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Gutwein will not seek re-election

State Representative Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer) has announced that he will forego a re-election bid to the Indiana General Assembly in House District 16, which encompasses Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Pulaski and White counties.

"After much soul-searching and discussion with those closest to me, I have decided the time is right to take a sabbatical from public life," Gutwein said. "I will serve out the remainder of my term, and plan to remain an active contributor to Republican causes, but will not run for office in 2008."

Representative Gutwein has served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives since 2002 and was former chairman and current Ranking Republican Member of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and served as a member of the Labor and Employment and Natural Resources Committees. His priority while serving in the General Assembly was to author the bill that created the Indiana Department of Agriculture in 2005.

A former president and CEO of businesses including Fred Gutwein and Sons, Inc., Flora Seeds, FG and S Trucking, and Indiana Small Plots, Gutwein resides in Rensselaer with his wife, Cyndi Amster Gutwein. He has five children and 10 grandchildren. He is also a longtime supporter of the Republican Party on local, state and federal levels. In addition, he is a member of the Rotary Club and the Saint Joseph's College Council of Fellows.

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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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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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Recycling Dates
Thurs., Mar. 13th
& Mar. 27th

Another Gutwein seeking House District 16 seat

Francesville town council president Douglas L. Gutwein has announced his candidacy for State Representative in House District 16.

Gutwein, the cousin of current State Representative Eric A. Gutwein, said, "We are facing an important time for our State. It is time to rethink what we expect from our representatives and leaders in state government. Now is the time of great opportunities for Indiana and we must embrace them. Within my own line of work, I will continue to promote and fight for issues important to the citizens of District 16."

Gutwein was born in Monon and graduated from Francesville High School in 1966. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served 18 months in Germany and also served in Vietnam. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service for nine years in Valparaiso and then worked for FTC Products Corp., a manufacturing company based out of Francesville and then purchased the company and has been running it since 1986. In 1992, he replaced an outgoing incumbent on the Francesville town council, and has served as council president for the past 12 years.

"I'm ready for a new challenge in my life and think I have a lot of great qualities that make me a viable and worthy candidate for the Indiana General Assembly," Gutwein said. "I'm really excited and this will be a unique challenge that I am confident I can surmount."

Community involvement has been important to Gutwein. He is a member of the American Legion and former member of the Lions Club and also served on the Pulaski County Human Services, Inc. board. He and his wife, Mary Lew, reside in Francesville and have been married 27 years. They have two children and one grandchild.

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Oven steak dinner at VFW

The James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 will serve an oven steak dinner Friday evening, Feb. 29, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the post on Railroad Street, Kewanna. The cost will be a free will donation.

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Reutebuch announces candidacy for house seat

Pulaski County Council member William "Bill" Reutebuch filed his candidacy for the Indiana House District 16 Tuesday, February 19.

Reutebuch, a Democrat and second generation small business owner, understands the need to recruit and retain quality jobs with good benefits. Bill has pledged to work tirelessly to represent the needs of Hoosier families at the State House.

Bill also will focus on four policy areas: property taxes, agriculture, education and health care. Most importantly, he promises to be a representative who will listen to his constituents and take their concerns to the Statehouse.

"The most important thing an elected official can do is reach out and make sure everyone is being heard," Reutebuch said. "Whether we're talking about property taxes, agriculture, education or the high cost of health care, it's important that no one is left out."

Reutebuch's experience working across party lines in county government will be helpful in working toward the common goal of doing what's best for the people of District 16.

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Fish and chicken fry, March 1

The Fulton County Historical Power Association will serve its annual fish and chicken fry from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds. The fish and chicken will be prepared Jonah Club style and cooked in cholesterol free oil. Carry-outs will be available.

Proceeds from the fish and chicken fry will help finance the Power Show, June 20-22, at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds.

Tickets are available from Power Association members or the museum office at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-11. Children age five and under may eat free. Tickets purchased at the door will be fifty cents higher.

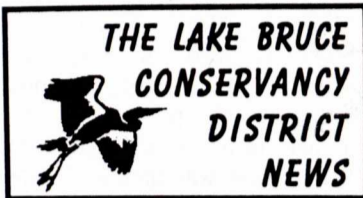
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Benefit breakfast, March 8

Weekday Religious Education will serve a breakfast Saturday, March 8, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Twelve Mile community building. The cost of the meal is a free will donation. The menu will include sausage gravy and biscuits, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, grits, fruit cup, coffee cake, donuts, coffee and orange juice.

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Send In Your News



The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its annual meeting and election of directors and officers Thursday, February 21, in the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station community room. Four of the five directors were present as well as 10 freeholders and two guests.

The first order of business was to announce that Kathy Fisher, Brad Glasson and Rick Tompos had been elected to four-year terms on the board of directors. Glasson and Tompos were sworn in by the chairman, Norm Steigely. Kathy Fisher, who is in Florida, will be administered the oath of office when she returns. Officers elected for 2008 include Norm Steigely, chairman/secretary; Gerald Porter, vice chairman; and Rick Tompos, treasurer.

The minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved as was the treasurer's report. Correspondence received during the month was discussed.

