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Hannah Carter

Leo High School's graduation will be Friday, May 31, 7:00 p.m., at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. Hannah Carter, Leo High

School Valedictorian, has a 4.40 GPA. She plans on attending Indiana University to study mathematics. She chose this field because "It is very applicable and logical, while still allowing me to be creative."

Hannah participated in Leo soccer, Student Council, Academic Superbowl, and volunteered at church and tutoring. Awards, recognitions and scholarships received include Fall Sport Academic All-State 2022, Rising Star of Indiana, IUI and Chancellor's Scholars.

Her hobbies include reading, exercising and watching

Hannah's parents are Dona and Loriann Carter.



Emilia Kennedy

Emilia Kennedy, Leo High School Salutatorian, has a 4.39 GPA. She plans on attending Indiana University to study human biology and contemporary dance. She chose this field because "This field combines my love of science with my ability to help others."

Emilia participated in volleyball, National Honor Society, FCA, Yearbook, and competitive dance. Awards, recognitions and scholarships received include Academic All-State, direct admit into College of Arts and Sciences, Provost's Scholarship.

Her hobbies include dancing, hanging out with friends and spending time in the Bible.

Emilia's parents are Jennifer Kennedy and Jeffery Kennedy.

Woodlan High School's graduation will be Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m., at the Memorial Coliseum, 4000



Luke Wells

Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne.

Luke Wells, Woodlan High School Valedictorian, has a 4.37 GPA. He plans on attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to study physics. He chose this field because "I'm passionate about understanding the world around me and hope to play a role in continuing to solve the puzzle that is our universe.'

Luke participated in Dungeons & Dragons Club, National Honor Society and Quest Tournament. Awards, recognitions and scholarships received include Rule and Small Town Recognition (College Board), AP Scholar with Honor, Rising Star of Indiana, 2023 Award for Student Leadership.

His hobbies include D&D, fish keeping, music and e-

Luke's parents are Kevin Wells and Jennifer Wells.



Marilyn Emenhiser

Marilyn Emenhiser, Woodlan High School Salutatorian, has a 4.32 GPA. She plans on attending Huntington University to study exercise science. She chose this field because "I am passionate about health and fitness. I enjoy learning about the body and the best ways of achieving an active recovery.'

Marilyn participated in Cross country, track, Woodlan Service Club, National Honor Society and Quest Tournament team. Awards, recognitions and scholarships received include Honor Roll all four years, Rising Star of Indiana award, Principal's Scholars Honor, Huntington University Academic and Athletic Scholarship.

Her hobbies include the arts, music and singing.

Marilyn's parents are Rex and Keli Emenhiser.

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Daytime flowers might be folded up for the night during (Continued on Page 7)

#### HARLAN LIONS CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS



Harlan Lions Club gave three \$500 scholarships at Woodlan High School's Senior Awards Night. Pictured, left to right, are Lion Dave Roehling, Lion Steve Gilford, scholarship recipients Ryan Hubbart, Taya Fruits and Anagail Abbott, and Lion Mike Downey. (Lion Gerry Ehle not pictured.)

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#### **DEATH AND REALITY**

When someone loved dies, the mind has trouble facing that reality. You can know something in your head, but still, the heart will not accept it. This involves gently confronting the reality that someone you care about will never physically come back into your life again.

Whether the death was sudden or after a prolonged illness, acknowledging the full impact of the loss may not occur for weeks or even months afterward. You may answer the phone expecting the person to be speaking to you. You may think you feel a familiar touch, or see him or her walk through the door. You may be in survival mode by trying to push away the reality of death. But to know that someone you love has died is not like flipping a light switch. The process is neither quick nor easy, and it is painful.

Memories, both good and bad, will play and replay in your mind. You may question your sanity. You will hope this is all a bad dream and you will soon wake up to life as you remember it. Expressing these feelings and emotions to others is an important phase in the healing process.

