



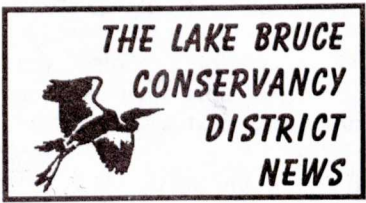
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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 13, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Four of the five directors were present for the meeting as well as one freeholder and one guest.

The minutes of the February meeting and the treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

It was reported that the coupon books for 2008 sewer payments have been sent out and the payments returned exceeded expectations. The district is still working on getting the data base accurate and up-to-date. Some forwarding addresses have expired and new addresses must be acquired. The letters giving people with vacant lots the option of paying the monthly debt service charge to avoid a connection charge in the future have also gone out.

Chairman Norm Steigely reported that Tennents Dredging will be reclaiming the holding area as soon as weather permits so they can receive the final payment for their work. He also noted that the district has received a grant in the amount of \$74,250 for Phase II of the dredging project. The district will have to go through the process of hiring a contractor once again for Phase II, which involves dredging the channels. It is hoped that the work can take place in the late summer or early fall.

The search for office space and hiring of a new secretary for the district was discussed. Options for the office space include renting space available at the lake, renting a trailer, or possibly building a small office.

The dry hydrant depth survey has been faken and drawings of the site are ready to take to Arrowhead Country Resource Conservation and Development. The district would like to thank Bob Broda for his continued work and Danny Pine for helping drill holes through the ice for the survey. The survey showed that it is necessary to go out 160 feet to reach the 15-foot depth required. The district may have to seek financial help from the Lake Bruce Association in this effort. When the project is completed, it should save all property owners around the lake on their home owners' insurance policy.

The treasurer, Rick Tompos, and Bill Zartman of Quality Assurance explained and answered questions on the billing system.

Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave his monthly progress report. He presented a schedule for the contractor that is doing the piping and placing the vacuum pits. They will be bringing more

Methodist Churches Offering Holy Week Services

The Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches invite everyone to make Holy Week services part of their Easter celebration.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at the Kewanna United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. March 20.

Good Friday services will take place at 7 p.m. March 21 at the Pleasant Hill Church.

An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, followed by a carry-in breakfast. The guest speaker for this service will be former pastor, Rev. Denise (Davault) Gilbert.

Both churches will also hold regular Sunday morning worship services, 9 a.m. at Pleasant Hill and 10:30 a.m. at the Kewanna Church. Rev. Gilbert will also be preaching at regular Sunday morning service at the Kewanna church.

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Bake Sale, March 22

St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, will host its annual bake sale from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Community State Bank, Kewanna branch.

than one crew as originally planned and expect to complete the piping by July 3. However, as previously reported, the treatment plant will not be ready until mid-September to mid-October. He reported that the district would have to hire an inspector to inspect the connections from the houses to the vacuum pits. The cost of this inspector will be paid by permit fees.

Fralish also did the first reading of the Building Sewer Connection Ordinance No. 2008-1.

The Lake Enhancement Chairman Gerald Porter gave a report. He explained that the LARE program cut off funding to around 30 lakes this year, including Lake Bruce. This means the district will have to go back to funding the entire cost of weed control. The district has \$15,000 budgeted for this in 2008. Porter plans to meet with Weed Patrol, Inc. after the ice goes off to determine how much milfoil there is and how much can be treated with the funds available.

Steigely read the second reading of the Building Sewer Connection Ordinance No. 2008-1 after which it was unanimously approved.

The district's next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the fire station community room. All meetings are open to the freeholders and interested parties.

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Fish and chicken supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions will serve a fish and chicken supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The cost of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-12. Children under six may eat free.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken. Carry outs will be available.

Proceeds will benefit Lions' state and local projects.

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Chicken and noodle dinner, April 6

The St. Joseph Parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers will serve a chicken and noodle dinner Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church hall in Pulaski. The cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under six years of age may eat free. Carry outs will be available.

A bake sale will offer home baked goodies, including noodles. In addition, there will be a raffle with lots of prizes. The main prize is a quilt hand made by the ladies of St. Joseph Parish. There will be fishing game for the younger set.

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Texas Hold'em Tournament

The Star City Lions Club will sponsor a Texas hold 'em tournament Sunday, April 6, at the Star City Community Building. The event will start at 2 p.m. with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. The cost of the tournament is \$80 which includes \$50 to payout and \$30 to the fund raiser. Proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment.

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Send In Your News



Studebaker Awarded Lilly Endowment's \$8,000 Teacher Creativity Grant

South Whitley Elementary School teacher and former Kewanna resident Lynn (Plummer) Studebaker will be spending part of the summer renovating a glass top greenhouse on she and her husband's property just west of South Whitley. Studebaker was one of 121 teachers across the state to receive the Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship grant out of more than 640 applicants.

The grant is awarded to teachers for creative projects that are personally renewing and intellectually revitalizing. While personal renewal is the main goal of this program, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their proposed projects will affect their students' engagement in the learning process. Mrs. Studebaker plans to share her project with her students next spring. Studebaker wrote, 'It is the joy of gardening that I am compelled to share with my students. My second graders are moving from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." How I would love to use this project as an opportunity to teach them about my passion for gardening. My students will select flowers, start them from seed, care for them under grow lights, and transplant them to flats that will be moved into my greenhouse. I so wish for my students to feel the same pride I did as a child gardening as I help them to plant beautiful annuals and perennials in our school's courtyard and front entrance. They will have a feeling of giving back to their school, and the pride of accomplishment.' Studebaker described growing up on a farm as a child and taking care of her mother's garden after her father's passing, and the feeling of pride and accomplishment she felt as she harvested the vegetables she had started from seed. Other

One Day VBS at Church of Christ

The Kewanna Church of Christ will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, March 29, at the church. Lunch will be served.

