Helmuth of 200 S, Shipshewana was our winner for the February Coloring Contest. He won an ice cream treat of choice at Wana-Cup in Shipshewana.

Everyone else that sent in a page can stop by Wana-Cup for a free small ice cream cone through March.

Runners-up were Janelle Diane Miller, age 6; Charity Ann Miller, age 5; Alysse Peterseim, age 4; Luke Kevin Yoder, age 3. Honorable Mentions: Javon Yoder, age 6; Emily Yoder, age 6; Alayna Bontrager, age 6; Amy Diane Bontrager, age 6; Maddy Lambright, age 5; Eric Joel Bontrager, age 5. Check out page 12 for this month's coloring page.

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



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# Meadowview Elementary

## 100 Days...and Counting!

Mrs. McDonald's first-grade class with many fun activities!   
celebrated the 100th day of school Photos Submitted




## A Trip Back in Time

Third graders traveled to Bonneyville Mill on a field trip and learned many things. Students scooped mill pond water and analyzed the creatures found in the water and determined the water is quite clean. They toured the mill and saw corn being made into corn meal. They learned some survival skills and even had an opportunity to make fire! 

*Photos Submitted*

## Fingerprints

Leaving our "print" on third grade. Students in class 3D celebrated 100 days of school on January 19. 

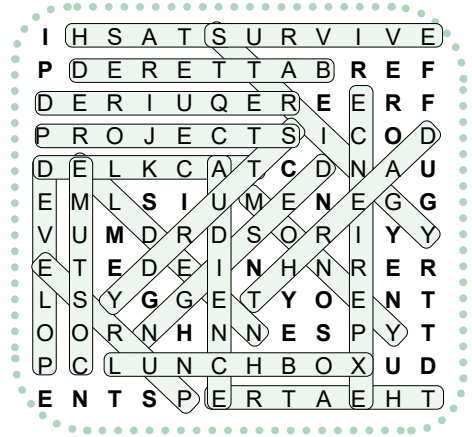


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Solution to puzzle on page 6

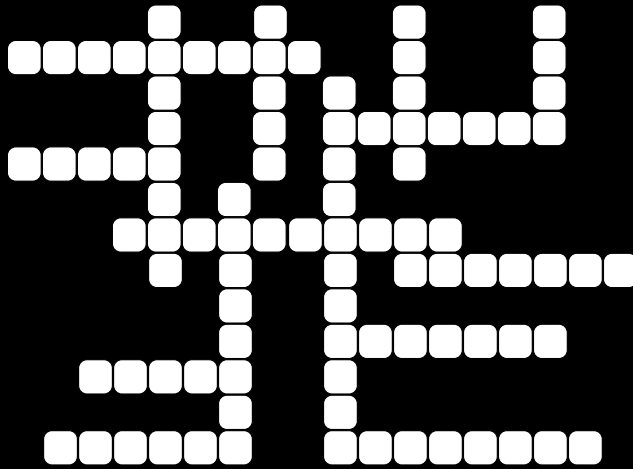


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Spell Out A Message  
From Erika!**

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

**I PREFER  
FOCUSING MY  
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THE STUDENTS**

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- Dramatic
- Gold
- Green
- Holiday
- Ireland
- Irish
- Leprechaun
- Lover
- Mischief
- Mischievous
- Saint
- Shamrock
- Tradition
- Victory



**Clueless  
Crossword**

Solution to Clueless  
Crossword is on pg 24.  
by Emily Vandevander

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# Shining CITIZENS

# Shipshe-Scott Elementary

Second Quarter

Shipshewana Elementary has named their selection of Shining Citizens for the second quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. These students work daily on doing the right thing and treating people right. Congratulations students! 📌

Photos Submitted

## Trustworthy Awards

Shipshewana Elementary had their Awards Program for the second quarter and chose two students from each class for the Trustworthy Award. Way to go, students! 📌

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Kindergarten & 1st Grade



Kindergarten & 1st Grade



2nd Grade & 3rd Grade



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4th Grade



3rd Grade & 4th Grade





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# 100 Days

# Topeka Elementary

On Wednesday, January 19, Topeka Elementary students celebrated 100 days in school this year. This is a popular day in elementary schools as students often spend the day counting,

writing, and reading

around the number 100. This day brought out some very interesting stories from third graders in Mr. Reinhardt's class. Their stories were titled "When I am 100 Years Old" and included various details such as eating anything they wanted—which included a lot of candy, as well as spending their days sitting on the couch doing what they wanted, and having old people get-togethers. **1**



Students in Mrs. Brill's class, Aiden Miller and Xaviah Howard, track their progress.