This is the role Grief-Share can play in your road to recovery. This seminar/ support group meets weekly on Saturday mornings from 10 until noon in the library of the Leo Methodist Church. It utilizes DVDs featuring grief counselors along with discussion. You can learn more about it at GriefShare. org or by calling 627-2580. It is important to know that you are not alone.

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#### **BBB TIP: CHOOSE** THE BEST OPTION FOR YOUR MOVE

#### Rick Walz President/ **CEO, BBB Serving** Northern Indiana

How can you choose the best moving option - one that fits both your needs and your budget? Knowing your options (and the perks and downfalls of each one) can help you save money and safely transport your belongings.

Option 1: Full-service moving companies

Hiring a full-service moving company is a lower-stress way of getting all your belongings from Point A to Point B, advises Nerd Wallet, a BBB Accredited Business. Professional movers manage the logistics of loading, driving, and unloading your things for you. Some fullservice movers even offer extra services like packing.

Trained movers can safely pack and transport large and/ or delicate items (think pianos and antique furniture). They can also move items into hard-to-access areas, such as upstairs or down long, narrow driveways. Best of all, all the heavy lifting will be done for you.

The downsides of hiring a full-service moving company are the cost and the time it takes to complete a move. This is usually the most expensive way to move your belongings. If you are making a long-distance move, it may also take movers several days to deliver your items.

Option 2: Shipping your belongings

If you've managed to whittle your belongings down to a few boxes or suitcases, shipping them is a cheap and easy way to move especially if you are moving across the country, points out Consumer Affairs.

Big-name package shippers often charge a premium to ship large or heavy boxes. But other companies, like long-distance bus lines, may offer cheaper services. Some shippers will pick up boxes from your home and drop them off at your new address for an extra fee.

While cost and ease are two big pros of this method, there are a few cons too. Boxes shipped by ground may take several days or even a few weeks to arrive at their destination. In addition, this isn't a good option if your boxes contain fragile items.

If you are flying to your new home city, check with several airlines before you buy your ticket. Some airlines offer reasonable prices on additional checked bags, but you'll probably need to do some searching to find the best deal.

Option 3: DIY truck rentals

If you have larger items but still want to move DIY, a truck rental company could be a good choice. Truck rental companies will provide you with a truck or trailer of an appropriate size, but you'll be responsible for the packing, loading, driving, and unloading.

This option is less expensive than hiring professional movers. Depending on how far you are going, it may be cheaper than hiring a moving container service. Move.org has calculated average prices for DIY moves.

That said, loading and

unloading a truck is physically demanding. If you have any large or unwieldy items, they could be damaged if they aren't packed, loaded, and unloaded correctly. To address this, you can always hire movers to help you load and unload the truck.

You'll also need to feel comfortable driving a moving truck, which is probably much larger and heavier than your regular vehicle. This can be stressful even for very capable drivers, and you might need to purchase extra insurance in case of accidents or damage. If you choose this route, add gas, insurance, and lodging to the truck rental company's quote for an accurate view of the total cost.

Option 4: Moving container services

Moving container services could be an ideal option if you don't feel comfortable driving a rental truck to your new home. Moving container services bring a portable storage container to your home. You fill it up. Then, the company transports it to your new location, where you unload your belongings.

These companies usually give you a few days to load and unload. They can also store your container for a fee if you need time to find a new house in your new city. They are less costly than a fullservice moving company, and you don't have to worry about driving a big truck to

your new home.

To take advantage of moving container services, you'll need space. If your current or new home has no parking or a driveway on a steep incline, this option might not be feasible. Some moving container services offer movers to load and unload your items if you pay an extra fee. However, in many cases, paying the fee will make the moving container service more expensive or even more expensive than a full-service moving company. To get an idea of pricing for this option, see this article on Move.org.

For more information

Learn more by reviewing the BBB Moving Resources page. Read up on moving scams to protect yourself and your belongings when you move. To report a moving scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker.