All children in the community from third to fifth grades are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Mary Ann Rude at 653-2605.

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Final legislative breakfast

The final legislative breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester. The breakfast will provide local residents a chance to interact with their current state senator and representatives.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce.

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Caston Elementary collecting plastic bags

Caston Elementary is collecting plastic bags. The bags need to be delivered to the school between April 10 and April 15. Kewanna area residents may also call Millie Redweik and she will pick them up.

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plans for the greenhouse include propagating daylilies, a variety of perennials and Griffith Buck roses, the only roses bred to withstand our Midwest winters.

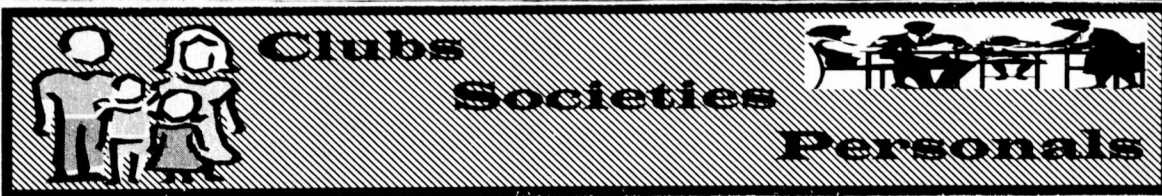
The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Grant is one of the longest-standing programs of the Lilly Endowment. It began in 1987 as a program for Indiana's public school teachers. For more information and to read about the participants, go to www.lillyendowment.org/ed_tc.html

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Stuff-N-Fluff workshop

Pulaski Memorial Hospice will hold a Stuff-N-Fluff workshop Saturday, April 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 106 S. Market St., Winamac. This is similar to the Build-a-Bear stores in the mall where a child (or adult) picks out a bear or other animal to stuff, dress and name. There are over 35 different animals to choose from as well as over 50 different outfits and other accessories.

Orders for the workshop are due by April 9. The actual stuffing will take place on the day of the event and the animal will go home with the child. The animal, stuffing and accessories may also be purchased and taken home and stuffed at a later date.

Call 574-946-2140 to request an order form or stop in the Pulaski Memorial Hospice office to pick one up.

Proceeds from the workshop will benefit Pulaski Memorial Hospice. These funds are used to make the life of their hospice patients a little bit easier.

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Special Olympics basket bingo

Fulton County Special Olympics is sponsoring a Longaberger basket bingo Tuesday, April 8. It will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained for a donation of \$20 for 20 games of bingo. Tickets are available from Ann Bauman, 574-223-7621; Manitou Center, 574-223-6963; Janet Severns, 574-223-4158; John Mollencupp, 574-653-2664; Diana Clemons, 574-223-2611; Carol Housouer, 574-223-2346; Claudia Hartzler, 575-893-4044; or Barb Garringer, 574-223-7888.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help pay expenses to the summer games in Terre Haute.

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Special Olympics training

Fulton County Special Olympics will be meeting and training at the Church of the Nazarene, 1987 Southway 31, Rochester, March 18 and 25, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Those interested in participating in the spring and summer games should attend. For more information, call Barb Garringer at 574-223-7888 or Carol Housouer at 574-223-2346.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Naptown Roller Derby: March 22 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Doors open at 6 p.m.; match begins at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$10 in advance; \$15 same day. Contact: (317) 522-1958 or

www.naptownrollergirls.com.

Breaking Benjamin/Three Days Grace/Seether concert: March 22 in the Pepsi Coliseum. This show is SOLD OUT! Contact: www.livenation.com.

10th Annual Spring Indianapolis Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show: March 28 - 30 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$3 (good all three days); children 16 and younger free. Contact: Van

Wimmer, Sr. (540) 384-6047 or www.toteshows.com.

U.S. Coin Operated Game Auction: March 29 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 8 a.m.; auction 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Ric Stephan (812) 333-9939.

Mecum Car Auction: March 29 in the Northwest Pavilion. Preview of all 100 cars all day; auction 7 to 11 p.m.; broadcast live on HD Theater, a Discovery network, 8 to 11 p.m. Contact: Harold Gerdes (815) 568-8888 or www.mecumauction.com.

Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car Sale: March 30 in the West Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$6; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Ken Hanna (708) 563-4300 or

www.midamericapromotions.com

Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo: April 4 - 6 throughout the fairgrounds. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m.

to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$15; \$6 children age 7 - 12; children 6 and younger free; advance ticket prices are \$12 and \$4 and available at the Indiana Horse Council. Contact: Indiana Horse Council (317) 692-7141 or

www.indianahorsecouncil.org.

Mecum Car Auction: April 5 in the Northwest Pavilion. A preview of all 100 cars is

available all day; auction runs 7 to 11 p.m.; national broadcast on HD Theater, a Discovery Network, 8 to 11 p.m.

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LOCALS

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Thursday. Coming over in the evening for a visit was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski.

