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The News In Brief

Janice Graham, Kewanna, was the winner of the gas grill given away recently during hot dog day at the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank.

The local VFW Post is hosting a corn hole tournament Saturday, August 15. The event is open to the public and you can sign-up at any time at the post or between 12:30 and 1 p.m. the day of the tournament. The cost is \$5 per person and teams will be determined by the luck-of-the draw. A patio set will be raffled off with tickets selling for \$1 each or six for \$5. Pork loin sandwiches will be served at a cost of \$2.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library is accepting applications for part-time help. Applications can be picked up at the library. Resumes are welcome, but not required. Those applying for the position must be 18 years of age or older and must be willing to undergo a background check. Applications are due by August 21. The library is an equal opportunity employer.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, at the Von Tobel Center in Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, call Johanna Gudas, 574-946-6126.

U.S. Senator Dick Lugar has secured funding for the Mt. Zion Mill Pond Dam project at Rochester. The funds (\$575,000) were included in the Senate Energy and Water Development appropriations bill that passed the Senate Wednesday, July 29. The House bill includes \$225,000, sought by Rep. Joe Donnelly. Final funding will be negotiated in a conference between the House and Senate. Funds will be used to replace the dam, road and bridge to improve public safety.

Four County Counseling Center is offering a free round of training for persons who are interested in becoming foster parents. Training will take place on Saturdays, August 15, 22 and 29. For more information, call Nancy Helstern at 574-223-8565, extension 321.

The U.S. Postal Service is contemplating the closing of 700 post offices across the country due to declining business and revenue. The postal service is anticipating a \$7 billion loss this fiscal year. It is believed the sharp decline in business is due to the increased use of e-mail.

The Treasure Hunters Roadshow is visiting Logansport through Saturday, August 8, at

Snite Museum patrons to visit local art studio

The Snite Museum of Art located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame will visit Diane Tesler's "Works in Progress" art studio Wednesday, August 12. The group will arrive in Kewanna via a tour bus at about 1:50 p.m. for a 2:00 lecture by Diane. Interested local persons are also welcome to attend this lecture.

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Fish fry at St. Ann's, August 14

St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, will serve its 45th annual fish fry Friday, August 14, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-13.

Dan's Fish Fry Service will prepare the fish and tenderloins.

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Nature's Classroom workshop, Sept. 30

Arrow Head Country Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D) will host a Nature's Classroom workshop September 30 at Camp Buffalo. The workshop will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided and sessions will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Early bird registration is \$20 if paid by Sept. 21. After that date, registration will be \$25. Registration forms are available at the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation office, 906 W. Broadway, Logansport.

The theme for this year's workshop is "No Child Left Inside". The keynote speaker will be Paul Steury, education coordinator for Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center at Goshen College. His topic will be "Get them out in it!" Research shows that a child going outdoors has a positive impact on testing, attention span and self-esteem.

Additional programs will include geology basics, plants used by Native Americans, the 4-H weeds program, wild edibles and using a camera to capture nature's art.

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the Holiday Inn Express. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. The roadshow represents over 5,000 members paying top dollar for coins, gold, silver, jewelry, watches, toys, trains, dolls, military items, advertising items, etc.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Sunday that federal taxes may have to be increased to lower the federal deficit and pay for the proposed health care overhaul.

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Winamac students return to school August 19

Winamac students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will return to school Wednesday, August 19. The day begins for elementary students at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. Middle school and high school students will report for classes at 8:05 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:20 p.m.

Registration for returning students will be from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11 and 12. An orientation for freshman students will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, in the socialorium. Sixth grade orientation is scheduled for 6 p.m., August 18, in the socialorium.

Registration for new students is 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, August 13 and 14. Parents of new students should call for an appointment.

A "Meet the Teacher" night is planned for 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, at the elementary and 6 to 7 p.m. at the middle and high schools.

Book rental fees are \$90, including handbook, for all grades, K through 12. Lunch is \$1.50 for students and \$2 for adults.

Application forms can be completed during registration for free/reduced lunch and textbook rental assistance. Applications may also be picked up ahead of time in the superintendent's office.

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Festival royalty contest open to 7-18 year olds

Kewanna Fall Festival organizers are looking for youth in the area to represent Kewanna during the September festival. Children ages 7-10, 11-14, and 15-18 are asked to pick up applications from local merchants and return them by August 1.

Kandace Evers will be contacting applicants on August 2 to set up a meeting. Grades must accompany the application as well as a \$25 sponsor fee. For more information, call Tom Mate at 574-653-2055 or Kandace Evers at 574-329-1844.

applications from local merchants and return them to Tom Mate, P.O. Box 96, Kewanna, IN 46939 or drop them off at Luke's Products and Auction House, 413 N. East St. in Kewanna. For more information, call Mr. Mate at 574-653-2055 or Kandace Evers at 574-329-1844.

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Recycling Dates
Thursday, Aug. 13th
and Thursday, Aug. 27th

FSA implements Treasury Offset program

Indiana Farm Service Agency Acting State Director, Don Hunton, has announced two changes producers will see with the Treasury Implementation Project that will begin August 3.

The first will be that all payments the USDA Farm Service Agency makes by direct deposit will be transmitted by Kansas City to Treasury. This is required for FSA to be compliant with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA). All federal payments will be processed through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), so that any delinquent Federal debt can be offset.

According to Hunton, this new process will result in a delay of direct deposit payments to customers by one business day. All payments will be matched against debt referred to Treasury, including payments made by Treasury check. Payments will be subject to TOP offset if there is a delinquent Federal debt in the TOP database. If the TOP database finds a match for taxpayer identification number (TIN) and name, the payment will be offset for the delinquent debt. Treasury will notify the payment recipient of any offsets taken for debts due other agencies. FSA will not receive notification of the offset.

If there are questions about a TOP offset, the payee may call the TOP Call Center at 1-800-304-3107 to obtain the contact information for the offsetting agency. The TOP Call Center only has access to provide the name of the offsetting agency and their contact information. The payee will need to call the offsetting agency to determine the origination of the debt.

The other change will be the description on bank statements of direct deposit payees. Currently, the description on the payee's bank statement reads, "USDA-FSAKCMOCDSP". After August 3, the description on the bank statement will read, "FSA-TREAS 310" for all payments that are disbursed by Treasury.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 August Activities

Aug. 11 - Men's meeting
Aug. 12 - Women's Auxiliary meeting

Aug. 15 - Corn hole tournament. Sign-up 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. or any time before the event. Games start at 1:30 p.m. A patio set will be raffled off. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.00. Pork loin sandwiches will be served for \$2.

Aug. 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting

Aug. 30 - Open Sunday

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Send In Your News

Back to School: American Red Cross Asks Students to Add Blood Donation to Their To-Do List

The American Red Cross will be collecting blood Tuesday, August 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., in Rochester. Persons giving blood or platelets by Sept. 7 can enter a drawing for a \$500 Meijer gift card.

Summer is a time for fun. But as summer winds down and as communities prepare for the back-to-school season, the American Red Cross encourages student donors to give blood and invite family and friends to donate blood at upcoming blood drives at their elementary, high schools or colleges.

