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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, August 6, at the town hall.

Only one bid was received for a 2010 police vehicle. The purchase was awarded to the bidder, Rochester Ford Lincoln Mercury, with a quote of \$25,814 for a 2010 Ford Explorer XLT, less \$3,500 trade-in making the final price \$22,314. Included in the price is a lifetime oil change every six months or 5,000 miles. Approximate delivery time is 10 to 12 weeks.

Marshal Dennis Price submitted his July report in addition to making a request per Deputy Jon Sailors, Jr. for an allowance for gas to travel to the academy and back. The council agreed to allow \$40 for the remainder of the course. The department issued five traffic warnings in July, made five criminal arrests, processed one accident report, answered 67 calls, performed one vehicle check and patrolled 1,310 miles. A departmental range day was held at Sandbur Gun Ranch on July 23 using a rifle and handguns.

Assistant Fire Chief Tony Pesaresi submitted the fire department's July report noting two town responses, both medical, and four township responses, two fire and two medical. The department has been pursuing the purchase of new extraction equipment. It has been determined by the council that two-thirds of the Public Safety Fund revenue will go to towards fire and emergency medical needs and one-third toward the police department. The fire department has received four new mobile radios using grant funds and their own funds.

Residents Brad and Cathy Penicaro requested an update on the four-way stop they would like to see put in at the corner of Phillips and Toner Streets. It was decided that putting a four-way stop in that location would not resolve the issue of children walking and riding bikes without looking before crossing town streets. Alternative safety measures are being considered to slow traffic in areas closest to the park. It was agreed the town would like additional help from parents by supervising children and teaching traffic safety.

Local business owner Clifford Bragdon has recently installed an industrial size ice maker at the laundromat to sell ice to businesses and residents. He requested a reduction in sewage charges since water used to make ice will not be going into the wastewater treatment system. It will be determined if an additional meter can be installed for that particular purpose.

The abandoned vehicle

ordinance was reviewed with town attorney, Greg Heller, in reference to recent infractions. No changes will be made at this time.

Tony Pesaresi representing Winamac Coil Spring requested additional alley closings not included in the previous closings. The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library has also proposed a petition to vacate portions of two alleys. A public hearing on the petitions will be held at the next regular meeting of the council, September 3.

The council approved the attendance of town employees, Mike Molitor and Danny Chew, at an operator boot camp to be held at Grissom Air Reserve Base on August 25.

The council approved the scrubbing of the town's water lines again this year to insure a clear water supply.

A typing error in the 2009 salary ordinance was corrected and salaries set for 2010. The wages of the marshal and his deputies will increase by \$.10 an hour; the superintendent's salary will increase by three percent; the assistant superintendent will receive \$500 for each wastewater certificate received; the salary of the clerk-treasurer will increase by \$875; and the stipend paid to the council members will increase by \$100.

The quote from R&R Visual was reviewed and it was decided to inspect the three wastewater lines west of State Road 17.

A public hearing on the town's 2010 budget will be held at the September council meeting and the budget will be adopted at the October council meeting.

The town superintendent's July report noted the repair of a ground wire by the new irrigator tower at the wastewater treatment plant. A shield was placed around the wire to protect it from the mower. Fissel Electric was called back in to find where they cut the wire for the irrigator that runs from the control building to the blower building. It was determined that the wire was cut in at least three places so a new wire was installed. A pipe that operates the drain valve for the east lagoon at the treatment plant rusted off. Workers changed it out with the one from the west lagoon so irrigating would not be interrupted. A new pipe was ordered and put on the west lagoon. The sewage works has been able to irrigate every week this month, due to the lack of rain, and the east lagoon is almost drained.

The assistant superintendent is continuing to cold patch potholes and most have been repaired. He has also been able to install about 50 new water meters. The fire department burned the brush pile and the area has been cleaned up. Lightning hit the north well house and burned up the surge protector.

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Kewanna loses another Main St. building

Kewanna's Main Street lost another of its old buildings last week when Jackson Services demolished a building at 106 W. Main Street. The property is currently owned by Harvey Jackson, Jr.

In recent years, the building has been used for warehousing/storage. It formerly housed an auto repair business, the Kewanna Garage. The business was started by Lewis Leasure. In April of 1915, his son-in-law, Robert Tomlinson purchased half interest in the business. The partnership continued until Leasure's death in

1918. Tomlinson then operated the business until he died in January of 1955. Robert and Lelia Tomlinson were the parents of Kewanna residents Beth Weller and Mildred McColley and the late Lois Kumler and Ruth Ann Anderson. Beth recalls living above the garage during her high school years. She also noted that her grandfather, Lewis Leasure, owned the first automobile in Kewanna.

Richard Mills also ran an auto repair business out of the building. The building was subsequently used by Verlin Klinefelter, Sr. and then Bill Ingram, both of whom operated a plumbing and heating business.

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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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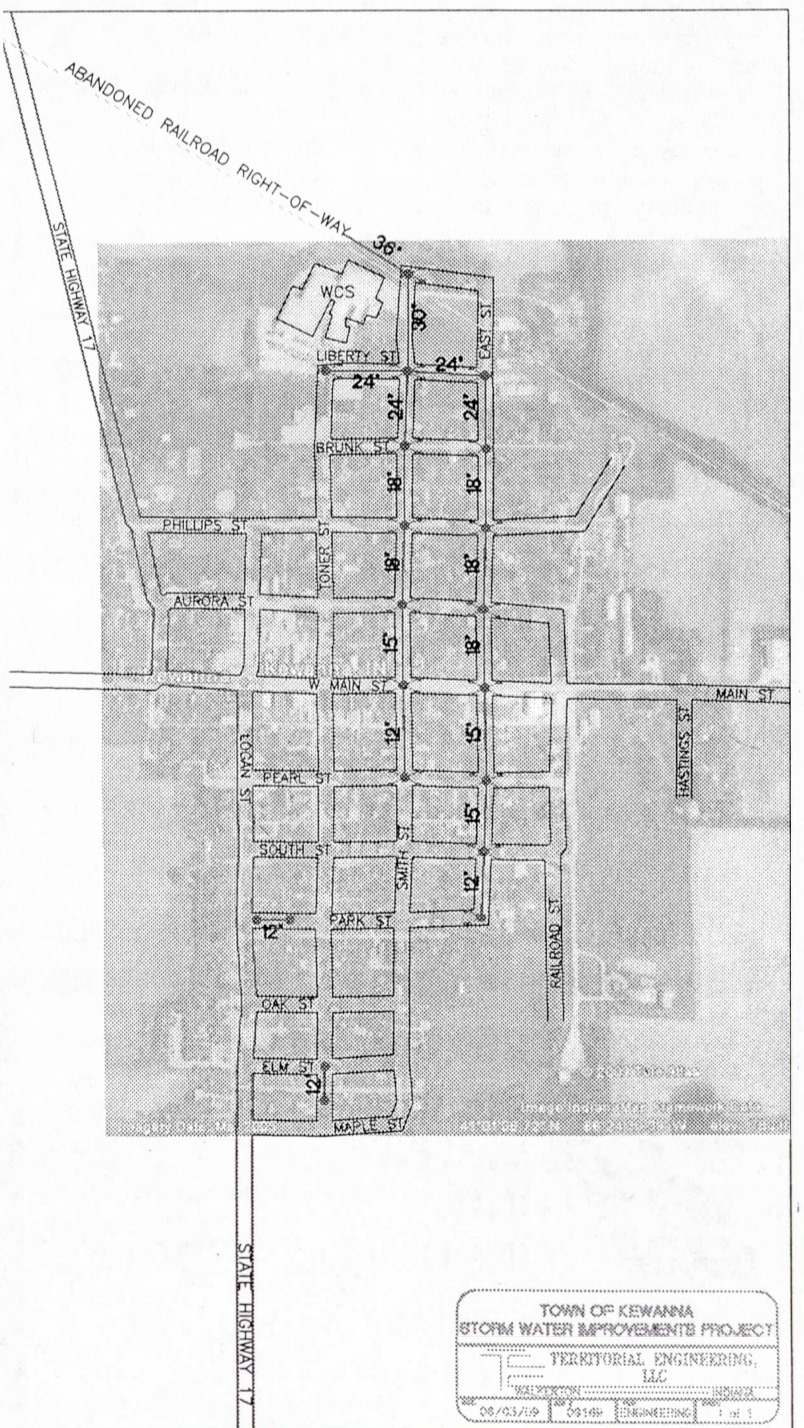
Kewanna awarded \$1 million grant

