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Lake Association and Conservancy District hold joint meeting

The annual joint meeting of the Lake Bruce Association (LBA) and Lake Bruce Conservancy District (LBCD) was held Saturday, July 9, at the Hoosier Hideaway.

Following a carry-in dinner, for which the LBA furnished chicken, the two groups held their meetings.

LBA president Jerry Ash called the Association meeting to order at 12 p.m.

The first order of business was to nominate and elect new officers. The slate of officers included Jerry Ash, president; Tom Haack, treasurer, and Kathy Fisher, secretary. There were no other nominations. All were elected and will serve another term with Joyce Vallis, Sharon Glasson and Judy Ash as board members.

The minutes of the May 7th board meeting were read and approved, as well as the treasurer's report.

Mr. Ash gave a big thank you to Tom Davies for the use of the Hideaway for the meeting as well as for the fish weigh-in during the fishing tournament. He also thanked the Lebos for running the tournament and all that helped promote the garage sale day.

There were 16 boats in the 4th of July parade held on Sunday, July 3. A great fireworks display was put on by many of the families around the lake.

The Association will hold its picnic at the Vallis' empty lot on Saturday, August 6. All food will be furnished as well as door prizes, entertainment and games. The fun begins at 11 a.m. Lake residents are urged to bring a chair and have some fun.

Kathy Chearise will be putting out a fall newsletter again. If you want to write an article, please get it to her so that she can get it in.

The LBCD called its meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Correspondence included the regular utility and mower bills as well as bills from DeSabatine for gravel; the Sentinel for the budget notice; Blue Book for a pump; Clark Aquatic for weed spraying; and Pfenninger Insurance for a policy on Paul Bradley, the group's inspector. Checks were received from Pulaski County for taxes and liens.

A three-year contract was signed and sent to Clint Hawn at Air Vac. Air Vac has also taken on the changing of the mulch beds at the treatment plant.

The wastewater treatment plant operator, Richard Denny, reported that the plant is running very good. Everyone is asked to make sure there are no downspouts or sump pumps tied into the wastewater collection system.

Inspector Paul Bradley issued one new hook-up permit.

Gerald Porter reported that the weeds were sprayed June 7 and an algae treatment was done June 30.

Caston offering tours/info meetings

Parents and students living outside the Caston school district are invited to visit the school Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. each evening to receive information about the schools and tuition-free admission. Additionally, brief tours of about 15 minutes will be conducted continuously during these hours and a short video clip and other descriptive information about the schools will be available. The south doors (Entrance #11) leading to the junior/senior high school gymnasium should be used. Questions may be directed to Superintendent Dan Foster at 574-857-2035, ext. 336 or fosterd@caston.k12.in.us.

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EMS run report

Fulton County EMS Director Millie Sytsma reports that the EMS responded to 169 calls during the month of June. The stat report shows 10 runs to Union Township, seven to Aubbeenaubee Township, 26 to Henry Township, four to Liberty Township, four to New Castle Township, four to Richland Township, 45 to Rochester Township, 65 to the City of Rochester, one to Wayne Township, and one other. One hundred and twenty of these calls were 911 calls, 28 were interfacility transfers and 21 were standby calls for events or fires. So far this year, the EMS has responded to a total of 1,044 calls.

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Spaghetti supper at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lake Bruce, will serve its annual spaghetti supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 30. The cost of the meal is a free will donation. The church basement, where the meal will be served, is handicap accessible on the east side of the church.

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Treasurers Brad Glasson and Teresa Mollencupp would like to change the billing agent. The cost would be lower and the new agent would give good and timely reports. Mollencupp also keeps regular office hours. After some discussion, the board voted to change the billing agent. Brad and Teresa will notify the current agent and inform the new one of the district's decision. A special mailed notice will be sent out to inform everyone of the change.

The first reading of the budget was held. The second and final reading will be at the next meeting, which will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 11, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

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Former Kewanna High School teacher and basketball coach, Hal Peck, plans to be in Kewanna to visit with friends and former students/players Friday, August 5. Interested persons are welcome to meet with him around 11 a.m. at the Kewanna Kafe.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 25, in regular session at the library. The meeting is open to the public.

Megan Powell, Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester at Taylor University. Full-time students are named to the Dean's List when they have earned at GPA of 3.60 or higher for the term.

The 49th annual Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival will be held August 4-7 at Amish Acres in Nappanee. The event will feature 350 artists and crafters, live entertainment on three stages and food. Admission is \$7 for adults; and \$6 for senior citizens, active military, and students 12-17. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

The 3rd annual Race for Rick will be held Saturday, July 23, in Winamac. Registration will be from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce train depot at the corner of Main and Logan Streets. The run/walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run through the cemetery hills and back to the train depot. Visit the website to download a registration form at www.rhm5k.com. The entry fee is \$20 if you pre-register or \$25 the day of the race.

The Fulton County Pack a Backpack program is collecting donations for its annual backpack drive. The price for each box of supplies and backpack is \$19 for young children and \$21 for older students. For more information about the program or to make a donation, call 574-223-4052.

On July 22, "Sentimental Journey" will take the stage with dance music of the 40s and 50s as part of the Music on the Square programs sponsored by the Akron Area Arts League. "Manchester Civic Band" will play big band music on July 29. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the free concerts that start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. These concerts are funded by the Fulton County Community Foundation. In case of rain, the concerts will be rescheduled.

The Fulton County Community Foundation will offer a grant information and writing workshop at 4:30 p.m. July 27 at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester. Grant station software will be demonstrated. The foundation, Fulton County

Festival royalty contest

Fulton County girls ages 7-18 are welcome to enter the Kewanna Fall Festival royalty contest. Applications will be available at the Kewanna Kafe, Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, The Observer and Luke's Products. For more information, contact Kandace Evers or Jane Leach, 574-653-2901 or 574-817-0126.