Ruth Cogdill says there is another sure sign that spring is here. The snow scillas in her backyard are blooming.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Catilin Behny, Rob Kumler, Ron Lett and Jackson Murphy, March 23; Louis Bangel. Dr. Jeff Bitterling, Jim James, Michael LaFollette, Spencer Markley and Ryan Troutman, March 24; Steve Hinderlinder, Bob Plummer and Taylor Williams, March 25; Cress Hizer, Gabrielle Lewis, Jeff MacLain and Kevin Whiteman, March 26; Gary Brazier, Vickie Dugan and Candice Cogdill, March 27; Kandi Evers, Denise (Davault) Gilbert, Dale Green and Ethan Shroder, March 28; and Cody Baldwin, Jerry

Kreamer and Janice Sterrett, March 29.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. David Foust, March 23; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Boyer, March 25; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown, March 27; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ulerick, March 28.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 March 9
 Births - Amber Morgan, Monterey, a son
 March 10
 Admissions - Lydia Stigall, Sue Blanchard and Jeremy Swango, all of Rochester
 Dismissals - James Mulligan, Jerry Ringle, Nancy Stiles, John Reed, Naomi Livingston, Donna Rans, Mary Clark and Sue Blanchard, all of Rochester
 March 11
 Admissions - Byron VanDoren, Akron and Maxine Sayger, Rochester
 Dismissals - Jeremy Swango, Rochester
 March 12
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Lydia Stigall, Rochester; Amber Morgan and son, Monterey
 Births - Nancy Rush, Argos, a son
 March 13
 Admissions - Catherine Shidler, Culver; Anna Schafer, Argos
 Dismissals - none published
 Births - Jon and Jade Stamper, Rochester, a daughter; Brittany Harner, Rochester, a son
 March 14
 Admissions - Seth Fincher, Akron
 Dismissals - Byron VanDoren, Akron; Catherine Shidler, Culver; Anna Schafer, Argos

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

March 7
 Admissions - Henry Kolar, Winamac
 Dismissals - Dale Bratt, Knox; Frances Smith, Winamac

March 8
 Admissions - none
 Dismissals - Paul Tweedie, Kewanna
 March 9
 Admissions - none
 Dismissals - Ruth Conley, Winamac
 March 10
 Admissions - Wendy Kopka, Winamac
 Dismissals - none
 March 11
 Admissions - Vonnie Shepard, Winamac
 Dismissals - Helen Whiteman, Kewanna
 March 12
 Admissions - Sandra Grostefon and Thomas Shank, Winamac; Michelle Clapp, Medaryville
 Dismissals - Wendy Kopka and daughter Gracie Mae, Winamac; Sandra Grostefon, Winamac; Betty Montgomery, Culver
 March 13
 Admissions - Lawrence MacLain, Kewanna
 Dismissals - Mary Fritz, Thomas Shank and Henry Kolar, all of Winamac; Lawrence MacLain, Kewanna

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, March 25, in the PMH Hospice room from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

DEATHS



ROBERT W. PINDER

A celebration of life was held Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Harrison-Metzger and Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Robert W. Pinder, 66, of Trinidad, Texas. The former Kewanna resident passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 8, 2008 at his residence. A visitation was held Wednesday, March 12, at the Tomlinson Funeral Home in Malakoff, Texas.

Born February 3, 1942, in Logansport, he was the son of Harold and Lora Fay (Koenig) Pinder. He was married February 3, 1980, in Kewanna to Barbara Gail Sissom, who survives.

Robert was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was proud that during his lifetime he had traveled to all the 48 continental states. He worked at Sealed Power in Rochester for over 34 years, retiring in 1997. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed mushroom hunting, gardening, cooking and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #852 and the American Legion Post, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Gail, of Trinidad, Texas; his mother, Fay Pinder, Kewanna; one son, Robert R. Pinder, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lisa Kersey and her husband, Kevin, Plymouth, and Mary Chew and her husband, Danny, Kewanna; four brothers, Ed Pinder and his wife, Lora Ann, Culver; Dick Pinder and his wife, June, Fulton; Jerry Pinder and his wife, Beverly, Plymouth; and David Pinder, South Bend; six grandchildren, Sarah, Jason and Phil Kersey, Jeanann Hewitt, Darin Chew and Dylan Pinder; one great-granddaughter, Kathirine Kersey; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, who passed away in 1982.

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

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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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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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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 24 - Hot dog sandwich, mashed potatoes, cabbage, apple spice cake and milk

Wednesday, March 26 - Oven fried chicken, red potatoes, corn, applesauce, and milk

Friday, March 28 - Meat balls, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts,

baked apples and milk
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James F. Talbott VFW Post March Activities

March 9 - District meeting at Syracuse, 2 p.m.

March 11 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 16 - Easter egg hunt at fire station for infants through age 11, 2 p.m.

March 23 - Happy Easter
 March 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 30 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre, 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO March 18, 1948

The county roads are in very bad shape and many have been closed due to dangerous ruts and holes. It has been almost impossible for school buses to get through on many roads. The county highway department has been working at full capacity to improve conditions.

Loyd Woolington, local contractor, has been awarded the general contract for the new Eagles building in Rochester. Construction will begin in the near future.

Harold Rude, driving a half-ton International truck, escaped serious injury last Friday when a drag line broke causing the truck to skid off the road, hit a fence and overturn. The truck was almost completely demolished.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 20, 1953

The Kewanna Methodist Church will dedicate its new Hammond organ, complete with 21 tube silver chimes and echo organ for the balcony, Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Paul Speicher of Manchester College will present the organ concert of dedication.