The Town of Kewanna has been awarded a \$1 million grant for storm sewer work. The funds will be used to install 5,926 feet of storm sewer, new manholes and outlets and pavement restoration.

According to town superintendent, Mike Molitor, it should stop the flooding in problem areas and subsequently benefit the entire town.

A preliminary sketch of the proposed work is shown here. A 12" tile will be laid on S. Toner Street south of Elm St. in an area subject to flooding during heavy rain fall. Another 12" tile will be installed on Park St. east of Logan St. as that area also floods. A new storm sewer will be laid on East Street from Park St. to Liberty St. ranging from 12" to 24". This will be tied in to a 30" tile that will take storm water on out of town. Five blocks of Toner Street from Pearl Street to Liberty Street will be serviced with tile ranging from 12" to 24" also.

Funds for the storm sewer work will come from a federal Community Development Block Grant for disaster recovery. To qualify for the grant, communities had to be located in the 82 Indiana counties declared disaster areas in 2008. Kewanna was one of 21 communities receiving grants. The Town of Claypool also received a grant to replace storm sewer lines. Announcement of the grant awards was made last week by Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman.





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 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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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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EASTERN PULASKI MENU Elementary Breakfast

Wednesday, August 19 – first day of school, no breakfast
 Thursday, August 20 – no breakfast

Friday, August 21 – no breakfast

Elementary Lunch

Wednesday, August 19 – Hamburger sandwich, pickle spear, mixed fruit, cookies and milk

Thursday, August 20 – Hot dog sandwich, French fries, applesauce, cookie and milk

Friday, August 21 – Taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Wednesday, August 19 – Taco, eight-way vegetables, pears, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday, August 20 – Breaded chicken sandwich, peas, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday, August 21 – Hamburger sandwich, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

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AREA V MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, August 17 – BBQ pork sandwich, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple and milk

Wednesday, August 19 – Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, wheat bread and milk

Friday, August 21 – Cheeseburger sandwich, cauliflower/broccoli, potato salad, melon and milk

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State Senator Randy Head (R-Logansport) joined members of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) in a ceremonial bill signing Tuesday with Gov. Mitch Daniels for House Enrolled Act 1498, authored by Head, which will provide a one-time cost of living adjustment for retired Hoosier teachers. IRTA officials

expressed their gratitude for the legislation, which will help them weather the current economic challenges faced by Hoosiers.

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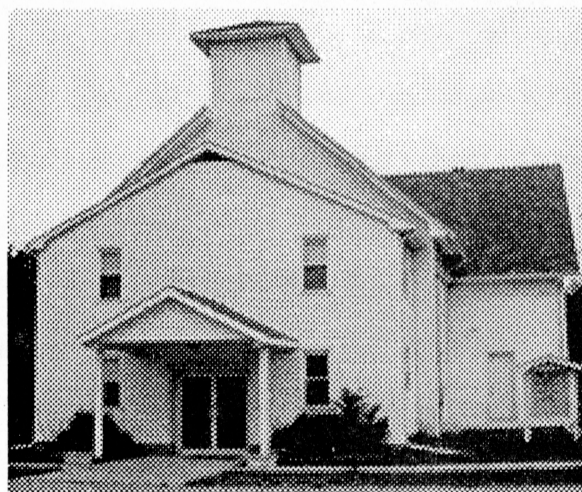
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

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Births – Michael and Samantha Fugate, Rochester, a son August 3

Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Jeanine Brower, Amy Calvert, Opal Laughman, and Samantha Fugate and son, all of Rochester

Births – Thomas and Tausha Kline, Argos, a daughter; Nicole Prathafatakis, Rochester, a daughter

August 4

Admissions – Ethel Ludwig, Rochester
Dismissals – Henry Bradley, Rochester

Births – Aaron and Stephanie Wilson, Rochester, a son August 5

Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Teagan Shreve, Claypool; Nicole Prathafatakis and daughter, Rochester

August 6

Admissions – Catherine Leverich, Argos

Dismissals – none published

August 7

Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Tausha Kline and daughter, Argos; Stephanie Wilson and son, Rochester

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DEATHS

KATHERINE S. WRIGHT

Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel, for Katherine S. Wright, 71, Lake Bruce. Pastor Scott Ellison officiated and burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce. Mrs. Wright passed away at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Born July 20, 1938, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Lovell and Frances (Engle) Hurlburt. She was married October 6, 1956, to Robert L. Wright, who preceded her in death on November 28, 2005.

A member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, she retired from Controls, Inc. in Rochester and had also been a waitress at the Dam Landing in Rochester and the Lion's Den at Lake Bruce. She enjoyed walking, playing bingo and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Dianna Johns and her husband, Troy, of Logansport and Pamela K. Becker and her husband, Kaye, of Plymouth; one son, Robert L. Wright, Jr. of Logansport; two brothers, Chester and Kenneth Wayne; a sister, Patricia; and four grandchildren, Holly, Ashley, Tiffany and

Matthew. She was preceded in death by one brother, Blaine.