Girls ages 7-10 will be entered in the little sweetheart category; ages 11-14, princess; and 15-18, queen. The first meeting for potential contestants will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 1 at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.

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The Nyona/South Med Lakes Association is having a fun day for children from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23, in the yard west of Mike's Pizza. There will be a dunk tank, moon walk and games. Refreshments will be available.

Skylar Powlen, daughter of Phil and Darla Powlen, Kewanna, was crowned Miss Fulton County 2011 Sunday evening at the Fulton County 4-H Fair. Skylar is a graduate of Caston High School and a junior at Purdue University.

The 6th annual Taste of Cass County will be held Saturday, August 13, at the Little Turtle Waterway Plaza in Logansport. The event will feature food, fireworks, music, etc. and will start at 5:30 p.m.

The 16th annual Art on the Avenue art festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 17 at the Little Turtle Waterway in Logansport. Over 35 artists and 20 food vendors will be offering their wares.

The State of Indiana closed its budget year last week with \$1.2 billion in extra cash. The surplus was attributed to deep cuts to education and healthcare services and improved tax collections.

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Kewanna grad teaches in China

Katrina Hizer Beattie graduated from Kewanna High School in 1967. She now resides in Sherman, Illinois. After retiring as a special education teacher from Athens Public Schools, she traveled to China this past May to teach autistic children. It is an experience she will never forget.

Katrina is the daughter of Dorothy Warfield, Kewanna, and the late Lawrence Hizer and is the sister of John Hizer, Kewanna.

The story is part of her time spent in Xhi'an, China, located in the central part of the country. Special education and special needs programs in the Chinese school system are non-existent. She was able to help with teaching ideas and methods in a school that was developed by the parents of autistic children.

Katrina traveled to China through an organization called Global Volunteers, which helped plan the trip and the teaching schedules.

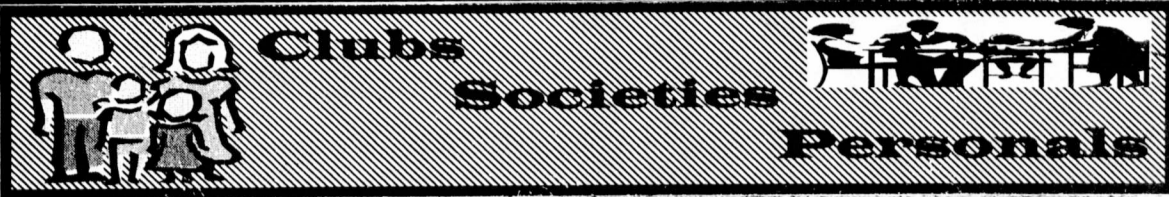
My trip to China

It all started with shoes. Because I love shoes and dislike football, on 2009 Superbowl Sunday I decided to escape the TV and go to Shoetopia shoe store's annual Superbowl party. While there, I saw Sarah Thomas, the store owner's mother who told me about her recent trip to China with Global Volunteers. She explained that Global Volunteers is like a mini Peace Corps, providing short term volunteers around the world. In the fall of 2008, Sarah and her friend, Mary Patton, went to Xhi'an, China and taught Chinese students with their English.

After teaching regular education and special education for approximately 20 years, I was considering retirement. I had always dreamed of traveling to exotic places and doing service work. I had once even considered joining the Peace Corps, but marriage, children, education and my career ended that. Global Volunteers sounded like the perfect substitute. A year after our conversation, I retired and applied to go to China.

Global Volunteers and I exchanged about 35 e-mails. Then, after obtaining seven immunizations, several references, a passport and a Visa, I was ready to go. I made my flight reservations and on May 5, 2011, I was off on my big adventure. The first leg of my journey was an almost three hour flight from St. Louis to Atlanta. From Atlanta, I flew to Seoul, Korea, and finally reached my destination, the city of Xhi'an. The plane from Atlanta to Seoul was gigantic. When I boarded, the seating seemed to go on forever. I couldn't see the end of the plane! It was called an Airbus 380, although I have never understood why they

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MY TRIP TO CHINA
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called it a bus. We flew nonstop for 16.5 hours. After the long trip, I unfolded myself and entered the Xhi'an airport. There I was, a blue-eyed American among a sea of Asians. Now I knew how it felt to be a minority. I found my way to the luggage carousel, which a dog was using as a treadmill. Stone-faced armed guards were stationed everywhere. I thought, "What have I gotten into?" At last, I spotted a smiling little Asian man holding a sign that said, Katrina Beattie, and my panic subsided. "That's me!", I yelled as everyone turned to stare. I was so relieved, I ran to the man and hugged him. Of course, he spoke no English but smiled graciously while leading me to his car. We drove in silence for one hour until we reached the hotel where I would be staying. I was exhausted and could only look out the window in wonder at the unusual sights. The city was squeezed tight with 9 million people. It was as if they were living in very small spaces. Some people were living in dark, squalid, packed high-rise buildings that should have been demolished years ago. The city was very old, over 600 years. Across from the hotel where Global Volunteers were housed, there was a wall that at one time surrounded the entire city. It was built around the Forbidden City of Xhi'an. The city was protected by the wall from enemies and predators. The wall was

beautiful when looking at it from my room in the hotel.

The hotel exceeded my expectations. It was gorgeous. I was greeted by an American named Peace who explained that she was to be my roommate. I had never before known anyone named Peace. She was full of information about what could be expected, what to do, where to go, etc. My tired brain could not absorb it all and I was relieved when she left for the afternoon and I could rest.

The following day, Peace and I went to La La Shou, a school for autistic children where I was to work for the next two weeks. It was a Sunday so the children were not there, but we met in a room full of teachers, all speaking at once in Chinese. I could feel the panic rising from my feet to my head. Sweat, either from nerves or the humidity, dripped down my back. Everyone stared at Peace and I. I could not imagine how this would work. Then Wang Baoli, my Chinese team leader, began translating into English. This dissolved my fears and a sense of well-being came over me.

