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Redbud Rendezvous this weekend

The annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous will take place this weekend, April 26 and 27, rain or shine, at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds, north of Rochester. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children age 6 to 11. Children age five and under will be admitted free of charge. Proceeds from the event will enable the historical society to operate the museum and preserve history. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. In case of flooding, the festival will take place at the north end of the property in the Living History Village of Loyal.

Volunteers can earn free admission to the rendezvous by working a half day. To volunteer, call the museum at 574-223-4436. Parking is free and the grounds are handicapped accessible. Plenty of benches are available to sit and rest. There is no admission charge to see the museum on the north end of the grounds.

Re-enactors from five states are gearing up for the rendezvous. The rendezvous, the first outdoor event of the season, is brimming with frontier history and often brings surprises for participants and the public.

The April weather varies, but hopefully the redbud trees and wild flowers in the woods will be in full bloom. Wild ducks, wild turkey and eagle nests are seen on the grounds. Hundreds of historic re-enactors set up camps and live outdoors for the event. demonstrating traditional crafts, traders. Many of the traders have frontier life and pioneer skills such as cooking over wood fires, muzzle loading shooting and tomahawk throwing. The event is educational and fun, showing contests will be held with Earl authentic frontier history as reenacted by real people.

performed on a stage in the which portrays woodsmen of the woods starting each day at noon frontier with a camp by the river. with a different program every They will host the Chippeway half hour. New this year will be Village trading post. The Me-to-John Dunnagan of the Miami cin-yahs include Scott and Terri Nation of Indians of Indiana. Henthorn, Akron, who are Other favorite programs include members of the Redbud Trail Mark Gropp with bagpipe music; the Frontier Frolic, pioneer dancing by the teenage reenactors; Liza and Mark Woolever, music and songs, and American Indian dancers and stories. Kim Hoover of Hoots to Howls Wildlife Rehabilitation near Star City, a former Kewanna resident, will show wild birds and animals she has rescued. Marsha Glassburn, Rochester, will tell Native American stories on the west side of Chippeway Village and Andy's Gospel Puppets by Brent Blough, Elkhart, will be in the frontier blab school. Nan Edwards and Margo Moore, Watervliet, Michigan, will stroll the grounds with their travois

People dressed in authentic pre-1840 outfits will demonstrate traditional crafts including

Meet the Candidates Night, April 28

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club will host a "Meet the Candidates" night and dessert bar Monday evening, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester.

All Republican candidates and current office holders have been invited to attend.

The public is not only invited, but urged to attend, to meet the candidates and learn their perspective on political issues.

Caston schedules freshman orientation

Caston's eighth grade students and their parents are invited to attend freshman orientation Tuesday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Mrs. Seuferer will explain the different diploma options, credits needed for graduation, and course selection for the freshman year. If you have any questions, please contact the guidance counselor at 574-857-3505 ext. 342 or email her at seuferer@caston.k12.in.us.

flintnapping, pottery, beadwork, spinning and weaving, tatting and knitting, leather, woodcarving, blacksmithing, blade smithing, finger weaving, rug making and much more. Another festival favorite for the children, the Shultz family, will be there with their goats for all to enjoy.

Many trade goods handmade items used for frontier living will be offered for sale or barter in merchant's historic marquee tents and by blanket Indian ancestry. Traders come from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and other states.

shooting Muzzle loading Whittaker, Peru, as the range officer. He is a member of the Music and dance will be Me-to-cin-yah Long Rifles, Rendezvous steering committee.

Foods cooked over wood fires will include ham and beans, vegetable stew, buffalo burgers, sassafras tea, caramel corn, apple sausage, biscuits and gravy, fudge and cookies.

J.H. Northrop, Akron, has announced that they will hold a Seven Year War brigade depot school. Demonstrations by the Haverhill Militia and the Haverhill Militia Troop of Horse will take place at the north end of the property in the Living History Village. They will work on the basics of the manual of arms and also do programs on field fortifications and battalion exercises. They will march around the grounds applying their learning to a series of obstacles and scenarios.

Bake Sale, May 3

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will hold a bake sale Saturday, May 3, at the Community State Bank in Kewanna. The bake sale will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until sold out or 12 noon.

Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards sending the youth to church camp.

Restricted driving on State Road 14

State Road 14 between State Road 25 and U.S. 31 near Rochester will be restricted to one-lane traffic, as directed by flag persons, during daytime hours through May 23 due to a resurfacing project.

The Indiana Department of Transportation reminds motorists to use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a construction zone.