A visitation was held at the funeral home prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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PAUL GENE STARR

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Becker Funeral Home in Clermont, Florida, Paul Gene Starr, 71, a former Kewanna resident. Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Gene passed away Sunday, August 2.

Gene graduated from Kewanna High School in 1956. He retired from IMA Financial Group, Wichita, Kansas in 2005, but continued to share his experience and wisdom until his death. A pioneer in risk management and a tireless advocate for his clients. Gene was an insurance man first and foremost. As a founding member of what is now the second largest independent insurance agency in the Midwest, he embraced technical innovation and imagination in the service of his clients' needs.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Barrett-Starr, Wichita, Kansas; a son, Todd A. Starr and his wife, Elizabeth, Naperville, Illinois; three daughters, Shann R. Laccabue and her husband, Matt, Tampa, Florida, Lynn M. Zito and her husband, Chris, Viera, Florida, and Dr. Kara K. and her husband, Tim, Wichita, Kansas; his mother, Norma J. Starr, Rochester; and seven grandchildren, Christopher A. Galati, Jonathan Paul Zito, Joshua A. Zito, Sarah E. Starr, Katherine M. Starr, Isaac B. James, and Kaia S. James. He was preceded in death by his father, George Starr.

A Paul G. Starr Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with the Wichita State University Endowment. Gifts can be mailed directly to WSU

Foundation, 1845 Fairmount St., Box 2, Wichita, Kansas 67260-0002.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Prenatal Class

The Prenatal Evening Classes are running now **until August 27** from 7 to 9 pm for five weeks on Thursday night. 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. Parents are encouraged to attend classes any time after your fourth month of pregnancy.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital.

Prenatal classes are offered seven times a year; four sets of Thursday evening classes and three sets of all day Saturday class.

Siblings Class

The next sibling class is scheduled for **Aug 29** at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. This class is offered the last Saturday of every other month, from 9 am to 10:30 am. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10 years) to adjust to the new baby in the family. The children are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is to be born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or big sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule your child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide

your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at Pulaski Memorial. There will be a \$6 charge if you plan to deliver elsewhere.

Breast Feeding Class

The next Breast Feeding Class is **Sept 3** from 7 to 9 pm at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The purpose of Breast Feeding Class is to inform you of the benefits of breast feeding 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 8 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.

Breast Feeding Classes are offered seven times a year on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm; Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm; or Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm.

Healthy Families Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers clinic in the Pulaski County Building, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment, and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours 9 am to 5 pm. Call ahead for an appointment or additional information at 574-946-6017.

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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO August 11, 1949

Dick Reeve commenced work as a lineman for United Telephone in Kewanna last week. He was transferred from Flora and is filling the position left by Howard Hughes who was transferred to Winamac. Reeve and family will be moving into the Gillespie apartment on East Main Street.

Seven members of the Kewanna High School graduating class of 1935 and their families enjoyed a picnic at the Rochester City Park Sunday. Present were the Don Metzgers, the Bob Millers and the Phil Andersons of here; the Herbert Smiths of Rochester; Mrs. Virginia Grant and son of Logansport; Frederick McPherson of Plymouth and the Kenneth Livengoods of Michigan.

The 91st birthday of Mrs. Altha Wood was observed with a family dinner given at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Adams, Wednesday.

Dr. Joseph M. Doyle, 66, prominent retired Peru dentist and the husband of the former Louise Garman who he married in Kewanna in 1933, died Thursday at his home after a two-month illness.

The Ladies Aid of the Church of Christ was entertained in the home of Mrs. Frank Greer August 3. Mrs. Raymond Kruger and Mrs. Harvey Turner were her assistants. Twenty members were present for the occasion.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 13, 1954

Roy Earl Ness, 47, Rt. 1, Kewanna, died suddenly Tuesday evening, August 3, of a heart attack while riding in an automobile. He is survived by his wife, eight children, two sisters and two brothers, including Charles C. Ness, Kewanna.

Two men were reported to have

stolen some chickens from the Ora Fisher farm, two miles south of Fulton on State Road 25 Sunday morning. Fisher reported that he saw two men get out of a car in his driveway and stone and club the chickens, stealing several. Fisher got the license number of the car, which proved to be stolen. The two men are now in custody in Logansport.

Doris Kreamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kreamer, won a trip to New York City Monday evening at the Venita Rich television talent contest held at the Kosciusko 4-H fair in Warsaw. Doris won the grand prize for her baton twirling.

All ministers of the EUB churches in this vicinity were returned to their charges according to an announcement made at the close of the annual conference last Sunday at Lake Wawasee. Reassignments included E. Frank Highley, Kewanna circuit; Lloyd Overmyer, Fulton circuit; and L. K. McKinley, Grass Creek.

Joe Dague, Rt. 2, Kewanna, submitted to an appendectomy at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester Sunday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO August 13, 1959

Manford Kistler, coach at Grass Creek for the past two years, was hired as principal at Grass Creek Tuesday evening. He replaces Thomas D. Brumett who was recently named superintendent of the newly-formed Caston School District. Kistler taught at Cutler, Fulton, and Kewanna before going to Grass Creek.

A shower honoring Mrs. Jerry Burkett, the former Janet Rae Urbin, was given by Kate McKinney and Sharyn Johnston in the Johnston home Saturday evening, August 8. Contest prizes were won by Jane Zartman and Mrs. Don Burkett and the door prize went to Florence Baldwin. All presented their gifts to the new bride.

Charles Baggerly, a retired farmer and former sexton at the Fulton cemetery, died Monday, August 10, at his home in Fulton. He was 88.

The 25th annual Shadle reunion was held Sunday, August 2, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shadle. This was also the 82nd wedding anniversary date of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shadle, whose four children started the reunion in memory of their parents.

Mrs. Martha Ann Cook, Kewanna, is in Woodlawn Hospital suffering from a pinched nerve in her leg.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO August 13, 1964

Summer vacation ended tragically Sunday morning for a 14-year-old Kokomo girl when she was struck by a 65-car C&O freight train at Lake Bruce. Killed was Bobbie Doran West, whose family was staying at a cottage in Clark's Park.

The Kewanna High School band, pom pon girls and majorettes were named best entry in the giant parade which opened the 1964 Fulton County 4-H fair Sunday afternoon.

Miss Twila Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reed, Hammond, and granddaughter of Mrs. Ida Hogan of here, was chosen to appear in the August issue of Mademoiselle Magazine at Indiana University. Each year, Mademoiselle chooses models from various colleges in the U.S. Miss Reed is a sophomore at I.U.

