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Logansport Deputy Mayor running for State Senate



Linda Klinck, Deputy Mayor of Logansport, filed Monday to run for the Indiana State Senate District 18 seat, which is being vacated by Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport).

Her campaign will focus on the key issues of property taxes and community development. "Although the legislature is working on property tax reform, it appears as if the end result will be a shell game - raising one tax to replace another. If citizens have to start paying for services that the local government is already providing more efficiently, then where are the savings for the taxpayers?"

"It is tough for a community to focus on economic development when they are trying to figure out how to pay for the essentials of police and fire protection and funding public schools under the Governor's proposal," Klinck said.

"With nearly two decades of experience working in state and local government, I have developed a common sense approach that will allow me to address these and other key issues facing the State of Indiana. This campaign is about making a connection at the state level so that the counties, towns, cities and schools in District 18 will have what is necessary to be successful. There are so many unutilized resources out there for smaller communities and it is time that we take advantage of them."

Klinck has a long career in public service. From 1993 until 1998 she worked in Cass County government. She served on the Logansport City Council for six years while also working as a program manager for the Indiana Department of Commerce's Main Street Program. In 2004, Klinck was appointed to serve as the Deputy Mayor of Logansport under Mayor Mike Fincher and she continues to serve in that capacity today.

Before her work as a public servant, Klinck was a small business owner, having run her own business, Linda's Carriage Barn, for 16 years. She was the first executive director of Logan's Landing, a national certified Main Street Program for downtown revitalization and was instrumental in securing a \$450,000 CFF grant for the

Farm Credit scholarship deadline approaching

A Feb. 29 deadline is approaching for applications for Farm Credit Services (FCS) of Mid-America scholarships. FCS, a \$13 billion agricultural lending cooperative serving farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee, is expanding on its commitment to educational success by offering 18 scholarships of \$2,000 each to college students enrolled in agriculture and business programs at universities throughout the cooperative's four-state territory.

The scholarships are available to members, their dependents and spouses of the ag lending cooperative. Scholarships are awarded in May based on academic record, leadership qualities, and community involvement. To apply, go online to www.e-farmcredit.com and click on Community Support to download the application or call 1-800-444-3276 to talk to the closest office about obtaining an application.

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streetscape project.

In addition to her duties as Deputy Mayor of Logansport, Klinck also currently serves as

president of the Cass County Historic Preservation Foundation, the Cass County Tourism Commission and Logan's Landing. She serves on the Steering Committee for Diversity Dynamics, Intercultural Community Alliance, Salvation Army Board, Logansport Plan Commission, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI) Statewide Project Review Committee and the HLFI Northern Regional Advisory Council.

Her past community involvement includes serving as President of the Cass County Carousel Board where she oversaw the million-dollar restoration and building project of the Dentzel Carousel. She was also the chairman of the 1997 National Carousel Convention and a member of the Cass County Historical Society, Rotary Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

She and her husband David have been married for 35 years. They have two children and three grandchildren and are active members at Cross-Wind United Methodist Church.

Former State Senator Robert Peterson will chair Klinck's campaign. The treasurer will be Bruce Carson, a former Peru City Council member.

Senate District 18 includes all of Cass, Fulton, and Miami counties and portions of Kosciusko, Pulaski, and Wabash counties.

World Day of Prayer, March 7

The Grass Creek United Methodist Church will host this year's World Day of Prayer Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mary Williams of the Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport.

Everyone of all denominations is welcome to attend this special prayer observance for the community, state, nation and world.

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Legislative Breakfasts

The next legislative breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, February 23, at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester. The breakfasts provided local residents a chance to interact with State Representatives Eric Gutwein and Bill Friend and State Senator Tom Weatherwax. The breakfasts are sponsored by the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce. A third and final breakfast will be held March 22 at the same time and location.

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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 and SCORE. 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 the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. The next regularly scheduled date is March 12. To schedule an appointment call 574-223-3326.

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James F. Talbott VFW February Activities

Feb. 12 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 19 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

Feb. 24 - Open Sunday, noon. Free food and euchre at 1 p.m.

Feb. 26 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Reminder to all Auxiliary VFW members - dues are past due. Please get your 2008 card now.

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Kewanna Community Food Pantry
United Methodist Church
Open Thursdays by Appointment
Call 574-653-2201 or 574-653-9052

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Fulton County Library Dedication

The Fulton County Public Library will host an open house and dedication of its new addition from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2. Harp music will be provided by Cathy Trout and refreshments will be provided by "A Piece of Cake".

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Basic EMT class at Woodlawn

Woodlawn Hospital and Fulton County Emergency Medical Services will offer an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) class starting February 18. The class will meet every Monday and Thursday evening, February 18 to September 11, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Woodlawn Hospital ambulance garage. The cost for the class, including books, is \$500. Payment plans are available and class size is limited. For more information or to receive a registration packet, call 574-224-1131.

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Kewanna was in the dark for about 3½ hours Sunday evening when strong winds caused a NIPSCO electric line to snap in two at State Road 17 and Fulton County Road 100 South.

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The Caston varsity basketball team won its final regular season game Tuesday evening, defeating the Winamac Warriors at Winamac, 65-52. It was their fourth win of the season. The Comets lost two games over the weekend. They were defeated Friday evening by Tri-County, 45-21, and Saturday evening by Knox, 60-45. The Comets will play North White Friday evening Feb. 29 in the bye game of the sectional at Tri-County. They only have to win one game to advance to the championship game.

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KEWANNA TOWN HALL (Water & Sewage Payments)

308 S. Logan St.

Hours:

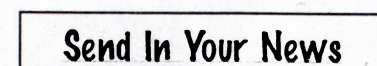
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays

or by

Appointment

574-653-2112

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Ford 54th annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: Feb. 15 - 24 in the Pepsi Coliseum, West Pavilion, South Pavilion, Champions Pavilion and Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fridays 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon. noon to 9 p.m.; Tues. - Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors (60+) \$9; children 6-12 \$7; children 5 and younger free. Advance tickets are available at Marsh and Village Pantry. Contact: Kevin Renfro (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

Indiana Motorcycle Expo: Feb. 21 - 24 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors (60+) \$9; children 6-12 \$7; children 5 and younger free. Advance tickets are available at Marsh and Village Pantry. Contact: Kevin Renfro (765) 641-7712 or www.indianamotorcycleexpo.com.

Food, Farm & Energy Gathering: Feb. 23 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10/person; \$25/family. Contact: Sustainable Earth (765) 463-9366.

Midwest Reptile Show: Feb. 24 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550.

Budweiser Championship Fight Night: Feb. 26 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bouts begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$20, \$30 and \$35. Contact: Jeannie Raymann (317) 927-7524.