Photo Submitted

## Rocket Math

Recently third graders began a multiplication facts program called Rocket Math to help them master their multiplication facts. Students take a short timed test each day and then move on to the next test when they meet their goal. So far the students are off to a great start. **1**

Photos Submitted

## Subtraction Smarties

These first graders earned the Subtraction Smarties award this past nine weeks. **1**

Back Row (left to right): Austin Miller, Adrian Riehl, Lucas Hershberger, Jared Mast, Landry Miller, Derek Bontrager, and Seth Slabach. Front: Jada Nissley, Melissa Miller, Aleasha Miller, and Jenise Eash.

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# Science Fair Winners

Westview Elementary had their annual science fair again this year, in person, and it was a huge success. Even



**Biomedical, Health & Microbiology**

1st Place: John Bontrager and Caleb Herschberger (Sixth Grade).



**Animal, Earth and Environmental Sciences**

1st Place: Julie Lambright and Jenisa Kauffman (Not Pictured) (Sixth Grade).

Below: 1st Place: Michael Miller and Shawn Schmucker (Sixth Grade).



**Engineering**

**Second Place Winners:** Paige McDonald, Melanie Yoder and Nahar Shammam, Jeremiah Lambright and Landon Miller, Karson Mast and Tyler Brewer, Justin Miller and Nicholas Miller, and Mari Jo Mast and Violet Tormanen.

**Third Place Winners:** Aiden Slabach and Derek Bontrager, Anna Miller and Andrea Whetstone, Ethan Yoder and Willis Hilty, Morgan Grossman and Alayah Hostetler, Brandon Miller and Braydon Yoder, and Jerica Slabach and Amy Hershberger.

# Westview Elementary

with three snow days, the students worked extra hard the past two months to put everything together. We are so proud of ALL the projects! All

first place winners listed qualify for Regionals. All second and third place winners are in sixth grade. ①

*Photos submitted*

*(Photos shown students in no particular order)*



**Biomedical, Health & Microbiology**

Overall Winner: Faith Stump (Fifth grade).



**Chemistry Award Winners**

1st Place: Melody Lambright and Madilyn Miller (Fifth Grade).



**Animal, Earth and Environmental Sciences**

1st Place: Tennley Amsden and Tori Taylor (Fifth Grade).

Below: 1st Place: Lucas Swanson and Evan Roth (Not Pictured) (Fifth Grade).



**Engineering**



**Social and Behavioral Sciences**

1st Place: Mabel Trethewey and Adison Miller (Sixth Grade).

Below: 1st Place: Elizabeth Lehmer and Grace Yoder (Sixth Grade).



**Physics**

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**Clueless Crossword Solution**  
 By Emily Vandevander  
 to the puzzle on page 18.

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# NECC Champions!

## Congrats 8th Girls Basketball Tournament Champions!



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# Shipshewana Mayfest

## 3 - ON - 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 6,

Saturday, May 7, 2022

At The Cove

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Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Division: Boys  Girls

Ages: 10 - 12  13 - 15  16 - 18

CAPTAIN Age \_\_\_\_\_

*(as of May 6)*

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

*(as of May 6)*

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

*(as of May 6)*

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

*(as of May 6)*

### 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 22, 2022

### 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 5th, call 260-585-6050 for 3 - on - 3 schedule and info.

Shirt Size *(all adult sizes):*

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S  M  L  XL

S  M  L  XL

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Boy's 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).