The chairman reported that the group's website (www.LB CD.info) services had been renewed for another year. He noted that the conservancy should hear from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sometime in March on whether it would be awarded funds for Phase 2 of the dredging project. He also said he had talked with Tennent's Dredging and they will level off the holding area site as soon as it dries up enough to get the equipment in.

Options were discussed for acquiring office space for the district. It was decided that more information is needed before a decision can be made.

The treasurer, Rick Tompos, introduced Bill Zartman of Quality Assurance, Inc., who handles billing for sewer districts. As stated at the January meeting, the bills went out this week and they were for two months, January and February. Bill explained the coupon book system that allows people to pay ahead if they desire. They must send a coupon for each month they are paying. As expected, the conservancy district is having some problems in the initial data base. Sewer patrons are asked to have patience as the district works to correct any problems. Sewer customers are asked to get correct information to the district so any mistakes can be corrected. Patrons can do this by sending any corrections with their payments or by contacting one of the directors.

Option forms have been sent to all people the district has identified as having vacant lots. It is important that those people with vacant lots let the district know what option they want to use. Since a connection fee of

\$6,300 will be charged for any connections to the sewer system after the project is completed, any freeholder with a vacant lot has the option to pay the monthly debt service charge of \$46.88 and eliminate any further connection fee. If a person is planning to build on a vacant lot they may want to exercise this option. If you have a vacant lot and did not receive an option form, notify the district.

Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave his monthly progress report. He presented the schedule for the contractor that is building the treatment plant and vacuum stations. It shows they plan to have it all operational around mid-September. The schedule for the contractor laying the collection lines is due next week. However, they have already stated that they must have their work done by sometime in October.

Steigely reported that the district has closed on the property for the treatment plan this week and REMC is already putting in poles for the electric service so the contractors can start their work.

Lake Enhancement Chairman Gerald Porter gave a report. He noted that requested revisions on the five-year plan that was submitted to the DNR are now taking place. V-3, who prepared the plan, is making those corrections. He also said he believes that the district should not make application for membership in the Lake Enhancement Association at this time. He is already a member and qualified to attend all meetings, so another membership would just be a duplication and additional cost.

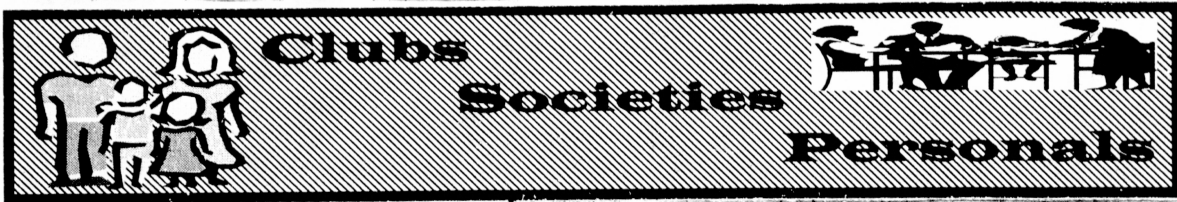
Steigely turned in his resignation as secretary effective June 1, 2008. He will continue to serve as a board member, however. The hours needed to keep up with the conservancy business is more than what the group can expect from a volunteer. The conservancy district is searching for a qualified person who can devote a minimum of 20 hours a week. Anyone who feels that they could do the job should let one of the directors know. This person does not have to live at the lake, but lake residents will be given more consideration.

The group's website has been taking a back seat to other pressing matters lately. In an effort to keep it as current as possible, Brad Glasson will be taking over the updating of the site in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The group's next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the community room. All meetings are open to freeholders and other interested parties.

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Annual antique show, March 7 & 8

Mental Health America of Fulton County will host its 10th annual antique show Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Rochester. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission will be \$3 and food will be available. Early buyers can shop for quality antiques and collectibles Thursday, March 6, from 5-7 p.m. at a cost of \$5, which includes a 3-day pass.

Attendees can have their own antiques appraised Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A fee will be charged for appraisals.

Metea Class of '53 enjoys dinner

The 1953 graduating class of Metea High School met Saturday evening, February 16, at Amelio's in Logansport for dinner. Everyone enjoyed talking about "the good old days" and what they have been doing. Several pictures were taken.

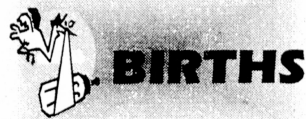
Those in attendance included Chris and Carolyn Robinson, Indianapolis; Harold and Phyllis Sutton, Kewanna; Bob and Janice Emery, Twelve Mile; Everett and Bev Conrad, Brazil; Don Conrad

and his wife of Walton; Madeline McDaniel and Merle and Anita DeFord, Logansport; and Raymond Hayden's daughter, Missey Alcalá, and Scott Stebbins, also of Logansport. Missey and Scott surprised everyone by paying for their dinners in honor of her dad. Don Williamson was unable to attend due to his wife's illness.

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.



KAITLYN GRACE COOK

Nathan and Leslie Cook, Woodstock, Georgia, are the parents of a daughter born at 9:17 a.m. Monday, February 4, 2008, at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces, was 21 inches long and has been named Kaitlyn Grace Cook.