Murat Shrine Circus: Feb. 28 - March 2 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Shows: Thurs. & Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission: Thurs. \$7; Fri. - Sun. \$7, \$13, \$15, \$18 and \$20. Free admission for school groups Thurs. & Fri. at 10 a.m. Information: (317) 635-2433.

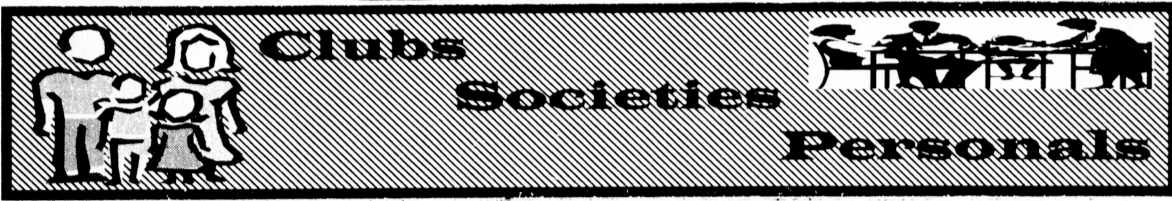
Putting for Partners - Indoor 18-Hole Putt Golf Fundraising Event: Feb. 29 in the Farm Bureau Building. Hours: 5 to 7 p.m. Admission: any household item or non-perishable food item for donation to Partners & Housing residents. Contact: Sharon Geiselman (317) 439-0141.

CFA Cat Show: March 1 - 2 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$4.50; children 4 - 12 \$2; seniors (60+) \$2.50; family of 5 \$11. Contact: Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573 or www.cfa.org.

Heirloom's Indianapolis Rubber Stamp & Paper Art Festival: March 1 - 2 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$8. Contact: Heirloom Productions (541) 574-8000 or www.heirloompro.com.

Chrysler Performance Trade Show & Swap Meet: March 1 - 2 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion & Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$8 per day; \$10 weekend pass. Contact: Carrie Rogers (317) 862-0226.

Recycling Dates
Thurs., Feb. 14th
and Feb. 28th



Church of Christ Hosts Valentine Banquet

The Kewanna Church of Christ hosted its annual Valentine banquet Saturday evening, February 16, with approximately 50 in attendance.

The evening started with the movie, "Snoopy's Valentine Kiss", followed by the speaker for the evening, Jeff Stride, of Logansport. His message was from the third chapter of 1 Peter.

Jill McNeely and Martha Sheridan prepared the meal, which was served by the youth.

Valentine bingo was played after the meal with Joyce Harwick calling.

A great evening of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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Double Baby Shower Held

The ladies of the Kewanna Church of Christ hosted a double baby shower Saturday afternoon, February 9. The guests of honor were Samantha Miller and

daughter Madyson and Alison Wentzel and daughter Olivia.

Games were played and refreshments enjoyed. The ladies enjoyed holding the babies while the moms opened the gifts. Those present for the occasion were Juanita Rude, Donna Rude, Judy Miller, Donna Cannedy, Ava Cannedy, Martha Ann Clark, Martha Sheridan, Lori Leach, Amanda and Loren Evers, Vicki Molitor, Sheri Steel, Jane Green, Marvin Good, Shirley Zartman and Darlene Fritz.

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Presentation on Seven Years War Sunday

J. H. Northrop of Akron will tell about re-enacting the Seven Years War at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Fulton County Museum. The public is invited to attend. His presentation will include history, clothing and accouterments involved in re-enactments of the war, the first world war ever.

Northrop is one of the founders of Seven Years War, Inc., and the Scots Greys, a British heavy cavalry unit renowned through history for its service record and use of grey horses. He will tell about George Washington's part in the Seven Years War from 1756-1763, and how Washington resigned, a fact that is usually overlooked in history. Washington is normally remembered as a successful general in the Revolutionary War and the country's first President.

Northrop will wear a uniform like that worn by Washington

during the war and explain how the war changed the modern world.

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CASTON MENU

February 25 - 29

Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy; corn, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - ham wrap and chips

Tuesday - Pasta with pepperoni meat sauce, lettuce salad, warm apple slices, garlic cheese biscuit and milk. Comet Café - pork barbecue and fries

Wednesday - Corn dog, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding and milk. Comet Café - pizza

Thursday - Turkey Manhattan, whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, gelatin and milk. Comet Café - chicken and onion rings

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, potatoes, pears, fudge stripe cookie, and milk. Comet Café - taco salad and breadsticks

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

February 25 - 29

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Cinnamon toast, yogurt, juice and milk

Wednesday - Muffin, string

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cheese, juice and milk
 Thursday - Cereal bar, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Burrito, corn, pears, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Taco snack, green beans, orange juice, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Hamburger sandwich, peas, grapes, cake and milk

Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday - Cheese pizza, corn, applesauce, cookie and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Three-meat pizza, corn, cookie, applesauce and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Hamburger, steak fries, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Hot dog, potatoes, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup and crackers, pickle spear, apple slices and milk. Choice - salad bar

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 25 - Cheeseburger sandwich, potato salad, California blend vegetables, cake and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Roast pork and gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple/cheese salad, roll and

milk
 Friday, Feb. 29 - Ham, toss salad, spinach, fruit salad, oatmeal bread and milk

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Meal site at local fire station

The Area Five Agency on Aging operates a meal site in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station serving lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Area residents who are 60 years of age or older are welcome to take part in the program.

For more information on the meal site, call Alvena Mollencupp at 653-2318.

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Healthcare Scholarships Available

The Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary will be awarding scholarships to Fulton County residents who are pursuing a career in healthcare. Graduating seniors may obtain applications from their high school guidance counselors. At-large applications may be obtained from Community Relations at Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. Ninth St., Rochester.