A small tornado hit Wayne Township Saturday evening, March 14, during a downpour of rain. A shed and a hen house on the Bob Poenix farm were demolished. The same storm lifted a garage on the Dan Van Meter farm off its foundation and set it down at another place. The garage was full of farm machinery, which was not damaged.

The congregation of St. Ann Catholic Church held a St. Patrick's Day party in the basement of the church Tuesday evening, March 17. A large crowd enjoyed a travelogue presented by Rev. Charles Remaklus on his trip to Europe last year. He showed films of Italy, France and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Master have purchased the Raymond Kruger home on South Logan St. and will move there on or about April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Master have rented their farm to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nicklas of Rochester and will have a public sale April 2.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

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March 20, 1958

Janice Shidaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker of Kewanna, recently graduated from the dental training course at Elkhart University of Medical and Dental Technique. She is now associated with Dr. Errington's office in Fort Wayne.

Joe McPherson, owner of Key Theatre in Kewanna, announced earlier this week that he is reopening the theatre Saturday, March 29, and will run one show a week. McPherson closed the theatre last November but hopes to keep it open indefinitely on the basis of one film per week. "Jailhouse Rock" with Elvis Presley will be shown the opening weekend.

Pvt. John Cunningham returned March 18 to Camp Pendleton, California, after spending a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 21, 1963

A son, Mitchell Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robbins Thursday, March 14, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ned Warfield and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Robbins, all of Kewanna.

Paul C. Reichard, 77, Rt. 1, Kewanna, died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday in Plymouth Parkview Hospital. He had been in failing health for three years and seriously ill for two weeks. He is survived by his wife, the former Marie Bussard, and one son, Russell, Kewanna.

A turkey dinner was served Sunday by Helen Worl honoring the 22nd birthday of her sons, Bill and Barry.

FORTY YEARS AGO March 21, 1968

The junior class of Kewanna High School will present their

class play, "Headin' for a Weddin'" Friday evening, March 22. The cast includes Steve McColley, Sherilyn Skinner, Susan Hickle, Tim Wentzel, Joy Urbin, Debbie Cessna, Digi Evans, Gayle Smith, Claudia Besse, John Briney, Jon Rans, Linda Emmons, Diana Hott and Jane Cogdill.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Stoudt and Mary of Kewanna and Sandra Thomas and Peggy DuBois of Winamac attended the graduation of Jane Stoudt from the Institute of Commerce and Technology last Thursday in Indianapolis. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Stoudt.

The Kewanna Progressive Association will honor Loyd Woolington for his many years of service on the town board at a banquet and program to be held March 30.

THIRTY YEARS AGO March 16, 1978

Maurice F. (Colonel) Cohagan, 33, has filed for nomination as Union Township trustee on the Republican ticket.

The following Grass Creek Lions and their wives attended the District Lions convention at Northwood High School, Nappanee, Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Meter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Van Meter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dague, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dague, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Herrold, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Berwanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. David Boyer and family in Fort Wayne. Other guests were Dr. and Mrs. Jon Brandenburger. The group helped Fred Graffis and Joan Boyer celebrate their birthdays.

TWENTY YEARS AGO March 17, 1988

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Zora A. Wilson, 91, Kewanna. Rev. Dennis Ingle officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery.

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The local Girls Scouts attended the Maple Syrup Festival in Logansport Saturday, March 12. Scouts, guests and leaders attending included Christy Hott, Andrea Milliser, Nesha Fear, Carrie Hickle, Laurie Baldwin, Traci Powell, Jennifer Mollencupp, Hannah Cook, Joan Smith, Bev Baldwin and Ann Bauman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mace of Indianapolis are the parents of a son born March 12 in Community Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces and has been named John Alexander Mace. Mrs. Mace is the former Christina Montz. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Montz of here are the maternal grandparents.

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Elementary Girls Win Tourney

Kewanna's elementary girls' basketball team came home victorious from the 4-way tournament hosted by Caston last Saturday morning. Members of the team are front row, left to right, Melissa Keyser, Jamie Vogel and Mary Pinder; and back row, Kelly Good, coach; Kim Kroeger, Shelly Klinefelter and Angel Cohagan.

Kewanna defeated the Caston "Blue" team in the opening game of the tourney, 21-2. Shelly Klinefelter was the leading scorer for Kewanna with nine and Jamie Vogel, Kim Kroeger and Angel Cohagan each added four points.

In the second game, the Caston "Red" team sidelined the Saints of Logansport St. Joseph's, 10-8.

St. Joe and the Caston "Blue" team then clashed in the consolation game with the Saints coming out on top, 25-4.

The championship game set up a match between Kewanna and the Caston "Red" team with Kewanna coming away with a 14-6 victory. Jamie Vogel, Shelly Klinefelter and Kim Kroeger each scored four points for the Indians and Angel Cohagan added two.

The team presented the trophy to the school in activities held Tuesday afternoon.

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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Healing Stones* by Nancy Rue Maccaroni; *Stphen Arterburn; Taming Rafe* (#2 of the Noble Legacy series) by Susan May Warren; and *Talk of The Town* by Lisa Wingate.

JUVENILES:

Picture Books Fiction— *Magic Matt and The Dinosaur* by Grace Maccaroni; *Mittens* by Lola M. Schaefer; *I Love Snow* by Hans Wilhelm; and *Christmas is Coming, Halloween Party, Hooray for The 4th of July* and *Little Monster* by Harriet Ziefert.