Ron and Peggy McCarthy of Grayson, Georgia, are the maternal grandparents. The baby's paternal grandparents are Kent and Sheri Cook of Kewanna.

Great-grandparents include Martha Ann Cook of Kewanna; Marcella Lloyd of Okeechobee, Florida; and Paul Clas, Delmar, New York.

Kaitlyn has two siblings, Megan, age 11, and Brennan, age 6.

BRODY DEAN WHITEMAN

A son, Brody Dean Whiteman, was born at 7:29 a.m. Monday, February 18, 2008, to Travis and Hannah Whiteman of Anderson at St. John's Hospital in Anderson. Brody weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 19½ inches long.

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Great-grandparents include Martha Ann Cook, Kewanna; Marcella Lloyd, Okeechobee, Florida; Phil and Marilyn Whiteman, Anderson; Carl and Doris Turner, Markleville; and Bill and Pat Branham, Daleville. Brody has three siblings, Collin, age 13, Maci, age 9, and Ethan, age 3.

salad bar
Tuesday - Tenderloin sandwich, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, parsley potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, peas, pineapple, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Pizza, corn, cookie, pears and milk. Choice - salad bar

EASTERN PULASKI MENU March 3 - 7

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Danish, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday - French toast with syrup, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Chicken nuggets, French fries, mixed fruit, peanut butter sandwich, and milk

Tuesday - Chicken leg, baked potato, raisins, bread & butter, and milk

Wednesday - Spaghetti, peas, peaches, garlic cheese bread, and milk

Thursday - Cheese omelet, hash browns, orange juice, cinnamon toast and milk

Friday - Fish, fries, applesauce, donut and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Chicken strips, potatoes, peanut butter sandwich, apple slices and milk. Choice -

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.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 February 15
 Births - Katherine Mullins, Rochester, a son
 February 18
 Admissions - Rodger Sherk, Beulah Cox, Ronald Overmyer and Gary Richardson, Rochester; Elizabeth Marsh, Logansport; and Lois O'Hara, Silver Lake
 Dismissals - Dana Miller and son, Silver Lake; Lona Schrimsher, Kewanna; Patricia Adams and son, Argos; Lisa Warner and daughter, Larry Bucks, Beulah Cox and Katherine Mullins and son, Rochester; Larry Mellott, Etna Green
 Births - Christopher and Haley Gano, Logansport, a son
 February 19
 Admissions - Nelda Heckathorn, Macy; Sharon Dille, Argos; Michelle Rinehart, Kewanna
 Dismissals - Elnora Craig and Rodger Sherk, Rochester; Lois O'Hara, Silver Lake
 Births - Justin and Amber Helt, Rochester
 February 20
 Admissions - Michael Frye, Logansport
 Dismissals - Elizabeth Marsh, Logansport
 Births - Victoria Gross, Rochester, a daughter
 February 21
 Admissions - Dorine Kabell, Rochester
 Dismissals - Ronald Overmyer, Rochester; Sharon Dille, Argos; Haley Gano and son, Logansport
 Births - Dustin and Sara Fowler,

Rochester, a daughter; April Baer, Logansport, a daughter
 February 22
 Admissions - Joyce Trusty, Culver
 Dismissals - Nelda Heckathorn, Macy; Michelle Rinehart, Kewanna; Amber Helt and son, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

February 15
 Admissions - Vera Tweedie, Monticello
 Dismissals - Judy DeGroot, Winamac
 February 16
 Admissions - George Feidner, Medaryville; Daniel Clark, Winamac
 Dismissals - Orville Berns, Winamac
 February 17
 Admissions - none
 Dismissals - none
 February 18
 Admissions - Milan Tesanovich, Knox; Richard Williams, Winamac
 Dismissals - Vera Tweedie, Monticello
 February 19
 Admissions - Dowanna Harper, Winamac; Jessica Waller, Francesville
 Dismissals - none
 February 20
 Admissions - Lori Schultz, Medaryville
 Dismissals - Dale Bratt, Knox
 February 21
 Admissions - Jimmy Jacobson, Monterey; Leona Shidler, Star City; Hilda Workman, Winamac; Carole Giselbach, Ora
 Dismissals - Milan Tesanovich, Knox.
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DEATHS

GEORGE C. FEIDNER

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel, for George C. Feidner, 77, Medaryville. Pastor Thomas Dewlen officiated and burial, with military rites, was in the Grass Creek Cemetery. Mr. Feidner passed away at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

Born May 28, 1930, he was the son of the late Harlan George and Irene (Swafford) Feidner. He was married May 30, 1953, to Betty J. Ditto, who survives.

George was an Army veteran having served in the Korean War where he earned a Purple Heart. He was also an avid gardener.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters, Debbie S. Beyers and her husband, Tony, Clermont, Florida, and Dionna M. Huston and her husband, Michael, LaPorte; two sons, Kevin L. Feidner, and his wife, Loretta, Hammond, and James D. Feidner and his wife, Milly, Hobart; five sisters, three brothers, three grandsons, and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Online condolences may be made to the family Feidner family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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Weatherwax Announces Results of 2008 Legislative Survey

(STATEHOUSE) - Results of this year's legislative survey show a majority of Hoosiers in Senate District 18 support alternative revenue sources to fund local government and reduced government spending to help solve the state's property tax crisis. Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) announced results from his survey, which focused on proposed legislation aimed at resolving the property tax crisis. Property taxes are collected and spent at the local level and are used to fund public K-12 schools, fire, police, libraries, city, town, township and county governments.