For more information, call Becky Rude, at Woodlawn Hospital, 574-224-1180. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2008.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 February 9
 Births - Brandon and Angelia Thomas, Argos, a daughter; Kimberly Davis, Rochester, a daughter
 February 11
 Admissions - Lona Schrimsher, Kewanna; Danielle Borg, Rochester
 Dismissals - Beulah Cox, Rochester
 Births - Rebeca Robbins, Liberty Mills, a son
 February 12
 Admissions - Tyrone Stidham, Rochester
 Dismissals - Paula Fruitt, Kimberly Davis and daughter and Danielle Borg, Rochester; Angelia Thomas and daughter, Argos
 February 13
 Admissions - Larry Mellott, Etna Green; Elnora Craig, Rochester
 Dismissals - Rebeca Robbins, Liberty Mills
 Births - Darin and Dana Miller, Silver Lake, a son
 February 14
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - David Alderfer, Mentone; Jayden Robbins, Liberty Mills
 Births - Joshua and Lisa Warner, Rochester, a daughter; Patricia Adams, Argos, a son
 February 15
 Admissions - Larry Bucks, Rochester
 Dismissals - David Besse, Kewanna; Tyrone Stidham, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 February 8
 Admissions - Virginia Michels, Monterey; Pauline Chapman, Culver; Gayle Gibson, Winamac
 Dismissals - David Rowlands and Robert Korner, Winamac
 February 9
 Admissions - Seair Davis, Star City
 February 10
 Admissions - Roberta Crull, Rochester; Raymond Maxwell and Heather Barnett, Winamac
 Dismissals - Gayle Gibson, Winamac
 February 11
 Dismissals - Seair Davis, Star City
 February 12
 Admissions - Dorothy Baker, Winamac

Dismissals - Roberta Crull, Rochester
 February 13
 Dismissals - Raymond Maxwell, Dorothy Baker, Norman Thompson and Orlyn Kasten, Winamac
 February 14
 Admissions - Orville Berns, Judy DeGroot and Thomas Shank, Winamac
 Dismissals - Pauline Chapman, Culver
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DEATHS

JOSEPH R. ZELLERS
 Former Kewanna resident Joseph R. Zellers, 68, Las Vegas, Nevada, died February 2, 2008. The 1957 Kewanna High School graduate was a retail sales person and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He also formerly owned and operated the Village Market in Kewanna. He is survived by three daughters, Debbie K. Hill, Kathryn Mitchell and Brenda Zellers; a son, Skip Mitchell; a companion Bobbi Rambo; and one brother, James R. Zellers. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at Palm Mortuary in Las Vegas. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.
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What is coronary artery disease?

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 Director of Media Marketing
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Coronary artery disease occurs when fatty deposits called plaque (plak) build up inside the coronary arteries. The coronary arteries wrap around the heart and supply it with blood and oxygen. When plaque builds up, it narrows the arteries and reduces the amount of blood that gets to your heart. This can lead to serious problems, including heart attack. When people understand the workings of their heart, they

may be better equipped to change their life style habits to improve over all health. February is national Heart Health Month, and Pulaski Memorial Hospital offers the following educational information.

Coronary artery disease (also called CAD) is the most common type of heart disease. It is also the number one killer of both men and women in the United States.

What causes coronary artery disease?

Coronary artery disease is caused by hardening of the arteries, or atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis occurs when plaque builds up inside the arteries. (Arteries are the blood vessels that carry oxygen-rich blood throughout your body.) Atherosclerosis can affect any artery in the body.

Plaque is a fatty material made up of cholesterol, calcium, and other substances in the blood. To understand why plaque is a problem, compare a healthy artery with an artery with atherosclerosis:

- A healthy artery is like a rubber tube. It is smooth and flexible, and blood flows through it freely. If your heart has to work harder, such as when you exercise, a healthy artery can stretch to let more blood flow to your body's tissues.
- An artery with atherosclerosis is more like a clogged pipe. Plaque narrows the artery and makes it stiff. This limits the flow of blood to the tissues. When the heart has to work harder, the stiff arteries can't flex to let more blood through, and the tissues don't get enough blood and oxygen.

FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS



February 19th, 2008
 CRIME / ACTIVITY: CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
 CASE NUMBER: 01-08-001
 LOCATION: 203 North Toner Street
 Kewanna, Indiana

SUMMARY: On 1-31-08 at approximately 7:45 P.M. the victim's dog was shot in the area of 203 North Toner Street. The dog is believed to have been shot with a high power pellet gun and it later died from the wound. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to \$1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to a recent AXA Equitable survey, eight in 10 working Americans say they've begun to prepare for retirement—starting on average at age 30. However, they do not anticipate being able to retire until the average age of 64.



Created by the American Chemical Society Office of Communications, Bytesize Science is an educational, entertaining podcast for young listeners. It can be found online at <http://feeds.feedburner.com/BytesizeScience> and at iTunes.

Olay is now helping women take the guesswork out of skincare by introducing an innovative new Web site, www.OlayForYou.com.

Home health care services topped the list of occupations with the most job growth. Agencies such as Interim HealthCare provide work opportunities in many different types of health care facilities. For more information, visit www.interimhealthcare.com.

To inspire romance and encourage couples to take that needed getaway, Princess Cruises—the "Love Boat" line—has created romantic programs both onboard and

online. For details, visit www.princess.com/romance.

DVDs from the "Play With Me Sesame" line encourage hands-on learning and help preschoolers learn to express themselves creatively, practice important cognitive concepts and cultivate social skills.

The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association has created an Easy Home Meals \$10,000 Sweepstakes that runs through the end of April. To enter and for more details and rules, visit www.EasyHomeMeals.com.

"When parents are able to read a baby's unique cues and signs, they lay the foundation for a great relationship," says Dr. Jennifer Rosinia, a registered occupational therapist and child development specialist. For tips to help soothe your baby, visit www.mysweetpeace.com.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT— INDIANA TOWN: KEWANNA COUNTY: FULTON
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES, AND INVESTMENTS BALANCES
(Including Utilities)

FUND	Cash			Investments		Total Cash	
	Balance January 1	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance at December 31	At December 31	And Investments	At December 31
General Fund.....	35,807.30	195,080.47	178,277.57	52,610.20			52,610.20
Motor Vehicle Highway.....	23,172.02	67,148.50	38,267.50	52,053.02			52,053.02
Local Road and Street.....	2,711.89	2,876.31	1,742.10	3,846.10			3,846.10
Law Enforcement Con't. Education.....		105.00	65.00	40.00			40.00
Riverboat Fund.....	15,489.76	3,871.74		19,361.50			19,361.50
Cumulative Capital Improv. (Cigarette Tax)	6,900.91	22,891.26	20,000.00	9,792.17			9,792.17
Cumulative Capital Imp Tax Levy.....	17,159.06	66,524.49	58,949.24	24,734.31	25,000.00		49,734.31
Rainy Day Fund.....	23,100.80	41,893.23	50,000.00	14,994.03	25,000.00		39,994.03
Water Utility—Operating.....	45,195.25	110,441.64	110,721.84	44,915.05			44,915.05
Water Utility—Bond and Interest.....	13,565.71	38,400.00	37,980.00	13,985.71			13,985.71
Water Utility - Customer Deposit.....	6,275.00	1,300.00	1,475.00	6,100.00			6,100.00
Water Utility - Improvement.....	5,692.28	6,000.00	7,432.43	4,259.85			4,259.85
Wastewater Utility - Operating.....	29,275.59	119,749.29	111,724.29	37,300.98			37,300.98
Wastewater Utility - Bond and Interest.....	803.21	45,600.00	43,627.50	2,775.71			2,775.71
Wastewater Utility - Improvement.....	6,414.89	4,800.00	4,829.98	6,384.91			6,384.91
Water Utility Debt Reserve.....	13,057.47	26,010.43	25,000.00	14,067.90	25,000.00		39,067.90
Wastewater Debt Reserve.....	2,586.65	46,974.24	45,000.00	4,560.89	45,000.00		49,560.89
Community Host Fee Fund.....	23,844.07	36,273.23	50,409.93	9,707.37	25,000.00		34,707.37
Brownfield Loan.....	2,225.67		2,225.67				
Donation.....	2,500.00		2,500.00				
SUBTOTAL ALL FUNDS.....	275,777.53	835,940.22	790,228.05	321,489.70	145,000.00		466,489.70
INVESTMENT SALES.....		205,000.00					
INVESTMENT PURCHASES.....			220,000.00				
TRANSFERS IN.....		114,800.00					
TRANSFERS OUT.....			114,800.00				
NET RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS.....		516,140.22	455,428.05				

