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LOOK IN TODAY'S COUNTIAN

MAY 30 - JUNE 11, 2022

Featured in this edition Lakeland Class of 2022 Graduates

LCYC camps start in June

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LaGrange Communities Youth Centers added to the summer fun this year.

The art camp and drama camp will return along with a babysitting camp for local youth that would like to learn some useful skills and a conservation camp for older kids who want to get outdoors.

Founded in 2006, LCYC offers a variety of opportunities for LaGrange County youth, including after-school programs and summer camps. LCYC also assists with out-of-school suspension for area school

The camps are a fun diversion when school is out. They are geared toward various age groups; for example, the art camp is for elementary-aged children and the conservation camp is for those entering seventh through 12th grades next year.

The new babysitting course, offered in conjunction with Parkview LaGrange Hospital, will be held on June 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lakeland Intermediate School. Participants will learn childcare skills, the basics of first aid and CPR as well as some business tips. The course includes fun activities and role-playing exercises, says LCYC literature. The cost is \$10.

Scholarships are available for those unable to pay the fee. Registration for all the camps is at lcycinc.org. Call LCYC at 463-0334 or email to info@lcycinc.org with questions. Deadline to sign up is one week prior to the camp. Registration for the drama and art camps

The summer conservation camp will be held July 18-22 at Pine Knob County Park, 2835 E. SR 120, Howe, in conjunction with LaGrange County Parks and Recreation Department.

LCYC Executive Director Jennifer Martin said she is excited about the new opportunity, which will feature Indiana Conservation Officers and parks Naturalist Leslie Arnold.

"They will do something different every day," said Martin. "It's just something to get them outside."

Among the programs will be hunting safety, wildlife

identification and archery.

Art camp, overseen by Lakeland School Corporation teacher Amy Whited, is June 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon at Lakeland Intermediate School. This year's theme is Art From Around the World.

The program is for children in fourth and fifth grades. All supplies are provided.

Drama camp is taught by Lou Ann Homan of Angola and is for ages 11-16. Drama camp will be held July 25-29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Lakeland Junior Senior High School.

The participants will learn acting and auditioning, voice and movement, improvisation and more. The cost is \$25 per student. A live show, titled "The Gambler's Mourning," will be presented July 29 at 6 p.m. in the Lakeland Junior Senior High School auditorium.

"The show takes place in Brooklyn, New York at the Swing and Sway Supper Club in 1936," said Homan. "It is a who-dun-it mystery with a very colorful cast."

To top the summer off, LCYC is hosting a huge event on Saturday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Delt Church Park in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies. The officers involved will be dressed casually and participating in activities with youth in sixth grade and up.

The goal, said Martin, is to "provide a positive atmosphere and opportunities for the kids to enjoy."

The activities will include a seatbelt simulation and rides, as well as the chance to soak Chief Deputy Trac-

ey Harker in a dunk tank. Door prizes are being sought for the event. They can be dropped off at the parks department office at 505 W. 700S, Wolcottville. More information is available by calling 854-2225.



Monday, May 30, 2022

Shipshewana-area residents met at the Shipshewana Historical Society to tell their Palm Sunday tornado stories. Standing, from left, are Richard Miller, Sharon Bowen, Steve Frisk and Maurice Berkey and seated are Truman Miller, Paul Mishler, Mary Jane Friend and Cecilia Berkey.

Local memories of Palm Sunday tornadoes included in new book

A book released this month by The History Press shares local, first-person accounts of deadly tornadoes that struck the area 57 years

A section of the book dedicated to LaGrange County starts with the recollections of Middlebury mortician Rich Miller. Between the evening of April 11, 1965, and the following morning, 17 bodies from LaGrange County were taken to Miller's funeral home; eight of the people belonged to Shore Mennonite Church.

The author of "The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana," Janis Thornton, interviewed eight Shipshewana area residents at the Shipshewana Historical Society, and they shared their mem-

ories from the disaster. They were among around 120 people from across the state interviewed by Thornton, who has written five other nonfiction books with a focus on Indiana. She is a member of The Authors Guild, the national and Indianapolis chapter of Sisters in Crime, Women Fiction



Thornton

Writers Association, the Indianapolis Writers Center and the Tipton County (Indiana) Historical Soci-

"When people ask what drew me to this project," said Thornton, "my answer is simple: I love people, I love history, and I love telling powerful stories. Recording one of Indiana's most tragic natural events through the experiences of people who lived it makes for powerful storytelling, and I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to document how so many lives were touched that long-ago

Palm Sunday night." hundred

ty-seven Hoosiers died in the Palm Sunday tornadoes, which struck six Midwestern states.