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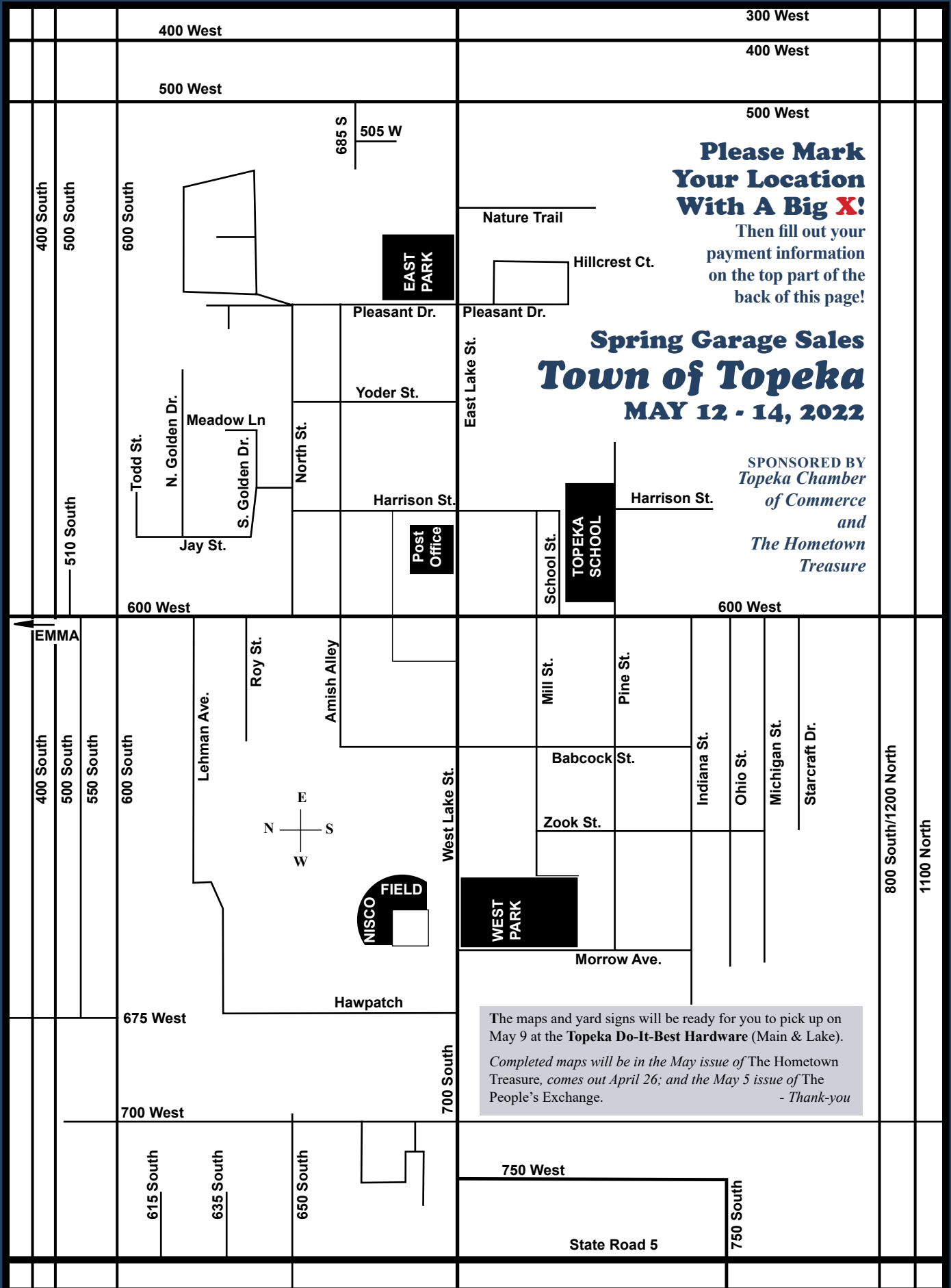
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# Elva Parks' Block Building

*by Harold D. Gingerich*

Who would believe it? But strange as it may be, in 1907, Topeka was the home to the largest building in LaGrange County. The March 21, 1907, edition of the Topeka Journal (page 3) ran the four column-wide story with a large picture and a headline that read “THE PARKS BLOCK—THE LARGEST BUILDING IN LAGRANGE COUNTY.” The Parks Block was years ahead of its time, the kind of thing one would only see in the big cities. The block building, constructed by Elva Parks, was the equivalent of a turn-of-the-century, four floor, shopping mall and it commanded the southwest corner of Topeka’s main intersection. One hundred and sixteen years later it is still standing as an enduring legacy. Local folks simply know it as J.J.’s Do It Best Hardware.