Several property tax proposals are currently under consideration:

- Of the many respondents, 38 percent believe sources other than property taxes should be used to fund local governments, while 15 percent believe local government spending should be preserved at the same

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- 69 percent of those who responded would support a constitutional amendment permanently protecting the tax-exempt status of churches.
- 63 percent of respondents favored permanently capping property taxes on their home's value, while only 60 percent support a constitutional amendment making a property tax cap permanent.

Gov. Mitch Daniels proposal to cap property taxes at 1 percent for residential, 2 percent for rental/non-homestead residential and 3 percent for business and personal property is supported by a majority of respondents.

Of the views most closely reflected by respondents—raising sales taxes by up to 1 percent and local income taxes by an average of .06 to .07 percent in order to permanently cut property taxes on owner-occupied homes by 50 percent—led the way with 24

percent, while raising sales taxes from 6 percent to 13.2 percent to completely eliminate property taxes was favored by only 13 percent of respondents.

Sen. Weatherwax encourages residents with interests, questions or concerns, to attend a 3rd house meeting on Saturday, February 28th at The Manitou Banquet Center, 8:00am—or Saturday, March 1st at the Logansport Economic Development offices on Pearl St., in Logansport, at 9:00am.

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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.

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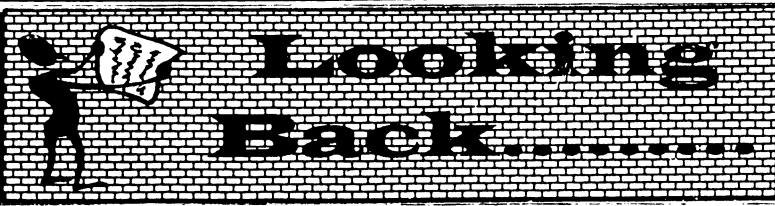
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**Sixty Years Ago**

February 26, 1948

The Fulton Fire Department was called to the Chester Williams farm Saturday evening where fire caused by the explosion of an oil stove destroyed a brooder house with a sow and 12 pigs. The Fulton and Grass Creek Fire Departments were called to the Oliver Martindale home four miles west of Fulton to extinguish a fire in the roof. Very little damage was one.

An auction will be held Friday, March 5, at the Davis and Overmyer Garage in Leiters Ford. Proceeds from the auction will go toward rebuilding the Methodist parsonage which was almost completely destroyed by fire early in the winter.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Arthur Showley home Friday afternoon after a fire was discovered. The cause of the fire was believed to be defective wiring. Loss was estimated at \$250. The Rochester Fire Department

was also at the scene.

Tom Carter had the misfortune last week of cutting and breaking two of his fingers. The accidents happened on two different days last week while he was working at the Kewanna Lumber Company. He has been under a doctor's care but has been able to continue his work at the lumber yard.

A large number of Eastern Star members witnessed the initiation of six candidates Tuesday evening at the local Masonic Hall. Several guests were present from Rochester and Star City. Hostesses were Amy Wilson, Nanie Sparks, Lera McKinney and Eva Hickle.

The Worthwhile Club met at the home of Emma Foglesong for its February meeting. Twenty-one members answered roll call with a quotation from Lincoln. Geneva Metzger gave the first part of the lesson on slip covers. Margaret Werner won the door prize. The co-hostesses were Lydia Stingley and Isabell Brooks.

Fifty-Five Years Ago

February 27, 1953

Dale Poenix, Atlanta, Georgia, former Fulton County prosecuting attorney, was killed in an auto accident in that city Sunday, February 22. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Grass Creek EUB Church and burial will be in the Grass Creek Cemetery.

Norman Joe Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ingram left Wednesday, February 18, for enlistment in the U.S. Air Force. He was scheduled to be assigned to Lackland AFB, Texas.

Delbert "Bill" Corsaut injured his arm at 2 p.m. Wednesday in a steel press while working at National Steel in Logansport. He is listed in satisfactory condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graffis have been confined to their home with the flu.

Mrs. Cloyd Murray of New Augusta, formerly of Grass Creek, underwent surgery at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis last week.

Two bowling teams from Kewanna, one sponsored by Urbin Autc and the other by The Kibitzer, will be in Chicago March 4 to participate in the National ABC bowling tournament. Members of the Urbin team include John Urbin, Lester Shidaker, Elmer Seidel, Paul Heinsen and Jack Vigus. To fill out the doubles event, Robert Harbett is also entered in the

tourney. Members of the Kibitzer team include Gerald Buskirk, Roy Whybrew, Jake Evans, Kenneth Watkins and Wilber Rude. Bill Corsaut would normally be the sixth man, but due to a recent injury he will not be able to go. No one has taken Mr. Corsaut's place yet.