"Students are the backbone of the blood supply," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "While we love summer just like everyone else, we always look forward to fall and to working with our next generation of blood donors."

The blood supply can be affected by the lull in student donations as elementary, high schools or colleges observe summer breaks. Nearly 20 percent of the community blood supply was donated by students through scheduled drives at schools, colleges and universities last year. In addition, the American Red Cross has developed a community service project known as Pint Size Heroes to introduce children to the importance of donating blood. The program encourages students to volunteer at a blood drive at their elementary school or community center and invite parents, guardians and other adults to give blood on their behalf.

Red Cross officials say younger generations of blood donors will become the new face of blood donation as the current donor population ages. In fact, blood donations made through the Red Cross by teenagers are increasing while blood donations by older individuals are decreasing.

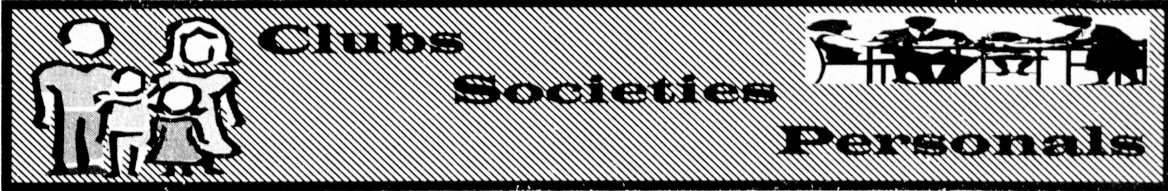
The Red Cross is using social media sites to build awareness and reach out to youth and other donors. For details, visit facebook.com and search for American Red Cross blood donors.

How to Donate Blood

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment or visit IndianaOhioRedCross.org for more information. If you are at least 17* years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification.

*In Indiana, you may give blood at 16 years of age with written, parental consent.

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Larkin reunion held

The 28th annual Larkin reunion was held Sunday, August 2, at the Culver Park beach lodge. Sixty-two descendants of Tom and Marie Larkin were in attendance.

Those attending included Marie Larkin, John, Colleen and Mike Keller, Susan Crawford and Kent Bonnell, all of Winamac; Maxine (Larkin) Bardsley and Jim Norman of Silver Lake; Eileen (Larkin) Stepp, Joy and Darrel Smith, North Judson; Chad, Amber, Phillip and Gavyn Stepp, Tippecanoe; Tony, Renae, Nicholas, Bryce and Owen Lukac, Indianapolis; Jill Hester, Jarad Oglesbee and Bradley Bieber, Reynolds; Larry and Elaine (Larkin) Rans, Kewanna; Bob Rans and Donna Dugan, David and Barbi Rans, Carla McCormack and Jason Newman of Culver; Kyle, Stacy, Eli and Micah Rans, Royal Center; Julie and Ava Robertson and Jim Vicsik, Mishawaka; Jenna and Conner Good, Diana Sollars and Tom Moore, Joshua Sollars, Chad and Ian Crain, and Carol, Shaun, Connor and Caydence Prophet of Monticello; Harold and Patricia (Larkin) Foust, Jeff, Susan, Austin and Kaitlin Foust, of Rochester; Bill and Carolyn (Larkin) Earnest, Kris and Matt Franklin and Reiss Weaver of Logansport; and Scott and Olie

Wood of Marion.

The 2019 Larkin reunion will be held at the same location Sunday, August 1.

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Oklahoma! on stage at Nappanee

Oklahoma! will open July 21 at the Round Barn Theatre in Nappanee. It will run in rotation with *Plain and Fancy* through August 23. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are available at the box office, by phone at 800-800-4942 and online at www.AmishAcres.com. Theatre tickets can be combined with Amish Acres famous family style Threshers Dinner or a Theme Buffet served on select Friday nights at a savings. Theme Buffet seating is limited and reservations must be made in advance at the Round Barn Theatre box office. The theater is fully wheelchair accessible. Student and child prices are available. Group ticket discounts are arranged through the group sales department.

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Kewanna Town Council Meetings
First Thursday of Each Month
7 p.m. - Town Hall

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, August 10 - BBQ chicken, broccoli, corn, pudding, roll and milk

Wednesday, August 12 - Chopped steak, Key West blend vegetables, lima beans, peach cobbler, wheat bread and milk

Friday, August 14 - Hot dog sandwich, baked beans, toss salad, sliced apples and milk

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Power wheelchairs available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power wheelchairs available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk safely, nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

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Kitchen Korner

Slow Cooking In Warm Weather

(NAPS)—Home chefs looking for ways to save cash and keep kitchens cool during warm weather might want to consider a slow cooker.

While the devices are often associated with stews and other traditional cold-weather meals, the small electrical appliances can be a great way to avoid using a hot oven on warm days. Plus, because they cook at low heat for extended time periods, slow cookers can make less expensive and leaner cuts of meat more tender. An added bonus: The appliances might help cut utility bills, since they require less power than an electric oven.

To help people prepare food safely in their slow cookers, the USDA and Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) offer these tips:

Safe Beginnings

Begin with a clean cooker, clean utensils and a clean work area, and wash hands before and during food preparation. Also, keep perishable foods refrigerated until preparation time. If you cut up meat and vegetables in advance, store them in the refrigerator.

Thaw Ingredients

Always thaw meat or poultry before putting it into a slow cooker. If using a commercially frozen slow cooker meal, prepare according to manufacturer's instructions.

Use The Right Amount of Food

Fill the cooker no less than



Slow cookers could help you keep your cool and save you money.

half full and no more than two-thirds full. Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker, so if using them, put the vegetables in first, then layer the meat on top with the desired amount of liquid such as broth, water or barbecue sauce. Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir the food or check for doneness.

Handling Leftovers

Store leftovers in shallow covered containers and refrigerate within two hours after cooking is finished. Reheating leftovers in a slow cooker is not recommended. Cooked food should be reheated on the stove, in a microwave or in a conventional oven until it reaches 165° F. Then the hot food can be placed in a preheated slow cooker to keep it hot for serving—at least 140° F as measured with a food thermometer.

For more tips, visit www.fsis.usda.gov or call (888) 674-6854.