While Topeka Journal editor, Charles Mattingly, lavished praise on Elva Parks and his innovative building, very few people today know anything about the visionary genius of Parks. But it was men with an enterprising spirit like Parks, A.W. Ritter, and J.N. Babcock—a banker and the driving force behind the construction of Sycamore Hall—that put Topeka on the map within a mere ten years of it being platted in 1893, and made it arguably the pearl of LaGrange County.

Elva Parks was born in 1858 to Harlan (1828-1882) and Ellen Collett Parks (1829-1911). There is some ques-

tion about the actual date of his birth. His Find a Grave website (#19552892) says that it was in December, however his death certificate reads that he was born on November 2, 1858. The 1874 plat map of Eden Township shows Harlan Parks as the owner of approximately one-fourth of Section 25, one mile north and one-half mile west of Topeka.

There are a multitude of unanswered questions regarding Parks’ early years. We do know that on October 10, 1883, he married Martha Newhouse (1860-1920). The marriage took place in a home in Clearspring Township. John Newhouse was most likely Martha’s father. He owned the northwest quarter of Section 32 which was one mile east of Topeka. Unfortunately, we do not know who married them. Elva and Martha would have two children, Forrest J. Parks (1887-1980) and Erwin Parks (1895-1896).

The 1900 census lists the family as living in Eden Township and that Elva was a 41-year-old hardware merchant. When he started into business is not known, but up until the block building was completed, he operated a hardware



and furniture store in what is today the Ace Hardware on the east side of North Main.

The June 28, 1920, death of Martha Parks was page-one news in the July 1 Topeka Journal. The news story began, “Mrs. Elva Parks, one of Topeka’s most highly respected and well known ladies, died Monday at her home at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.” It is interesting to note that her first name never appears in the story. We are told that she had been in failing health for the past several years and that her illness had prompted the purchase of a winter home in Florida. Surviving, in addition to Elva and her son Forrest, were her two brothers Amos and William Newhouse of Topeka. Funeral services were held in the family home at 10 o’clock Friday morning, July 2, and the burial was in Eden Cemetery west of Topeka.

Just over one year later, at the age



of 62, on October 7, 1921, Elva married Ella Temple Hedrick (1858-1932) in West Palm Beach, Florida.

As of this writing, the story behind the 1906 construction of the Parks Block remains a mystery. It would be interesting to know who did the actual construction, how much did it cost to build, and how was the project financed.

According to J.J. Egli, the concrete blocks were made by two brothers who were making blocks at a pit which is now a housing addition on Topeka's South Pleasant Avenue. There are two houses, constructed with the identical block, on the east side of North Babcock Avenue, a third is on North Main Street, and a fourth on North Harrison Street. The house on North Harrison Street was built by Floyd Peck. Peck was also the contractor for the rebuilding of Sycamore Hall in 1906, so it is not unreasonable to believe that he may have also built the Parks Block Building.

One of the stories about what motivated Parks to build what he did has to do with the Wabash Railroad. While the story remains unsubstantiated, supposedly Topeka was campaigning to become the location of the roundhouse and machine shop that the Wabash Railroad was planning to build. Were



that to have happened, Topeka would have exploded with growth as a major stop along

the Wabash line. Unfortunately, the proposed roundhouse went to Montpelier, Ohio instead.

The 1907, Topeka Journal article went into great detail in describing the businesses that occupied the Park Block. On one side of the basement, S.J. Yoder sold farm implements, buggies, and John Deere plows. On the other side were, "Leming & Kauffman enterprising butchers and R.C. Coldren, the acetylene gas man." The north side of the main floor was Ira Sunthimer Grocery & Notions, and the other side was Greenawalt Furniture. On the second floor there was a hotel, Dr. O.F. Bailey had his dentist's office, and Greenawalt Undertaking. The third floor, which was unfinished in 1907, later became a roller-skating rink. The top (third) floor was removed in 1926 because of storm damage.