The teachers and Wang Baoli explained that La La Shou means "hand in hand". One of the parents started the school for her autistic son, as there are no special needs programs in the Chinese schools. The school operates with donations and without government support. There are now about 60 students there. The building was very old and the rooms looked pieced together as if they took a room

and built another room at a different time. There were no public education rules as China doesn't recognize special education. There was peeling paint on the walls of the stairs and some kind of car repair was going on outside our classroom window. I wondered of the peeling walls contained lead paint. The stench was nauseating. It reminded me of photos of the New York City ghetto in the 1800s. One walked outside and up three flights of stairs to get to the cafeteria and up another flight of stairs to the room where the students ate their lunches and where there were a few more classrooms. It wasn't long before I knew this was where I was meant to be - here and now - at the moment.

The next day (Monday), I made the 20 minute walk to La La Shou. Along the way I saw people dressed in suits, dresses and ankle length pantyhose. There were beautiful black-haired girls in what could pass for the latest American attire. In contrast, there were people in rags. They were doing everything on the sidewalk: selling wares spread out on towels, eating porridge with chopsticks, reading newspapers, washing cars, cooking, or just sitting. And, they were all staring at me! The air was filled with unusual smells...some good and some bad.

At the school, I met with the translators. They had been arranged by Global Volunteers and were university students. They looked like any Asian student in America. They were quite enthusiastic and eager to be my interpreter. Some would

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come two at a time just to meet this teacher from America and to learn as much as possible. After several hours and conversations in Chinese with teachers and two translators, it was decided I should work with sixth graders.

I soon had great admiration for the teachers at La La Shou. They are caring and patient with these children who have short attention spans, cannot tolerate loud noises, are obsessive compulsive and cannot stand to have anything wet on their skin and clothes. Most of all, the general population has difficulty accepting them. With very little money, the parents and teachers have found a way to make the school work. The students seem very happy. They smile and love to be touched. Like autistic children in the USA, they have many levels of difficulties. They usually have atypical social behavior and like to remain in a world of their own making.

I joined my class of six boys and found them to be oppositional and a little aggressive. One student was rubbing his forehead and rocking back and forth because they were not playing his choice of music. This was just what I was used to dealing with. These were my kind of people. I knew this was where I belonged.

It took about a week for them to be comfortable with me. Then I began teaching them the English alphabet. They progressed quite well and were attentive to this strange English teacher from

America. They had eye contact with me and would respond correctly and were attentive in a learning environment.

I read them stories. Their favorite was *The Three Little Pigs*, which they wanted to hear over and over. We said the alphabet and numbers in English and sang songs. One of their favorite activities was looking at my scrapbook with pictures of my family and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, where I do volunteer work.

The boys in the class had formed a tight little group. They had their own way of communicating with each other. They all wanted English names so I had to come up with appropriate names for each one. They loved the cartoon, Tom and Jerry, so one boy, Shea Swek, became Jerry. Jerry was nonverbal. He was in the top spectrum of autism and would become very agitated if he could not listen to his favorite songs. Autism has different behavior issues, depending on the individual. He was unable to talk and would rock back and forth repetitively.

I named another boy Mickey because he always wanted me to sing the Mickey Mouse song. Mickey was quicker to learn English phrases than I was to

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Dismissals - Autumn Hart and daughter and Larry Maggard, Rochester; John Ramsey, Akron July 12
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Admissions - Margaret Stanton, Rochester
Dismissals - Susan Overton, Francesville July 14
Dismissals - Nicolas Richter, Rochester July 15
Dismissals - Byron Redmon, Macy; Michal Mathews and Margaret Stanton, Rochester
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Pleasant, Goshen, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sons, and three sisters, Donabelle Hoff, Hattie Baldwin, and Ethel Mathias. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to goodfamily@rtcc.com.
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MARJORIE M. TERPSTRA

A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Marjorie M. Terpstra, 84, Rochester. Rev. Junior Bose officiated and burial was in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Terpstra died at 1:44 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Parkway Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in Cass County, the daughter of Harold R. and Frances M. "Patty" (Lemmon) Mikeseil. A 1944 graduate of Fulton High School, she was the former co-owner of the Fulton County Lumber & Construction Co., Rochester. She was later employed by Clay's Floor Covering and House of Décor as a consultant.
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DEATHS.....

AGATHA JANE MARSH

A celebration of life for Agatha Jane Marsh, 96, Rochester, at 1 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2011, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Pastor Bill Chappel will officiate and burial will be in the Moon Cemetery, northeast of Kewanna. Mrs. Marsh died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Woodlawn Hospital. She was born October 10, 1914, in Mishawaka to Charles and Elgie Ipes Moon. Agatha was a homemaker and an avid vegetable and flower gardener. She was the former co-owner of the Marsh Blueberry Farm and was known for her blueberry pies. After moving to town, she logged many hours as a volunteer at the Community Resource Center. She had attended the Whippoorwill Community Church and the New Life Church. Survivors include a daughter, Karen Marsh and her husband Allen Andersen of Elkhart; a sister, Thelma Frettinger of Rochester; three brothers, Charles Moon of Mishawaka, Bill Moon and his wife Marilyn, Rochester, and Donald Moon and his wife Emma, Bradenton, Florida; a special family friend, Cathy

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learn Chinese. He would sometimes amaze me by saying English sentences that seemed to come out of nowhere.

Another boy was a crooner who would sing beautiful, sad songs with a pretend microphone. He had perfect pitch. I wanted to name him Frank Sinatra, but he wanted to be called Donald. He loved Donald Duck.

One of the students was quite low functioning, but understood social behavior well and his continual smile made him a pleasure to be with. We named him Shrek. He was a hero in his own sweet way. He was nonverbal but communicated by pointing and making sounds.