A detailed Accounting of Receipts and Disbursements is on file in the Controller's/Clerk-Treasurer's Office and may be reviewed during business hours.

LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

FUNDS	Outstanding as of January 1, 2007			Outstanding As of Dec. 31, 2007		Interest Paid During 2007
	Issued During 2007	Retired During 2007	Outstanding as of January 1, 2007	Outstanding As of Dec. 31, 2007		
Water Utility.....	552,000.00	0	9,000.00	543,000.00	28,980.00	
Wastewater Utility.....	395,000.00	0	20,000.00	375,000.00	23,627.50	
TOTAL.....	947,000.00	0	29,000.00	918,000.00	52,607.50	

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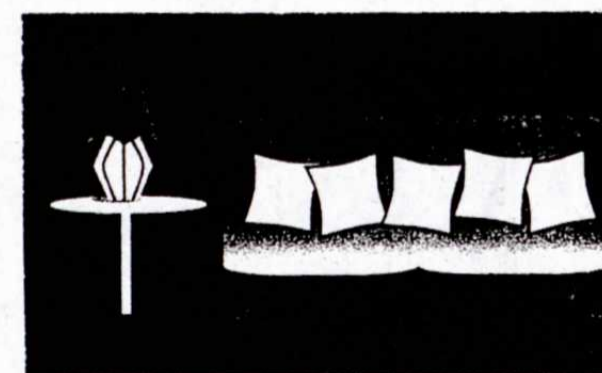
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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago February 19, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Fisher hosted a Sunday evening bridge party. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Heinsen held the high scores for the evening. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Partridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Skersick.

A box social and dance sponsored by the Kewanna Saddle Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Sayers Thursday evening, February 12. The social was a great success with approximately 70 members and guests present. Included in the guest list were several members of the Manitou Saddle Club and the Lake Cicott Saddle Club.

The Fulton post office will move to its new facilities in the building formerly occupied by the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Mrs. Belle Ayers, one of Kewanna's oldest residents, has a very interesting and rare plant in full bloom at her home. She purchased the rare sacred lily bulb, sometimes called a palm lily or snake lily 16 years ago. It has bloomed every year since, but one.

The Fulton County Poultry School Committee met at the

county agent's office in Rochester Saturday to plan a one-day poultry school which will be February 26. The committee is made up of one person from each township. Ralph Johnston is the representative from Union Township. Fred Hizer of Hizer Hatchery in Grass Creek is the Wayne Township representative on the committee. He also serves as secretary of the committee.

Fifty-Five Years Ago February 20, 1953

A 1951 Ford driven by Mrs. Helen Bonnell, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and a 1950 Buick driven by Harold Costello, Rt. 2, Kewanna, collided at the intersection by the Methodist church Thursday morning. Costello was alone in his car, but Mrs. Bonnell's child was a passenger in her vehicle. No one was injured.

Mrs. Merlene Kassebaum of near Fulton received a cablegram recently from an Army chaplain in Korea that her husband, S/Sgt. Joseph S. Kassebaum was wounded in action February 3 in Korea. He is hospitalized in Japan and is expected to arrive in the U.S. sometime in March. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kassebaum, operate the county line grocery and station, three miles south of Fulton on State Road 25.

Aubrey Zellers announced his resignation as school janitor recently. He was replaced by George Starr. Starr was the township assessor. Bert Goresline has replaced Starr in that position. Goresline had served in that position previously for many years.

The Kewanna Chapter No. 322 of the Order of Eastern Star met Thursday evening, February 17, and elected new officers for the ensuing year. They are: Virginia Gady, Worthy Matron; Elmer Gady, Worthy Patron; Louise Masteller, Associate Matron; Robert Masteller, Associate Patron; Ruth Ann Anderson, Conductress; Lera McKinney, Associate Conductress; Josephine Hyatt, treasurer; and Fae Culp, secretary.

Vicky, Linda and Ricky Harper are reported ill with the flu.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, February 15, in the Pleasant Hill EUB Church for Mrs. Guy Smith of South Bend, a former resident of here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sisinger and Jerry entertained at an oyster supper Sunday evening, February 15, for friends. The occasion was the completion of their new home and Mr. Sisinger's birthday.

Fifty Years Ago February 20, 1958

Walter Koebecke, 17-year-old Kewanna High School student, and his nine-year-old sister, Colleen, escaped with just a shaking up Tuesday, February 18, when the 1957 sedan he was driving was damaged to the extent of about \$800 as the result of a collision with a truck on the old Kewanna road, one mile northeast of here. The accident occurred when a tire in the panel truck, driven by Roland Mayhill, Logansport, rolled against the driver's leg as he approached the Koebecke vehicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hengel, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 2 in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Raymond Kruger. A family dinner will be enjoyed at noon and an open house for their friends will be held in the afternoon.

E.F. Smith, director of the Plymouth district of the H. J. Heinz

Co., has announced that the Kewanna brine plant may be closed down this year. He blamed the pending shut-down on a surplus of pickle cucumbers now on hand and the general "soft" business conditions.

Rites were held Saturday at the Foster and Good Funeral Home, Rochester, for Harrison Crabill Sr. who died Thursday in Woodlawn Hospital after an illness of five weeks. He was 90 years old.

Ball State Teachers College at Muncie reports that there are eight students registered there from this area. They are Ruth Bassler, Mary Burns, Dorothy Douglass, Sandra Fields, Francis Hendrickson, Doris Kreamer, Larry Mason and Kenneth Miller.

Forty Five Years Ago February 21, 1963

Betty Hendrickson, a senior at Kewanna High School, has been named as the winner of the Good Citizen Award for Fulton County in a contest sponsored by the Manitou chapter of the DAR.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter, Karen Reanna, born on Valentine's Day at Woodlawn Hospital.