J.J. Egli has on display an April 26, 1907, article from the G.W.N. Times (Goshen Weekly News Times) that is almost identical to the March 1907 Topeka Journal story, including the photo. In paragraph three of the Journal it reads, "A representative of the JOURNAL, was recently shown through," but the G.W.N. Times says, "a representative of the News Times." We are only left to wonder if the Topeka Journal editor Charles Mattingly shared the story or . . . ?

In 1917, the building was purchased by Ira Smith. Parks lived his final days in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and in Birmingham, AL, with his son Forrest. Elva Parks died on Tuesday, June 25, 1935, at the age 76, in a Birmingham hospital. His body was returned to Topeka with graveside services and burial in the Eden Cemetery.

I know of at least one relative of



Elva Parks living in Topeka—Chris Parks and his wife Lea. Bryan McCoy, LaGrange County Historian, and member of the Topeka Area Historical Society board of directors, is a great-great nephew.

The final paragraph in Mattingly's 1907 article is a fitting tribute to the life and legacy of Elva Parks.

"The people of Topeka are justly proud of this building for which they are indebted to the enterprise and loyalty of Elva Parks. As an industrious, honest and able citizen, Mr. Parks is typical of the spirit which dominates our business men, and which is today pushing Topeka along an upward course to greater dimension and to a wider commercial importance." 📌

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# Aunt Millie's... "Where Candy Brings Happiness."

By Harold D. Gingerich

That well-known phrase "Like a kid in a candy store." is no exaggeration when it comes to Linda Bontrager. And she is the owner!

Walking into Aunt Millie's Candy & Nut Shoppe, located on the third floor of Shishewana's Davis Mercantile, is almost like stepping back in time. If you are a Baby Boomer, you remember the glory and wonder of being a kid and walking into an old-time candy store. Those were the days when penny candy really did cost just a penny, and a nickel bought you a giant candy bar. From the moment you walked in the door your mouth would begin to water in anticipation of the glorious goodness.

"There was an original Aunt Millie's in the old Davis Hotel and when I was fourteen years old, I started working there," Linda recalls. Aunt Millie was, Amelia D. "Millie" Jones, Linda's

great aunt on her mother's side of the family. "When my folks, Alvin and Elsie Miller, bought the Davis Hotel, she worked for us there many, many years ago and that's where the name came from." Linda went on to say that "Many a student at Shishewana Scott knew her as Grandma Jones. Millie, who spoke Dutch, helped at the school, especially with the Amish children who had a hard time speaking English."

When the mercantile burned in 2004, my husband, Jim, and I didn't have any stores in here at the time, but we felt like we were at a place where we could do something," Bontrager said. "As we were doing all the clean-up and insurance work getting ready to rebuild, we realized that this, the new mercantile, was going to be a much bigger location. We decided that we would like to do something as a family, so we opened up Aunt Millie's. Half

the store space was Aunt Millie's and the other half was the Scrap Yard, a scrapbooking store. At that point, Millie was not at the school, so we asked her if she would like to come in and work a couple of days a week. She was thrilled, and so we named it Aunt Millie's again."

Aunt Millie's opened in September of 2005, a year and a half after the fire. Unfortunately, Millie was only able to work a few days in the store before her health deteriorated. She passed away on December 7, 2005, at the age of eighty-four, having never been married.

After seventeen years in business, the Bontrager's have seen a lot of changes. "We survived the 2008-2009 slowdown and one of the things we learned was that candy was fun, candy brings happiness, and five bucks can bring a lot of happiness to a bunch



people,” Linda said with a smile. “And again, through this pandemic we’ve seen that candy still makes people happy.” She went on to say that where their other business experienced a dip in sales, candy did not.