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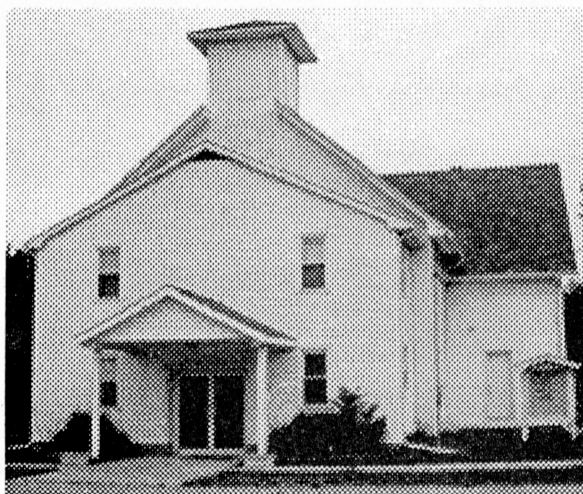
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

July 27
Admissions – Naomi Livingston, Rochester; Jeffrey Treesh, Argos
Dismissals – Tyrone Stidham and Cynthia Ritter and son, Rochester; Jennifer Shreve, Claypool

July 28
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – none published
Births – Greg and Erica Coffing, Twelve Mile, a son

July 29
Admissions – Eva Smith, Akron; Robert Newman and Jeanine Brower, Rochester;
Dismissals – none published
Births – Dana Jackson, Akron, a son

July 30
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Naomi Livingston, Rochester; Jeffrey Treesh, Argos; Erica Coffing and son, Twelve Mile

July 31
Admissions – Amy Calvert, Opal Laughman and Henry

Bradley, Rochester
Dismissals – Mistie Foust and Robert Newman, Rochester; Eva Smith and Dana Jackson and son, Akron

DEATHS



JOHN D. "JACK" GALBREATH

John D. "Jack" Galbreath, 70, Lake Bruce, passed away at 5:05 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2009 at his residence.

Born April 15, 1939 in Winamac, he was the son of the late Charles and Orilla (Lincoln) Galbreath. On July 20, 1985 he married Peggy Morgan, who survives.

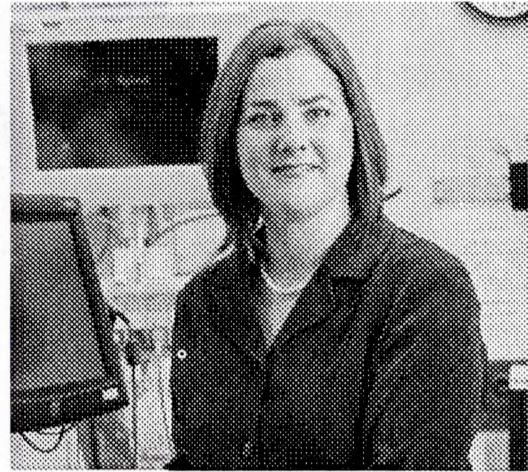
Jack formerly worked in the family businesses of Galbreath, Inc. and Gal-Fab, Inc. in Winamac for many years. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. A member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Winamac, his hobbies were working and spending time

with this family and friends.
Survivors include his wife, Peggy Galbreath of Lake Bruce; four sons, Daniel D. Galbreath and his wife, Judy, of Birmingham, Alabama, John Eric Galbreath and his wife, Shelle, and Phillip "Flip" Crawford, all of Winamac; and Morgan Carr of Chicago; two daughters, Rebecca Galbreath, Winamac, and Rose Hubbard and her husband, Jim, of Howe, Oklahoma; one brother, Donald Galbreath and his wife, Dee, Winamac; one sister, Betty Kloenne and her husband, Robert, Logansport; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Myra Jordan and Shirley Howard.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) August 6 at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, where military rites will be conducted at 6:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulaski County Food Pantry, Human Services Building, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, IN 46996 and/or the Kewanna Church of Christ, P.O. Box 337, Kewanna, IN 46939.

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Teresa Perkins earns certification

Teresa Perkins, NP, has earned the credential of ONP-C (Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner Certified) by passing the orthopedic nurse practitioner certification examination. This certification is in addition to the standard board certification for nurse practitioners. This certification confers upon the individual the ONP-C credential which identifies to the public the attainment of a substantial knowledge base in the area of orthopedics.

Mrs. Perkins practices at Rochester Orthopedics in Rochester along with Dr. Lisa Ronback and Dr. Jeffrey Sheedy.

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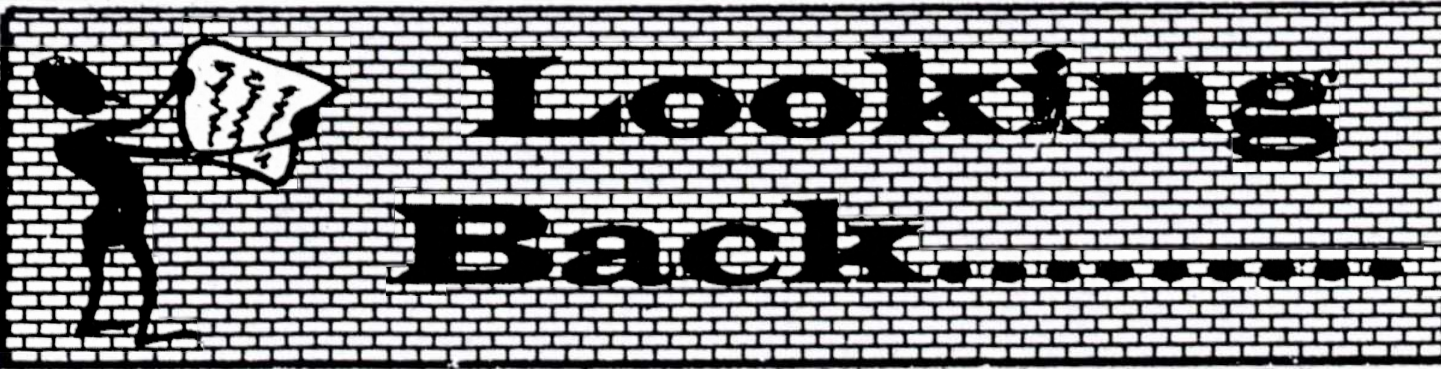
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Corsaut and Connie and Mrs. David Besse, Debbie and Claudia.

A family get-together was held Sunday at the Cloyd Murray

residence near Indianapolis. Attending from Kewanna were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonnell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McVay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray. Grass Creek residents in attendance

were Mrs. Maude Murray, Mrs. Sadie Waddups and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumler.

Larry Cunningham, George Hoover, Keith Harmon, Janet Rae

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The largest tamarack (tree) swamp or grove in this part of Indiana, and so far as we know the most southern one in the state, is a short distance northeast of Kewanna, about 12 miles south of Lake Maxinkuckee (Culver) on the east side of the Vandalia Railroad from which it may be easily seen. This grove covers man acres. The trees are unusually large and the grove is very dense and interesting. (from page 209, Lake Maxinkuckee: A Physical and Biological Survey. Everman and Clark, Indiana Dept. of Conservation. Vol. II of II, 1920.)

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
August 6, 1954

Leon Welling, 20-year-old assistant manager of the Leiters Ford Elevator, has been designated to take over the management of the Kewanna Grain Co., Inc. He replaces Charles Elmore who resigned recently.

A fully automated stop-and-go light was installed at the intersection of State Road 17 and Main Street in Kewanna Wednesday afternoon under the direction of Jesse Weller. This new installation, which cost the town about \$400, is expected to relieve congestion at the corner and to slow down traffic coming through town from the south.

The Cass-Fulton County Flying Farmers met Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dague near Grass Creek with ten airplanes and 35 members present. Featured on the afternoon program were contests of aerial skill, including a spot landing contest and a bomb dropping contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dwyer left Friday for a ten-day cruise on the S.S. Delta Queen on the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers.