Frank Huey, 79, Rt. 1, Kewanna, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital. He is married to the former Maude Overmyer, who survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Carr, Kewanna.

The llama that the Cole Circus lost while showing in Kewanna has been found. The family of Ralph Kreamer found the llama in a bean field close by their farm August 5.

TWENTY YEARS AGO August 10, 1989

Fire of undetermined origin did

considerable damage to a vacant house on Logan Street Monday afternoon. The fire is believed to have started in the basement of the house, which belongs to Charlotte Robbins.

Dr. Shannon Reffett, a 1954 graduate of Grass Creek High School, has been named executive director of the Robert Presley Institute of Corrections Research and Training at the University of California, Riverside. Reffett was a teacher and administrator at LaPorte High School for 16 years and also taught at Purdue University's North Central Campus and at the University of Notre Dame.

Jeff Markley, Kewanna, has been hired as a new policeman for the City of Rochester. He fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Fred Sumpter in May. Jeff is a 1982 graduate of Kewanna High School, served in the U.S. Army for four years and has served as a deputy marshal for Kewanna and Fulton. He is the son of Evelyn Markley of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve McColley, New Palestine, are the parents of a son born August 7 in St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and has been named Matthew Michael. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Mildred McColley, Kewanna, and the late Herman McColley.

TEN YEARS AGO August 5, 1999

Jackson Services of Rochester worked Sunday and Monday tearing down a building next to the post office on Kewanna's Main Street. The area will be landscaped and developed into a park area with Lilly grant funds.

Former Kewanna residents, Kenneth and Doris Barker Hood, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception to be held Saturday, August 14, at the First Church of God, Rochester. Mr. Hood, now retired, formerly owned and operated the bulk Marathon Oil plant at Rochester.

Charles and Maryanne Rude, Kewanna, are the twin sons born July 19 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. The boys have been named William

Edward Rude and Joshua Stephen Rude. The maternal grandparents are Jim and Phillis Ritchie of Kewanna and the paternal grandparents are Stephen and Donna Rude, Rochester.

Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center hosted a family gathering over the weekend to celebrate early August birthdays. The guests of honor were Mary Lou's mother, Wilma Wilson; her sister-in-law, Nicki Wilson of Rochester; and her nephew, Nathan Graham.

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Kewanna Town Council

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Rex Urbin was able to bypass it for now and a new one has been ordered. It was also discovered that a fuse holder on the main pole to the well house was broken. NIPSCO was called in to make repairs. Paperwork was completed on the new permit for the wastewater treatment plant. The water works pumped a total of 1,362,700 gallons of water during July.

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In addition to the phonograph, Thomas Edison gets credit for inventing wax paper and an electric railway car.

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COMPANY NAME:	Farmers Automobile Insurance Association
ADDRESS:	2505 Court Street
CITY, STATE ZIPCODE:	Pekin, IL 61558
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF:	Illinois
CONTACT PERSON:	Michael A. Zabinski
PHONE:	(309) 346-1161
EMAIL:	mzabinski@pekininsurance.com
FEIN:	37-0268670
NAIC CODE:	24201
ASSETS OF COMPANY	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 539,716,100
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 176,689,625
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 7,024,353
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 16,345,587
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 75,099,203
Other assets	\$ 35,863,978
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 850,738,846
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 237,162,716
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 58,252,312
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 126,583,079
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 342,134
All Other Liabilities	\$ 52,744,662
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 475,084,903
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 872,500
Capital Stock	\$
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 374,781,443
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 375,653,943
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 850,738,846
Signature: <i>Gordon M. Walker</i> Signature: <i>Daniel V. Connell</i>	
"For more information on this Company or any Company authorized to transact business of Insurance in Indiana, See www.in.gov/doi"	
Gordon M. Walker	Daniel V. Connell
(Print Name)	(Print Name)
President	Secretary

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ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF:	Illinois
CONTACT PERSON:	Michael A. Zabinski
PHONE:	(309) 346-1161
EMAIL:	mzabinski@pekininsurance.com
FEIN:	37-6028411
NAIC CODE:	24228
ASSETS OF COMPANY	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 169,559,198
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 15,338,032
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 2,084,177
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$
Other assets	\$ 7,523,741
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 194,505,148
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 59,290,679
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 14,563,078
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 31,645,770
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 46,656
All Other Liabilities	\$ 3,943,683
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 109,489,866
Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	\$ 2,012,500
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 83,002,782
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 85,015,282
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 194,505,148
Signature: <i>Gordon M. Walker</i> Signature: <i>Daniel V. Connell</i>	
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The News In Brief

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library is accepting applications for part-time help. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and be willing to undergo a background check. The position will involve about 15 hours per week. Resumes are welcome, but not required. Applications may be picked up at the library and are due by August 21. The library is an equal opportunity employer.

The Fulton County Health Department has extended its immunization clinic hours. Effective August 12, clinic hours are 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 5 to 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. August 17 in the county office meeting room, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The Fulton County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. August 18 at the same location.

Fulton County farmers are reminded that August 14 is the deadline for several USDA farm programs and compliance requirements. That date is the final day to enroll into the 2009 DCP and ACRE programs. All necessary signatures must be submitted by that date. Additionally, August 14 is the last day to report the 2009 planted crop acreages. Area farmers are requested to contact the local FSA office in order to schedule an appointment. The office can be reached at either 574-223-3220 or 574-223-3398.

The Fulton County Republican

Women's Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, August 24, at Rochester City Hall. The guest speaker will be Rep. Bill Friend who will talk about the 2009 legislative session and special session. Those attending are asked to bring canned food for the food pantry.

Six inches of rain in an hour caused heavy flooding in Louisville last Tuesday, August 4. Severe thunderstorms with 70-mph winds hit southern Indiana cutting power to more than 100,000 homes and businesses. Brown County was hit the hardest where power was cut to 80 percent of the county's residents.

The Indiana State Fair opened in Indianapolis last Friday for an extended 17-day run.

Sonia Sotomayor became the 111th U.S. Supreme Court justice when she took the oath of office Saturday. She is the court's first Hispanic justice and only the third woman in the court's 220-year history.

LOCALS

Pauline and Don Scales had a visitor Saturday evening. Coming over with family pictures was Pauline's cousin, Carol Huffman. Carol had recently received photos of her eight-month-old grandson and wanted to show the Scales.

Nancy and Leonard Evers and Diane had a couple of visitors Sunday, Aug. 9. Stopping by for

family chats were Robert Evers of Rochester and Gary Evers of Michigan City.

Julie Brown had a fun time Sunday afternoon. She attended the 3rd birthday party held in honor of Caleb Field. The event was hosted by his parents, Candy and Justin Field.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had a caller Sunday. Stopping by for a pleasant visit was their friend, Bud Landis of Greentown.