The Covid 19 pandemic caused them to look for way to make the Aunt Millie’s shopping experience even better. “We started making candy in house and people loved it,” Linda says. Today they make a lot of their own candy, and they roast all their own nuts. The scrapbooking store was closed, the dividing wall between the stores was removed, and the candy store was expanded—complete with a small candy kitchen. They dip all their own chocolates, make their own fudge and stock a wide variety of “fun soda” flavors.


Jim and Linda Bontrager were married on June 4, 1988. They have five children, two boys and three girls, and they are expecting their first grandchild in July. “All of our kids grew up here,” Linda said with a glow, “they grew up pricing, stocking shelves, and running the cash register; it’s like our farm that’s not a farm. We home-schooled them, but the store got them involved with the public. They learned how to interact with the public, they learned public speaking, and it was a safe place. And the best part of it all is that Grandpa and Grandma (Alvin and Elsie) are here every day.”

The story of how Linda, and Jim who pastors Faith Community Chapel on State Rd 5 near Topeka, adopted their three daughters, is heartwarming to say the least. When their sons were approximately four and two years

of age, they felt that God was leading them to adopt a child. Having learned through their association with Voice of the Martyrs that the nation of Columbia was very hostile to Christians, they felt led in 2003 to start the process of adopting a two-year-old girl from that country.

Three years later, in December of 2006, they received a call from the adoption agency saying that the Columbian authorities were wondering if the Bontragers would be open to a sibling group. “We said ‘Sure we can adopt two,’ because we always thought we would adopt again anyway, so why not do two.” Linda recalls. “And then she said, ‘Would you be open to more than two?’” In March 2007, Jim and Linda spent a month in Columbia visiting the girls in their hometown and completing the necessary paperwork before returning to Indiana with their three daughters, Catalina age six, Diana age five, and Bella age two.

“We are your local candy store,” says a beaming Linda. “We have felt so much support from the community and we are so grateful. During this pandemic, when everything was shut down, JoJo’s (Pretzels) would be having a special and people would message us saying, ‘I’m coming through the drive-up; can I get two pounds of this and three pounds of this?’ The community has been vital in supporting us and we so appreciate that.”

Linda summed up the interview with, “This is a fun place . . . it’s a safe place for kids to come and work. I grew up in Middlebury, it’s my hometown, but Shipshewana has my heart!” 



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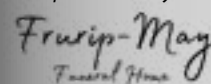
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Maram Algaradi, Faith Beechy, Owen Brill, Dawson Crittendon, Melanie Flores, Beau Jackson, Tetiana Jones, Nicholas Mahon, Rylie Metz, Kyiah Michels, Rebecca Miller, Brianna Munoz, Noor Omar, Luna Osorio, Madison Pennick, Adelyn Rainsberger, Karis Weinberg, Jordan Williams, and Ryan Yoder.

### Grade 10

Kristie Bolling, Caleb Bontrager, Jocelyn Dominguez, Khatab Fadil, Samuel Gutierrez, Precious Litton, Hope Miller, Keely Schaefer, Ireley Sherman, Skye Stump, Kirstin Stutzman, Jacqueline Trethewey, Lauren Vanderpool, Lilly Voris, and Danika Yoder.

### Grade 11

Andrew Byler, Courtney Hall, Austin Hedges, Kyle Hochstetler, Jethro Hostetler, Aidan Kohlheim, Bianca Leonard, Cole Mast, Diana Mendoza, Andrea Miller, Cora Miller, Julia Trethewey, and Christian Uresti.

### Grade 12

Andrew Baughman, Skyler Donley, Brandon Hernandez, Brandon Lehman, Joslyn Marner, Saleh Omar, Sydney Pettigrew, Joseph Ratliff, Emilee Rodriguez, Lillian Schlabach, Kendall Schwartz, and Skyler Welty.



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- 1) Mykayla Mast brings the ball across the time line.
- 2) Jalayna Whetstone looks for an open teammate.
- 3) Janissa Lehman moves across half court.
- 4) Olivia Bontrager works to get around her opponent.
- 5) Gloria Miller shoots for two.