Rich Miller

Miller's story starts on a sunny Sunday afternoon, playing backyard basketball with friends.

Around 6 p.m., Goshen Hospital called him to pick up a family whose house had been destroyed by a tornado north of town. There were no ambulances at the time and hearses were used to haul the injured.

From there, the horror continued, with people from LaGrange County arriving throughout the night, bringing bodies of tornado victims. Miller learned eight of the 17 dead at his funeral home belonged to the Shore Mennonite Church and were to be buried in the church cemetery.

"I got the families together," Miller says in the book, "and had them meet me at one o'clock at the Shipshewana High School gymnasium. They were so helpful and wanted to do the funerals together. They said, 'We're like family."

The Shore Mennonite cemetery, across the road from the church, was in the tornado's direct path. When Miller learned every stone marker had been blown over, he asked gravestone companies in the area for help.

"What was so amazing," he said, "by Thursday morning, they had every stone back on its base, and the community had cleaned up the cemetery. That was quite something and shows how people can work together.'

Truman Miller

Truman Miller of Shipshewana kept his hardware store open the night of the tornadoes and handed out flashlights and supplies to police officers and rescu-

Then he joined them.

Miller's cousin Paul Mishler lived on the north side of Shipshewana and recalled when his daughter peered out the front window and yelled, "Look!" The mobile home across the street was in the air, he said, and made a complete turn before crashing to the ground.

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Vietnam veterans welcomed home at Legion event

The LaGrange American Legion, 100 Industrial Parkway, LaGrange, will host a Welcome Home for Vietnam era veterans on Thursday, June 23, 4-7 p.m.

Those who served in the military from 1955-75 will be honored.

Veterans who attend the LaGrange County Welcome Home will receive the Indiana edition of "Vietnam War 50th Commemoration: A Time to Honor," published last year by Remember My Service Productions.

"Half a century has passed since the Vietnam War, and 50 years of novels, films and music have dramatized and mythologized the controversial conflict. But this book approaches the war in a uniquely personal way, focusing on individual stories of the men and

women from every state and service who fulfilled their duty during the Vietnam War. Their day-to-day experiences are heartbreaking, raw, detailed – and sometimes even humorous," says an introduction to the book.

Each glossy page features color photos, timelines and stories of ser-

Veterans who attend the Welcome Home in LaGrange will also be

The event is open to all area Vietnam era veterans; one need not be a member of the American Legion. LaGrange County Veterans Service Officer Allen Connelly and a district officer will be on hand to provide up-to-date informa-

tion about state and federal benefits programs. The United States began observing the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War on Memorial Day 2012. It will continue

through Veterans Day 2025. Around 2.7 million Americans served throughout the years of the Vietnam War. More than 58,000 names are etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. More than 1,500

soldiers are listed as missing and unaccounted for. Another 153,000 Americans were wounded in the conflict and the Veterans Administration recognizes that health issues and disabilities may result from exposure to Agent Or-

ange, says information provided by the VA. According to a VA survey, around 500,000 of those who served in Vietnam suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and rates of divorce, suicide, alcoholism and drug addiction were markedly

higher among veterans. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans is dedicated to serving the veterans of the Vietnam War and their families. It has an office at the Indiana Veterans Center in Indianapolis, a Facebook page and a web site at

given a Department of Veterans Affairs lapel pin and a complimentary whvv.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On May 9, 2022, the Topeka Redevelopment Commission (the "RDC") of the Town of Topeka, Indiana, adopted Declaratory Resolution No. 5-9-22 (B) (the "Declaratory Resolution"), the substance of which was to approve the establishment of the Topeka Residential TIF District and allocation area for the purposes of tax increment financing and to approve a Residential Development Plan, which outlined the plan for developing the Topeka Residential TIF District. Maps and plats of the Topeka Residential TIF District have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, located at 124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana 46571. A public hearing on the Declaratory Resolution will be held by the RDC in the Topeka Town Hall at 124 E Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana 46571 on the 13th day of May, 2022 at 4:30 PM. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the RDC will hear and receive remonstrances and objections from interested persons in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed projects or other actions to be taken under the Declaratory Resolution. After considering the evidence presented, the RDC shall take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed actions taken under the Declaratory Resolution, including confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution. The real estate affected by the new allocation provision is located within the boundaries described as follows: Part of the Southwest Quarter of