Mrs. Jeannette Sancers will reopen her dress shop in Kewanna Saturday, March 7. Mrs. Sanders was forced to close the shop last summer due to poor health but states she is once again able to keep the shop open. The shop will be open afternoons only, except for Saturday and closed all day Thursday.

The Harvester Stars and their husbands dined at the Sportman's Club at Beaver Dam Sunday evening. After the dinner they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seidel. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wynkoop and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vigus.

James D. Overmyer, Rt. 1, Kewanna, a senior in the Purdue School of Agriculture was among a total of 1,319 attaining a distinguished rating in their scholastic work at Purdue during the first semester of 1952-53.

Fifty Years Ago

February 27, 1958

Galveston defeated Kewanna 57 to 47 in sectional action at Logansport Wednesday evening.

A surprise pot-luck dinner and family gathering was held Sunday, February 23, in the Lawrence Perry home with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Perry of Winamac as the honored guests. They were observing their 49th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shidaker, Rt. 1, Kewanna, will observe their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The newly formed Kewanna Civil Defense unit was pictured with their new uniforms. Members of the group were Terry Livengood, Howard Livengood, Clarence Schultz, Max Fair (local director), Harry Fitch, Marvin Engle, Jim Hubeny, Eldon Smith, Harold Hickle, Donald Mutchler, Howard Gilliland, Arnold Zellers, Charles Simonin, Frank Shoemaker, Benjamin Wasson and Forrest Baker.

The membership committee of the Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Theo Urbin with ten persons present.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinderlider, who have been operating the store at the intersection of 14 and 17, have moved to the Clark cottage on the east shore of Lake Bruce. They will continue to run the store until the stock is reduced. Mr. Hinderlider is now operating a service station.

Mrs. Donna Ley was surprised Monday morning at a birthday breakfast given in her honor by Mary Masterson. Other guests were Ruth Partridge, Catherine Hiland, Tommy Lord, and Helen Lyon.

Forty Five Years Ago

February 28, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lloyd, South Bend, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to George D. Henderickson of Philadelphia, PA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Florence Hendrickson, Rt. 2, Kewanna. A June wedding is being planned.

Linda Lou Lincoln has been named the winner of the 1963 Betty Crocker award at Kewanna High School.

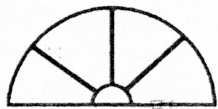
Ralph Boldry, 52, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is reported in satisfactory condition at Woodlawn Hospital after undergoing amputation of his right forearm. He injured his arm Tuesday afternoon in a corn picker while working on the Wayne Ross farm near Twelve Mile.

Final rites were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Harrison Funeral Chapel, Kewanna, for Omer Hott, 64, Leiters Ford. He died Saturday in South Bend Memorial Hospital. He was the father of Pearl Shrader of Kewanna.

Dr. Martin Barco, Winamac, has returned home after being a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, as the result of a shoulder injury. He is the son-in-law of Lela Clark of here.

Joe Hunneshagen, South Bend, suffered a heart attack Saturday and is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital there. Joe is a former Kewanna resident and brother of Margaret Werner of here.

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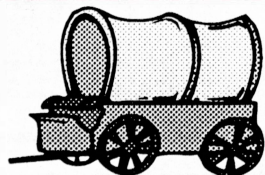
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Nonfiction— *Recipes for The Heart* from the American Heart Association and *The Diabetic Bible* by Dana Armstrong.

JUVENILES:

Preschool Nonfiction— *Homes* by Huan Yang.

Ages 10 and Under General Fiction— *The Berenstain Bears' New Kitten* (from the Berenstain Bears series) by Stan and Jan Berenstain; *Be My Valentine* and *Filly Friends* (from the Strawberry Shortcake series) by Megan E. Bryant; *Little Witch Learns to Read* (from the Little Witch series) by Deborah

Hautzig; *Henry and Mudge and The Funny Lunch* (from the Henry and Mudge series) by Cynthia Rylant; *Froggy's Halloween* (from the Froggy series) by Jonathan London; *We're Very Good Friends, My Brother and I* (from the Very Good Friends series) by P.K. Hallinan; *Turkey Surprise* by Peggy Archer; *Good-bye Tonsils* by Juliana Hatkoff; *My Even Day* by Doris Fisher; *Christmas Trucks, Construction Action and Fire Trucks in Action* (from the Tonka: Power Reading series) by Victoria Hickie; and *Young Cam Jansen and The Spotted Cat Mystery and Young Cam Jansen and The Substitute Mystery* (from the Cam Jansen series) by David. A. Adler.

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Permits now needed

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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FSSA RECEIVES GRANT FOR CRISIS COUNSELING IN 9 COUNTIES

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY FLOODING

INDIANAPOLIS (February 26, 2008) - The Indiana Family Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) received a Crisis Counseling Grant through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to assist Indiana residents impacted by the floods under the FEMA 1740 disaster declaration. The grant will provide free crisis counseling services through community outreach, public education and referral.

"It is vital that Hoosiers receive the help and assistance they need to deal with the stress of coping with a natural disaster," said DMHA Director, Cathy Boggs. "It is our hope that this grant will assist those affected in moving forward."