Kay and Jerry Brown had visitors Sunday. Stopping by in the morning for a family chat was their grandson, Kyle McKinney. Later in the day, Kyle's sister, Molly, and their cousin, Leighnee Smith, came over to introduce the newest member of the family, Boomer, to their grandparents.

Rich and Tami Powell will return home today (Thursday) from a three-week trip to Europe where they visited with Don and Chantal Reason in Lyon, France. While there they traveled to LaCiotat where Tami got to put her feet in the Mediterranean Sea. From there, they traveled with their former exchange student, Yves, to Paris for four days taking in the Eiffel Tower, the Arch of Triumph and the Louve, where they saw the Mona Lisa and lots of other interesting things. They then spent two weeks with the Panchaud family

in Villaz St. Pierre who accompanied them on visits to the Matterhorn, the Alps, many cathedrals and Moleson Mountain, to name a few.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jeff Hott, Jacob Howdeshell, Anna McFarland, Anthony McFarland and Didi Wyatt, Aug. 16; Florence Bauman, Michael Coers and Marcia Johnston, Aug. 17; Greg Corbett, Maddox Grisel and Ruth Talbott, Aug. 18; Russell Carr, Kristin Hawkey, Benjamin Johnston, Kyle Justice, Barb LaFollette, Kelly Plantz and Andriana Smith, Aug. 19; Joe Cunningham, Rich Green, Karl Kiesel, Katherine Kiesel and Haley Smith, Aug. 20; Taylor Cook, Marilyn Geier, John Hizer, Phillip Kline, Kati Van Scoy and Tabbie Walsh, Aug. 21; and Dixi Evans, Amy Milliser and Matthew Whalen, Aug. 22.

There are seven couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Greg Agnew, Aug. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Douglass, Aug. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Curry, Mr. and Mrs. James Downhour Jr. and Mrs. Rick Enyart, Aug. 20; Mr. and Mrs. David Sommers, Aug. 21; and Rev. and Mrs. Todd Wilson, Aug. 22.

Notice To Taxpayers of Budget Estimates & Tax Levies BUDGET ESTIMATE / TOWN OF KEWANNA

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Kewanna Civil Town, Fulton County, Indiana that the Town Council, at the Kewanna Town Hall, 308 S. Logan, Kewanna will conduct a public hearing on the year 2010 budget on September 3, 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 meeting, the Fiscal Body will meet at 308 S. Logan, Kewanna on October 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget. Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen at the County Auditor, City Controller, Clerk Treasurer's or Fire Protection District Offices.

Net Assessed Valuation: \$9,527,000.

BUDGET ESTIMATE

FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
Casino/Riverboat	5,000		
General Fund	175,920	120,000	111,937
MVH Fund	80,600	45,000	44,997
CCI	3,000		
CCI (Rate)	16,600	14,291	15,878
L R & S	5,000		
TOTAL	286,120	179,291	172,812

The 2010 estimated maximum levy limitation for this unit is 176,982.

The Property Tax Replacement Credit used to reduce the rate for this unit is 5,593.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Date, July 30, 2009

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Jenny Kay

Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Kewanna

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

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Aubbeenaubee Township, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said township, at Aubbeenaubee Community Building will conduct a public hearing on the year 2010 budget on September 2, 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 Aubbeenaubee Community Building on September 16, 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) 542-4505.

Net Assessed Valuation Civil 45,441,000 Fire 45,441,000

BUDGET ESTIMATES AND TAX LEVIES

TOWNSHIP FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
General Fund	20,595	5,000	6,412
Township Assistance	5,000	3,000	2,979
Fire Fighting Fund	50,000	40,000	38,170
Cemetery Fund	19,200	13,000	4,393
TOTAL	94,795	61,000	51,954

The estimated maximum levy limitations are: Civil 14,308 Fire 39,661.

Township assistance debt service rate is 0. The Property Tax Replacement Credit for Civil is 2,210.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Date, July 30, 2009

Pub. 8/13, 8/20, 2009

Carol Chileen, Trustee
Aubbeenaubee Township

Notice To Taxpayers of Budget Estimates & Tax Levies BUDGET ESTIMATE / Mill Creek Conservancy District

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Fulton and Pulaski County, City, Town or Fire Protection District of Rochester and Winamac, Indiana, that the County Council, Common/Town Council or Board of Mill Creek Conservancy District at 1252 E., 100 S. USDA Building on September 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. will conduct a public hearing on the 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 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 meeting, the fiscal body will meet at 1252 E., 100 S. on September 15, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation 47,925,510

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen at the District Office.

FUNDS	BUDGET ESTIMATE	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	CURRENT TAX LEVY
General	38,741	20,000	41,440
TOTAL	38,741	20,000	41,440

The 2010 estimated maximum levy limitation for this unit is NA.

The Property Tax Replacement Credit used to reduce the rate for this unit is 0.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Date, July 30, 2009

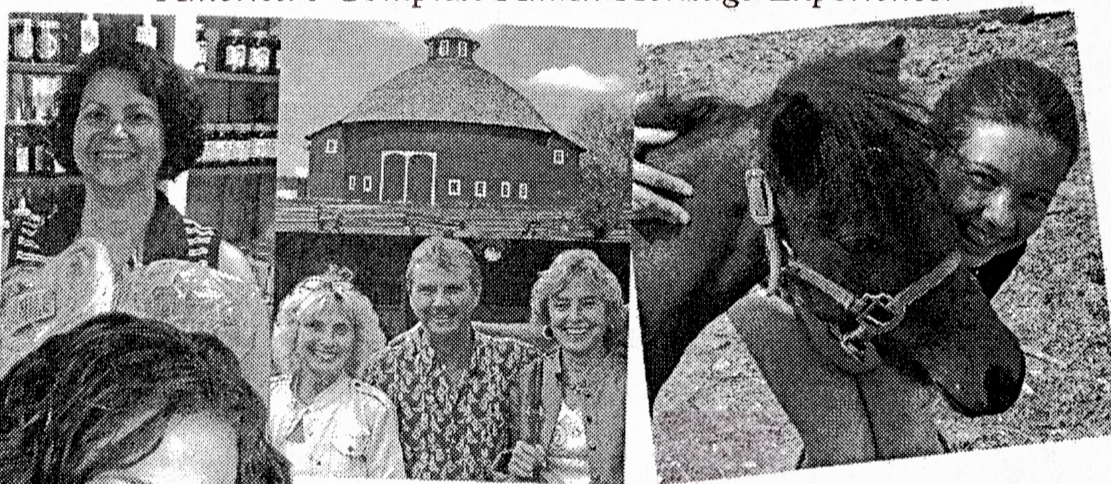
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Jerry Brown, Chairman, Mill Creek Conservancy

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BY THE WAY.....