Section 30, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, Clearspring Civil Township, LaGrange County, Indiana, and bounded as follows: Commencing at a Harrison Monument at the northwest corner of said quarter; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 52 seconds East (Basis of Bearings: State Plane) along the west line of said Quarter: 622.65 feet to the point of beginning; thence along the South and East boundaries of land described in Deed Record #1312-0515, for these five courses: North 89 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East through a #5 LA Taylor-capped rebar 248.00 feet to Taylor rebar, North 40 degrees 02 minutes 24 seconds East 102.00 feet to a Taylor rebar, North 00 degrees 25 minutes 52 seconds West 39.27 feet to a Taylor rebar, North 89 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East 30.08 feet to a #5 rebar, and North 00 degrees 22 minutes 18 seconds West along said deed and its extension through a Taylor rebar, 505.45 feet to the north line of said Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 31 seconds East along said North line 2315.56 feet to a tree post at the northeast corner of said Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East along the East line of said Quarter 1093.67 feet; then South 89 degrees 31 minutes 05 seconds West 63.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 31 seconds West 423.20 feet to a Cramer-capped rebar; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 1515.22 feet to an open pipe at the northeast corner of Golden Acres Subdivision, Section "F" as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 22 in the records of said County; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds West 0.34 feet; thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes 34 seconds West through a Doyle-capped rebar, 269.25 feet to a Doyle rebar; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West 84.94 feet to a Doyle rebar; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds West 89.96 feet to a #5 rebar; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 15 seconds West through a Doyle rebar; 279.92 feet to a Dovle rebar: then South 88 degrees 55 minutes 39 seconds

point of beginning. A part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 1,975.00 feet North and 1,080.70 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter and running thence East 1,515.35 feet; thence South 423.20 feet; thence West 1,515.36 feet; thence North 423.20 feet to the point of beginning. Also any and all interest in and to a certain 30' strip of ground as dedicated to the Town of Topeka in Deed Record 86-1-21. Subject to all easements, assessments, highways, restrictions,

West 175.23 feet to the northwest

corner of said Plat; thence North

89 degrees 19 minutes 55 seconds

West through a Taylor MAG nail,

182.36 feet to the west line of said

Quarter; thence North 00 degrees

25 minutes 52 seconds West along

said west line, 48.85 feet to the

and other limitations of record, or claims of easements not shown by the public records.

Written remonstrances against the proposed resolution may be filed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Topeka, no later than the 13th day of June, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. All interested parties or citizens are invited to attend.

408 N. Detroit St. Jessica Slattery Clerk-Treasurer Town of Topeka, IN LN 5.27.2022 LS 5.30.2022



MATH AWARDS-Topeka Elementary School fourth quarter math awards winners are: back row, fourth graders Kaitlyn Fry, Alyssa Barkman and Alaina Halderman, third graders Jayna Miller, Lyric Miller, Bryliegh Bailey, Landon Nissley, Gusmar Munoz-Heurta and Aiden Miller; middle row, second graders Easton McDonald, Kelsey Smith, Nathan Martin, Ninna Neely and Noah Howard. first graders Allen Childers, Miller, Franklin Olivia McVicar, Vincent Vogt, Aiden Grant and Jenise Eash; front, kindergarteners Lachelle Bontrager, Nolan Yoder, Dixie Altimus, Sirena Rupert, Everleigh White, Damon Grant and Ava Hostetler; not pictured, fourth grader Trynten Faulkner, second grader Josie Vaughn and kindergartner Raymond Howard. (Photo Contributed)



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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE LAGRANGE CICUIT **COURT** COUNTY OF LAGRANGE **CAUSE NO.:** 44C01-2204-MI-18 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF FRANKLIN DEAN MCVICAR, minor child, By Next Friend **MEGAN CRAIG**