Crisis Counselors are on hand to listen and help residents cope with the effects that this disaster has had on their lives. These counselors are readily available to help adults, senior citizens, children and people with special needs cope with the stress and anxiety related to the ongoing flooding throughout the state. There are no medical or financial screening methods to qualify for these services.

The Crisis Counseling Grant is funded through the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The project is administered by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction with 100 percent federal funds.

Crisis Counselors are accessible

in the following counties: Tippecanoe, White, St. Joseph, Cass, Pulaski, Jasper, Fulton, Marshall and Carroll. For around the clock assistance, please call 1-866-679-4631 or visit www.indianaprojectaftermath.org. For more information on FSSA you can go to: www.in.gov/fssa.

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Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 2-8

To focus Hoosiers' attention on the threats posed by tornadoes and thunderstorms, Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed March 2-8, 2008, as Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

The National Weather Service will conduct a statewide test of communication systems on **Wednesday, March 5 between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM EST and between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM EST.** Friday March 7 is the make-up drill day if weather postpones Wednesday's drill. These tests should be used as times to practice your plan.

The goal of Severe Weather Preparedness Week is to better educate people about the hazards of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, and to help everyone be prepared should severe weather occur.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is offering these tips during times of severe weather.

Tornado Safety Tips

- Basements, inner rooms of a house, and storm cellars provide the best protection.
- Stay away from exterior walls, windows, and doors. Stay in the center of the room.
- If you are in your car do NOT try and outrun the tornado because it can switch direction and can cover lots of ground quickly.
- Get out of vehicle and go into a strong building if possible. If not, lie flat in a

- ditch or low area and cover your head.
- Do NOT go under overpasses, wind speeds actually increase under them and can suck you out!
- If you live in a mobile home, get out IMMEDIATELY. Take shelter in a building with a strong foundation.
- Listen to radio or watch TV so you can be alerted about your current situation.

Thunderstorm Safety Tips

- If a thunderstorm is coming postpone or cancel outdoor activity.
- Do NOT go near tall trees or any other tall objects.
- Seek shelter inside a building or in a hardtop vehicle, but don't touch any of the metal inside
- Do NOT use the telephone. Stay away from other electronic devices, bare metal, and water.
- Do NOT go near downed power lines.
- Keep your eye on the sky as well listen to weather reports on the radio or TV.
- If caught out in the middle of a large body of water, return to shore as soon as possible. Get off the water immediately.
- If caught out in middle of an open field: If walking with others stay a minimum of 10 feet apart; Also, keep low and move quickly to seek shelter. If there is no shelter lay in a ditch or get to the lowest place around.

For more information about preparedness for severe weather and other emergencies, go to www.in.gov/dhs/3638.htm.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it possible to landscape my property in a green-friendly way? I would like to create a more natural and wildlife-friendly backyard, but I don't want to break the bank doing it. Are there any tax incentives for completing such projects? -- Michal Avraham, Olive Branch, MS

One common misperception about adopting green practices around the home is that doing so will cost more money. But this may be true only in the short run. There are certainly some up-front outlays to converting a conventional backyard into a more environmentally friendly space (like any landscaping job), but homeowners should be able to make their money back within a few years through savings on their water and yard service bills alone.

Landscapes designed with the principles of nature and wildlife habitat in mind are often referred to as "naturescapes" (or "xeriscapes" when they also require little water to maintain). They usually replace most lawn grass and instead populate space with native plants that are attractive to wildlife for food or shelter.

According to the nonprofit PlantNative, maintaining a green backyard can cost up to 90 percent less than keeping up a traditional lawn-based landscape. "Since naturescapes effectively take care of themselves, there is little or no maintenance and hence little or no maintenance cost," says the group. The average American lawn costs about \$700 yearly to maintain, says PlantNative, which also points out that the average household lawnmower is used upwards of 40 hours a year, the equivalent of a full work week.

Melissa Santiago, a researcher with Ohio State University who authored a fact sheet on the benefits of managing property for wildlife, couldn't agree more: "Maintaining wildlife habitat or other natural areas can be a cost-effective approach to land management." She recommends that landowners with room to spare plant one or more rows of native trees and shrubs as so-called "shelterbelts" that provide wildlife habitat and also provide shade in summer (to reduce air conditioning costs) and wind resistance in winter (they have been shown to reduce heating costs by as much as 30 percent).

Tax breaks for greening up your residential landscape are few and far between, but do exist. The state of Indiana offers tax breaks to landowners who convert a minimum of 15 acres over to habitat suitable for native wildlife. Many other state governments offer landowners similar assistance for maintaining habitat for threatened wildlife. And municipalities across the arid southwestern U.S. offer various incentives for homeowners who cut water use, whether through xeriscaping or any other means.

To get started converting your yard over, contact a local nursery

well-versed in native landscaping to lend some informal or professional expertise. To find a nursery in your area that fits the bill, consult PlantNative's free online directory of native plant nurseries. Or, if you want to do your own homework, check out the National Wildlife Federation's free online Native Plant Guide (which covers the 50 U.S. states) or the Canadian Wildlife Federation's guidebook Backyard Habitat for Canada's Wildlife (available in print for \$19.95 plus shipping).