The 14th International Baton Twirling contest was held Saturday at the Friendship Gardens in Michigan City. Those taking part from here were Betty Baldwin, Mary Nell and Barbara Masteller, Jeanie Enyeart, Betty Newgent, Doris Kreamer and Janet and Martha Smith. Doris Kreamer won a first place medal and Janet Smith, a second place, in their various divisions.

Major Roy Hogan of Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was awarded a Third Army shooting jacket and certificate at ceremonies held at Fort Benning recently. Hogan was a member of the Third Army Pistol Team which won the All-Army Matches June 28 - July 3 at the Infantry Center.

Maureen Kelsey was the guest of honor at a birthday party held Saturday afternoon in her home in celebration of her 4th birthday. Guests included Mrs. Robert Belt and Marcia, Mrs. Willard Clark, Cindy and Susan, Mrs. Arthur Zellers and Herbie, Mrs. Keith Smith and Timmy, Mrs. Delbert

CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION / Annual Financial Report

Receipts Comparisons Calendar Year 2008		2008 Approved Budget Receipts	2008 Actual Receipts
Receipt Accounts			
GENERAL FUND			
1000 Local Sources		\$2,166,398.00	\$2,352,024.78
2000 Intermediate Sources		173.00	173.14
3000 State Sources		2,827,072.00	2,913,782.14
7000 Sale of Property, Adj. & Refunds		0.00	188.30
TOTAL		4,993,643.00	5,266,168.36
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
1000 Local Sources		288,132.00	311,150.04
TOTAL		288,132.00	311,150.04
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			
1000 Local Sources		703,199.00	735,715.96
7000 Sale of Property, Adj. & Refunds		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		703,199.00	735,715.96
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
1000 Local Sources		636,431.00	665,849.16
7000 Sale of Property, Adj. & Refunds		0.00	5.00
TOTAL		636,431.00	665,854.16
BUS REPLACEMENT FUND			
1000 Local Sources		143,753.00	150,396.48
TOTAL		143,753.00	150,396.48
SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL FUND			
1000 Local Sources		5,226.00	5,466.58
3000 State Sources		8,112.00	9,093.00
TOTAL		13,338.00	14,559.58
RAINY DAY FUND			
9000 Transfers		0.00	53,000.00
TOTAL		0.00	53,000.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$6,778,496.00	\$7,196,844.58

Expenditures Comparisons Calendar Year 2008		2008 Approved Budget Expenditures*	2008 Actual Expenditures*
Expenditure Accounts			
GENERAL FUND			
11000 Instruction/Regular Programs		\$3,591,655.55	\$2,929,959.59
12000 Instruction/Special Programs		46,560.00	40,083.00
14000 Instruction/Summer School		45,295.25	36,359.65
16000 Remediation Programs		71,439.75	71,439.75
21000 Support Services/Pupil		203,190.00	172,564.86
22000 Support Services/Instr. Staff		126,718.00	118,112.10
23000 Support Services/Gen. Admin.		400,077.50	307,417.63
24000 Support Services/School Admin.		447,069.82	423,282.86
25000 Support Services/Business		1,650.00	710.00
26000 Support Services/Central		1,575,094.48	1,458,117.35
30000 Community Services		99,179.15	99,179.15
40000 Nonprogrammed Charges		480,846.69	0.00
TOTAL		7,088,776.19	5,657,225.94
DEBT SERVICE FUND			
25000 Support Services/Business		290,163.00	290,162.06
50000 Debt Services		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		290,163.00	290,162.06
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			
25000 Support Services/Business		1,120,358.25	533,433.60
26000 Support Services/Central		261,080.25	151,873.83
TOTAL		1,381,438.50	685,307.43
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
27000 Support Services/Business		1,265,078.02	1,041,585.53
TOTAL		1,265,078.02	1,041,585.53
BUS REPLACEMENT FUND			
27400 Support Services/Business		193,175.00	120,780.00
TOTAL		193,175.00	120,780.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL FUND			
17400 Nonprogrammed Charges		40,000.00	32,818.00
TOTAL		40,000.00	32,818.00
RAINY DAY FUND			
11000 Support Services/Central		82,952.00	414,333.32
TOTAL		82,952.00	414,333.32
GRAND TOTAL		\$10,341,582.71	\$8,242,212.28

*Includes encumbrances, transfers & reductions in appropriations

BACHELOR DEGREE				MASTER DEGREE			
Yrs. Exp.	Full Time	Part Time	Salary	Yrs. Exp.	Full Time	Part Time	Salary
0	0		\$31,506.00	0			\$34,328.00
1	2		\$32,313.00	1			\$35,266.00
2	2		\$33,188.00	2			\$36,366.00
3	4		\$33,965.00	3			\$37,367.00
4	4		\$34,816.00	4			\$38,451.00
5	3		\$35,662.00	5			\$39,531.00
6	1		\$36,595.00	6	2		\$40,704.00
7	2		\$37,438.00	7			\$41,774.00
8	1		\$38,367.00	8			\$42,944.00
9	1		\$39,199.00	9			\$44,006.00
10	1		\$40,128.00	10	1		\$45,174.00
11	2		\$41,057.00	11			\$46,341.00
12			\$41,984.00	12			\$47,510.00
13			\$42,914.00	13			\$48,677.00
14			\$43,840.00	14			\$49,844.00
15	2		\$44,771.00	15			\$51,013.00
				16	25		\$52,330.00

*Included above are:

BS 4 - (1) + 15 hrs.	9 - (1) + 9 hrs.
5 - (1) + 9 hrs.	10 - (1) + 27 hrs.
6 - (1) + 9 hrs.	11 - (1) + 9 hrs.
7 - (1) + 21 hrs.	11 - (1) + 27 hrs.
8 - (1) + 9 hrs.	15 - (1) + 18 hrs.
	15 - (1) + 20 hrs.

*Included above are:

MS 16 - (1) + 30 hrs.
16 - (1) + 15 hrs.