Karen J. Good

Years ago, the late John Urbin told us on several occasions that we should visit Hueston Woods State Park, just across the state line in Ohio. A quarter of a century later, we finally heeded his advise and made the 200-mile trip to Hueston Woods.

We left Kewanee tacking south and east and avoided interstate highways as per our usual custom. The Indiana countryside was really showing off for us. Most areas of the state have had a little more rain than we have. The crops looked lush as did the flower and vegetable gardens along the way. There seems to be more gardening going on. I also noticed that the roadsides in the areas we were traveling are well kept, especially in Ohio.

We made a stop at an antique store on U.S. 40 so Joe could stretch his legs a little. I have to admit, it felt pretty good to me, too. U.S. 40 is known as "antique alley", but it seemed like the antique stores weren't quite as numerous as they were when we were in the area a dozen years ago or so. The owner of the store we visited said business is really down. She recently paid her property taxes to the tune of \$1,200 - and she has had only \$300 in sales this year! Something tells me she has another source of income. She noted that she doesn't keep the store open very much, due to the lack of shoppers. It looked like

most of her merchandise had been on the shelves for quite some time.

Things went well on our trip east until we got to Liberty, Indiana where we hit our first and only detour. It really wasn't a problem, we just drove until we saw a county road the locals were using and got back on the route we wanted. We stopped in Oxford for gas and directions to Hueston Woods. We drove several miles before we came to the golf course and several more miles before we reached the lodge. We soon discovered that anything we wanted to do was going to take a little travel time. The speed limit on land was 20 mph and on the water, 10 mph.

Hueston Woods is located in Butler and Preble counties, about five miles northeast of Oxford in the southwestern part of Ohio. Matthew Hueston bought land here in 1797 for a farm. He left a remnant of the woods standing for his descendants. When the last of the Huestons died in the 1930s, Morris Taylor, a conservationist, purchased the woods and held it in trust. Clyde Acton, a Preble county legislator, influenced the state to buy the land in 1941. Hueston Woods was designated as a state forest in 1945 and money was appropriated to buy additional land.

The state initially used the land for a prison camp. In 1956, an earthen dam was completed

across Four Mile Creek creating a 625-acre lake named Acton Lake for Clyde Acton, who had persuaded the legislature to buy the property. It opened as a state park in 1957. Hueston Woods now encompasses 3,596 acres and features a 96-room lodge, an 18-hole golf course, 12 miles of trails, a marina, nearly 500 campsites (255 with electrical outlets, 236 non-electric), and 35 cottages.

The lodge offers indoor activities for children, a fitness area, game room, and indoor pool. Outdoor activities include badminton, basketball, a beach, corn hole, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, nature center, paintball field, picnic areas, outdoor pool, shuffle board, sledding, tennis, volleyball, bicycle rental and paths and horse back riding.

Since we had a light lunch, we were ready for dinner as soon as we checked into the lodge. The restaurant in the lodge was not open yet, so we headed back to Oxford foraging for food. As you may know, Oxford is home to Miami University - a beautiful college town. But, like most college towns, there seemed to be a lot of pizza, Mexican, sandwich restaurants and pubs. We finally opted for the Wild Bistro, which offered Asian cuisine. I thought the restaurant's name was a little different for Asian food, but it was very good so I guess it doesn't make any difference what you call it.

Miami University was founded in 1809 so I assume they celebrated their bicentennial this year, but I don't think there was currently anything going on. The university is one of America's oldest and most beautiful campuses. Poet Robert Frost remarked that it was "the prettiest college that there ever was". The red brick Georgian Colonial design buildings are situated on acres of green space with formal gardens and flower beds. The campus reflects 200 years of careful planning and tender loving care. MU is one of a handful of state-assisted colleges and universities long recognized for superior educational opportunities; it has been identified as one of America's "public Ivys".

The campus is graced by Lewis Place, called "the most beautiful house in Oxford" by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The 17-

room mansion was built in 1839 for a couple from Connecticut, Romeo and Jane Lewis, who came to Oxford by way of Florida where Romeo was one of the founders of the city of Tallahassee. Elements of the Deep South, as well as New England, can be seen in the Lewis Place, which over the years has sheltered a number of guests including U.S. presidents, governors, senators, ambassadors, foreign heads of state and many others. Since 1902, it has served as the home of the president of Miami University.

In the heart of the campus stands the McGuffey Museum, a two-story brick home built by William Holmes McGuffey when he was a member of the MU faculty. It was here, in the mid-1830s that he wrote the first edition of the well-known McGuffey readers. These schoolbooks shaped manners and morals of America for more than a century and established the reputation of Professor McGuffey as "the Schoolmaster of the Nation". Still in print more than 170 years and 130,000,000 copies later, they have outsold every book in the history of publishing with one exception, the Holy Bible.

On returning to the park, we drove around checking out the marina, beach, stables, etc. The geese pretty much had the marina occupied, except for a few fishermen. We stopped to observe some deer (about a half dozen) that were housed in a pen. The deer were disabled in one way or another and were kept penned to insure their survival and so park visitors could see them up close and personal. I noticed the deer in the wild seemed pretty tame and didn't seem to mind human inhabitants.

Friday morning, we made coffee in our room and took our coffee cups on a walk along the lake front. It was a little unnerving when we looked up and saw buzzards lined up on top of the lodge. I know I'm getting older, but I didn't think I was attracting buzzards yet! According to our park map, they were supposed to be residing in the sycamore grove.

Joe wasn't planning to play golf until the afternoon so we set out for Hamilton, Ohio, for breakfast and to see what else we could find. As we left the lodge parking lot we saw an albino squirrel. We stopped to try to get a picture, but a couple of those old buzzards chased it back into the woods.

We ate breakfast at a little hole-in-the-wall restaurant called Andy's that has been in business since 1956. The restaurant was about twice the size of our front office - eight tables, six stools at the counter and an eclectic mix of tableware. All the tables but one were occupied when we walked it so we didn't have to decide where we were going to sit. I'm sure the restaurant has a good reputation since it has been in business for over 50 years, but the cook must have gotten distracted by *The Today Show* or *Good Morning America* and forgot to turn by pancake. I'm sure it would have been quite good minus the black crust!

We visited Brown's Marketplace which I had found on the Internet. Browns offers bulk foods, meats, dairy products, Amish-made furniture and antiques. The 31,000-square-foot furniture showroom is believed to be the largest in the nation for Amish furniture.