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## SHOULD ESTATE **PLANS BE EQUAL** . . . OR FAIR?



When you're creating your estate plan, your biggest priority may be taking care of your family - your spouse, grown children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. And as you think of where you want your assets to go, you also may be thinking about how to be fair – but is that the same as treating everyone equally?

In estate planning, "equal" doesn't always mean "fair." Let's consider some factors that can help explain the difference:

Need – It's highly unlikely that the individuals you want to include in your estate plan – especially your adult children - have the same family and financial situations. For example, you could have one child who is extremely successful and has no children of their own. while another child earns much less income and supports three children. Clearly, your two adult children have vastly different financial needs – so, you need to consider whether you want to treat them equally or fairly. mula for solving the fair-

If you decide you want to treat them fairly, you may want to divide your assets in a way that provides more help to the child who needs it most.

Abilities – You may well have some assets that you believe are more suitable for one child over another. This can be especially true if you are planning on passing on a family business. If you know that one child is the most capable of running the business or has been primarily involved in the business, then you may want to give that child control as a next-generation owner. Yet, this may not seem fair to another child, who might also express interest in the business, so you may want to look for ways to provide this child with enough assets to help make the overall inheritance more equal.

Practicality – In some instances, you might think you can meet both the "fair" and "equal" criteria. Suppose, for instance, that you have a cabin or other vacation home that you think two of your children could share. In theory, this joint ownership might sound good, but in practical terms, it could cause problems. Are both children equally willing and capable of paying taxes and upkeep on the cabin or vacation home? What if one child wants to sell their share? And then, there's the question of who gets to use the property at various times of the year. All these issues should be resolvable, but they can also cause great stress within the family.

There's no simple for-

versus-equal dilemma. But keep this in mind: Communicating your wishes to your loved ones while you are drawing up your estate plan can help reduce confusion and hopefully lead to fewer hard feelings – when you are no longer around. By their nature, fairness and equality issues related to estate plans can trigger a range of emotions, and addressing these feelings beforehand can help provide a great service for your loved ones.

You might also find that some objectivity can be valuable. That's why, when creating your estate plan, you may benefit by working with a team of professionals, including your legal, financial and tax advisors.

When developing your estate plan, you might well strive for equality and fairness but above all, you want to get things right. And careful planning, open communication and appropriate guidance can help go a long way toward this goal.

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Medicare Advantage Plans – If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, your plan may not cover your care while you travel within the United States unless you need emergency or urgent care. If your plan does allow you to see providers that are outside of your network or area, you will usually need to pay more for the care (except for emergency care). You may also need to follow other plan rules like obtaining prior authorization (except for emergency and urgent care). Contact your plan to see what rules and costs apply when you travel within the United States.

If you have questions related to Medicare, call SHIP at (800) 452-4800 or find us online at www.medicare. in.gov. You can also find SHIP on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

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#### **PENTECOST**

#### By Andy Ford

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words . . . And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh." Acts 2:14, 17

One of the images that comes to mind from Pentecost is the tongues of fire sitting on the disciples. It makes me think of a birthday cake with all the candles lit. And it was a birthday; the birthday of the Church.

The Holy Spirit came as the risen Christ had promised. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me . . . (Acts 1:8) That power manifested itself in many ways, but mainly in confidence and a large dose of 'fear not'. And almost immediately they began to give witness to those around them.

It seems that the Scriptures became open to them as they had to the disciples on the road to Emmaus; and Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, now opened

the Scriptures to the people in Jerusalem. His sermon looked back to the prophet Joel and to the Psalms. It spoke of Jesus as the gospels would do.

The prophet Joel had called upon Israel to rend their hearts and return to God, knowing that "He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness" (Joel 2:13) And he had spoken of the day when God would "pour out My Spirit on all flesh" (Joel 2:28) which found its fulfillment on that very day when Peter spoke.