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Report: New Generation of Tobacco Products Threatens Efforts To Reduce Tobacco Use, Save Lives in Indiana

Congress Urged to Grant FDA Authority Over Tobacco Products

Indianapolis, IN- An insidious new generation of tobacco products is threatening efforts to reduce tobacco use in the United States, warns a new report issued by a coalition of public health organizations.

The report describes how tobacco manufacturers take advantage of the lack of government regulation to design and market products that recruit new youth users, create and sustain addiction to nicotine, and discourage current users from quitting. Responding to declining smoking rates and growing restrictions on smoking, tobacco manufacturers are finding novel ways to entice new users, especially children, and discourage quitting.

To stop the tobacco industry's harmful practices and protect public health, leading public health organizations urge Congress to pass pending legislation granting the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority to regulate tobacco products and their marketing.

Senator Richard Lugar, Senator Evan Bayh and Representative Brad Ellsworth are cosponsors. Also, as a member of the House Energy and Commerce committee with jurisdiction over the legislation, Representative Steve Buyer's vote will be critical. Indiana health advocates are urging him and all members of the Indiana congressional delegation to support the bill and sign on as cosponsors. The Health subcommittee is tentatively scheduled to mark-up the bill on March 6.

The report was issued by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

In Indiana tobacco use causes \$2.08 billion in health care bills

each year and kills 9,800 residents; 23 percent of Indiana high school students currently smoke.

The report details key trends including:

Flavored products: Cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and cigars have been introduced in an array of candy, fruit and alcohol flavors. R.J. Reynolds' Camel cigarettes, for example, have come in more than a dozen flavors, including lime, coconut and pineapple, toffee, and mint. Flavorings mask the harshness of the products and make them more appealing to new users, especially children.

Novel smokeless products: New and more novel smokeless tobacco products have been marketed as ways to help smokers sustain their addiction in the growing number of places where they cannot smoke.

In addition to traditional chewing and spit tobacco, smokeless tobacco now comes in teabag-like pouches and even in dissolvable, candy-like tablets.

Targeted products and marketing: New products and marketing have been aimed at women, girls and other populations. The most recent example is R.J. Reynolds' Camel No. 9 cigarettes, a pink-hued version that one newspaper dubbed "Barbie Camel" because of marketing that appealed to girls.

Unproven health claims: A growing list of products have been marketed with unproven and misleading claims that they are less harmful than traditional cigarettes. Claims have included "All of the taste. Less of the toxin" (Brown & Williamson's Advance cigarettes) and "Reduced carcinogens. Premium taste" (Vector Tobacco's Omni Cigarettes).

Undisclosed Product Designs: The report also illustrates how tobacco manufacturers control nicotine delivery to maximize addiction while using flavorings and other additives to make their products taste milder, easier to inhale and more attractive to children and first time smokers. A few aspects of product design not disclosed to consumers include the use of:

Ammonia to increase the speed and efficiency of nicotine absorption.

Eugenol and Menthol to numb the throat to minimize irritation from smoke.

Glycerin and Cocoa to enable deep lung exposure (Cocoa produces carcinogens when burned)

Sugars and Chocolate to make smoke milder and make cigarettes more appealing, especially to children and first time smokers.

Filter Technology and Ventilation Holes that allows deep penetration of nicotine into the lungs of the smoker and increase the addictiveness of the product.

The report makes it clear that tobacco products are highly engineered nicotine delivery devices finely tuned to appeal to the taste, feel, smell and other sensations of new and addicted smokers.

Senator Richard Lugar said, "With new marketing campaigns targeting younger audiences each year, consumers must be aware of the potential health consequences

of the tobacco products they purchase and use, as well as uncertain claims that one product may be less detrimental to one's health than another. We need to pass this important legislation to provide the FDA with the necessary authority to regulate tobacco products."

Bipartisan legislation pending before Congress (S. 625/H.R. 1108) would give the FDA authority to:

Restrict tobacco advertising and promotions, especially to children.

Ban candy-flavored cigarettes.

Require tobacco companies to disclose the contents of tobacco products, changes to their products and research about the health effects of their products.

Require changes in tobacco products, such as the removal or reduction of harmful ingredients.

Prohibit health claims about so-called "reduced risk" products that are not scientifically proven or that would discourage current tobacco users from quitting or encourage new users to start.

Require larger, more effective health warnings on tobacco products.

Prohibit terms such as "low-tar," "light" and "mild" that have misled consumers into believing that certain cigarettes are safer than others.

"Until Congress grants the FDA authority over tobacco products, America's children and consumers will continue to be guinea pigs in the tobacco industry's never-ending experiments to sell more of its deadly and addictive products," said Nancy Turner, President and CEO, American Lung Association of Indiana.