Certified Administrative Staff in effect June 30, 2008

4 Administrators with a Salary Range of: \$56,000.00 - \$91,000.00
Average Salary: \$75,225.00
TOTAL: 53 Full Time
4 Administrators
57

Extracurricular Salary Schedule in effect June 30, 2009

POSITION	AMOUNT	POSITION	AMOUNT
Head Football	\$4,695	J.H. Asst. Soccer	\$523
Assist. Football (3)	\$2,183 ea	Head Boys Baseball	\$2,578
J.H. Football (2)	\$1,092 ea	Asst. Boys Baseball	\$1,425
Head Girls Volleyball	\$3,096	Head Girls Softball	\$2,065
Asst. Girls Volleyball	\$1,532	Asst. Girls Softball	\$984
Fresh. Girls Volleyball	\$1,097	Weight Room Supervision (Aug-Jun)	\$2,050
8th Grd Girls Volleyball	\$984	Yearbook/Newspaper	\$1,292
7th Grd Girls Volleyball	\$984	Natl Honor Society	\$226
6th Grd Girls Volleyball	\$605	Spanish Club	\$420
Boys Cross Country	\$1,532	Science Club (2)	\$215 ea
Girls Cross Country	\$1,532	12 Grd Sponsor with Trip	\$610
J.H. Cross Country	\$976	11 Grd Sponsor (2)	\$584 ea
Boys Golf	\$1,532	H.S. St. Council Sponsor	\$750
Girls Golf	\$1,532	J.H. St. Council Sponsor	\$226
J.H. Golf	\$436	FCCLA Sponsor	\$1,076
5th/6th Boys Fall Intramurals	\$0	FFA (Future Farmers of America)	\$2,500
5th/6th Girls Fall Intramurals	\$0	Concessions	\$1,445
Head Boys Basketball	\$5,930	Department Head (7)	\$190 ea
Asst. Boys Basketball	\$2,629	5th/6th Boys Spring Intramurals	\$179
Freshman Boys Basketball	\$1,635	5th/6th Girls Spring Intramurals	\$179
8th Grd Boys Basketball	\$1,312	Academic Coach (max 14)	\$318 ea
7th Grd Boys Basketball	\$1,312	Jr/Sr High Art Club Sponsor	\$400
6th Grd Boys Basketball	\$605	Dance Team Sponsor	\$554
5th Grd Boys Basketball	\$605	Music Director - Band	\$2,500
Head Girls Basketball	\$6,930	Music Director - Choral	\$1,676
Asst. Girls Basketball	\$2,629	Elem. Student Council Sponsor	\$500
Freshman Girls Basketball	\$1,635	Director - Fall Play	\$902
8th Grd Girls Basketball	\$1,312	Director - Spring Musical	\$1,148
7th Grd Girls Basketball	\$1,312	Asst Direct - Spring Musical	\$723
6th Grd Girls Basketball	\$605	Director - J.H. Play	\$559
5th Grd Girls Basketball	\$605	6th Grade Production	\$559
Head Wrestling	\$3,096	Var/J.V. Cheer Coach	\$1,076
Assistant Wrestling	\$1,532	Freshman Cheer Coach	\$661
JH/Elementary Wrestling	\$997	7th/8th Grd Cheer Coach	\$661
Head Track	\$2,578	5th/6th Grd Cheer Coach	\$333
Assist. Track (3)	\$1,204 ea	Summer Driver's Education	\$164
J.H. Boys Track	\$984	(per 6 hour day)	
J.H. Girls Track	\$984	Curriculum Development	\$138
Head Soccer	\$2,086	(per 6 hour day)	
Asst. Soccer	\$1,040	Summer Instrument Music	\$4,777
J.H. Head Soccer	\$728	(minimum 200 hours)	

Pupil Enrollment October 1, 2008

Grade Level	Enrollment
Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 3-5)	2
Kindergarten	49
Grade 1	59
Grade 2	45
Grade 3	67
Grade 4	75
Grade 5	60
Grade 6	74
Grade 7	69
Grade 8	57
Grade 9	63
Grade 10	57
Grade 11	49
Grade 12	59
Total	785

Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates Calendar Years 2008 and 2009

	2008	2009
Assessed Valuation	\$245,131,134	\$242,637,555
Tax Rate - General Fund	0.7685	0
Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund	0.1080	0.0964
Tax Rate - Capital Projects Fund	0.2557	0.2557
Tax Rate - Transportation Fund	0.2311	0.2324
Tax Rate - Bus Replacement Fund	0.0522	0.0725
Tax Rate - Special Education Preschool Fund	0.0019	0
Tax Rate - Rainy Day Fund	0.0000	0.0000
	1.4174	0.6570

Statement of Indebtedness Calendar Year 2008

Holding Company - Public & Private:	\$1,020,000.00	Outstanding Principal
Outstanding Encumbrances:	\$2,577,703.63	All Funds

Noncertified Employee Classifications and Range of Pay Rates 2008-2009

Classifications	Range of Pay Rates
I. Instructional/Supplemental Pupil Services	
a. library aide	0 F/T @
b. prime-time aide	1 F/T @ \$14.47/hr
c. other	1 F/T @ \$12.98/hr
II. Cafeteria & Food Services	
a. cooks/cashier	6 F/T @ \$11.62 - 13.18/hr
b. school lunch director	1 F/T @ \$17.73/hr
c. other	3 F/T @ \$12.69 - 13.18/hr
III. Health Services	
a. nurse	1 F/T @ \$23.44/hr
IV. Office/Clerical/Secretaries	4 F/T @ \$14.47 - 15.56/hr
V. Executive-Administrative-Accounting	
a. bldgs. & grounds director	1 F/T @ \$23.09/hr
b. other	2 F/T @ \$21.16 - 22.24/hr
VI. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation	
a. building custodians	5 F/T @ \$15.91 - 17.94/hr
b. bus drivers	13 F/T @ \$66.48/day
c. other-bus maintenance	1 F/T @ \$22.73/hr
VII. Computer Services	2 F/T @ \$17.73 - 26.49/hr

TOTAL NON-CERTIFIED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: 41

"LOOKING BACK" Con't. From Page 4

Urbin and Sharyn Johnston attended Methodist church camp at Battle Ground last week.

FIFTY YEARS AGO August 6, 1959

In last week's paper regarding the newly formed Caston School District, Macy was listed as one of the four schools. The story should have read Metea.

Thomas Brumett, principal at Grass Creek for the past seven years, has been named superintendent of the newly formed Caston School District.

Walter L. Koebeke, Rt. 1, Kewanna, Robert J. Lord, Kewanna, and Phillip L. Zellers, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are among the 2,730 students enrolling at Purdue University for the fall semester under the advance enrollment program for new students.

Official appointment of a seven-

member board for a full-time Fulton County Health Department was made by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting August 3. The commissioners had established the health department at their July meeting effective January 1, 1960. Dr. Robert Lord, Kewanna, was appointed to serve a one-year term.

Allen E. Rosenberg, Kewanna, is among 600 Indiana University students who were named as recipients of scholarships for the 1959-60 school year. Rosenberg received a merit scholarship established in 1940 by the Indiana University Board of Trustees for outstanding undergraduates.

James Yerkes, former Kewanna resident and member of the local First Baptist Church, will be ordained as a minister of the gospel in the church Tuesday, August 11. A graduate of Kewanna High School in 1952 and the Moody Bible Institute in

Chicago in 1955, he has been a student the past four years at Wheaton College where he received his AB degree with a philosophy major.

Two 1959 Kewanna High School graduates, Mary Ann Chizum and Carolyn Larkin, were recently at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie to participate in a two-day program in preparation for entrance in college this fall. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chizum and Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larkin.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 6, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whiteman will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary August 9 at their home east of Kewanna with an open house. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Budd, Lake Bruce, Mrs. Whiteman's parents, will entertain at a family dinner at noon.