David, the author of many psalms, had spoken of the hope and the joy that God's presence gave him. And Peter took his words, "For you will not leave my soul in Hades" (Acts 2:27) and showed the crowd how they applied to Jesus, and His being raised from the dead. He shared the witness of all the disciples with him that Jesus had been raised from the dead, and exalted to the Father's right hand.

The Spirit moved the crowd through Peter's words. They cried out, "What shall we do?" Peter called on them to repent and be baptized in Jesus' name. And he promised them the gift that was to be poured out on all men: the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:37-38)

On that day alone, three thousand souls were baptized; three thousand souls recognized Jesus Christ as their Savior. And since that day God's word has been fruitful, the first Christians multiplied, and the word of God filled Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and every corner of the earth. And the Spirit still reaches out today.

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## **OUR AWESOME GOD**

By Doris Applegate

In many churches and fellowships, we sing, "Our God is an Awesome God, He reigns from heaven above in wisdom, power and love, our God is an Awesome God!" How true this is. God knows the end of everything even from the beginning and, because of this, He knew that sin would invade His beautiful Eden and so provided a Lamb to be slain, way ahead of when it would actually be needed. (Rev. 5:6)

Jesus agreed to become flesh, live among humanity and demonstrate God's love by healing the sick, feeding the hungry and preaching to the poor. The kingdom of God was now within those who accepted Him as the long-awaited Messiah. Being willing then to give the ultimate and final sacrifice by dying on a tree (cross), rising from the dead and ascending into heaven to intercede for us, God's radical, extremely powerful and full of love plan was brought forth. Amazing and so wonderful.

By believing that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and confessing that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved (born of the Spirit of God). (Romans 10:9) You are now a new creation and sin no longer has dominion over you. (Romans 6:12-14) You now have the righteousness of God with peace and joy. This is what people crave. The peace that only Jesus can give them.

Many look for it in a number of places, but are so disappointed. Only by coming to Jesus Christ, giving their sins, failures and hurts to Him can it be found. Sometimes we "slip and fall" (sin again), but we have an Advocate in Jesus Christ who will help us recover. Read I John 2:1

When the wrath of God is some day poured out on the wicked and unbelieving, (remember God is holy and sin is intolerable, deplorable and unacceptable to Him), it will not come near you. Jesus took our wrath on the cross and we do not have to fear it at all. I am sure that you agree now with me and the song we sing that God is truly Awesome! Amen.

#### LEO METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY **MOVIE NIGHT**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Leo Methodist Family Movie Night on May 17. Doors open at 6 and the movie will begin at 6:30. Drinks and snacks will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your favorite chairs, pillows and/ or blankets to get comfy and enjoy the evening. This event is free to all who wish to attend.

This month's familyfriendly movie is "Trolls World Tour" by Dream Works. "Trolls World Tour" is full of great music, laughable moments, fun new characters and a really important message. This movie brings awareness to discovering that the past is not how it may have been told to us. And that our ancestors may have made mistakes. Movies like "Trolls World Tour" help children grasp the big issues like diversity and equality. And that pop music is not the only kind of music there is!

The film follows Poppy and Branch as they discover several more troll tribes that represent music genres other than their own. Troubles arise when the queen of the Rock Tribe plans to overthrow the foreign music genres to unite the trolls under rock music.

Troll Queen Poppy is off on an adventure to protect pop music and discovers many other kinds of Trolls and music. Poppy tries to do the right thing as a queen by listening to her people, understanding the opposition and learning from the mistakes made in the past because differences do mat-

"Trolls World Tour" is a 2020 American animated jukebox musical fantasy film. It is based on the Good Luck Trolls dolls and is the sequel to "Trolls" (2016).

#### THE MUSIC OF **JERICHO**

By Brian Lee

Read Joshua 6:1-21.

What is your favorite day of the week? Studies show that Friday and Saturday are the favorite days for most. But how many of us would say Sunday?