Ages 10 and Under Fiction— *Little Wolf, Big Wolf* by Matt Novak; *Bear and Turtle and The Great Race* by Andrew F. Peters; *Harry gets An Uncle* by Barbara Ann Porte; *Thank You, Dr. King!* (from the Little Bill series) by Robin Reid; *The Case of The Missing Monkey* (from The High-Rise Private Eyes series) by Cynthia Rylant; and *The Soccer Mom from Outer Space* by Barney Saltzberg.

Ages 10 and Under Nonfiction— from the First Discovery series: *Night Creatures, Penguins and The Universe* by J. Elizabeth Mills and *Endangered Animals* by Jennifer Vetter.

Youth Nonfiction— *Cheetah Cubs* by Ginjer L. Clarke; *Sea Monsters* by Stephen L. Cumbaa; *More Mother Goose Favorites* by Tomie DePaola; *Extreme Weather* (from the DK Experience series) by John Farndon; *The Declaration of Independence* by Sam Fink; and *A Trip to The Hospital* (from the Little Bill series) by Kim Watson.

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Letter To The Editor

March 12, 2008

FDA SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY OVER TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Dear Editor,

Even though tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, currently no government agency has oversight over the manufacturing and marketing of tobacco products. Tobacco companies are free to add whatever ingredients they want, even if it makes products more attractive to kids, more addictive or even more deadly.

A new report released last week by leading public health organizations shows the extent to which tobacco manufacturers take advantage of the lack of regulation over their industry to entice new users. The report shows how the tobacco industry attracts children by adding candy flavorings like strawberry and grape to their products. They also know that smoking is unpleasant for new smokers, so they carefully design the product to make it less harsh by adding sugars and chemicals that numb the throat. They even address how the cigarette should be designed so that the novice smoker can light it more easily.

A lifetime of addiction almost always starts in the teenage years: 90 percent of adult smokers began smoking as teens, so any attempt to limit the national epidemic of tobacco addiction must begin with eliminating the marketing and manufacturing these products to

target children

Congress has an historic opportunity to stop the special protection of Big Tobacco and protect Indiana kids by passing bipartisan legislation that would give the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority over tobacco products and their marketing. While the bill would help protect all Americans, it includes specific provisions to protect our children from this deadly addiction.

The bill's strong restrictions on advertising and marketing of tobacco products to children include provisions to keep tobacco out of their hands, prohibit candy flavorings in products, and require larger more effective warning labels.

Tobacco products take a significant toll on Hoosiers every year, leading to 9,800 deaths annually and costing Indiana more than \$2 billion each year in preventable costs. The legislation before Congress will give us additional crucial tools for preventing the disease and death caused by tobacco products.

Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, and Representative Brad Ellsworth are co-sponsors of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. They will play a critical role its passage. With their help, Congress can take a major step to protect our children and reduce the terrible toll of tobacco on our community. I want to thank Senators Lugar and Bayh and Representative Ellsworth for co-sponsoring this life-saving

legislation and urge them to do all they can to ensure its safe passage in the Congress this year.

Nancy D. Turner
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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 April 9. To schedule an appointment call 574-223-3326.

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 - Junk mail
 - Phone books
 - Hardback books - covers need to be removed
- No tissue or foil paper**
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 - TVs

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Magazines & Catalogs

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- Slick newspaper insert

Scrap Metal

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- Aerosol cans - remove lids

Miscellaneous

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

Newspaper

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

Do not pack in plastic bags

Plastic Bags and film

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Sierra VanCoutren
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Dagny Zupin

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Cassidy Charleston
Taylor Decker
Branden DeGroot
Kenzie Fisher
Hubert Hoover
Keegan Kasten
Monica Martin
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Dakota Rogers
Tyler Shonk
Brandon Tirey

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Heather DeLorenzo
Jina Field
Kaleb Foerg
Matthew Hero
Kassidy Loehmer
Teddi Rausch
Evan Rose
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Tucker Schultz
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Abigail Jackson
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Bryanne Lockridge
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Joshua Wenzler
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Elizabeth Wright

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Alexis Craft
Baleigh Dickson
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Alyssa Garnett
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Alex Gudas
Paul Hettinger
Connor Kasten
Kyle Krohn
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Regular
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10th Grade

Distinguished

Kristen DeGroot, Danielle Field, Joel Frain, Marc Heater, Alyssa Jenkins, Michael Keller, Meghan Newman, Laura Scheffer, Marissa Stelly, Sydney Welker

10th Grade

Regular

Nichole Armstrong, Evan Bonnell, Micah Christensen, Jayme Fritz, Tyler Fritz, Stacy Gudas, Rebecca Gudas, Andrew Malott, Jacob McKinley, Skylar Odle, Alysha Schmicker, Whitney Schmicker, Keagan Scott, Cameron Smith, Markus Terry

11th Grade

Distinguished

Ryan Abbott, Michelle Bulington, Kandice Craig, Oliver Gunter, Holly Krohn, Stella Ressa, Joshua Stampfer

11th Grade

Regular

Nadja Andersen, Lacy Bair, Emily Ball, Jacob Berger, Alyssa Chapman, Benjamin Cloud, Jordan Darnall, Alyson Fritz, Tabatha Halleck, Emma Kiser, Catherine Knebel, David Minix, Hannah Nies,

Alexandria Parks, Lukas Pendorf, Melanie Pursifull, Timothy Redlin, Erika Redweik, Daniel Reedy, Ross Reinhold, Amanda Richardson, John Sass, Mark Shidler, Anna Sullivan, Dylan Swartzell, RayeAnn Tiede, Ashley Widner, Kaylee Wilson