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that on April 5, 2022, a Petition for Change of Name was filed by Megan Craig as next friend of Franklin Dean Mcvicar. That said Petition for Change of Name is requesting that the minor child's name be changed to that of Franklin Dean Iddings. If you have any objections to said Petition, any such objections shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the last publication of this Notice. Any objections filed will be heard at a later date. Stated this 6th day of April, 2022. /s/ Kimberely Johnson Clerk, LaGrange Circuit Court

Prepared by: R. Larry Helmer, Atty. # 7647-49 ERNSBERGER & HELMER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

408 N. Detroit St. LaGrange, Indiana 46761 Telephone: 260-499-4444 5.16, 5.23 & 5.30.2022

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE LAGRANGE CICUIT COURT **COUNTY OF LAGRANGE CAUSE NO.:** 44C01-2204-MI-18 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF FRANKLIN DEAN MCVICAR, minor child, By Next Friend **MEGAN CRAIG** SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

TO: Allen Mcvicar Pursuant to Trial Rule 4.13 of the Indiana Rules of Civil Procedure: Be it known that on the 5th day of April, 2022, Megan Craig, by her attorney, ERNSBERGER & HELMER, P.C., by R. Larry Helmer, 408 N. Detroit Street, LaGrange, Indiana, 46761, filed in the Office of the Clerk of LaGrange County, Indiana, a Name Change entitled: In Re: The Matter of the Name Change of Franklin Dean Mcvicar, under Cause Number 44C01-2204-MI-18.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to alleged Biological Father, Allen Mcvicar, whose address and whereabouts

are unknown. Said alleged Biological Father, Allen Mcvicar, is hereby notified of the Hearing to be held on August 2, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the LaGrange Circuit Court, and that unless said alleged Biological Father appears and defends said action on August 2, 2022 after the third notice to Biological Father by publication, judgment by default may be entered against him for the relief demanded in said Petition for Name Change of Franklin Dean Mcvicar filed on the 5th day of April, 2022. Witness the Clerk and Seal of this Court this 4th day of May, 2022. /s/ Kimberely Johnson Clerk, LaGrange Circuit Court /s/ R. Larry Helmer R. Larry Helmer, Atty. # 7647-49 ERNSBERGER & HELMER,

LaGrange, Indiana 46761 Telephone: 260-499-4444 5.16, 5.23 & 5.30.2022



READING AWARDS-Topeka Elementary School fourth quarter reading awards winners are back, fourth graders Savannah Yankosky, Jeyden Howard, Gabriel Demerly, and Sharon Miller, third graders Jacob Mast, Kyle Hershberger, Caleb Miller, Willard Yoder, Alisa Yoder and Terra Harlow; middle, second graders James Mast, Aaron Bontrager, Andrea Barkman, Jonathan Collins, Janell Yoder, and Gabriel Eicher, first graders Lilleigh Mast, Maverick Turner, Max Yoder, Jada Nissley, Olivia Everage and Austin Miller, front, (kindergarteners) Bryleigh Miller, Elliana Kaufman, Kailey Miller, Melanie Troyer, Kyahsondra Collins, Penelope Smokewood, Isaiah Hershberger and Caleb Mast. (Photo Contributed)

Tornadoes

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Houses, farms, utility poles, businesses - everything was smashed by the storm. The wounded were taken to Goshen Hospital or LaGrange County Hospital, which several survivors describe as looking like a "war zone." The junior high school was turned into a temporary hospital and a temporary morgue was created at LaGrange Youth Center. More than 100 LaGrange County people were injured.

Unforgettable scenes

Indiana State Police Officer Richard Wire explained the scene at Rainbow Lake, the hardest hit area in the county. Wire arrived to help the wounded and while he was there, a second tornado swept overhead, eventually touching down in Mongo.

The Howe and Ontario areas were hit too. Thornton talked to Mary Jane Friend, whose parents, Elva and Nona Nelson, lost

their home to a tornado. Louise Leisey Poier remembers an Indiana State Police Officer coming into the movie theater in La-Grange, where she and her friends had been startled by the abrupt end to the show

and the lights coming on. Poier lived only a few blocks from the theater, behind the hospital. She was home in just five minutes, long enough to grow concerned about the menacing

"The skies were very dark," she said, "but the tornado didn't hit La-Grange. However, I could hear the sirens for hours as the medics came to the hospital."

Community disaster

Christine Cross Finland was a 16-year-old junior when the storms hit.