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days." Hebrews 11:30

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They were to march around Jericho each day with all the armed men (v. 3) and seven priests carrying trumpets in front of the ark of the covenant (v. 4). There were further instructions given by God through Joshua for the people. They were not to give a war cry or raise their voices; not to say a word until they were told which day to shout (v. 10).

What a picture of faith and daily obedience to the Lord! It was faith in the Lord that brought down the walls of Jericho (Heb. 11:30). From morning to night (vv. 11-12), the people had to trust in God's Word before the outcome, knowing that the Lord had something greater in store for the final day. Indeed, God had something greater. On the seventh day, the Israelites saw victory through Joshua (Yeshua) over the enemy in Jericho in the Promised Land.

We too have something greater in our future! That's why gathering with God's faithful people on the Lord's day can be the most exciting day of the week. It is filled with jubilant worship as we remind ourselves of the victory we have in and through Jesus (Yeshua).

Go Deeper - What do you think went through the minds of the Israelites as they followed God's puzzling instructions? How does being mindful of our future hope

(Heb. 4:9) influence the way we walk in obedience today?

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#### TRAPPING A **MUSKRAT**

A lesson for the young and the old, but the younger you learn it the better. Menno Goode depended each spring on his income from trapping. His take from trapping would buy several bags of flour, and a substantial amount of sugar. One spring he got a record of 57 muskrats, but each year he generally got about 50. But this year nothing. Many traps had been sprung but still no rats. He was getting desperate so he hatched a plan. Someone must be stealing his muskrats, so he would get up a couple hours early.

The next morning instead of running his traps at 5:00 a.m., he woke at 2:00 a.m. and was out running traps. Also, instead of his usual route, down the west side and back the east side he would reverse it. As he began his route, his first trap had a muskrat. He fished it out with his hook on the end of a broomstick, and threw it up on the bank. About this time he saw a flashlight beam coming from the opposite direction. So he quickly retreated to a clump of trees and waited.

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Pickleball is a paddle sport that falls between a small version of tennis and a big version of ping pong. It is usually played as doubles (two on two), which combined with the smaller court results in less running than tennis. Also, the smaller paddles and lighter wiffleballs make the game easier and less intimidating. Games are usually played to 11 and last about 15 minutes, so partners and skills are constantly being rotated. Most people will play for two hours or more, ready for another game as soon as one is ended.

The main feature that sets pickleball apart is the 'kitchen' area, also called the non-volley zone. This is a marked area extending seven feet from the net from which you cannot hit the ball out of the air (volley). This rule sets up the strategic cat and mouse game that defines good pickleball. The kitchen rule also levels the playing field by keeping size and strength from being dominant. The non-volley zone also keeps aggressive players from being able to attack every ball, thus equalizing the play for most players.

First time players will usually be playing comfortably on the first day, but it can take years to master the fine nuances of the game. This is one of the reasons that pickleball is addictive: the more you learn, the more you want to play.

Another positive aspect of the game is that it is very welcoming and social. Pick-

leball players have a reputation of being friendly and accommodating, and the men/women ratio is usually close to 50/50. At times, it feels more like a party than a sport. The best recommendation for pickleball is how you feel after you've played: you've met your friends, played some good games, challenged yourself to play better, had a good workout, and have had fun. Also, you're already looking forward to playing again.

Don and Sarah Lobacz

#### L-C TOWN COUNCIL **MEETING MINUTES OF APR. 16**

A public meeting of the Leo-Cedarville town council was held on Tuesday, Apr. 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were councilmen Tyler Witmer, Greg Peck, Andy Jones, Scott Yoder and Brian Jarboe; town manager, Tena Woenker; and town attorney, David Bailey.

Mr. Witmer opened the town council meeting asking for an approval of the agenda. Mr. Yoder made the motion to approve the agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peck seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written from the Apr. 2, 2024 regular meeting. Mr. Peck seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Jarboe abstained from voting.