Absentee voting underway

Absentee voting is under way at the Fulton County Courthouse in Rochester for the May 6 primary election.

Absentee voting hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and tomorrow; 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. April 14 through April 18, April 21 through 26, and April 28 through May 3; and 8 a.m. to noon Monday, May 5.

To request an absentee ballot through the mail and a visit by the traveling voter board prior to the election, send a note to: Fulton County Clerk, 815 Main St., Rochester, IN 45975.

Group plans trip to new Cabela's store

Hoosiers 4 Him Sportsmen's group is planning an outing to the new Cabela outlet store in Hammond on May 24. The bus will pick those going up at 8 a.m. at New Life Church, Rochester, and return at 6 p.m. that evening. The cost of the trip is \$25 per person. The group will stop for breakfast, which is not included in the price. May 8 is the deadline for signing up and money must be paid in advance. Interested sportsmen should call Randy Gundrum at 574-223-5428 to reserve their spot today as seating is limited.

Hoosiers 4 Him is a new sportsmen's group started to give outdoorsmen in the area a chance to fellowship together, as well as to grow in knowledge and serve the community, while doing the things they love to do in the outdoors - hunting and fishing. This is the group's first community event and it hopes to schedule more events in the future. Everyone is invited to join, the only membership fee is a love of the outdoors.

Attend Church Sunday

The News In Brief

County Fulton The Conservation Club has purchased 240 trees to be given away Saturday, April 26, at the Prairie Edge County Park beginning at 9 a.m. The park is located on West 3rd Street, Rochester, just off the bypass and west of the 4-H fairgrounds. The Friends of the Fulton County Park Board will help distribute the trees and instructions on how to plant and care for them.

Sandy Roth, NP at Monterey Community Health Center, is sponsoring a community walk program free to all those interested. To learn more about attend event, informational meeting May 1, at 6 p.m. at the Monterey Health Clinic. Guest speaker will be Sue Nies on "Healthy Eating". Participants in the event will receive educational information, packets, and earn bids for a drawing at the end of the program. The first 25 to register will receive a free water bottle. For more information, call 574-542-2552.

County The Fulton Commissioners will meet in special session at 6 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

The Fulton County Council will conduct the final reading of a wheel tax ordinance when it meets May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The council is considering a tax of \$25 on cars, light trucks and motorcycles. The proposed tax on buses, recreational vehicles, semi-trailers, semi-tractors, utility trailers and larger trucks would vary from \$10 to \$40 per year. If passed it would generate \$655,733 per year and would be spent on road construction and

Many states have lifted their death penalty moratoriums and began seeking execution dates for convicted murderers after the U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2 last Wednesday to reject inmates' challenges to the lethal injection procedure in Kentucky.

Organizers of the Fulton County Free Medical Clinic hope to be helping those who can't afford their doctor-ordered medications find low cost or free drugs within three months. Guidelines for the clinic are being written and a search in underway for a location. The clinic is aimed at serving residents who do not have insurance between the ages of 18 and 64. Government programs are available for children and seniors 65 and older, but not for working-age adults.

Youth to conduct church services

The Crossroads youth group will conduct church services at the Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches Sunday morning, April 27. The services at Pleasant Hill startat 9 a.m. and the morning worship at the Kewanna church starts at 10:30 a.m. Youth director, Daniel Kreamer, will deliver message and there will be special

The public is invited to attend either or both services. +++

Property tax statements late again

Fulton County Treasurer Judy Reed reports property tax statements will not be ready for the customary May 10 due date. The treasurer's office does not know how soon the 2007 taxes payable in 2008 will be ready for mailing. As soon as information is available and a date has been determined an announcement will be in the newspaper, on the radio and on the web site www.co.fulton.in.us/treasurer.

Reed also noted that the treasurer's office is now accepting advance payments from property owners. The county will not have to borrow operating money if enough tax payers opt for paying an estimated tax in advance. For more information, contact the treasurer's office at 574-223-2913.

Hard plastic water bottles made with bisphenol A will be pulled from stores over the next few There is growing months. concern over whether the chemical poses a health risk. Bisphenol A is found in hundreds of items including dental sealants, baby bottles, food can liners, CDs, DVDs, and eyeglasses.

The government agency building the 102-story Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center site is investigating the discovery of two sets of blueprints for the building that a homeless man says he found in the trash. The documents are thought to be bidding documents given out to contractors, agency staff and selected companies bidding on work.