The Grass Creek Fire Department was called to the Paul Bauman farm Wednesday evening to extinguish a blaze which destroyed a 20 x 20 farrowing house. The structure housed several sows and baby pigs. All were saved except for one sow and some small pigs.

Luanne Adams, Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at Taylor University where she is a senior.

Mrs. Clarence Robbins, Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a pink and blue shower Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Joe Collins. Misses Martha and Janet Smith were the hostesses. Contest prizes were won by Mrs. Larry Kruger and Gladus Wharton. Mrs. Kruger also received the door prize.

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet was held February 16 at the Kewanna Methodist Church with 74 Scouts and family members present. The meeting was opened by Den 1 with Danny Hassenplug

and Jonathen Masteller carrying the flags.

Forty Years Ago February 15, 1968

Sp/4 Donald Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cochran, Kewanna, is spending a 30-day leave in the home of his parents. Cochran, a cook, is stationed at Long Binh, Vietnam. He reports back for duty February 21.

Airman Charlotte Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been graduated from U.S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Texas. She was trained as a medical specialist and has been assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command at Eglin AFB, Florida.

Jim Bitterling, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and James Perry, Rt. 3, Kewanna, were among the students who graduated mid-year from Purdue University. Bitterling received a bachelors degree in industrial management and Perry received a master of science degree in industrial engineering.

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Kewanna residents are reminded that they now need a permit if they plan to build or remodel. In fact, all residents of Fulton County now need the permits to build, add a garage or deck, etc. Town of Kewanna residents can obtain their permits at the Kewanna Town Hall, 308 S. Logan Street. If you are a resident of the town, the permit is free as long as you acquire it before you start your building or remodeling project. If you live outside of the corporate limits you must get your permit from the Area Plan director, Suite 012, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

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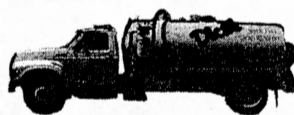
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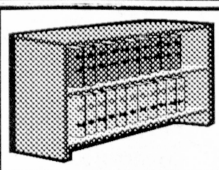
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The next meeting of the library board will be Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m. in the library.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

General Fiction Unabridged Audiobooks— *Showdown on The Hogback* written by Louis L'Amour, read by Grover Gardner, 5 hours in length on 4 cassettes; *Son of A Wanted Man* written by Louis L'Amour, multi-voiced presentation, 3 hours in length on 3 cassettes; *Trace* written by Patricia D. Cornwell, read by Kate Reading, 12.5 hours in length on 8 cassettes; *A Treasure Worth Seeking* written by Sandra Brown, read by Joyce Bean, 6 hours in length on 4 cassettes; *True Believer* written by Nicholas Sparks, read by David Baker, 7 hours in length on 7 cassettes; *Two Little Girls in Blue* written by Mary Higgins Clark, read by Jan Maxwell, 9 hours in length on 6 cassettes; *Unlucky in Law* written by Perri

O'Shaughnessy, read by Laurel Merlington, 12 hours in length on 8 cassettes; *A Wedding in December* written by Anita Shreve, read by Linda Emond, 9.5 hours in length on 6 cassettes; and *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* written by Agatha Christie, read by Emilia Fox, 7.25 hours in length on 5 cassettes.

JUVENILES:

Ages 10 and Under General Fiction— (from the Dora the Explorer series) *Dora had A Little Lamb* by Elle D. Risco, *Dora Saves Mermaid Kingdom* by Michael Teitelbaum and *Dora's Christmas Parade* by Leslie Valdes and (from the Care Bears series) *Oopsy Does It* by Samantha Brooke and *Christmas Cheer* by Sonia Sander.

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Recycling Dates
Thurs., Feb. 14th
and Feb. 28th

LOCALS

Jerry and Kay Brown attended basketball games Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Rochester to watch their granddaughter, Leighnee Smith, who plays on the eighth grade team.

Julian and Theresa Hinshaw of Monrovia were Friday visitors of Jerry and Kay Brown.

Jerry and Kay Brown were guests of honor at a gathering held Saturday evening at Pappa's in Culver in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Helping them celebrate the occasion were Mark and Mick Brown, Mike and Susan McKinney, Mike and Kathy Brown, Tom and Angela Smith, Mary K. Williamson and Carol Fernandez.

The Browns were also honored at a reception hosted by their children Sunday at the Rochester Elks. Around 70 relatives and friends from Kewanna, Rochester, Winamac, Culver, Brownsburg, Warsaw, Mishawaka, Columbia City, Manilla, Lawrenceburg, Bloomington, Decatur, MI, Dayton, OH, and Kennesaw, GA were in attendance.

Carol Fernandez of Kennesaw, Georgia is spending a few days visiting her mother, Mary K. Williamson.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a couple of visitors Sunday. Joining them early in the day for a family chat was their granddaughter, Andrea Yocum of Indianapolis. Later in the day, they were joined by their son, Gary Evers of Michigan City, for a visit.

Mathilda Lamb enjoyed celebrating her 86th birthday at an open house with friends and family Sunday. The event was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Over 70 persons from

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio were in attendance. Tilly had a wonderful time seeing some of her relatives for the first time "in quite some time" and catching up on all the family news. She is grateful for all those who joined her to celebrate 86 years of life and love.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and Nick had company when they returned to Lake Bruce Sunday afternoon. Arriving earlier in the day and having dinner on the table was the LaFollettes' daughter and Nick's mother, Karina Bohac.

Jackie Heidenreich had a nice time Sunday evening. She attended a party held in honor of her great-granddaughter, Ema Kay's birthday. The party and dinner were hosted by Ema's parents, Jennifer and Marcus Kay.

Joe and Karen Good visited with Jeff and Tonya Good and family in Indianapolis Saturday and enjoyed watching their granddaughter, Allie, play basketball.

A note from one of his neighbors: Bobby Broda has received the latest fashion in warmth wear. Check with Bobby and he might model it for you. He also received something hot and spicy for the lady-in-green.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Bev Barnett, Nancy Evers, Verl Kreamer and Edward Robson, Feb. 24; Corrine Kimble, Curtis Pesaresi and Megan Weller, Feb. 25; Amanda Gregor, Leslie Rouch, Abby Sommers and Tiffany Troutman, Feb. 26; Stephanie Baldwin, Ellie Cohagen, Helen Miller, Joyce Miller, Zack Whiteman and Chevy Wolfe, Feb. 27; Tyler Downhour, Brock Hinderlider, Daniel Kreamer and Hannah Whiteman, Feb. 28; and Kathie Brown, Kay Brown, Amber Doty,

Howard Hickle, Betty McKinney, Lauren Metzger, John Mollencupp Jr., Charlie

Richardson and Mackenzie Wassermann, Mar. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Troutman will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Feb. 24 and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangel will be celebrating theirs Feb. 27.