Mrs. McDaniel presented the vouchers for approval in the amount of \$69,040.42. Mr. Yoder made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Jarboe seconded. With a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0

Mrs. McDaniel presented an invoice she received Apr. 15, 2024 for Exterior Services dated Jan. 23, 2023 for services of snow plow in December 2022 for \$810.25. She stated that she researched the invoice and could not see where there was any discussion to not pay the invoice. She was able to conclude that the invoice had not been

paid and believes it may have been an oversight. Mr. Yoder made a motion for her to pay the invoice. Mr. Jarboe seconded. With a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Scott Connally from the

Cedar Creek Township pre-

sented his findings regarding the transfer of funds from Cedar Creek Township to the Northeast Allen County Fire and EMS District. He read a letter addressed to the fire district from J. Brian Tracey, Attorney at Law, regarding the past fiscal officer and past trustee short falls for unpaid payroll taxes and unpaid bills. The letter went on to explain that there are monies needed to pay payroll and PERF for May, insurance and payroll taxes. There was a list of items needed from the fire district for Mr. Tracey to move forward with an interlocal agreement that Cedar Creek Township will give \$300,000 and all trucks be signed over to the fire district by May 1. The interlocal would include a lease agreement with fire district and current owners of the facilities. Mr. Connally clarified that the lease agreement would essentially mean that Cedar Creek Township will turn over \$300,000, pay tax liabilities, turn over trucks and whatever is left will be turned over, stating that the 2023 fire territory budget was overspent by the previous chief. Lori DeWitt from the Cedar Creek Township stated that they have employed the assistance of two CPA firms to help them go through the financials and clarify and balance the financials in order to have a better understanding of what happened and what can be done. Mr. Connally stated that he has asked the accountants to have their findings completed by end of May.

Mrs. Woenker presented the RFP for curbside trash removal. She stated that the public comment is completed with no comment and is ready to send out for bids tomorrow. Mr. Yoder made a motion to adopt the RFP. Mr. Peck seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Amber Bassett, partner with Hometown Initiatives, presented her proposal for scope of work, project fee and project time line for the Leo-Cedarville Comprehensive Plan Update. She explained the time line, stating they would start now and be completed by February 2025. There was discussion on sections of the time lime, public survey and what they entail. Mr. Yoder made a motion to adopt the proposal not to exceed \$63,500 pending the review of the contract from the town attorneys. Mr. Peck seconded. With a roll call the vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Stronczek, town

maintenance, presented auotes for concrete to move the salt bin behind the maintenance barn. There was discussion on pulling funds from different appropriations to cover the costs. Mrs. McDaniel asked the town council to consider putting together a package for the needed repairs and updates to the maintenance barn so that an appropriation request can be done and the funds distributed effectively. Mr. Stronczek mentioned that the sewer alone will be over \$100,000. There was discussion on what updates and repairs should be considered to get the project started. Mr. Yoder asked Mr. Stronczek to work with Mrs. McDaniel to put together a package for what he thinks will be needed to get the project started. Mr. Witmer stated that they will table the discussion until the next meeting when a package can be presented.

Mike Fruchey with the Allen County Surveyor's Office discussed the what it would mean for the town to have the drainage board oversee stormwater inspections and installations for new subdivisions and future work within the town. He mentioned that in the Town of Leo-Cedarville different management has handled the stormwater systems differently. He stated that the county surveyor's office reviews, handles the field inspection, approves the designs and regulates the drains. The cost for this service is passed to the developer and not to the town. He mentioned the costs involved for replacing drains if they fail would be extensive and not having them regulated leaves the cost to the town and residents to repair. He stated that the surveyor's office would assess a fee to the residents that would cover the costs of the pipe system and man hole structures. The town would still assess the stormwater fee that would cover the costs of basins, swales and outfalls. There was discussion about whether the town should consider this for all subdivisions or just future ones. There was a general consensus to move forward with just the subdivision in question and do research to discuss future projects at a later meeting. Mr. Fruchey stated he would also look into the current systems and get back to the town council with his findings. Mr. Peck made a motion to agree to a Partnership with Allen County Surveyor's Office to regulate the drains in the new Makarios subdivision. Mr. Yoder seconded. The motion

passed 5-0.