Finally, there was Islo. He was the unofficial assistant principal of the group. He was constantly making sure his classmates were paying attention to the teachers and not wandering off. Islo was always smiling as if he were watching a funny play. He was always helping us by making sounds or tugging at us to alert us when the routine was off schedule or the students were misbehaving. I'm not sure how we came up with Islo. It was supposed to be an English name, but somehow it was lost in translation.

The students were sweet and gifted in many ways. They love music and I found they like the same songs as Americans like. They practiced for a sports event and used, *We Will Rock You*, for their dance routine. They all knew and loved Lady Gaga. They listened and exercised to *The Long Road to 7/6/61*, a sad, beautiful song I loved. *Old McDonald's Farm* was another song we sang many times.

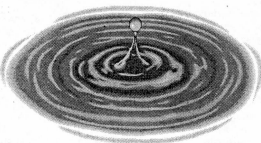
The days at the school were long and tiring. The walk from the hotel took 20 minutes each way. I arrived back at the hotel at 6 p.m. each night. But the time passed quickly and all too soon it was the last day. What a sad day for me. In just two weeks I had become attached to the six sixth grade boys and all the teachers and students at that beautiful little school with so little room and so little money.

The children had a little going away ceremony for me. Donald, the crooner, sang several songs in Chinese. He sang long, sad songs holding a pretend microphone. Mickey tried to sing but was too shy. They gave me a beautiful card that said, "May every day be happy" and "We love you and will miss you." I also received a pendant that said *La La Shou* on it. I will keep and treasure it always so I fell in love with the students and teachers at *La La Shou*. We

communicated with our smiles, our laughter and our eyes. The parents and teachers are moving mountains to make these children happy and successful in school. I never once saw any of the teachers become angry with the children. (Yes, I gave them English names, too.) They were very professional and caring with the autistic children. The translators were wonderful. They were English majors from the local university. They would bring me water and tell me to sit. They loved America and President Obama. They loved seeing pictures of my family and Abe Lincoln. They did not have many material things, except of course, cell phones. They enjoyed practicing their English and wanted very much to please me. They also worked well with the students. They were also very proud to be in collage and seemed more motivated and respectful than American students. (There is a difficult test they must take in order to enter postsecondary schools.)

My weekends were free so one Saturday an English speaking tour guide was arranged in order to visit and also comprehend the "eighth wonder of the world", the Terracotta Army of the Qin Dynasty (221-206 B.C.) They were discovered

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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO
 July 27, 1951
 Dolores Jean Shrader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shrader, Rt. 3, Kewanee, has received a scholarship from Indiana State Teachers College for the 1951-52 academic year.

Bill Lyon, publisher of The Observer, cracked an ankle when he jumped from a low fence Monday night and will be on crutches for six weeks.

Mrs. William Moon fell from the steps at her home southeast of Kewanee a few days ago and fractured her right arm between the wrist and elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hogan, Kewanee, have received word that their son, Major Roy Hogan, landed in Japan recently and was immediately sent to Korea.

Harold Hyatt, local Standard Oil dealer, underwent major surgery Wednesday morning in Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Darl Dault, Star City, are the parents of a daughter, Linda Lou, born July 17 in Corneal Hospital, Winamac. The mother is the former Myrna Willoughby of Kewanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garner, Kewanee, are the parents of a daughter, Karla Rae, born Monday, July 23, in Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Mrs. Guy Urbin entertained her euchre club at a pot luck dinner Saturday evening at the Tripp-In cottage on Lake Bruce. Ten members and guests attended. The guests were Mrs. Howard Gillespie, Mrs. Justin Sparks and Mrs. Roy Whybrew.

Henry DePoy, who has been

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Larry Cunningham, 17, Rt. 1, Kewanee, escaped injury Sunday night when the car he was driving collided with a car operated by Samuel James, 32, Logansport. The mishap occurred in downtown Logansport.

home ill for two weeks in the care of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Foley of Rochester, is much improved and has returned to his home in Marshtown.

Mary, Tommy, Ann and Jerry Zuck are visiting relatives in Grass Lake, Michigan, with their mother, Mrs. Floyd Zuck, is recovering from yellow jaundice.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 July 26, 1956

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Harrison Funeral Home in Royal Center for Lester L. Hurlbut, 46, brother of Lovell Hurlbut of Kewanee. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Lake Bruce. Hurlbut drowned Sunday afternoon when his six-foot homemade boat overturned in 70 feet of water at Fletchers lake. Hurlbut, the father of five, rowed his plywood boat to the center of the lake and stood up, apparently to drop an anchor preparatory to fishing. The boat tipped over and Hurlbut fell into the water. Friends said he could not swim.

Final rites were held Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist Church for Mrs. Cora Weller of here. Rev. H. F. Bulger and Rev. George Wright officiated and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Jesse; one son, Raymond; and one daughter, Helen Baldwin, all of Kewanee.

Twenty-three members responded to roll call at the recent meeting of the Friendly HD Club in the home of Mrs. Elmer Douglas. The August meeting is to be a picnic at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Parish. Mrs. Katherine Van Meter and Mrs. Bertha Young were named to

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Kewanee announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara, to Howard F. Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman, Rt. 1, Winamac. The couple is planning an August wedding.

Tommy Carter, Howard Gilliland and Everett Davis all received injuries Tuesday while working in a state highway truck east of Kewanee. Carter and Gilliland were injured when the hitch came loose from the truck and caused the clip box they were riding on to wreck, throwing them out. Carter received injuries to his shoulder and head. Gilliland complained of chest injuries. Davis took the two to Woodlawn Hospital and returned to work. Later in the day, he too received a head injury.

The Grass Creek EUB Church will celebrate his 80th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 3, with a full day of activities. Rev. John Chambers, a former pastor now serving in Lafayette, will deliver the morning message. Rev. Kenneth Overmyer is the present pastor and is in charge of the celebration.

Jack, Joyce and Jeanne Urbin returned home Saturday after spending a week at church camp at Battle Ground. Jeanne spent Saturday and Sunday in Culver with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rentzler.