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# 7TH A BOYS BASKETBALL

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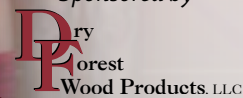
**2021-2022 Seventh Grade "A" Boys Basketball Team:** Back (left to right): Kaine Reinhold, Pierce Yoder, Daniel Yoder, Adrian Miller, and Micah Wingard. Middle: Coach Jeremiah Hostetler, Carson Niccum, Kyle Mullet, Boe Helmuth, and Manager Kaden Hostetler. Front: Austin Schlabach, Luke Stults, Ethan Miller, and Luke Haarer.

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# 7TH B BOYS BASKETBALL

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**2021-2022 Seventh Grade "B" Boys Basketball Team:** Back (left to right): Coach Josh Hostetler, Keegan Norberg, Isaac Drake, and Jackson Vaughn. Middle: Jaylen Schwartz, Ryan Miller, Caleb Miller, Lucas Mullet, and Manager Ryan Hunsberger. Front: Jaryl Yoder, Kenlin Miller, Austin L. Miller, and Owen Weinberg.

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# 8TH A BOYS BASKETBALL

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2021-2022 Eighth Grade "A" Boys Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Coach Drew Ryall, Bentley Ryall, Alex Troyer, and Jaden Yoder. Middle: Brett Springer, Hunter Egli, and Noah Bontrager. Front: Milan Miller, Darin Schlabach, Brayden Lambright, and Eric Fry.

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# 8TH B BOYS BASKETBALL

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2021-2022 Eighth Grade "B" Boys Basketball Team: Back (left to right): Coach Jordan Schrock, Caiden Schrock, Jayden Salisbury, Ben Detweiler, Samuel Miller, and Jason Bontrager. Front: Matthew Sabin, Aiden Norberg, Jayden Schrock, Adrian Slabach, and Jayden Beachy. Not Pictured: Tyler Trittip.

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## Congrats JV Boys Basketball Tournament Champions!



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## Applications for Healthcare-Related Scholarship

High school seniors and adults pursuing a degree or licensure in a healthcare-related field have the opportunity to apply for scholarships from the The Parkview LaGrange Foundation. A total of four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Three scholarships will go to high school seniors residing in one of

the three LaGrange County school corporations. The fourth scholarship will be awarded to an adult who is enrolled in a healthcare-related program.

Qualified applicants must currently reside in LaGrange County and be accepted or currently enrolled in an educational program leading to licen-

sure or a degree in a healthcare-related field. Applications may be submitted through an online portal at [www.parkview.com/plhscholarship](http://www.parkview.com/plhscholarship) on or before March 15. For additional information about the scholarships, please email [christina.blaskie@parkview.com](mailto:christina.blaskie@parkview.com) or call 260-463-9389. 

## LaGrange County Community Foundation Receives Gift


The LaGrange County Community Foundation (LCCF) received a \$2.5 million gift from the Howe Military School Board of Trustees to establish two endowments in honor of the school's history. The gift comes from the sale of the Howe Military campus after the school's closing in 2019—it is the largest contribution in the Foundation's history. Following the sale of the campus, the Trustees looked for an opportunity to use the remaining funds to enhance the community of Howe and provide educational scholarships. Two endowments were created: the Howe Legacy Fund—a community grantmaking fund—and the Howe Legacy Scholarship Fund—a scholarship fund for college, trade, or vocational education.

The Howe Legacy Fund will support community development efforts in Howe and LaGrange County, with a significant priority on charitable projects and nonprofits in the Howe community. The second endowment—the Howe Legacy Scholarship Fund—will provide scholarships to the descendants of Howe Military graduates and

LaGrange County students pursuing post-secondary education.

“It was important to us to continue the legacy of Howe School; we partnered with the Community Foundation because they understand the size and impact of this gift and could help us

realize its mission,” said Howe Board President Phil Malone.