Melvin Latta, 20, Rt. 4,

Rochester, suffered a fractured and lacerated nose Tuesday evening about six miles northwest of Rochester when his auto crashed into a tree stump. Police said Latta had placed a new transmission in his 1955 Ford earlier in the day and was testing it at the time of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Urbin entertained at a theatre party Sunday at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw in honor of their niece, Carol Urbin, who is a house guest. Attending were Katrina Cook, Jill and Joy Urbin, Wendy Hogan and Jane Cogdill.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

August 2, 1979

Tom Hickie, representing Kewanna Implement Co., recently attended a hydrostatic drive service meeting in Davenport at the Central Regional Office for International Harvester.

The Reds won the annual Youth League tourney Tuesday evening defeating the Pirates, 17-1, in four innings of play. Members of the Reds team include Tammy Troutman, Troy Foust, Terry Kimble, Matthew Howdeshell, John Kegarise, Scott Westwood, David Kimble, Ricky Timmons, David Timmons and Doug Johnston. The team is coached by Don Harper and Jerry Kimble. Judy Stanley presented the trophy, which is sponsored by the Leiters Ford State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Smith, Kewanna, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, August 3. Mrs. Smith is the former Ruby Metzger of Kewanna. After living north of Fort Wayne for 43 years, the couple retired and moved to Kewanna in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, Kewanna, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday. The couple was married August 5, 1939, at Solomon Creek near Syracuse by the Rev. O. G. Alwood.

Bea Harris, Kewanna, has a crop of something (toadstools or mushrooms) in her yard. They have caused a lot of passing motorists to slow down and look and some have even stopped but no one seems to know for sure what they are.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 3, 1989

Michael D. Cohagan, son of Sandy Smith, Cassopolis, Michigan, and Maurice Cohagan, Kewanna, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Cohagan is an operations resource management specialist with the 461st Tactical Fighter Training Squadron at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. He is a 1985 graduate of Rochester Community High School.

John Kegarise left last Thursday for Army Basic Training at Fort Bliss, Texas. John is a 1989 graduate of Caston Educational Center and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kegarise, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weller were in Lebanon, Ohio, recently to attend the ordination of their son-in-law, Steve Tufts, into the gospel ministry by the First

Baptist Church. Mrs. Tufts is the former Linda Reason of Kewanna.

The youth choir of the local Church of Christ met at the home of Tim and Jenny Rohrbacher recently for a cookout.

Lois Crill, Josephine Hyatt, Lois Kumler and Joan Smith attended the production of "The Sound of Music" presented by the Maxinkuckee Players at Culver Sunday afternoon.

Paul Wheadon of Rochester spent Friday and Saturday with Golda Bailey at the Broken Arrow Campground north of Winamac.

TEN YEARS AGO

August 5, 1999

The library's new salt water aquarium is now a reality. Local residents are encouraged to stop in and see the new addition. Residents are also asked to donate towards stocking the tank which in time will become a teaching tool.

The William K. Sheridan farm near Kewanna was one of 52 family farms receiving a Hoosier Homestead Award in a ceremony held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building recently. To receive the award, a farm must be in the same family for at least 100 consecutive years.

Members and guests of the Kewanna High School class of 1959 celebrated their 40th graduation anniversary with a reunion Saturday, July 30. Class members enjoying the occasion included Linda Shidaker Worl, Pierceton; Sandra Miller Blume, Fallbrook, California; Carolyn Larkin Miller, Logansport; Mary Ann Chizum Eckardt, Hingham, Massachusetts; Nedra Zellers Bahler, Fishers; GeNelle Zellers Smoker and Steve Rude, Rochester; LuAnne Adams Phillips, Fairborn, Ohio; William Warfield, Alexandria; Bill Worl, Pierceton; Richard McPherson, University City, Missouri; Eldon Grube, Kokomo; George Walters, Gardner Massachusetts; Barry Worl, Fremont; Robert Lord, St. Louis, Missouri; Mary Ruth Anderson, Robert Engle and Joe Good, Kewanna.

Kara Carlisle was a houseguest of her grandparents, Martha Ann and Kenny Cook, for a couple of days last week. Kara stopped in to say goodbye before leaving for school in California.

Vickie and Mike Molitor hosted a family cookout Friday evening. Their guests for the meal and a visit were Vickie's mother and her friend, Jackie Heidenreich and John Lincoln; Vickie's brother, Larry Vogel; her brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Brenda Vogel; and the Molitors' daughters and their families, Tina and Tony Pesaresi and Garrett of Winamac and Jenny and Marcus Kay and Ellei.

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CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION / Annual Financial Report

Payments in Excess of \$2,500 Made to Vendors
Calendar Year 2008

Vendor	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Transportation Fund	Bus Replacement Fund	Total Amount
ISTA Insurance Trust	\$444,366.52	\$12,219.23	\$100,122.29		\$556,708.04
Logansport Community School Corp.	370,908.19	3,240.00	375.00		374,523.19
CitiCapital		338,333.08			338,333.08
Duke Energy	229,358.81				229,358.81
Indiana State Teachers' Retire. Fund	170,187.86				170,187.86
North Central Cooperative, Inc.	19,191.98		109,982.17		129,174.15
Kerlin Bus Sales & Leasing			5,680.54	120,780.00	126,460.54
Public Employees Retirement Fund	57,351.44	9,156.32	5,886.29		72,394.05
Met Life %Fas Core	60,912.50	1,400.00	9,800.00		72,112.50
CDW Government, Inc.	9,584.24	33,930.13			43,514.37
Patriot Insurance Corporation	29,050.88		7,697.12		36,748.00
American Fidelity Assurance Co.	20,725.84				20,725.84
Met Life	19,420.80				19,420.80
JJ Educational Consultants	19,400.00				19,400.00
Burn's Construction, Inc.	39.00	17,125.70	7,899.00		25,063.70
Trane	8,231.91	7,840.99			16,072.90
McClure Oil Corp.			13,506.66		13,506.66
Auto Owners Insurance	9,294.49	109.51	3,798.00		13,202.00
Office of Energy/Defense-PFEEP		12,500.00			12,500.00
Delta Dental Plan of Indiana	11,445.16				11,445.16
The Paper Corporation	11,041.36				11,041.36
C & T Design		10,700.00			10,700.00
Defco, Inc.	807.76	9,737.87			10,545.63
Electronic Steam Generator	10,235.17				10,235.17
Verizon	8,657.35		559.17		9,216.52
Lafayette Life Ins.Co. Inc.	8,563.35	169.32	150.00		8,882.67
Grainger	8,512.28		127.90		8,640.18
Anco Office Products, Inc.	1,720.94	5,570.21			7,291.15
HP Products	6,936.08				6,936.08
Walsh Wallcovering		6,896.70			6,896.70
Northwest Evaluation Assoc.		6,521.00			6,521.00
Todal Fence Company		6,406.16			6,406.16
Renaissance Learning, Inc.		6,177.23			6,177.23
National Insurance Sevcies	6,073.17		99.00		6,172.17
W H Paige & Company		5,231.75			5,231.75
Summit Supply		4,954.00			4,954.00
Wray Contracting		4,800.00			4,800.00
Postmaster	4,760.20				4,760.20
A & H Athletic Floor Services	4,527.00				4,527.00
Neola		4,467.12			4,467.12
Staples Credit Plan	4,391.66	57.56			4,449.22
Follett Library Resources	4,321.87				4,321.87
Weirs International Truck, Inc.			4,088.08		4,088.08
Liberty Sound & Electronics		4,065.10			4,065.10
Waste Management	4,048.93				4,048.93
Hanna, Small, Sabatini, Becker, Murr	4,000.00				4,000.00
Mac Allister Machinery Co.			3,897.59		3,897.59
Kirby Risk Corporation	2,007.81	1,725.50			3,733.31
R.E.M.C., Fulton County			3,708.39		3,708.39
Keystone Software Systems		3,675.00			3,675.00
8e6 Technologies		3,652.26			3,652.26
Mattox & Associates		3,589.42			3,589.42
Logansport Automotive			3,443.43		3,443.43
Junior Library Guild	3,337.20				3,337.20
Staff Development for Educators	3,328.00				3,328.00
I.S.T.A. Insurance Trust - LT	3,039.24	101.38	52.01		3,192.63
Bye-Mo'r Inc.	3,086.12				3,086.12
MSD Wabash County	3,002.72				3,002.72
Johnson-Melloh, Inc.		2,812.88			2,812.88
Ward's Natural Science	2,538.07				2,538.07
Eastern Pulaski Comm. Schools			2,534.19		2,534.19
Hach Company	2,532.08				2,532.08