Residents of Kewanna and the rest of Indiana were shaken up a bit early Friday morning when an earthquake of 5.2 magnitude struck at about 5:40 a.m. centered six miles from West Salem, Illinois. Police departments and radio and television stations were busy responding to nervous callers. Aftershocks were occurring as late as Monday morning. No damage was reported in Indiana

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Clubs

Societies



Personals



Traci Powell honored

Trace Powell was recently presented with an academic achievement award during Ball State University's spring speech pathology and audiology awards presentation. Graduate students achieving at least a 3.7 grade point average are recognized. Traci, who is working on her masters in speech pathology, recorded a 4.0 gpa.

Her parents, Rich and Tami Powell of here, and her nieces and nephew, Abigail, Ivy and Mitchel Powell of Rochester, were present for the awards presentation. The children were delighted to be able to see where Aunt Traci lives and swim in the hotel pool while in Muncie.

AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, April 28 – BBQ chicken, cauliflower, corn, pudding, roll and milk

Wednesday, April 30 – Chopped steak with gravy, Keywest blend vegetables, lima beans, baked apples, wheat bread and milk

Friday, May 2 – Omelet, hash browns, fruit cup, orange juice, biscuit and milk

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Longaberger trip planned

A bus trip to Dresden, Ohio, home of the Longaberger Basket Factory, is planned for June 13 and 14. There is room for eight more Longaberger basket fans. The bus leaves early Friday, June 13, from Rochester and will return around 9 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Call Traci Powell at 574-817-0178 for more information.

Aubbee Gathering, August 2

Plans are underway the commemorate anniversary of the closing of Aubbeenaubbee High School. The focus of this first gathering will be on classes 1964 through 1974. The get-together is not just for graduates of Aubbee or Culver, but also for former classmates who may have attended Aubbee only briefly. Other interested persons are also welcome to attend.

A hog roast will be held on Saturday, August 2, at the Leiters Ford community building from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Lunch begins at 1 p.m. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks (non-alcoholic). Donations will be accepted to offset costs.

Planners are seeking current addresses of individuals who attended Aubbee and were in the 1964-1974 classes. Please contact

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a committee member if you have information or questions, or if you would like to help with planning and organizing the gathering.

Current committee members include:

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April 15 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 13

Births – Scott and Heather Cummins, Kewanna, a son April 14

Admissions – Mary Maynard and Wendell Tombaugh, both of Rochester

Dismissals – Norma Winegardner, Brittany Estes and daughter, Blanche McCalla, Rosene Fox, Ricky Sutton and Walyn Hayes, all of Rochester April 15

Admissions – Chloe Harris and Shirley Scott, both of Rochester

Dismissals – Heather Cummins and son, Kewanna

Births – Adam and Maegan Martin, Akron, a son April 16

Admissions – Michael Thayer and Toni Howard, both of Argos

Dismissals – Mary Maynard and Chloe Harris, both of Rochester Births – Derrick and Kimberly Holloway, Rochester, a son April 17

Admissions – Richard Dean, Argos Dismissals – Michael Thayer, Argos April 18

Admissions – David Andrews, Rochester

Dismissals – Shirley Scott and Kimberly Holloway and son, Rochester; Maegan Martin and son, Akron

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April 11

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Chloe Elisabeth Brown

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Brenda Purkey, RN

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Admissions – June Rushmore and Carol Grandstaff, Winamac; Winston Hedger, Knox

Dismissals – none

April 12 Admissions – Charles Hurd, Winamac

Dismissals – Winston Hedger, Knox; Raymond Maxwell, Winamac; Diana Herbst, Knox and Kyle Penn, Star City April 13

Admissions – none

Dismissals – Charles Hurd, Winamac April 14

Admissions — Nanette Stark, Winamac; Phyllis Reutebuch, Winamac; Robin Arnold, Leiters Ford

Dismissals – June Rushmore and Carol Grandstaff, Winamac April 15

Admissions – Marcie Perry and Margaret Little, Winamac Dismissals – Mary Jane Perry,

Winamac April 16

Admissions – Cheryl Fox, Winamac Dismissals – Nanette Stark and Margaret Little, Winamac

Admissions – Louise Dommer and Loretta Mudryk, Winamac

Dismissals – Phyllis Reutebuch and Marcie Perry and daughter, Marissa Ann, Winamac

DEATHS

MICHAEL HOWARD ALDRIDGE

Michael Howard Aldridge of Nipomo, California, passed away April 12 after a long illness. Mike was born November 19, 1955, in Wisconsin where his father, Jim Aldridge, was stationed with the Air Force. Mike always had a quick sense of humor and will be greatly missed by his son, Sky Michael of Nipomo, California; his mother, Pat Lebo Ellison of Las Vegas, Nevada; his brothers, Randy Aldridge and his wife, Cindy, of Palmdale, California, and Jim Aldridge and his wife, Joni, of Sacramento, California; nephews, Josh and Alex; and niece, Peyten.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Jim Aldridge; grandparents, Orville and Elsie Aldridge, Kewanna; and grandmother, Agnes Lebo Corsaut, Burbank, California.