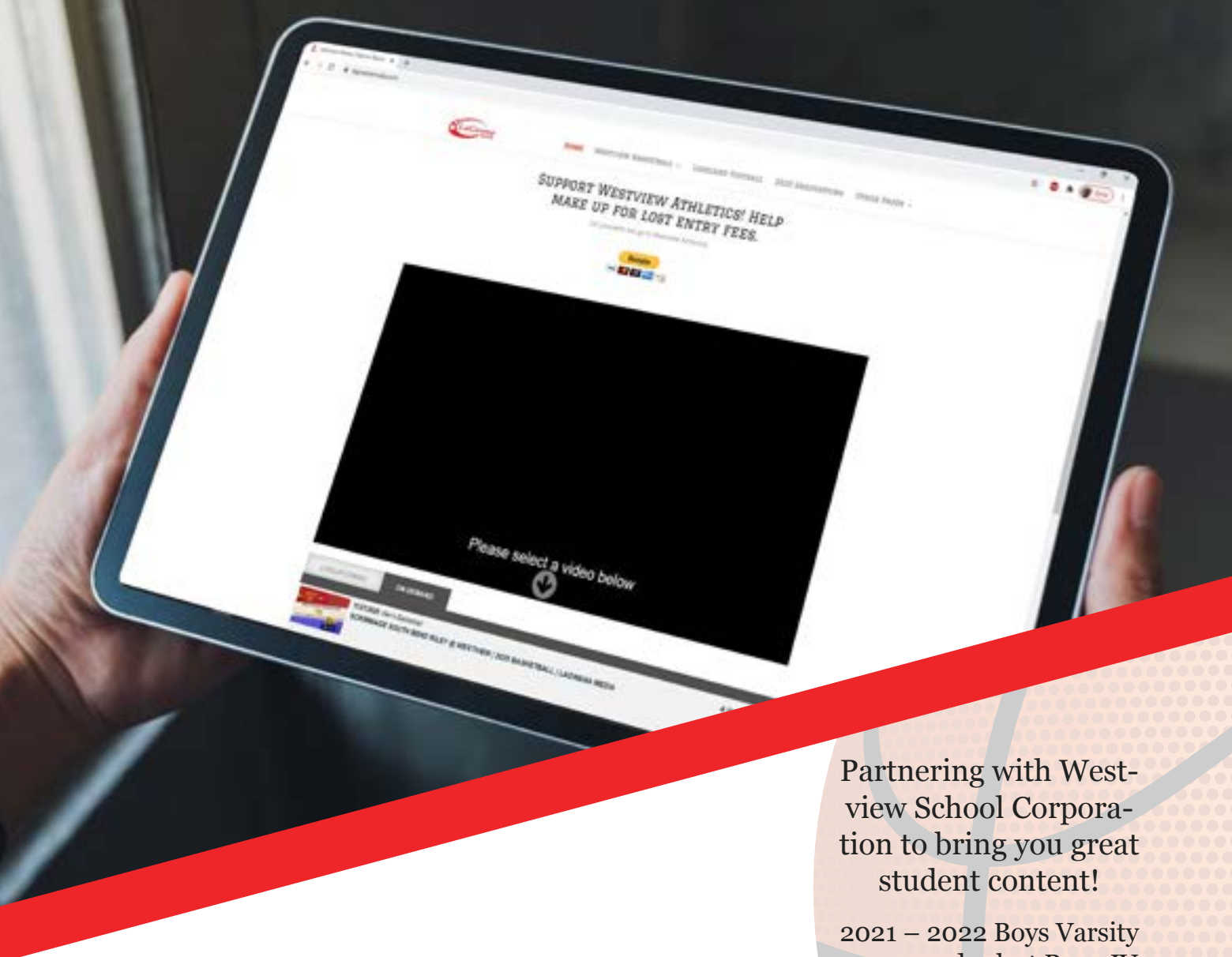
The Foundation anticipates both program funds will begin accepting applications in 2024 and make its first distributions that same year. 



Howe Military School Board of Trustee President Phil Malone signs an agreement establishing two endowment funds in honor of the school. *Back Row (left to right):* Howe Board Trustee Eleni Mitropoulos, Howe Board Treasurer Dave Houser, Howe Vice Chairman Bob Fanning, Howe Military School Superintendent Thurston Jones, and Foundation Board President Neal Wolheter. *Front:* Howe Military School Board of Trustee President Phil Malone and LaGrange County Community Foundation Executive Director Octavia Yoder.

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