12th Grade

Distinguished

Cody Anspach, Addison Elston, Linsey Foerg, Kala Hoover, Jennifer Hurlburt, Sarah Odle, Sarah Paulsen, Krista Podell, Kegan Schmicker, Rachel Shank, Stephanie Snay, Danielle Steele, Heather Swartzell,

12th Grade

Regular

Justin Bishandeski, Noah Bonnell, Cortney Brandt, Joseph Calabrese, Adam Deitrich, Charles Dilts, Silvia Fomal, Brandon Geise, Jeffrey Girton, Hope Hagen, Michelle Hero, Alyssa Hoch, Brooke Hurlburt, Ashley Jackson, Michael Jamieson, Karl Johnson, Natalie Kasten, Ryan Kolish, Brittany McKinney, Lauren O'Donnell, Jordan Parks, Tarrah Polstra, Kayla Roe, Katie Rose, Josnua Ruff, David Schambers, Justin Schramm, John Shank, Kevin Smith, Jennifer Spurgeon, Heather Stark, Andrew Stepp, Rosemary Stukofski, Joseph Tetzloff, Ashley Thompson, Korin Weaver, Nathaniel Wenzler, Ashley White, James Wielkopolan, Courtney Wilson, Krista Witt, Iveelyn Zorca

Sign up for Dairy Disaster Assistance Program Resumes

Eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may apply to receive benefits under the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III, (DDAP-III) beginning March 5, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Producers can sign up at their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center until May 5, when sign up will end.

This dairy program will provide \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for dairy production losses that occurred between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007, because of natural disasters. To be eligible, a producer's operation must be in a county designated a major disaster or emergency area by the president or declared a natural disaster area by the secretary of agriculture between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007. Producers in contiguous counties are also eligible. Producers in counties declared disaster areas by the president may be eligible, even though the agricultural loss was not covered by the declaration of an FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notice covered such losses.

FSA began enrolling producers in DDAP-III in late 2007 and early 2008, then temporarily halted sign-up pending the completion of rulemaking which began with the issuance of a proposed rule for public comments on the program. Based on these comments, FSA made minor changes in the proposed DDAP-III rules. These changes are explained in the final DDAP-III regulations, which were published in the March 4 Federal Register.

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State to honor top math and science students

INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Daniels announced a new state award to recognize Indiana's top high school talent in math and science. The Hoosier High School Math and Science Awards will be given each year to the state's best high school math student and best science student.

"Every spring, we celebrate with excitement the selection of Mr. and Miss Basketball," said Daniels. "It's past time that we hold academic achievement in the same esteem and emphasize the decisive importance that ability in math and science will play in Indiana's future."

All Indiana high school students are eligible to receive the award and can apply online. Nominations from teachers, principals and other school staff members will also be accepted. Application criteria will include such information as SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement scores, awards and prizes as well as grades received in math and science courses. Winners, who will be acknowledged as Mr. or Miss Math or Science, respectively, will be selected by a committee of high school math and science teachers, curriculum experts from the Indiana Department of Education, and the Governor's Office.

"A strong foundation of math and science skills has never been more critical than it is today, and this is a great opportunity to recognize and to encourage our students to excel in these areas," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed.

The award was developed with input from the Indiana Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (I-STEM) Network, the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. (HASTI), the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

Applications are available online at <https://secure.in.gov/apps/mathscienceawards/>. The deadline to apply is April 4. Winners will be announced before the end of the school year.

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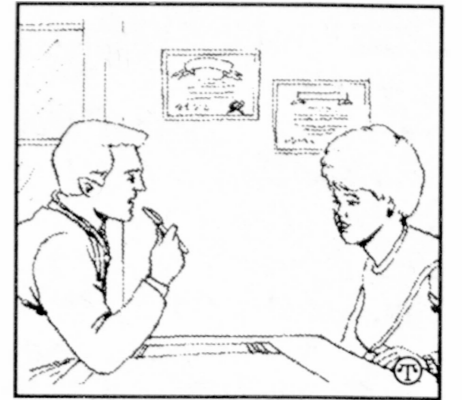


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To help people who have not been able to get their blood pressure under control on other medications, a new treatment called AZOR has been developed. It combines two medicines to relax the blood vessels so blood can flow more easily.

According to the National Institutes of Health, 23.5 million Americans suffer from autoimmune diseases. You can find information and a complete AD list online from the experts at the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association at www.aarda.org.

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Get Ready For The Digital TV Transition

(NAPS)—One of the biggest changes in television history is about to take place in the U.S. But some TV viewers may be left in the dark if they don't take action by March 2009.

A federal law enacted in 2006 requires all full-power TV stations to stop broadcasting analog signals and broadcast only in digital after February 17, 2009. The transition to digital television provides consumers with a clearer picture, more programming and frees up spectrum for advanced wireless broadband services and interoperable communications among emergency first responders.

Televisions connected to cable, satellite or other pay services should continue to work after the transition but subscribers should check with their provider to be sure. Televisions with built-in digital tuners also will continue to work. But analog televisions using a rooftop antenna or rabbit ears will not work after February 17, 2009.

To find out whether your TV is digital or analog, visit www.DTVTransition.org and take the online quiz.

Viewers with analog TVs using antennas have three options to make the digital transition:

- Buy a converter box that will plug into your analog TV;
- Buy a TV with a digital tuner; or
- Connect your analog TV to cable, satellite or other pay service.

A converter box connects to your existing analog television and will keep your TV working after February 17, 2009. It also will provide the added benefits of generally a clearer picture and more programming choices, where available.