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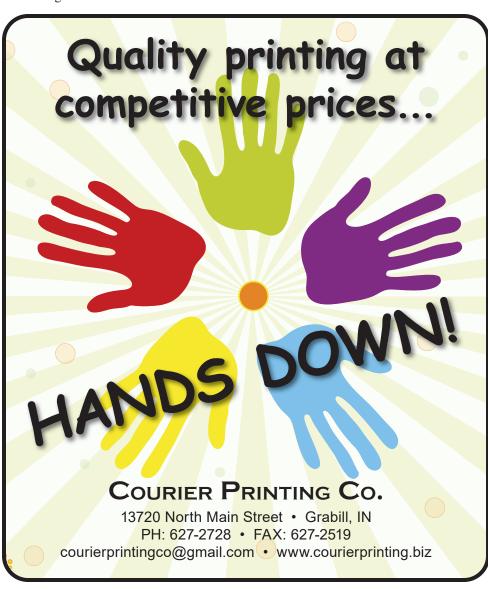
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Trapping ... (Continued from Page 4)

Along came neighbor Fred and he could tell he was carrying a quite heavy sack. There must have been at least a dozen rats in his gunny sack. As he came near, Menno stepped out to confront him. They just stood for a second. You can imagine the look on neighbor Fred's face when he realized he had been caught. At at this point Menno did a surprising

He picked up the rat that was lying on the ground and handed it to Fred. "I see you are carrying a quite heavy load. In that case, you won't mind carrying one more. Please take this one and I will not have to carry it." After that night, Menno began capturing his usual catch of muskrats. Nothing more was said until years later.

Fred's conscience got the best of him and one day he came over to talk to Menno and offered to pay him the money he had made off of his muskrats.

Fred had agonized for years over the situation. His countenance would fall each time they met, until finally he could stand it no longer. The Bible says, "Be sure your sins shall find you out." After that, they became especially good friends, and Fred was happy to see Menno whenever they met.

L-C Town Council... (Continued from Page 5)

Mrs. Woenker presented for discussion and approval the annexation of different sections of road along Amstutz, Schlatter, Halter and Dunlap Roads that are within the town limits. She stated that these sections of road are half owned by the town and half owned by the county. She stated it's 3.03 miles of road that are not under town jurisdiction and therefore the town is missing out on road mileage with wheel tax. There was a general consensus among the town council that the benefits of the wheel tax do not outweigh the current situation and don't believe the town should consider the annexa-

tion at this time.

Mrs. Woenker presented her town manager's report. She asked the town council to consider donating \$500-\$1000 to the farmer's market to pay for some of the core marketing materials, banners, signage, physical signs, etc. She stated that the foundation is helping by managing the fiscal responsibilities of the market. Mr. Witmer stated that the town has already put in a lot of time through Mrs. Woenker's involvement and time, the town maintenance involvement and the space provided. He doesn't feel as though the town should put forth monetary funds as well. Mr. Jarboe made a motion to donate \$250 for the promotional items for the farmer's market. Mr. Jones seconded. With a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-1. With Mr. Witmer voting no.

The next council meeting is May 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Leo-Cedarville Town Hall. With no other business and no one else signed up to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Leo-Cedarville town council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at https://youtube.com/@ TownofLeoCedarville for as long as this media supported.

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The Town's contract for curbside trash collection is up for renewal and the Town has posted a Request for Proposals. These are due May 17 by 12:00 p.m. (noon) and will be posted on the Town website that day. The bid specifications are also available online at www.leocedarville.com/announcements or by calling the office of the Town Manager at (260) 627-6321 ext.

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