A2/c Tom Livengood of Arlington Heights, Illinois, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard

Livengood.

Mrs. Arvin Carr of Winamac, formerly of Kewanee, has been notified that she has won a station wagon, a two-week vacation; and a supply of gas in the Enco Pick License Number contest.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 July 28, 1896
 Mr. and Mrs. William Link, Rt. 1, Kewanee, are the parents of a daughter born at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Albert Wolf, Fort Myers, Florida, a former Kewanee resident, has been dismissed from Pulaski Memorial Hospital to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Overmyer, Kewanee. She is recuperating from a fractured leg.

The Kewanee Sales and Service Company opened for business Monday, July 11, at the corner of Logan and South Streets in Kewanee. The business is owned by Jack Kellenberger and Wesley Farris. They deal in new and used lawn mowers, bicycles and Wheel Horse tractors.

Amy Wilson and Eva Rhoades have returned home from Depauw University, Greencastle, where they attended the Methodist School of Missions. They were delegates from the Kewanee Methodist WSCS.

Aletha Jane Walters, a student
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"Looking Back"
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 on Michigan State University, spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters.

The Wayne Wide Awake 4-H Club met recently in the home of Shirley and Jean Crippen. Devotions were given by Shirley Pyle. Recreation was led by Debbie Sommers and Ellen Berry.

Clewis Bauman of Kewanna and Lewis Williams of Fulton represented Fulton County at the 10th annual State 4-H Conservation Camp held at the Hoosier 4-H Leadership Center west of Lafayette recently.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
 July 23, 1981

Martha Ann Cook has opened a new shop which offers new and old glassware and collectibles. Known as The Kenmar Shop, it is located just east of the post office on Main Street. The shop specializes in Depression glass with over 70 patterns to choose from.

Joan Cohagan of Kewanna was pictured with a 24-pound salmon which she caught recently in Lake Michigan. She also caught a 22-pound salmon and a 10-pound steel head.

Dr. Larry D. Collins, 37, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, drowned last Friday night in the Collins gravel pit northeast of Kewanna. Collins had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Collins, Rt. 1, Kewanna, for the past two weeks. According to police, Collins and two other persons had gone to the gravel pit to swim and had been in the water only a short time when the accident occurred. Collins was a professor of political science at

St. Francis Xavier College at Antigonish, Nova Scotia.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris, Rt. 3, Kewanna, announces the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Kay, to David Wayne Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Field, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Lisa is a 1980 graduate of Kewanna High School and is a nursing student at Indiana University-Kokomo. Her fiancé is also a graduate of Kewanna High School and is engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Phillips of Fairborn, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Jason Arnold, born July 17. Mrs. Phillips is the former Luanne Adams of here. Mrs. Beulah Adams is the maternal grandmother.

Former Kewanna resident Leona Talbott is a member of a church group that has been given the Better Life Award by the Ohio Health Care Association in recognition of its work with the Hillcrest Nursing Home. Mrs. Talbott is the former Leona Geisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Geisler of here.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 July 25, 1991

Melinda Neff of Kewanna was crowned queen of the Fulton County 4-H Fair Monday evening. Melinda, a senior at Caston High School, is the daughter of Tom and Bonnie Young.

Vince Bertram has been hired to replace Kent Adams as varsity basketball coach at Caston.

When John Bauman was born on his father's birthday (Harry Bauman) on July 21, 1938, it was just a beginning. Each of the Bauman children presented Harry with a "birthday"

grandchild within a week of July 21: Bill Bauman (Ben's son) born July 26; Nicholas Bauman (Dan's son) born July 14; David Noehring (Mary Ann's son) born July 22; and Hadley Bauman (John's daughter) born on July 20. Harry celebrated his 89th birthday this week with his grandson, David, in Camden. The rest of them remembered him by phone and mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Don Scales attended the 50th wedding anniversary open house Sunday in Westfield for Glenn and Merle Franklin of Largo, Florida. Mrs. Scales and Mrs. Franklin are sisters.

Big bass are hitting weedless top water and plastic worms in heavy cover at Lake Bruce. Several over 20-inches long have been recorded in the last few weeks. Roger Stillwell caught a 5 1/2 pound bass measuring 21 1/2 inches long.

The 1946 graduating class of Kewanna High School held a class reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Gast. Attending were Jim and Jean Overmyer of New Castle, Kenny and Bonnie Smith and Virginia Rans Agnew, Kewanna; Phyllis Caldwell Williams, Bunker Hill; Lois Bauman Compton and Charles and Lucille Miller, Plymouth; and Ruth Mutchler Lease, Lucerne.

Looking back...

In looking back, do you remember reading Lochunvar, The Tragedy of Hamlet, Homer, Ulysses, Ivanhoe, Don Quixote, Lord Byron, etc. in the eighth grade?

Caroline Johnson of Lake Bruce reports that she does not remember studying these classics in junior high, but she recently found a book, *Everyday Classics: Introduction to Literature*, which belonged to her aunt, Maria Busch. Maria graduated from Kewanna High School in 1938 and the book which belonged to her was an eighth grade reader.

It would be interesting to know if the classics are taught in today's schools, or have they gone the way of cursive writing?
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MY TRIP TO CHINA
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in 1974. Thousands of life-size pottery warriors, horses and chariots placed in battle formations were unearthed. They were believed to be an army symbolically guarding Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Everyone of them have detailed lifelike facial features, hair styles and uniforms. Each warrior is individual. The tour was truly fascinating. The site was located one hour outside of the Shi'an where I taught.