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Dear EarthTalk: Everybody says stop using plastic bags, but what about all the plastic, cellophane, cardboard and other materials used for packaging the food itself? What can we do to reduce how much of this unnecessary stuff comes wrapped around our food? -- Sunil Sreedharan, Mumbai, India

Yes, food packaging is a big problem in North America as well as elsewhere around the world, with landfills filling up and recyclers facing a glut of materials to process. It's hard to say just how much of the 130 million tons of paper, plastic and metals that get tossed or sorted for recycling in major U.S. cities is from food packaging, but the percentage is no doubt sizable. The main problem is in the psychology of marketing: Manufacturers know that products in big flashy-looking packages attract more buyers.

A 1994 European Union directive requires companies operating in its 27 member nations to take back and recycle (or otherwise deal with, taking the burden off of local communities) at least 60 percent of their packaging waste, including that used for food items. But no such "producer pays" laws, which provide incentive for manufacturers to cut back on waste to begin with, exist in the United States or Canada. As such, it falls to consumers to patronize stores and manufacturers that minimize packaging.

One way to take a bite out of packaging is to buy as much in bulk as your family can keep up with. It may take longer to get through that gigantic box of cereal you got at Costco, but think of all the cardboard and plastic your bulk purchase saved over buying several small boxes. Similarly, instead of sending the kids off to school every day with a new juice box in the lunch bag, how about a safe metal or plastic reusable, washable container that you can refill each morning from the gallon jug you keep in the fridge?

Another way to forego packaging is to reduce time spent in large supermarkets, where wasteful product packaging rules. Most natural foods stores have large bulk-buying sections so you can haul away in large paper or plastic bags the equivalent of many containers of beans, pastas, rice or other staples. Frequenting local farmers' markets—armed with your reusable shopping tote, of course—is another way to keep food packaging out of your home. The website Local Harvest offers a free searchable database of farms across the U.S. that run Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs and participate in farmers' markets.

It's worth noting that we tend to toss way too much food packaging where a quick rinse would make the same cans, jars and jugs useful storage containers or quality recycling fodder. Soup cans, for example, can easily be

recycled into new steel and are collected universally by municipal recycling programs. And while you're buying soup, opt for the family size cans and save leftovers instead of buying single-serving containers. Even when packaging material is recyclable, there's no reason to waste it, as even recycling uses resources and costs money.

Beyond shopping and sorting more responsibly, individuals also have the power of their voices to pressure food makers to cut back on packaging. You can also try to persuade your elected officials to look into the feasibility of enacting "producer pays" laws in your community, city or state. And you can talk to co-workers, friends, relatives and others about the importance of buying in bulk and reducing waste.

CONTACTS: European Union Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive, <http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/vb/l21207.htm>; Local Harvest, www.localharvest.org.

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Tips for first-time homebuyers

By Jason Alderman

It's no secret that the bubble has fully burst in the real estate market and that millions of homeowners are facing severe financial hardships as home values drop and adjustable mortgage rates shoot upward.

On the flip side, those same rising interest rates, combined with increasingly stringent lending requirements, have left many potential homebuyers out in the cold. If that's your story, here are a few steps that can get you back in the real estate game:

Boost your savings. Many people are in financial hot water today because they bought homes they really couldn't afford using risky loans with features like 0 percent down, negative amortization (where your monthly payment doesn't cover interest owed and unpaid interest gets tacked onto the loan amount) or balloon payments due after a few years.

To avoid those traps, you should save enough for at least a 10 percent down payment. Also, when calculating how much you can afford to spend each month, don't forget other home-related expenses like property taxes, homeowner's insurance, private mortgage insurance (for down payments under 20 percent), repairs and utilities. Some experts suggest allocating up to an extra 40 percent of your monthly mortgage payment in your budget for related expenses.

Develop a budget. Step one to

meeting any long-term savings goal is to create a detailed budget so you know exactly what's coming in, what's going out, how much you need to save and how long it will take. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site created by Visa, features a complete guide to creating a livable budget, along with interactive budgeting tools and calculators (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting).

The site also contains a nine-step guide to homeownership, including preparations to qualify for financing and how different mortgages work (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/homeowner). As always, consult a financial professional for questions about your particular situation.

Improve your credit score. Even with thousands of dollars banked for a down payment, you may find it's difficult to qualify for a mortgage if you can't demonstrate a solid track record of obtaining and paying loans - or worse, if you have a history of late payments or exceeding credit card limits.

The three major credit bureaus - Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (www.transunion.com) - track

your credit history and use the information to compile credit reports. This credit history is also used to create three-digit credit scores that lenders employ to determine whether you're a suitable credit risk. Poor scores could either prevent you from qualifying for a mortgage or dramatically increase the interest rate you'd have to pay.

To know where you stand, order your credit reports and review them carefully for errors or fraudulent activity. You can order one free credit report per year from each bureau through www.annualcreditreport.com. If you go through the credit bureaus' own sites, you'll be charged a small fee.

To learn more about credit reports and credit scores and how to improve them, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website (www.ftc.gov/credit), www.myfico.com run by Fair Isaac, or Visa's free www.WhatsMyScore.org site, where you can get a free estimate of your credit score.

The only silver lining in the current real estate crisis is that tougher credit standards may prevent you from inadvertently getting in over your head. Take advantage of that warning and get your own finances on a firm foundation before you build a house on it.

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Maritime Defense: A Sinking Feeling

by Ed Feulner

Even the strongest military powers are often paralyzed by an age-old weakness: They tend to focus on past threats rather than future ones.

For Example, on Sept. 11, 2001, NORAD was conducting military exercises aimed at protecting North America's skies from Russian bombers. Meanwhile, a handful of terrorists were turning commercial jets into a different type of bomb.

No, our military can't always see where the next threat is coming from. But by aggressively tracking any potential threats, we can minimize surprises. And being wary has other advantages. If a competitor knows we're watching closely, it will conclude that any attack is likely to fail, and seek to advance its interests through peaceful means.

Which brings us to China. There's no logical reason for China to become a military threat to America. The Asian giant is growing its economy by leaps and bounds through trade with the U.S., and that ought to continue for decades to come.

However, Beijing's communist leaders may have other ideas. Last year China flexed some military muscle by destroying one of its own weather satellites. The message: Our eyes in the sky could be neutralized. Since our military relies on satellites for 90 percent of its critical intelligence, telecommunications and surveillance, that's unnerving, to say the least.

Then there's our pledge to defend democratic Taiwan. It already faces at least 1,200 ballistic and long-range cruise missiles pointed at it from the Chinese mainland.