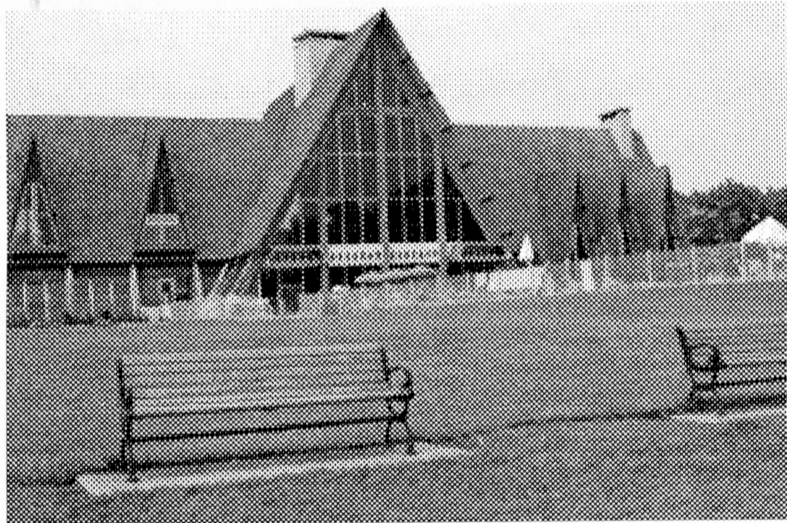
We drove through the downtown which boasts a very large, old courthouse. As in a lot of downtown areas, there were several empty storefronts. A trip through the residential area surrounding the downtown revealed that most of the old, huge homes have been turned into apartments. However, most of them looked like they have been well taken care of.

We ate lunch in Hamilton before returning to Oxford where we stopped to get a sub sandwich and a muffin so we could enjoy a light supper and breakfast in our room. Joe spent the afternoon on the golf course and I enjoyed my library book reading by the outdoor pool, then the lakefront and finally the patio outside our room. I also watched a wedding rehearsal on the lawn between the lodge and the lake. I assume the wedding took place Saturday afternoon or evening, but we checked out Saturday morning so I didn't get to witness it.

The golf course was all booked up for Saturday morning so after drinking coffee and sharing a banana muffin, we headed back to the marina where we rented a motor boat and road around the perimeter of the lake. This time as we left the lodge, we came upon a doe and her twin fawns. We stopped so I could roll down my window and chat with them. They kind of gave me that "oh no, not another tourist" look and kept on munching on the grass! The boat ride was enjoyable and relaxing. There were several fishermen out in boats and several lined up on the fishing pier, but it didn't seem like they were getting much action. The marina attendant who helped us get into our boat said that business has really been down. That surprised me a little as news reports have been telling that parks and campgrounds in our area have been busy due to the fact that people are opting for summer vacations close to home.

After our boat ride, we packed up, checked out and headed back west. We stopped at the Liberty Restaurant in Liberty for a late, for real breakfast. It appeared to be a local favorite and was very good so if you are ever in Liberty stop in.

When we got back to Richmond, I dropped Joe off at a golf course



The lodge at Hueston Woods State Park was constructed in 1967. At that time, it was the largest A-frame structure in the world.

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that he had played and enjoyed before while I checked out a farm market and a few antique shops. I bought a very good muskmelon, but that was the extent of my

shopping.
We did hop up on the interstate at Richmond to travel back to Indianapolis where we stopped to see Jeff and Tonya and their family. We were running a little late and thought we could make better time on Interstate 70, but the traffic was pretty heavy and I was glad when we got to Jeff's exit. We enjoyed our visit and

were back home before dark, even though we stopped for groceries. I hope John knows we finally made it to Hueston Woods and how much we enjoyed our trip.

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**Letter To
The Editor**

As Master Gardeners go...I am a "seedling" as I began my classes in 2007. For me, this is not a garden club or a political group; it is being part of our wonderful community and bringing educational experiences, color and life to the areas around us. I have made many new friends and enjoy the company of working and learning together on our community projects and educational programs. When we are on our winter hiatus, I long for the warmer days when we can work together, visit and share

experiences and bring new seasons of color to our community. I feel a day of not learning something new, is a day missed in my life. The class of 2007 had the youngest (Corbin Furnivall, 18) and the oldest (Bob Kindig, 84) Intern Master Gardeners. It is wonderful to see these two gentlemen working together on a project. Obviously, age is not a factor in Master Gardening.

This series of articles will cover three specific areas of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program - education and training, community education and volunteer endeavors.

The goal of the Master Gardener Program is to provide educational and technical assistance using trained and certified volunteers and to enhance the community with gardening/nature related volunteer projects and programs.

Becoming a Master Gardener is very simple. You need to have a love of nature, community and educating/helping others. The saying that "many hands make light work" is a goal we strive for in all of our community projects. Mark Kepler, Fulton County Purdue Extension Agent, offers a 13-week course very two years. This year the class will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds beginning September 10. You must sign up and pay (\$110 - includes all materials) in advance for the classes by contacting the Extension Office at 574.223.3397. Mark Kepler began the classes for Fulton

County upon his arrival here as County Extension Agent in 1996 and over 200 people have attended the Master Gardener classes.

During the time you are attending the classes and up to the time you complete 36 hours of community service you are considered an "Intern Master Gardener". As you continue to gain hours on community/educational projects your move up the ladder from Master Gardener, Advanced Master Gardener, Bronze Master Gardener, Silver Master Gardener and finally with 1,000 hours completed you become a Gold Master Gardener. That may seem like a great deal of time but it is amazing how quickly the hours add up. This year I will attain my Bronze status and that is in only two years. If you work during the day it is still easy to attain the needed hours as our summer light is extended into late evenings.

Master Gardeners has helped me feel like an essential part of our community and I highly recommend anyone with an interest to give the Extension Office a call.

Judy Peterson,
President

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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

**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

**COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TOWN OF KEWANNA
308 S. Logan
Kewanna, IN 46939

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about August 30, 2009, the above named Town of Kewanna will request the State of Indiana to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:
Storm Drainage Improvements

The project will consist of the Construction of Storm Drainage Lines throughout the Town.

Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Town of Kewanna has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

All preliminary environmental reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above named Town of Kewanna which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town of Kewanna, 308 S. Logan, Kewanna, IN 46939. Such written comments should be received by August 30, 2009. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town of Kewanna will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Kewanna will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Kewanna is certifying to the State that the Town of Kewanna and Jeffery A. Finke, in his official capacity as President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Town of Kewanna may use the Block Grant funds and the State will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the State of Indiana, Grant Services, Environmental Officer, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2288.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after September 15, 2009, will be considered by the State.

Jeffery A. Finke, President
Town of Kewanna
Fulton, County, Indiana

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Kay Brown recently returned from a trip to Pennsylvania. Accompanying her for the week-long excursion were her son and grandson, Mike Brown and Michael C., and her daughter and her family, Angie Smith, Leighnee and William. They had a wonderful time touring the Amish country of Lancaster County. Among their many stops were the railroad museum in Strausburg; a trolley ride and visit to the museum in Hershey; Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy; the Mannheim Historical Society for some genealogy research; and the battlefield and cemetery at Gettysburg.