The federal government is offering U.S. households up to two \$40 coupons to help

pay for the cost of certified TV converter boxes. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program, run by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), will mail coupons to those households requesting them. Purchasing a converter box is a one-time cost, and the boxes are expected to cost between \$40 and \$70.



"The TV Converter Box Coupon Program opened as scheduled on January 1 and is off to a great start," said Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez. "The transition to digital television is an unprecedented effort and we are working hard to ensure all Americans are aware of the transition and take the necessary action before February 2009."

Between now and March 31, 2009, U.S. households can apply for the \$40 coupons online at www.DTV2009.gov, by phone at (888) DTV-2009 (888-388-2009) or for TTY (877) 530-2634 (English), (866) 495-1161 (Spanish), by fax at (877) DTV-4ME2 (877-388-4632) or by mail to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208. Coupons expire 90 days after being mailed and cannot be reissued. A list of nearby retail stores where you can purchase a TV converter box will be included with your coupon.

For more information about the digital television transition, please visit www.DTV2009.gov.

Recycling Dates
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Rep. Gutwein Votes for Property Tax Relief and Reform

STATEHOUSE — Hoosier taxpayers will see immediate property tax relief, and the process for permanent property tax reform has begun. The Indiana General Assembly created a property tax plan that includes most of the House Republicans' 10 Standards for Success.

The immediate relief is in the form of homestead property tax credits at a statewide average of almost 30 percent, \$1 billion removed from property taxes, strict caps on property tax rates and controls on public spending.

Permanent reform is contained in Senate Joint Resolution 1, which begins the process of adding permanent rate caps to the Indiana Constitution.

The vote on HB 1001 was 82-17, and the vote on SJR 1 was 79-20.

"The question on every taxpaying Hoosier's mind this year has been 'When will I see permanent property tax relief?'" said Rep. Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer) said. "After three months of debate over House Bill 1001 and Senate Joint Resolution 1, we have reached an agreement. Through the bill, we have offered property tax relief that many

Hoosiers are in need of. However, I believe more could have been provided. There are some portions of the bill I do not agree with, but we all have to make compromises and it is a step in the right direction."

House Bill 1001, which was based on the House Republicans' Standards for Success and Gov. Mitch Daniels' property tax blueprint, empowers voters to control local spending through referenda, and it closes spending loopholes and improves oversight on local budgets.

These are highlights of the property tax plan:

□ **Help for Hoosier homeowners.** The plan features \$620 million in immediate relief for 2008, \$1 billion removed from property tax levies, referenda that empower voters to control or allow spending and a constitutional guarantee of property tax caps. There also is \$140 million of relief in 2009, and \$80 million of relief in 2010.

□ **Help for all Hoosier property-tax payers.** Cut now and cap forever. The plan, in addition to immediate relief, forwards the process of permanent caps through a constitutional guarantee of property tax caps. SJR 1 begins the process of permanent caps of 1 percent of assessed value for homesteads, 2 percent for rental and agricultural properties and 3

percent for all others.

□ **Help for local governments.** The plan, at the county level, removes from property taxes the costs of four child-welfare levies, juvenile incarceration and health care for the indigent. At the municipal level, it removes the remaining pre-1977 police and fire pensions from property taxes, and it includes support for police and fire services.

□ **Help for Hoosier schools.** The plan removes school operations and special education preschool costs from property taxes. It also includes \$120 million in circuit-breaker relief and \$400 million in tuition reserve fund money.

□ **Help for low-income Hoosiers.** The plan includes an overall decrease in taxes for low-income taxpayers, renters' deductions, caps for low-income senior-citizen homeowners and earned income credits.

HB 1001 now goes to Gov. Daniels, who has expressed support for the plan.

SJR 1 will be presented to the next General Assembly. If the same version passes that Legislature, it will be placed on the statewide ballot for all Hoosier voters. If they approve it, the caps will become part of the state Constitution.

FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS



March 18th, 2008

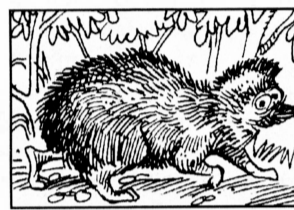
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NOTICE
Notice to taxpayers of Akron Carnegie Public Library, Fulton County, Indiana that the Library Board will meet at the library on April 7, 2008 at 6 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal to establish a Library Capital Projects fund and a proposed plan under IC 20-14-13. The following is a general outline of the proposed plan:

Current Expenditures:	2009	2010	2011
(1) Planned construction repair, replacement or remodeling			
(2) Acquisition of real property			
(3) Site development			
(4) Emergency Allocation			
(5) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of equipment			
(6) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of computer hardware and computer software	12,635	12,635	12,635
Subtotal current expenditures			
(7) Allocations for future projects (cumulative totals)	12,635	12,635	12,635
Total expenditures and allocations			
Sources and estimates of revenue:			
January 1st Cash Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Less encumbered appropriations	-0-	-0-	-0-
Cash balance available for current plan	-0-	-0-	-0-
Auto excise and financial institutions tax receipts	1,125	1,125	1,125
Total revenue available	11,510	11,510	11,510
Total funds available for plan			
Based upon an assessed valuation of	95,000,000	95,000,000	95,000,000
The projected tax rate for the library capital projects fund will be	.0133	.0133	.0133

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a more detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their right to be heard or the proposal.

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Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Barb and Jon Gast were in Rochester Monday evening, March 10. They had a delightful time celebrating Barb's birthday with dinner at Pat's Landing.