Perhaps more ominously, China is launching submarines at a breakneck speed. Over the past six years, it has acquired some 37 modern diesel-electric boats and two nuclear-attack subs quiet enough to elude our countermeasures. Last year alone, U.S. satellites spotted two new nuclear ballistic missile subs with 12 launch tubes each - representing at least 72 new nuclear warheads atop 24 state-of-the-art ICBMs.

Chinese subs are difficult to track and can now operate throughout the Western Pacific Ocean. All new Chinese subs have become impossible to locate without active sonar.

Obviously, our navy needs to test the latest sonar technology in the Pacific. But legal maneuvers are thwarting military ones.

Last year U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper banned sonar tests within a 12-nautical-mile zone off the west coast. Such tests, she said, could harm marine life, including whales.

Yet the chief of naval operations says that area is critical to national defense. "The southern California operating area provides unique training opportunities that are vital to preparing our forces, and the planned exercises cannot be postponed without impacting national security," Adm. Gary Roughead announced last month.

To allow the tests to proceed, President Bush granted the Navy an exemption. Obeying the judge's orders would "undermine the Navy's ability to conduct

realistic training exercises that are necessary to ensure the combat effectiveness of carrier and expeditionary strike groups," Bush said.

Now Judge Cooper has struck back. She's overruled the administration and reinstated her ban, a decision immediately cheered by environmentalists. And another U.S. magistrate has extended the ban. Elizabeth Laporte has ruled the Navy must establish sonar-free zones in several places, including seas near Monterey Bay, the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Australia, the Mediterranean and Hawaii. Think our military competitors will obey such restrictions?

On matters of defense, our country should defer to the military, not to judges. Our Navy says it needs to test its sonar in the Pacific, since it would be those systems - not some legal declarations - that would protect us if we are attacked.

"Attack (your enemy) where he is unprepared," Sun Tzu writes in *The Art of War*. "Appear where you are not expected." The Sept. 11 terrorists certainly did that. Will we, in the interest of coddling a few whales, leave ourselves vulnerable again?

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org)

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Understanding Our Environment

Where Have The Bees Gone?

(NAPS)—While recent headlines have been buzzing with news of vanishing honeybee colonies—known as "Colony Collapse Disorder" (CCD)—evidence suggests disappearing bees are nothing new.

Late in 2006, reports began circulating that beekeepers had been mysteriously losing millions of honeybees.



Scientists have been working to explain the disappearance of honeybee colonies.

According to CropLife Foundation, a group created to promote and advance sustainable agriculture and the environmentally sound use of crop protection products, scientific literature describes similar bee disappearances around the globe over the past 50 to 60 years, and even as early as the 19th century. The group examined possible causes of CCD. Highlights from its new brochure include:

- No correlation has been found between CCD and insecticide exposure.
- Studies of bees remaining in collapsed colonies have found high levels of pathogens in the insects.
- One new virus—the Israeli acute paralysis virus—was identified as a primary suspect in CCD.

For more information or a free brochure on the CCD issue, visit www.croplifefoundation.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana will be, until the 29th day of February, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., EST. will receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of said county for the following items in accordance with specifications available of the office of the Auditor, County Annex Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana, 46975. Bids will be opened on March 3, 2008 at or about 9:30 a.m. EST.

2008 Police Vehicle Interceptor
 Minimum Wheelbase - 110 inches
 Minimum Engine - 3.8 Liter
 Minimum Transmission-Electronic Overdrive
 Minimum Overall Length - 200.0 inches
 Minimum Overall Width - 72.9 inches
 Minimum Standard Drive Axel
 Minimum Anti-Lock Brakes with Traction Control

Minimum Single Key System
 Minimum Keyless Entry, 2 FOBS Per Unit
 Minimum Heavy Duty Wheels
 Minimum Power Steering Cooler and Oil Cooler
 Minimum Heavy Duty Frame and Body Mounts
 Minimum 50-50 Driver Side Power Seat with Arm Rest

Minimum Spotlight
 Minimum A.M./F.M. and CD
 Minimum Cloth Seats
 Minimum Speed Control
 Minimum A/C with Heater and Heated Mirrors
 Minimum Power Windows and Door Locks
 Vehicle Setup and Tear Down to be Added to Price of Vehicle \$1,700.00
 110 Watt Motorola Mobile Radio \$2,105.00
 Vehicle Emergency Lights \$1,000.00
 ** Bid with Trade and Without Trade
 Trade would be subject to delivery of New Vehicles.

2008 Sport Utility Vehicle
 Minimum Wheelbase - 109 inches or longer
 Minimum Engine - V-8, 4.6 L O H C
 Minimum Transmission-Electronic Overdrive
 Minimum Alternator 95 Amp. Or Better
 Minimum 4-Wheel Drive Electronic
 Minimum 4-Wheel Drive Anti-Lock Brakes with Traction Control
 Minimum Keyless Remote, 2 FOBS Per Unit
 Minimum Spotlight included-after delivery
 Minimum A.M./F.M. and CD
 Minimum Cloth Seats
 Minimum Power Windows and Door Locks
 Minimum 50-50 Driver Side Power Seat
 Minimum Speed Control
 Minimum A/C with Heater and Heated Mirrors

Vehicle Setup and Tear Down to be Added to Price of Vehicle \$1,700.00
 110 Watt Motorola Mobile Radio \$2,105.00
 Vehicle Emergency Lights \$1,000.00
 ** Bid with Trade and Without Trade
 Trade would be subject to delivery of New Vehicles.

All bids to exclude State and Federal Taxes. Each bidder is to state time of delivery. Bid with trade and without trade. Trade will be subject to delivery of new vehicles. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Each bid item shall be separated and sealed and be submitted in

DUPLICATE ON FORM 95
 Prescribed on the State Board of Accounts, obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's Office, and each bidder shall accompany his bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Board of Commissioners in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of Contract.

Board of Commissioners
 Richard A. Powell
 Roger D. Rose
 Mark Rodriguez

ATTEST: Denise J. Chandler
 Fulton County Auditor
 Pub. Feb. 6 and Feb. 20, 2008

RESOLUTION 020608
 A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2008.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Park and Recreation Board has established that they will meet on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 5:00 local time in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Park and Recreation Board have established meeting times as set out under Indiana Code 36-2-2-6 et. Seq.;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Fulton County Park and Recreation Board that:
 1. The Fulton County Park and Recreation Board will meet on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. local time in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.
 2. Other meetings will be scheduled and a public notice will be given.