A memorial service will be held later in Nipomo.

CATHERINE C. ASH

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008, at Frain Mortuary in Winamac for

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Catherine C. Ash, 86, Winamac. Pastor Mel Meyer officiated and burial was in McKinley Memorial Gardens, Winamac. Mrs. Ash died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 14, in Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born January 16, 1922 in Redkey, she was the daughter of Lewis and Sylvia B. Berrier Wandry. She was married December 26, 1941, in Winamac to Arthur L. Ash, who preceded in death August 2, 2000.

Catherine lived in Winamac most of her life and was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church and the VFW Post 1728 Auxiliary, both of Winamac.

She was a longtime employee of the Pulaski County License Branch and also had been employed at Eaton Controls in Winamac.

She enjoyed playing cards and making pillow cases, dancing, working crossword puzzles and participating in activities with her family.

Survivors include two sons, Leroy G. Ash and his wife, Jill, Logansport, and John Ash and his wife, Terry, Royal Center; 11 grandchildren; 14 greatgrandchildren; and two sisters, Clara Hahn, Tempe, Arizona, and Louise Thompson, Slater, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Esther Hahn, Betty Wandry, Lauramay Koebcke and Charlene Wandry.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Prenatal classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, May 1 through May 29, in the PMH conference center. There will be a breast-feeding class on June 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the classes.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, April 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to



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PMH will hold a two-day safesitter class Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The classes are designed to prepare your adolescent, age 11 to 13, to care for younger children. Class size is limited, please register early. For information, call 574-946-2193 or 1-800-659-7644 ext. 2193. The registration fee is \$30. Scholarships for those needing financial assistance are available.

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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EASTERN PULASKI MENU April 28 – May 2

Elementary Breakfast
Monday – Cereal, graham
cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday – Biscuit and jelly, juice and milk

Thursday – Cheese omelet, juice and milk

Friday – Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Burrito, corn, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Tuesday – Hot ham and cheese sandwich, seasoned wedges, banana, cake and milk

Wednesday - Mozzarella cheese bread with salsa, green beans, peaches & bananas, cookie and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, biscuit and milk

Friday – Chicken sandwich, fries, applesauce, cookie and milk

Middle/High School Lunch Monday – BBQ chicken chips, steak fries, muffin, orange juice cup, and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Cavatini, cheese breadstick, peas, pears and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Chicken fajitas, lettuce & cheese, peach crisp, and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Chicken pizza quesadilla and salsa, green beans, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – corn dog, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice – potato bar

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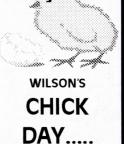
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SIXTY YEARS AGO April 22, 1948

The Business Girls Club met at home of Miss the Tomlinson Tuesday evening. After the business session the club held a kitchen shower for Miss Ruth Elston. Contests and bunco were enjoyed with prizes going to Delores Ackert, Mary Barger and Carol Sue Heater.

third Anderson and Ann Jerry Emmons.

Kewanna High School will hold its 49th commencement exercises valedictorian will Murhling, Martha

Miss Ruth Elston, bride-elect of

this week. Wednesday, Mrs. Harbett entertained several girls at a shower and pot luck supper at the Harbett cottage on Lake Manitou. Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stafford entertained at a 6 p.m. dinner at Aileen's honoring Miss Elston. Later they went to the Stafford home where games and contests were enjoyed. Guests were KHS faculty, their spouses, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 24, 1953

Benjamin Caldwell, 85, retired grocer, died Tuesday afternoon at his home at Lake Bruce. Funeral services were held at the Harrison Funeral Home and burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

The Rice Corporation will start their operations in Kewanna some time next week according to general manager, James Freeman. The company has been busy nights installing equipment, most of which is new, in order to get underway as soon as possible. The factory will produce boys' denim dungarees only, which will have a lot of triple stitching, bar tacking and rivets.