My trip to China will remain with me always. It gave me renewed strength and courage. I promised my new friends on the other side of the world that I would try my best to return, but not without learning more Chinese. An important lesson I learned long ago is to never form an opinion about a country unless you have been there and never form an opinion about the people there unless you have worked with and lived among them. My visit to China was a dream come true, thanks to Global Volunteers and my wonderful team leader, Wang Baoli. If not for them, it would not have been possible for me to have this wonderful and memorable experience.
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar
Breastfeeding Class

The next Breastfeeding Class is July 23 from 1 to 3 pm at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The purpose of Breastfeeding Class is to inform you of the benefits of breastfeeding for you and the baby, how to get started, how to maintain your milk supply and how to solve problems that might arise.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. They will want to know your doctor's name, your due date, and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at PMH. There will be a \$6 charge if you deliver at another hospital. These classes are taught by a Board Certified Lactation Consultant or Lactation Counselor on staff at PMH.

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Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 296,668,754	
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 332,952,981	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0	
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 31,924,996	
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule A & E)	\$ 180,869,600	
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 92,255,085	
Other assets	\$ 30,460,431	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 965,071,847	

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	Amount
Reserve for Losses	\$ 209,993,813
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 49,614,017
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 122,155,267
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 1,652,796
All Other Liabilities	\$ 88,313,732
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 441,729,625
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 2,652,814
Cash/Stock	\$ 4,000,000
Good Paid-in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 279,977,706
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 238,711,702
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 533,341,222
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 965,071,847

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Partler



The verdict is in

So, now what? The trial that dominated national headlines, office gossip and many a person's brain time for months has reached its conclusion. The verdict was read over a week ago. The dust has settled, or at least it's settling. Casey Anthony is free to move on with her life.

Why can't I? The reason is obvious. I'm a mother. There are some things a mother can't put aside. A lost child is one of them. When you become a mother (or a parent for that matter) all children become your children. One lost is one too many. Caylee Marie Anthony has been lost, and it seems we will never officially know what happened or who hurt her.

For a mother, that is gut-wrenching. Even though I tried not to pay attention, I watched the courtroom drama unfold. I drew me in and now the verdict won't let go. I'd turn it off in my head if I could, but I can't. Parenthood doesn't come equipped with a mute button.

First, my own confession: as a mother I mess up every day. I am not always patient; "Time for bed. Now." I raise my voice, "Put the fish back inside the aquarium!" I ignore the food groups, "Waffles for supper!" I stifle their athleticism and creativity, "Stop wrestling in the living room and quit squaring glue in your brother's shoes." Because of my many

imperfections, I try not to judge. It is not my place. Still, despite (or in lieu of) the verdict, there are certain things I believe define what a mother is, and what she is not. It is a list steeped in common sense – something I believe our justice system could use more of. Here goes:

Mothers do not create nannies who do not exist. Mothers report their child missing as soon as they are aware that said child is missing, not 31 days later.

Real mothers work at real jobs, not make-believe ones. Mothers don't party like rock stars when their child is missing (or recently drowned, depending on which version you subscribe to).

Mothers do not blame their past as an excuse to hurt their children.

Mothers can't sleep at night knowing their child is lying in a garbage bag in a swamp.

Mothers do not lie to the police, repeatedly, about their missing child.

I am not making a conclusion about guilty or not guilty in the Casey Anthony case. (Why don't they call it the Caylee Anthony case, by the way?) Our court system did that for us. As a mother, however, I know beyond a reasonable doubt there are simple things I would not – and other mothers would not – do.

At this point, my observations – however astute – are insignificant. The mother in

question is free to live the good life within days of hearing the verdict. She is free to swim in the family pool, wear her hair down, get a tattoo, enter a hot body contest, order fast food and let it ferment in the trunk of her car. She can go to Disney World and even work there if they'll hire her (unless she prefers Universal Studios, of course). Point is: life goes on for everyone except the 2-year-old girl whose body was so badly decomposed the experts couldn't determine a cause of death.

Mothers don't kill their children, but we do manage to live the good life – some with tattoos, some without – but all with one common denominator serving as our top priority. I don't even need to tell you what that is.

Jill Partler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at partner@west.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

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STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS HAS TIPS FOR STAYING COOL IN HOT WEATHER

This week, state and national weather forecasts are predicting an extended and extreme heat wave in Indiana. State health officials are offering hot weather tips to cope with the rising temperatures.

"This is the time of the year for hot temperatures and it's very important that people take these heat advisories seriously," said State Health Commissioner Gregory N. Larkin, M.D. "These self-help measures are not a substitute for medical care but could help you recognize and respond promptly to warning signs of trouble. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool and making simple changes in your fluid intake, activities and clothing during hot weather can help you remain safe and healthy."

To avoid heat related health problems, the Indiana State

Department of Health recommends the following:

Drink plenty of cool water. Avoid prolonged exposure outdoors during high temperatures.

If you do not have air conditioning, go to a public location that is air-conditioned just for a few hours. This can help your body maintain appropriate temperatures.

Use fans as a source of relief when there is low humidity. Cool down with cool baths or showers.

Wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing.

Slow down from your normal pace.

Avoid alcohol. Draw shades, blinds and curtains in rooms exposed to direct sunlight.

Never leave children and pets in parked cars, even with windows cracked open.

When temperatures reach 90 degrees (Fahrenheit) or greater, health officials caution that overexposure to the heat can be a concern. Young children and the elderly are at greater risk for such heat-related illnesses as heat stroke, heat exhaustion or heat cramps.

Heat cramps are muscular pains in the abdomen, legs, and arms that occur from strenuous activity and excessive sweating. Heat exhaustion can develop after several days of high temperatures and low fluid intake. Heat stroke, also known as sun stroke or hyperthermia, is life-threatening situation in which the body is unable to regulate its temperature and cannot cool itself down.

For more information about protecting yourself during extreme temperatures, check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Extreme Heat: A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety" at http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremehat/heat_guide.asp.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Prenatal Thursday Evening Classes

The next Prenatal Thursday evening classes start **Aug 11 and run through Sept 8** from 7 to 9 pm for five weeks. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Patients are encouraged to attend classes any time after your fourth month of pregnancy.

To register, call Patient Services at 874-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number.