I hereby certify that the financial report is true and accurate in every respect to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that all contracts, vouchers, and bills for all payments made by the school corporation are in its possession and open to public inspection.

Date July 21, 2009

Signature Randall D. Sommers
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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard so much about using Borax for green housecleaning. But if this mineral has to be mined, doesn't that negate some of its "green-ness?" -- *Elsa, Lincoln, Nebraska*

Mining for minerals such as boron (the key ingredient in the "Borax" we use for cleaning, pest control and other household tasks) is an activity that typically leaves behind a big environmental footprint. Mining degrades the local landscape and destroys wildlife habitat, while polluting both air and water. It also usually consumes large amounts of water, which can be taxing in already arid regions, such as the Mojave Desert, one of two regions of the world (along with parts of Turkey) with large boron deposits.

Typically, boron is extracted in open-pit mines by drilling, blasting, crushing and hauling—all activities fueled by petrochemicals. The refining process then uses a significant amount of water. Finally, the waste product—known in the industry as "tailings"—is deposited in man-made ponds where further refining is done before the water is then discharged into the local watershed.

The mining industry has long been criticized as an environmental baddie, but the leading company that mines Borax, Rio Tinto, has actually been given high marks for environmental stewardship. Jared Diamond's 2005 book, "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" called the British mining giant the exception in its industry. Due to "a strongly supportive CEO and British stockholders," he wrote, the company moved forward with the 2002 environmental recommendations of the mining industry's Mining Minerals and Sustainable Development project that were for the most part ignored by the rest of the industry. "Rio Tinto foresaw business advantages to being seen as an industry leader in social responsibility," said Diamond. "Its Borax mine in

Death Valley, California is now perhaps the most cleanly operated mine in the U.S."

Boron, oxygen and sodium make up sodium tetraborate, which is sold as "20 Mule Team Borax" (the name comes from the teams of 18 mules and two horses that would haul large wagons of processed borax from mines in the late 1800s to the nearest railroad spur). The powdered detergent is considered a least-toxic recipe as a natural disinfectant and household cleaner. Beyond cleaning formulations, boron is also used in a wide variety of other products, including the manufacture of fiberglass and Pyrex.

Pest control is another use. One boron compound is used to treat wood to prevent fungal decay and repel carpenter ants, roaches and termites. Boric acid is included on the national list of allowed substances for structural pest control in organic food production (as long as there is no direct contact with food or crops). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that pesticide products containing boric acid and its salts are of low toxicity. (However, ingesting it or applying large amounts to the skin can cause acute poisoning, so parents should be vigilant about where they store and use products containing Borax.)

Emerging uses of boron, and new ways to recycle its waste, may make this mineral even more valuable. A Turkish researcher notes that borax waste added to red bricks and cement products increases strength and lifespan. And at the National Boron Research Institute in Turkey, it is being studied as an element to produce fuel cells and to aid in cancer treatment.

CONTACTS: Rio Tinto, www.riotinto.com, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov; Turkey's National Boron Research Institute,

www.boren.gov.tr/en.
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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development

Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available every month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for August 12 call 574-223-3326.

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- Foil wrap
- Aluminum pie and dinner trays

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- Cereal box type paper
- Office paper - all types
- Paperback books
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- Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
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Miscellaneous

- AAA-D, hearing aid, watch and rechargeable batteries
- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- Items containing mercury
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Motor oil
- Pallets - wood or plastic
- Styrofoam packing peanuts - must be contained

Newspaper

- Stack in brown paper grocery bags
- Remove glossy inserts and put with magazines

Do not pack in plastic bags

Plastic Bags and film

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Caston fall sports practices

The Caston Athletic Department has announced the dates for fall sports practices. All athletes must have a completed physical on file in the athletic office to begin practice. Forms

can be picked up in the high school office.

Practice dates include:
 High school volleyball – August 3-7 from 8 to 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 High school football – August 3-7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Junior high soccer – August 3-7,

6 to 8 p.m.
 High school soccer – August 3-7, 6 to 9 p.m.
 Junior high football – August 3-7, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Junior high volleyball – August 20, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 6th grade volleyball – August 22, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Junior high cross country – August 16, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 Girls varsity golf – July 31, August 3 and 4, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet by the football concession stand, bring clubs, etc. Players will be going to Pondview.

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1:00 PM
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Entry's Name _____
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- Miscellaneous

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Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

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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 township, at the Kewanna Fire Station, will conduct a public hearing on the year 2010 budget on August 26, 2009, at 7:00 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 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget.

Special assistance is available to handicapped persons who desire to attend by calling 574-653-9088.

Net Assessed Valuation, Civil 60,371,000 / Fire 50,845,000

BUDGET ESTIMATES AND TAX LEVIES

TOWNSHIP FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
General Fund.....	56,640	31,000	30,588
Township Assistance.....	10,550	6,000	3,958
Fire Fighting Fund.....	36,500	28,000	26,043
Cum Fire (Twp).....	15,000	10,169	8,700
Total Township Funds.....	118,690	75,169	69,289

The estimated maximum levy limitations are: Civil, 35.895 Fire, 27.038.
 Township Assistance debt service is N/A. The property tax replacement credit for civil is 2,735.
 Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.
 July 30, 2009 Arthur Gudas, Trustee, Union Township
 Pub. 8/6, and 8/13, 2009

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

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Rochester Township, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said township, at the 148 N. Fulton Ave., will conduct a public hearing on the year 2010 budget on August 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.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 148 N. Fulton Ave. on September 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to adopt the following budget.

Special assistance is available to handicapped persons who desire to attend by calling 574-223-2615.