Jackie Heidenreich had company Tuesday, March 11. Coming over for a chat and bringing along dinner was her son, Roger Vogel of Rochester.

Doris and Don Woolington enjoyed several visits with Kayci Cunningham, their granddaughter, during the week. Kayci was on spring break from her studies at the University of Southern Indiana at Evansville.

Helen Miller had a houseguest the latter half of the week. Arriving Wednesday, March 12, for a three-day visit was her daughter, Judy Scott of Frankfort.

Jackie Heidenreich had four surprise visitors Wednesday. Since she has not been able to go and visit with her friends, they decided to come over and visit with her.

Romayne Wentzel traveled to Rochester one day last week. She had a nice time visiting with her sister-in-law, Betty Weller.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Thursday, March 13. They had an enjoyable time attending the Riddle Elementary School's third grade concert. The event was held at the high school. The LaFollettes' grandson, Nick Bohac, was one of the participants.

Hugh and Maryelyn Tennent accompanied Tom and Barb LaFollette to Monterey Friday evening, March 14. They had a wonderful time attending the fish fry. While there, they visited with some of their Lake Bruce neighbors, Bob and Carol Broda, Chuck and Gail Scheeringa and Gil and Joyce Vallis.

Earl and Mary Bangel had working visitors over the weekend. Arriving early to help with farm chores were their son and grandsons, Bruce Bangel, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis.

Mike Cogdill of Eagle River, Alaska arrived at the home of his mother, Ruth Cogdill, Saturday, March 15, for an extended visit. Joining them later in the day was Mike's sister, Linda Ligocki of Winamac.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Rochester Saturday. They had a wonderful time attending a party held in honor of their great-grandson, Ethan Sutton of Goshen. Ethan's parents are Kara and Doug Sutton. The event was in recognition of Ethan's 3rd birthday and held at the Wellness Center. Ethan was joined by several family members and friends (little kids and a few big ones) for a swim in the pool, while the others attending watched from the sidelines.

Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick, of Rochester were Saturday afternoon guests of Karina's parents, Barb and Tom LaFollette. The family enjoyed eating the pizzas the Bohacs had brought while watching movies.

Kay and Jerry Brown had company Saturday. Joining them for an overnight visit was Kay's sister, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg.

Sunday, March 16, was a busy day for Ruth Cogdill and Mike. In the morning, Ruth's son, Tim Cogdill of Macy, arrived early for a visit. They had a wonderful time catching up on all of the family news over a pot of coffee. Later in the day, Ruth's daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter of Bluffton, and their daughters and families, Jessica Teeter, Jacob and Nicholas, and Jaclyn and Chad Shaw, Sophia and Sam, all of Ft. Wayne, stopped in to see Mike. Everyone had a delightful time enjoying the beautiful day and sunshine.

Mathilda Lamb accompanied her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Lamb of Fort Wayne, to Logansport Sunday where they attended a party in honor of Mathilda's sister, Patricia Koons. The event was in recognition of Patricia's 90th birthday and was held at the Senior Center. Among the many in attendance were friends and family from Indiana and out-of-state and Patricia's siblings, Josephine Illingworth of Fowler, David Besse of Logansport, and Mathilda.

Helen Whiteman had a few callers throughout the day Sunday. Stopping in after church was her great-granddaughter, Tiffany Troutman, a student at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. In the afternoon, her daughter-in-law, Bev Whiteman, stopped by to check on her. Her grandson and his wife, Doug and Robin Whiteman of Winamac, came over in the evening for a visit.

Wilma Wilson had a busy day Sunday. In the morning, her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne, accompanied her to church and then they dined out together afterward. Upon their return to Wilma's home, Judy and Jack tackled several chores around the house. In the evening, Wilma was treated to dinner in Rochester by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center, and their son, Eric Foerg of Indianapolis.

Don and Pauline Scales had a few callers Sunday. Coming over early in the day and bringing along lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville. In the afternoon, the group was joined by the Scales' daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, for a chat.

Elsie Scheffer of Pulaski was the guest of honor at a small gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and held in her home. Among those helping her mark the special day were her children, Chuck and Cheryl Scheffer; her daughter and her family, Jean and Louis Bangel and Joyce of Winamac; Mary and Earl Bangel; and Bruce Bangel, Kevin and Rob.

Ellen Walsh was a Sunday afternoon guest of Harold and Ruth Erdmann at Monticello. Other guests of the Erdmanns were Mary Margaret and Dick Wagoner of Metea and Cathy, Megan and Lidia Raderstorf of Monticello.



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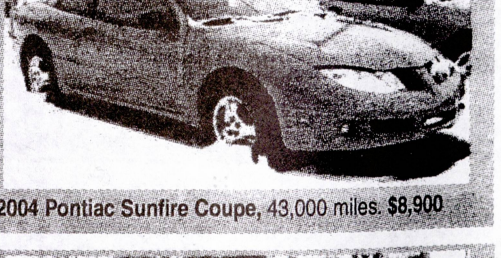
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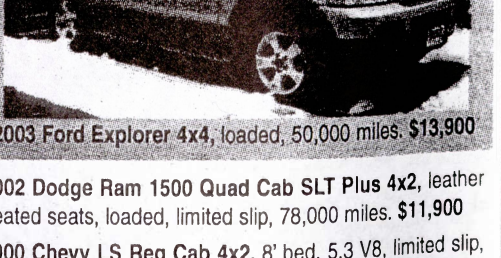
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