Her most "horrifying memory," she said, came the next morning as she rode with her mother along U.S. 20 toward Shipshewana. "The closer we got to the Shore Lake area and Shore Mennonite Church," she said, "the more horrific the damage. The road was littered with debris, including dead farm animals, furniture, overturned automobiles, children's toys and broken farm equipment ... For miles and miles, everything was gone," she said, "houses, barns, trees. Everything. I can still see it all in my

mind." She recalls the devastation to the Amish com-

munity. "Amish people came from Ohio and Pennsylvania to help us prepare and serve sandwiches, lemonade and homemade pies that were donated from outlying communities," Finland said. "And vanloads of Amish workers arrived from hundreds of miles away to help their friends, relatives and strangers rebuild."

Claudene Holtz was only 8 years old on Palm Sunday 1965, but clearly remembers seeing a "black, twisting giant coming."

Thornton talked to at Lakeland High School Robert Smith, who was 17 at the time and living near Woodruff. An Explorer Scout, he helped clear the debris for days after the tornadoes.

> She also documents Teresa of memories Koontz Price, who lived

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE LAGRANGE

CIRCUIT COURT

44C01 2205 MI 23

CASE NO.

address is:

Merrifield.

2:00 p.m.

208 Sycamore St.

LaGrange, IN 46761

COUNTY OF LAGRANGE

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

Jeffery G. Weaver, whose mailing

LaGrange County, Indiana hereby

gives notice that she/he has filed

name be change to Jeffery Allen

Notice is further given that hear-

ing will be held on said Petition

Jeffery Weaver, Petitioner

/s/ Kimberely Johnson

5.16, 5.23 & 5.30.2022

LaGrange Circuit Court Clerk

Date: May 9, 2022

on the 2nd day of August, 2022 at

Court requesting that his/her

a petition in the LaGrange Circuit

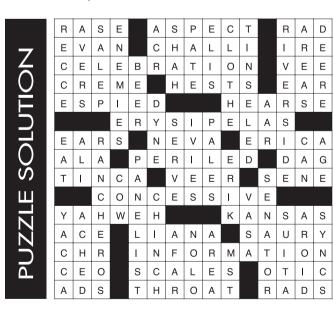
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CHANGE OF NAME

on Witmer Lake with her family. The storm blew violently through Wolcottville area, Koontz remembers, but the homes where she lived were unscathed.

The next day, the family drove through the Amish areas of the county to see what they had endured. "And that's where we saw the horror," she said, "dead animals, a horse blown into a tree, cars on the roofs of barns. They got the brunt of it."

Thornton traveled throughout Indiana gathering stories from the 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes. The book is available at major bookstores and online booksellers, as well as on Thornton's website, www.janis-thornton. com.



NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of LaGrange County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana at 8:30

a.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022 COUNTY GENERAL - SURVEYOR 1000-006-02-2010 Office Supplies 1,000.00 1130 PRISIONER REIMBURSEMENT 1130-000-04-4016 Intercom upgrade 95,000.00 1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY 1176-003-04-4031 Truck Equipment 36,400.00 1179 PARKS NON-REVERTING 1179-000-02-2075 Disc Golf Course Supplies 10,000.00 4101 CANINE DONATION 4101-000-04-4010 Canine Equipment 6,700.00 8950 AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT

8950-000-04-4024 Exterior Courthouse Renovation 2022 8950-000-04-4025 Parks Youth Event 2022 10,000.00 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLFG). The DLGF will make a written

determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action May 24, 2022 Kathryn Hopper, LaGrange County Auditor LN 5.27.2022 LS 5.30.2022

Alcohol & Tobacco Commission

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Alcohol Beverage Board of Lagrange County, Indiana will

hold a public hearing at 11:00 am on June 09, 2022 at the Lagrange County Office Building, Council Meeting Room, in the

city of Lagrange in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic

beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit: RR4433799 Beer Wine & Liquor - Restaurant (209) RENEWAL

SANFORD & SONS LLC 3355 E 700 N Howe IN D/B/A CEDAR LAKE GOLF

COURSE DL4432843 Beer Wine & Liquor - Package Store NEW LAKEVILLE LIQUOR STORE INC LOCATION PENDING Shipshewana IN

D/B/A A 1 PACKAGE LIQUOR **GURINDER KAUR 51731 DEER** TRAIL DR Granger, President 5.30.2022