Mary K. Williamson and Kay Brown were overnight houseguests of Mary K.'s daughter, Karen Kruger at Brownsburg, Sunday, Aug. 2. (Mary K. was to have surgery the following morning at St. Vincent's Hospital.)

Mary K. Williamson had several visitors Monday, Aug. 3. Stopping by to see how she was recovering following surgery were her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Jerry Brown and her grandchildren, Mark Brown, Kerry Brown and Lisa Kiesel. (Mary K. is doing great!)

Barb LaFollette had a fun time spending the day with several of her grandchildren Tuesday, Aug. 4. Accompanying her on their annual school shopping trip were Nick Bohac of Rochester and Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and

Thomas LaFollette of LaPorte. They checked out several stores in Mishawaka, had lunch, spent time at Mega Play and finished the day off with the required stop at an ice cream shop.

Mathilda Lamb had company Tuesday. Stopping in on their way home from a family funeral were her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne.

Nick Bohac was a houseguest of Tom and Barb LaFollette for three days during the middle of the week.

Pauline Eikenberry of Kokomo had a houseguest last week. Arriving Wednesday evening, Aug. 5, for an overnight visit was her daughter, Barb LaFollette. The ladies enjoyed a lot of visiting and shopping during the visit.

Renee Colley had company Thursday, Aug. 6. Staying as her overnight houseguests were Cyndy Smerz and Bev Gauer. The ladies enjoyed lunch and some shopping in Rochester and a trip to Logansport during their visit.

Tom LaFollette helped with pizza night at the Rochester V.F.W. post Thursday.

Beth and Ray Weller had weekend houseguests. Staying with them for a few days were their daughter, Linda Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio, and her daughter, Lauren. Lauren wanted to see her grandparents before heading back to her studies in Rhode Island.

Jerry and Kay Brown had guests over the weekend. Arriving Friday, Aug. 7, for a three-day visit were their son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors Friday. Coming over in the evening for a short chat were her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Andrea Hook and Rylee of Winamac.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a weekend houseguest. Staying with them for a few days was their daughter, Diane Evers of Indianapolis.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Saturday, Aug. 8. Coming for a visit were their daughter and her family, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie of Valparaiso, and their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Renee Colley was in Gurnee, Illinois Saturday. She had a delightful time attending the christening of Claire Kelton. Claire is the first grandchild of Paul and Christine Nielsen.

Stuart and Rachel Gast of Winamac held an impromptu reunion Saturday. Joining them for lunch and a visit were their son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Barb Gast; their grandson and his family, Jonathon and Sheila Paul, Jack, Quinn and Ethan of Oak Park, Illinois; their granddaughter and her husband, Elisabeth and Stas who have just returned from Europe; and their grandson, Noel Paul of Connecticut.

Helen Whiteman had company Saturday. Stopping by while out on a walk were her daughter, Sherri Lett, and Sherri's granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty.

Tony Fernandez was the guest

of honor at a large family gathering Saturday. The event was in honor of his August 1 graduation from the University of Georgia. Hosting the event were his cousin and his wife, Mike and Kathie Brown. Helping them mark the special day with a carry-in dinner and pool party were his mother, Carol Fernandez of Kennesaw, Georgia; his grandmother, Mary K. Williamson; his aunts, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg and Rita Williamson of Winamac; his aunt and uncle, Kay and Jerry Brown; his uncle and his family, John, Jane and Miles Williamson; and his cousins and their families, Mark and Mick Brown, Sue and Mike McKinney, Kyle and Molly (Rochester), Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan (Rochester), Kerry and Karen Brown (Lawrenceburg); Lori and Gene Harding, Annabelle and Graham (South Bend), Lisa Kiesel, Karl and Katie (Dayton, Ohio), Jason and Britni Brown (Greenwood), Jessica Brown (Star City), Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett and Michael C. Brown (Winamac).

Cub Scouts looking for members

Cub Scout Pack 3215, chartered by the Grass Creek Lions Club, will hold its annual "Join Scouting Night" Monday, August 24, at 7 p.m. in the Caston cafeteria. The event will also feature a make-your-own-sundae ice cream bar to celebrate the kick-off of the Cub Scout year. All boys in grades one through five are invited to join. Special prizes will be awarded to current Cub Scouts who bring in a potential scout member. Pack 3215 has many fun activities planned for the upcoming year including camping, hiking, fishing, BB gun, bow and arrows, and slingshot shooting. Boys unable to attend this event but who are interested in joining should call Cubmaster Chuck Smith at 574-817-0518 for more information. The pack usually meets the third Monday of the month at Caston elementary.

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Attend Church Sunday

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Notice To Taxpayers of Budget Estimates & Tax Levies Budget Estimate/ Akron Carnegie Public Library

In the matter of determining tax rates for certain purposes by the (Library Board of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said Library, will conduct a public hearing at 295 E. Rochester St., Akron, IN on the 2010 budget on September 6, 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 Library Board will meet at 295 E. Rochester Street, Akron on October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation 81,624,000

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
General.....	195,623	118,000	98,943
Debt Service.....	121,500	110,000	110,645
Library CPF.....	12,635	10,853	10,118
TOTAL.....	317,323	228,000	215,848

The year 2010 estimated maximum levy limitation for this unit is 115,361.

The Property Tax Replacement Credit used to reduce the rate for this unit is 7,980.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Date, July 30, 2009

Pub. 8/13, and 8/20, 2009

Jill Runkle, President of Library Board

Kimberly Martin, Secretary of Library Board

Chad Hartzler, Treasurer of Library Board

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

In the matter of determining tax rates for certain purposes by the Library Board of Fulton County Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Fulton County Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper officers of said Library, will conduct a public hearing at Fulton County Public Library on the 2010 budget on September 8, 2009, at 4:00 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 Library Board will meet at Fulton County Public Library on October 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to adopt the following budget.

Net Assessed Valuation 5693,471,000.

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.....	10,000	0	0
General.....	1,433,920	855,000	822,918
Debt Service.....	253,674	191,000	224,993
LIRF.....	10,000	0	0
TOTAL.....	1,707,594	1,046,000	1,047,911

The year 2010 estimated maximum levy limitation for this unit is 854,067.

The Property Tax Replacement Credit used to reduce the rate for this unit is 36,783.

Taxpayers appearing at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Date, July 30, 2009

Pub. 8/13, and 20, 2009

Leslie M. Walker, President of Library Board

Rosa Metzger, Secretary of Library Board

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