The Senate bill, sponsored by U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and John Cornyn (R-TX), has 56 cosponsors, while the House bill, sponsored by U.S. Reps. Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Tom Davis (R-VA), has 215 cosponsors. The legislation is also supported by more than 560 public health, faith and other organizations across the country. Polling has found that 70 percent of American voters support Congress passing the legislation. For a full list of cosponsors go to: <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/reports/fda/legislation.shtml>

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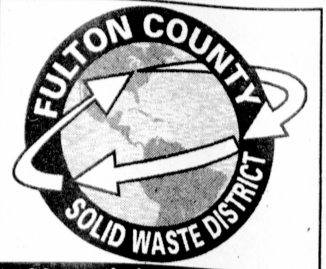
Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

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.

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Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Just a note for those who have been asking about the missed Schwan's deliveries. After four calls to the company's headquarters and one to the Monticello depot, I finally learned that our regular delivery person has resigned and his replacement has been intentionally missing many of his customers. The manager of the Monticello depot has finally been made aware of the problem and is trying to rectify it.

The Birthday Club had their February gathering at the Kewanna Kafé recently. Getting together for a visit and a break from the weather were Doris Woolington, Wiletta Wilson, Betty Leazenby; Barb Gast, Martha Ann Cook, Florence Baldwin and Virginia Agnew.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Darlington Monday, Feb. 18. They picked up Tom's cousin, Barb LaFollette, for a trip to Danville. Upon their arrival, they visited with Tom and Barb #2 cousin, Tommy Hutchens who is recovering from a stroke. After their visit, they dined at The Mayberry Caf . The caf 's d cor is designed around The Andy Griffith Show.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Kokomo to attend the funeral of Dr. John Quackenbusch Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Tom LaFollette traveled to

Indianapolis Thursday, Feb. 21, to pick up family friend, Connie Griffin of Ft. Myers, Florida. Connie remained overnight as a houseguest of Tom and Barb before visiting with other friends in the area.

Barb and Jon Gast had company Friday evening, Feb. 22. Stopping by for a visit was their daughter, Cora Lynn Clemans.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Friday evening. She had an exciting time attending the high school boys' basketball game. It was senior night and her great-grandson, Travis Stepp, was one the seniors being honored.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Saturday morning, Feb. 23. Coming over for a chat and to see how they were faring the weather was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Linda Garner was in Rochester Saturday. She met her sister, Phyllis Koontz, for a visit over lunch.

Bob Broda and Tom LaFollette attended an auction near Winamac Saturday.

Romayne Wentzel spent the weekend in the Valparaiso area. One evening, she attended a concert at Valparaiso University. He grandson, Matthew Slentz of

Butler, was one of the participants. Afterward, Romayne enjoyed visiting as an overnight houseguest of her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Chris Holmquest, at Munster.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent enjoyed visiting as guests of Tom and Barb LaFollette one afternoon during the weekend.

Earl and Mary Bangel had company Sunday, Feb. 24. Helping them celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary with dinner and some farm-work were their children and their families Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan; Darel and Nancy Bangel and Sara of Ft. Wayne; Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac; and Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis.

Pauline and Don Scales had a caller Sunday. Joining them for a visit and bringing along lunch was their daughter, Phyllis Koontz.

Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed helping her great-grandson, Curtis Pesaresi, celebrate his 4th birthday Sunday. Curtis' parents are Tony and Tina Pesaresi.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Shirley Bussert, Randy Miller and Laura Purkey, Mar. 2; Cole Cook, Mar. 3; Margaret DeWitt, Mary Ruth Ingram and Darius Rude, Mar. 4; David Besse, Angie Eastwood, Dean Jones, Anita Klinefelter, Donna Rude and Willa Bea Shriver, Mar. 5; Cathy Carter,

Dustin Ewing, Bill Lamb, Tillie Lamb, Luke Nikolich, Jerrod Steele and Tanner Sutton, Mar. 6; Evan Baldwin, Mar. 7; and Kenny Keyser Jr. and Darla Kumlner, Mar. 8.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fross, Mar. 2; Mr. and Mrs. David Stangle, Mar. 4; Mr. and Mrs. David Berry, Mar. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Yocum, Mar. 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wagoner, Mar. 7.

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Weatherwax Presented with Prestigious State Honor

(STATEHOUSE)- Last week, Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) was presented with one of the highest honors a Hoosier can receive, The Sagamore of the Wabash. Historically, the Sagamore has been one of the highest awards bestowed by the Governor of the State of Indiana.

"Serving the state of Indiana as senator has been one of the greatest opportunities in my life," Weatherwax said. "To receive

such an honor at the end of my career just magnifies how fortunate I have been. I am truly flattered and greatly blessed."

The Sagamore of the Wabash was created during the term of Indiana Gov. Ralph F. Gates, who served from 1945 to 1949. Gov. Gates was to receive the Kentucky Colonel certificate, from his counterpart in Kentucky, and thought that Hoosiers should have an appropriate award to present as well.

"I want to express my gratefulness to Gov. Daniels for this honor and to Lt. Gov. Skillman for her elegant words

during her presentation of the award," Weatherwax continued. "My family and I will be forever thankful to the state of Indiana and we will always be proud to be called Hoosiers."

Since its inception, the award has been presented solely by the Governor of Indiana to presidents, ambassadors, political figures, and citizens who have all contributed considerably to Hoosier heritage. It is a great honor and a tribute to those who have given tirelessly to the state or to the governor.

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