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2008.
 FULTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
 Bill Walsh, President
 Mary Chesser, Vice President
 Ernest L. Hiatt
 Douglas G. Oakes
 Sheila Kindig

ATTEST: Jean E. Cloud,
 Park and Recreation Board Secretary
 Pub. 2/21/08

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, February 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH hospice center. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

PMH is offering a breast-feeding class Saturday, March 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the PMH conference center. The course offers information about the benefits of breast-feeding for both mother and baby; how to get started breast-feeding; how to develop a good supply of milk; and problem solving. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2193, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, February 23, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new

baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information. This is a free service offered by PMH.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, March 6, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH social services offices. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, please call our grief counselor for information at 574-946-2147.

A one day prenatal class will be held Saturday, March 8, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. in the PMH conference center. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet March 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Abused? Home shouldn't hurt. Call the crisis center at 1-800-933-0374, 24 hours a day. The crisis center offers emergency shelter, complete confidentiality, support groups, and crisis intervention. The staff acts on behalf of the client with service agencies, serving Jasper, Newton and Pulaski counties.

PMH is offering a heart saver CPR class March 25. The class starts at 6 p.m. and will end at approximately 10 p.m. The cost per person is \$40. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration

form or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited so call early and reserve your place.

946-2193 to have a registration form sent to you or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited so call early to reserve your space.

PMH is offering a Health Care Provider CPR class Tuesday, February 26. Class starts at 6 p.m. and will end approximately 10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Please register by calling 574-

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In Memory...

JOHN E. "JACK" HOGAN
 March 8, 2007

In memory of a loving father and husband with a warm, gentle nature. Always smiling, laughing eyes. He could make you feel better with a hug when things weren't going right. So many memories of wonderful, happy years with him.

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We love you always,
 Florence, Michael, Kathy,
 Wendy, Alice, Janice and grandchildren

Thank You...

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Jerry and Kay Brown

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anniversary open house held in honor of Jerry and Katherine Brown Sunday. The event was held at the Elks lodge in Rochester and hosted by their children.
Wilma Wilson was among

those who enjoyed attending the birthday open house held in honor of Mathilda Lamb Sunday. The event was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna and hosted by her family.



Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Monday evening, Feb. 11. She had an exciting time attending the 7th grade girls' basketball game. Her great-granddaughter, Whitney Hook, is a player for Winamac.

Barb LaFollette and her mother, Pauline Eikenberry, spent Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Kokomo. They had a wonderful time shopping and dining together during their ladies-day-out trip.

Bruce Bangel of Indianapolis spent several days during the week as a working houseguest of his parents, Earl and Mary Bangel.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Wednesday, Feb. 13. Coming over for a visit and bringing along lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City.

Pauline and Julie Brown had callers Wednesday afternoon. Stopping by with Valentine's Day gifts were Wendy Sutton, Jake, Luke and Tanner.

Bob and Carol Broda, Hugh and Maryelynn Tennent and Tom and Barb LaFollette were among those who enjoyed attending the chicken bash dinner Wednesday evening. The event was held at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Helen Whiteman enjoyed attending the 7th grade girls' basketball game in Winamac Wednesday evening. She had a fun time watching Whitney Hook participate in the game.

Barbara Brown and Sharlene Haimbaugh of Rochester and Pauline Brown enjoyed a visit over lunch at the Paradise Family truck stop near Rochester Thursday, Feb. 14.

Tom and Shirley Miller of Sharpsville and Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Thursday evening. They enjoyed attending the Rochester VFW post's annual Valentine's Day dinner.

Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac were frequent visitors of Louis' parents, Mary and Earl Bangel, throughout the week.

Tim Cogdill of Macy was a Friday morning, Feb. 15, visitor of his mother, Ruth Cogdill. Ruth was very happy to see Tim as she and the rest of the family had received sad news Thursday morning. Ruth's granddaughter, Rachel Cogdill, who lives in Indianapolis, was hit by a car that morning while crossing the street in front of her apartment. She is in the Methodist Hospital intensive care unit under the care of orthopedic surgeons. Rachel is the daughter of Jim Cogdill of Lebanon and Hope Cogdill of Monticello. Tim did have some good news for his mom. His granddaughter, Alexandria Baker, (daughter of Gennifer and Eric Baker of Kokomo) underwent testing at Riley Hospital for Children Thursday. Alexandria's prognosis is good after seeing a pediatric urologist. She has been having kidney problems for over a year, so this was good news for the family.

Helen Miller had a houseguest

over the weekend. Arriving Friday for a three-day visit was her daughter, Judy Scott of Frankfort.

Pauline and Don Scales had a working visitor Saturday, Feb. 16. Joining them in the morning for a family chat and tackling a few chores was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Several ladies of the Tomlinson family met Saturday in South Bend for a wonderful outing. Gathering for the day-long excursion were Ruth Ann Anderson, Beth Weller and Joyce Luhnnow of here; Becky Lincoln,

Sara Edwards and Kahlan, Joyce Rice and Karla Fagan of South Bend; Jennie Carey of Plymouth; Andrea Kumler and Kim Kumler of LaFontaine; Linda Tufts and Beth Ann Deckard of Lebanon, Ohio; and Leslie Halterman and Lauren of Madison, Wisconsin. The ladies enjoyed brunch at Angelo's restaurant before attending "Shipshewana on The Road" at the Century Center.

Romayne Wentzel had a couple of visitors Saturday. Coming over for a family chat were her son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Jeri Wentzel of Hicksville, Ohio.

Linda Garner traveled to Valparaiso Saturday. She enjoyed a visit with her daughter and family, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie.

Ruth Cogdill had a couple of callers Saturday afternoon. Her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki of Winamac, stopped by for a short visit. Linda had brought groceries for her mom knowing that if this week got cold and snowy, Ruth would not be going anywhere. Linda and Gordon were heading for the VFW post in Rochester to enjoy a postponed Christmas party. Linda is employed by Tom Halleck Farms of Winamac and the weather had postponed the company party until Saturday evening.

Helen Miller and Judy Scott were Saturday afternoon visitors of Margaret Kistler at Rochester. During the visit, Judy picked up some carry-outs from the local Wendy's restaurant for the group to enjoy.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had a busy day Saturday. They began their day by attending an auction north of Winamac in the morning. In the afternoon, they picked up their grandson, Nick Bohac of Rochester, for an overnight visit to LaPorte. They had a fun time staying as guests of the LaFollettes' son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas. In the evening, the group attended a performance of the play "That's The Spirit." Michele had the part of Ann Boleyn.

Roy, Cathy and John Elzy of Louisville, Kentucky were Saturday overnight houseguests of Mathilda Lamb.

The members of the Kewanna Church of Christ enjoyed their annual Valentine's Day banquet Saturday evening.

Joan and Mike Gallagher and Chris of Wilmington, Ohio

arrived very, very early Sunday morning, Feb. 17, for a visit with Joan's mother, Mathilda Lamb.

Ellen Walsh was among those who enjoyed attending the



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