Cancerwise

Mahmoud Mahafzah, MD, Medical Oncologist, combines traditional oncology medicine with alternative and complementary therapies. He will be speaking on "Nutritional Supplements as a Targeted Therapy in Cancer" at the July 27 Cancerwise meeting, in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital Board Room from 6 to 7:30 pm. Dr. Mahafzah is from Advocate Christ Medical Center.

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Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	20,090,959
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	12,540,808
Other assets	235,297,646
TOTAL ASSETS	462,506,289
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	62,150,710
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	20,867,952
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$
Reserve for Taxes	\$
All Other Liabilities	11,919,640
TOTAL LIABILITIES	94,938,302
Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	3,100,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	92,709,893
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	335,297,646

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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

Welcome to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.

The library is now on the Evergreen system. Come in and see what a great resource Evergreen is and update your card with us. The library has added over 50 "new" DVDs and over 75 "new" books. We are also ordering new items for the collection. Please stop in and tell us what you would like to see added to your library's collection.

Upcoming Events

July 23 - Game Day, noon to 3 p.m.
July 25 - Board meeting at 6 p.m.

p.m.
July 27 - Summer Reading Program, noon to 2 p.m.
July 27 - GED, 1 to 3 p.m.
July 30 - Story Time, noon to 2 p.m.

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Notice To Taxpayers of Budget Estimates & Tax Levies BUDGET ESTIMATE / UNION TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said unit, at the Kewanna Fire Station, will conduct a public hearing on the year 2012 budget on August 10, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of the political subdivision within seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy that taxpayers object to. If a petition is filed, the political subdivision shall adopt with its budget a finding concerning the objections filed and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the Township Board will meet at Kewanna Fire Station on September 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation, 65,853,000 / Estimated Max Levy 38,939
BUDGET ESTIMATES AND TAX LEVIES

TOWNSHIP FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals & levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
General Fund.....	56,640	33,000	31,892
Township Assistance.....	10,550	6,000	4,976
Fire Fighting Fund.....	56,500	30,000	27,788
Cum Fire (Twp).....	15,000	9,600	9,510
Total Township Funds.....	138,690	78,600	74,103

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Notice To Taxpayers of Budget Estimates & Tax Levies Budget Estimate/ Fulton County Public Library

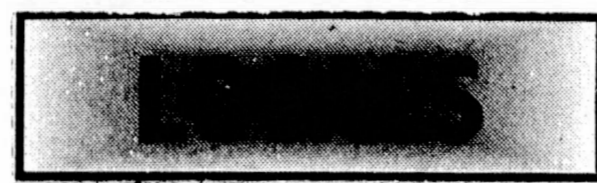
Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Fulton County Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said unit at Director's Office - Fulton County Public Library on August 8, 2011 at 4:00 PM will conduct a public hearing on the year 2012 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy that taxpayers object to. If a petition is filed, the political subdivision shall adopt with its budget a finding concerning the objections filed and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the Fiscal Body will meet at Director's Office - Fulton County Public Library, on September 12, 2011 at 4:00 PM to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation \$700,632,000.
Estimated Max Levy \$932,108

BUDGET ESTIMATE AND TAX LEVIES

FUND NAME	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
Rainy Day.....	5,000	0	0
General.....	1,417,350	933,000	878,125
Debt Service.....	253,129	213,129	267,797
Library Improvement Reserve.....	5,000	0	0
TOTAL.....	1,680,479	1,146,129	1,145,922

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Ray and Beth Weller had company Sunday, July 17. Stopping by for a wonderful visit were their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon, and their daughter and her grandchildren, Cora Lynn Clemans, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn.

Pauline and Don Scales had several visitors Sunday. Arriving in the morning for a day-long family chat were their grandson, Eric Koontz, and his friend, Nicole, of Muncie. After lunch, they were joined by Eric's mother, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, and his sister and niece, Cindy Wiese and Ally. Late in the afternoon, the group was joined by the Scales' daughter, Linda Garner.

Ann and Shirley Zartman, Rich and Jane Green and Scott and Jill Meneeley enjoyed visiting Sunday afternoon.

Barb and Jon Gast had visitors Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon were their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon, and their daughter and her grandchildren, Cora Lynn Clemans, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn.

Julie Brown had a fun time Sunday afternoon. She attended a party held in honor of her "munchkin," Zek Kesler. The celebration was in honor of his birthday. During the party, everyone present had a chance to visit with Zek's sister and nephew, Lyndy Szmara and

Isaac, via Skype from Mozambique.

Jon Gast was among those who enjoyed attending the surprise open house held in honor of Deana Thomas Sunday afternoon. The occasion was in celebration of her upcoming 50th birthday and held in the community room of the local fire station.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Quinton Doty, Daniel Estes, Olivia Peterson, Sarah Wood and Sophia Wood, July 24; Rodger Davis, Steve MacLain, Holly Short and Linda Wilson, July 25; Faith Brown, July 26; Florence Baldwin, Rodney Hall, Sonya Smith, Janet Long, Anthony Sparks and Deana Thomas, July 27; Larry Baldwin and Kenny Gowens, July 28; Jim DeWitt, Hannah Johnston, Bo Klinefelter and Michelle LaFollette, July 29; and Carol Basham, Taylor Grounds and Michael Nimitz, July 30.

There are eight couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bitterling, July 25; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Nikolich, July 27; Mr. and Mrs. Justin Field, July 28; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sanders, July 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young and Mr.

and Mrs. Greg Zimpleman, July 30.

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SETTLEMENT REACHED IN NIPSCO'S PENDING ELECTRIC RATE CASE Residential base rate increase limited to 4.5 percent

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) residential electric customers will see a lower base rate increase than originally proposed in the company's pending rate case under terms of a collaborative settlement reached by NIPSCO, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), NIPSCO's industrial customers and a coalition of northern Indiana Municipalities.