Net Assessed Valuation, Civil 430,610,000 / Fire 151,105,000

BUDGET ESTIMATES AND TAX LEVIES

TOWNSHIP FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
General Fund.....	16,000	27,000	25,358
Township Assistance.....	20,000	15,000	13,875
Fire Fighting Fund.....	189,000	135,000	129,614
Total Township Funds.....	225,000	177,000	168,847

The estimated maximum levy limitations are: Civil, 41.089 Fire, 134.705.
 Township Assistance debt service is N/A. The property tax replacement credit for civil is 5,925.
 Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.
 July 30, 2009 James A. Showley, Trustee
 Pub. 8/6, and 8/13, 2009 Rochester Township

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 —Sir Francis Bacon

Public Notice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Rochester, Indiana on the 18th day of August 2009, at 6:30 p.m. for the following additional appropriations:

Cum Cap Development
 SURVEYOR EQUIPMENT\$ 4,437.10
 TOTAL CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT.....\$ 4,437.10
Loit – Public Safety – County Share
 EMS.....\$150,000.00
 TOTAL LOIT-PUBLIC SAFETY-CO SHARE.....\$150,000.00
Communications – E911
 OVERTIME.....
 \$ 4,000.00
 TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS – E911.....\$ 4,000.00
Highway Department
 Gas, Oil, Lube.....\$ 438.60
 TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.....\$ 438.60

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

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 Judith A. Reed
 Fulton County Auditor
 Pub. 8/6/09

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Renee Colley hosted a large family gathering Sunday, July 26. Joining her for the day were her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Nancy Verboon of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; her niece and children, Keri Chamberlin, Joe and Becca of Arizona; Pam Munday of Arizona; Ellen and Mike Seul of Chicago, Illinois; Marlene Thomas of Crown Point; Yvonne Leber of Spencer; Alicia Ryan and Justin of Wheatfield; Jason and Oletta Withers, Kyle and Kassed; Mike and Laura Conquest; Steve and Jaime Penrod, Brandon, Jake and Kaitlyn; Bobby and Patty Perry; and Nikki Verboon and Larry with Michael and Travis.

Pauline, Julie and Clayton Brown were busy Tuesday, July 28. They were joined in the morning by Tanner Sutton for a trip to Manitou Mountain for a few hours of play and a picnic. In the evening, they attended a showing of the movie "G-Force" at the Rochester Times Cinema.

Barb LaFollette was in Kokomo Tuesday. She enjoyed spending some time with her mother, Pauline Eikenberry. They had a nice long visit and lunch together.

Pauline, Julie and Clayton

Brown traveled to the Grissom Air Museum Wednesday, July 29. They toured the inside of the museum and took a walk around the grounds to see the various aircrafts on display. Their timing was perfect to be able to see the 1903 Wright Flyer replica that was built by Bufford Gross and a camera drone that was used during World War II (which are stored away from the main museum). They also spent time talking with one of the museum's volunteers. He served as a tail and belly gunner on a B-17 during World War II. His plane was shot down over Hamburg, Germany in December of 1944 and he remained a POW until March of 1945. (In the "it's-a-small-world category" - he used to work on the B & O Railroad and remembers Kewanna and the pickle factory fondly. He was one of the workers who picked up the barrels of pickles that were set along the siding for shipment.)

Don and Pauline Scales had a very pleasant day Wednesday. Stopping by for a chat were their daughter, Ellen Heiden, and her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Angie Heiden, Austin and Audrey, all of Columbia City.

Jim Brown of Fairland arrived late Wednesday for an overnight stay with Pauline Brown, Julie and Clayton.

Renee Colley and Keri Chamberlin, Joe and Becca, were in Nappanee Thursday, July 30. They had a fun time attending the annual Arts and Crafts festival at Amish Acres.

Jon and Barb Gast had company Thursday. Joining them for a visit over lunch at the Kewanna Kafé were Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast of Winamac.

Tom and Barb LaFollette helped serve pizzas at the Rochester VFW post Thursday evening.

Clayton Brown accompanied his father, Jim Brown, home Thursday, following an extended stay with relatives in the northern part of the state.

Earl and Mary Bangel and their son and his family, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac, enjoyed attending a musical Friday evening, July 31. They were among the many that enjoyed the performance of "The Music Man" by the Maxinkuckee Players.

Shirley Reason, her daughter Claudia Johnson, and her granddaughter Lindsey Krisher left Friday to spend the weekend in Clarksville, Ohio, with Chris and Tammy Widenhouse, Alexis, Clarissa, Christopher and Delaney. Other guests visiting in the Widenhouse home were Ron and Vickie (Saylor) Vetro of Pompano Beach, Florida. Joining them Saturday were Chad and Austin Krisher, Landon and Conner Krisher and Lindsey's friend, Scott. They spent Saturday shopping and eating in Lebanon, Ohio. Shirley, Claudia and Lindsey returned to their homes here Sunday night.

Helen Whiteman was in Star City Saturday, Aug. 1. She was among the many that enjoyed attending the town's celebration of its sesquicentennial (150 years) anniversary.

Florence Hogan had surprise

visitors Saturday. Stopping by for a visit were her granddaughter and her husband, Johnna and Allen Bouda of Oklahoma, and her grandson, Noah Hogan of Taiwan.

Linda Garner and her older daughter and family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile, traveled to Valparaiso Saturday. They joined Linda's younger daughter and grandchildren, Amanda Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie, for a day of school shopping.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Logansport Sunday, Aug. 2. They had a nice time doing some shopping and dining at the B&K drive-in.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a visit was her daughter, Sherri Lett.

Florence Hogan was joined by several members of her family for dinner Sunday. Getting together at Ugaldi's restaurant in Rochester were her son, Mike Hogan; her daughters and their husbands; Alice and Darrell White of Winamac and Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette; her daughter, Janice Graham; and Noah Hogan. They had a wonderful time visiting and catching up on all the family news. Afterward, Wendy, Dan and Janice accompanied Florence home for some more visiting.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of visitors Sunday. Coming over in the evening and bringing along some fresh vegetables from the garden were their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Cindy Wiese and

Ally.

The Hamman family reunion was held Sunday at the Winamac park with approximately 50 family members in attendance.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: David Berry, Alexander Gudeman, Andra Kegarise and Brayton MacLain, Aug. 9; Graham Harding, Anna Maria Robb and Nicki Wilson, Aug. 10; Joseph Burns, Ryan Curry, Michael Mollencupp, David Seby and Kathy Watson, Aug. 11; Maggie Good, Aryn McLane, Tori McLane, Rebekah Miller and Dorothy Warfield, Aug. 12; John Bruce, Janel Norris and Mindy Stacey, Aug. 13; Cameron Straub, Aug. 14; and Mary Bangel, Jim Brown, Megan Klinefelter, Traci Powell, Chris Smith and David Whiteman, Aug. 15.

There are ten couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Herrold and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Long, Aug. 10; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Colvin and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kline, Aug. 11; Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner and Mr. and Mrs. David Hardin, Aug. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Jerrod Shelton, Aug. 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdill, Aug. 15.

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