The settlement - which has been filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and will require IURC approval to take effect - represents a mutually agreeable resolution by the parties to NIPSCO's November 2010 proposal to adjust electric rates. This settlement will limit the base rate increase in residential customer bills to 4.5 percent (or \$3.33 per month). NIPSCO had originally proposed a nearly 8 percent base rate residential rate increase in its pending case before the IURC.

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No one can predict when an accident may occur and we never would have imagined it would be our day for one. We were so blessed to have had such quick response from the Fulton County - Kewanna EMS and the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Rescue team to our emergency two weeks ago. It was comforting to see familiar faces around to help and comfort. A special thanks to Mike Brown and Lynn and to all of our neighbors, friends and family for their support, prayers and well wishes. Thank you all! Recovery has been made easier because of you.

Don and Kathy Kegaris
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THANK YOU

We would like to thank our children for our memorable 60th wedding party held recently. Also, thanks for the many cards and wishes we received from relatives and friends. It was a wonderful day we will cherish.

Leonard and Nancy Evers
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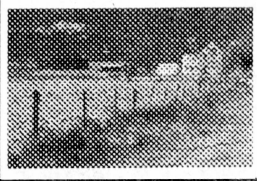
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Town & Country CHATTER...

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Renee Colley was in South Bend Monday, July 11. She made the trip to pick up her niece and her children of Arizona, Keri Chamberlain, Joe and Becca.

Jacob Green of Culver arrived Monday for a four-day visit with his great-grandmother and great-aunt, Ann and Shirley Zartman.

Tim Cogdill of Macy spent Wednesday morning, July 13, with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. They sat in the backyard and tried to enjoy the beautiful, cool morning. But eventually, the pesky mosquitoes drove Tim and Ruth to the front porch.

Barb and Jon Gast had several visitors Wednesday. Stopping by for a visit were their son, Rick Weller of LaPorte; Rick's grandsons, Tyler and Cody Weller of Rolling Prairie; and the Gasts' great-grandson, Brendon Sutton of Leiters Ford.

Rich and Jane Green had houseguests the latter part of the week. Arriving Thursday, July 14, for a four-day visit were their daughter and her family, Dawn and Rick Nikolich and Luke of Mt. Vernon. In the evening, the group joined Jane's mother and sister, Ann Zartman and Shirley for a visit. Also joining in the family gabfest were Rich and Jane's son and grandsons, Dale Green, Josh and Jacob of Culver.

Ray Weller had a busy day Thursday, July 14. He received several telephone calls and visitors wishing him a Happy

Birthday.

Jerry and Kay Brown returned home Thursday following a five-day trip to Tennessee. Joining them on the mini-vacation were their daughters and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Will and Aidan, all of Rochester. Among their stops were the Smoky Mountains and Pigeon Forge.

(The younger ones took full advantage of the hotels' pools.)

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of visitors Friday, July 15. Joining them for lunch and a very pleasant afternoon of visiting were their nephew, Keith Foutz of Seminole, Florida, and his daughter, Diana of Ft. Wayne. Keith has been in the area for a little over a week visiting with family in Ft. Wayne, Grass Creek and Logansport.

Jane Green traveled to Rochester Friday to pick up her great-granddaughter, Makhia Harding, for an overnight visit. In the evening, they visited with Ann and Shirley Zartman. Also visiting the Zartmans were Makhia's father, Heath Harding; her grandmother, Dawn Nikolich; and her great-grandfather, Rich Green. Makhia's grandfather and uncle, Rick Nikolich and Luke, were in Winamac attending the Power of the Past show.

Kay and Jerry Brown were in South Bend Friday for a doctor's appointment.

Leonard and Nancy Evers

were at the Fulton County 4-H fairgrounds Friday evening. They were attending the 4-H achievement awards ceremony. Their granddaughter, Lauren Evers, earned three trophies.

Michele Sheline of Macy and her friend, Brandon Cox, were Saturday, July 16, guests of Michele's grandmother, Ruth Cogdill. Michele and Brandon did some household chores for Ruth. The trio caught up on all the family news. The best news of the day was the fact that Ruth's son, Mike Cogdill of Eagle River, Alaska and his daughter and granddaughter, Brittany Hansen and Trinity, will be visiting in mid-August.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to LaPorte Saturday. Also making the trip were their daughter and grandson, Karina Bohac and Nick of Rochester, and family friends, Tom and Shirley Miller of Sharpsville. The group was guests of the LaFollettes' son and his family,

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michelle, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas. Everyone had a wonderful time helping Thomas and Michelle celebrate their birthday with a pheasant sampler dinner, fettuccini, cake, ice cream and lots of gifts.

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Florence Hogan had company Saturday. Coming up for a working visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. Wendy brought some groceries for Florence and Dan tackled several chores at the farm and the house.

Virginia Agnew was in Rochester Saturday where she helped her great-grandson, Zachary Agnew, celebrate his 15th birthday. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and reminiscing with Zachary.

Renee Colley hosted her annual family gathering Saturday. Her guests for a wonderful day of visiting and eating were her son and grandchildren, Eric Colley, Nathan and Meghan, of Bartlett, Illinois; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Ellen and Mike Seul of Chicago, Illinois and Yvonne and

Paul Leber of Spencer; her nieces and their families, Nikki and Larry van Vert, Michael, Travis and Vinnie, and Keri Chamberlain, Joe and Becca; her nephews and their families, Drew and Callie Dwornik, Logan and Hayden, Julius Cooper and James and Jason Withers and his friend, Magda; Marlene Thomas of Crown Point; Alisha Hank, Lynn and Justin, of Wheatfield; and Dick Fedorchak.

Ann and Shirley Zartman, Jane Green, Dawn Nikolich and Makhia Harding enjoyed a ladies-day-only visit Saturday. Meanwhile, Rick Nikolich and Luke were in Lafayette visiting with Rick's daughters, Brittany and Samantha.

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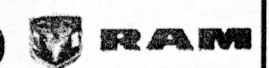
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