Charles F. Greer, 19, Rt. 1, Kewanna, met with an accident recently in Logansport. While attempting to make a left turn, his auto was struck in the rear by one driven by Barbara Henry, 24, Logansport. The Greer auto was not damaged but there was considerable damage to the other

John Cunningham, a member of the Grass Creek Future Farmers of America chapter, won individual honors Tuesday afternoon, April 14, in the Fulton County dairy judging contests. He scored 310 points out of a possible 400.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scheetz and Rose O'Brien entertained at a 6:00 dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Nancy Walsh of Fort Wayne. Guests were Rev. Father Ley of Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. James Ware.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 24, 1958

A two-car collision south of Metea Sunday afternoon, April 20, took the lives of three people. Dead are Howard McDougle, 17, and Harold Bowyer, 30, of Fulton and Steven Striggle, 16, Rt. 4, Rochester.

Rev. Kenneth Lucky announced earlier this week that he is resigning as pastor of the Kewanna Church of Christ.

William Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, was named valedictorian of the Grass Creek High School graduating class. Salutatorian is Joye Nadine Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foust were honored on their 30th wedding anniversary Sunday with a dinner held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Foust. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. David Foust and Kathy of Macy, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walters, Mrs. Otto Whybrew and Mrs. Nellie Apple of Winamac, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foust and Colleen.

A surprise party was held Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher in their home. The party was in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Duyne and son Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeWitt and son Jamie.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 25, 1963

Kewanna High School has announced the names of its top students in this year's graduating class. Identical scholastic ratios were achieved by two students, Lillian Montz and Richard Graffis. Both posted perfect records of 4.0 in their four years of high school and were named co-valedictorians. Betty Hendrickson, with a gpa of 3.645, was named salutatorian.

The 11th annual reunion of the Kewanna High School Alumni Association was held Saturday evening, April 20, in the school gym with 300 persons present. Association president, Kenneth Smith, was the master of ceremonies. He also gave the report from the nominating committee. Officers for 1964 are Jerry Sisinger, president; Walter Koebcke, vice president; Shirley Zartman, secretary; and Janice Green, treasurer.

Gosnell, Jerry fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gosnell, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is serving aboard the Navy's first fleet ballistic missile submarine tender, USS Proteus, which returned to her homeport, Charleston, South Carolina, March 27, after two years' duty at Holy Loc, Scotland.

Dennis Wilson of Hanover College spent Monday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bruce of Michigan City were Saturday guests in the Albert Smith home and attended the alumni banquet in the evening.

FORTY YEARS AGO April 25, 1968

Winamac Coil Spring honored Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pesaresi Saturday night, April 20, with a surprise dinner at the Culver Eagles Lodge. The occasion was the completion of their 20th year in business. During that time the firm has grown to around \$1,000,000 in annual sales and 35 employees.

Five students from Fulton County including Tom Troutman, Rt. 3, Kewanna, have been singled out for special recognition at Indiana University's Founders Day program, May 1, by being named to the Dean's List one or both of the last two semesters.

The Worthwhile Extension Homemakers Club met Thursday, April 18, at the home of Mrs. Herbert Luhnow with Mrs. Chester Smith as her co-hostess.

THIRTY YEARS AGO April 27, 1978

Aron Ousley has resigned as Kewanna police chief to take other employment. Assistant chief Larry Baldwin is the acting chief and Larry Hurley is assisting him. The Kewanna town board is accepting applications for the police department. Interested persons should contact John Urbin, Mary Heidorn or Calvin Miller.

The committee in charge of the Kewanna United Methodist Church nursery school is seeking a teacher for the fall term. Anyone interested in applying should contact Jill Leazenby.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed, Rt. 2, Kewanna, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary April 20 in Canterbury Manor nursing home where Mrs. Reed is a patient. The couple has three sons, Dwight and Dean, Kewanna, and Harold, Indianapolis.

Lisa Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kline, Monterey, will present her high school diploma piano program at the Sharon Weslevan Church Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. She is a student of Vera Singer Wickline.

WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM SEES **OVERWHELIMING** NEED

WHILE FUNDING NEARS **EXHAUSTION**

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. - This year's cold winter has been a challenge for some of our natural gas customers. The cold temperatures and higher costs for natural gas combined to create an unprecedented demand for Northern Indiana Public Service Company's (NIPSCO) Winter Warmth energy assistance program.

NIPSCO's Winter Warmth program provides qualifying natural gas customers with financial assistance for bills and deposits. The program began in 2004 and has provided nearly \$14.5 million to 35,216 customers in those three years. Qualifying customers are eligible to receive up to \$450 in annual energy assistance.

"Winter Warmth provides funds for customers who have experienced economic hardship this winter," said Director Colleen Reilly, Communications and Public Affairs for NIPSCO. "Unfortunately, we have had more customers applying for assistance this winter, and the funds are dwindling rapidly.'

For this winter heating season, \$5.4 million was available through the Winter Warmth program to assist residents across northern Indiana with their heating bills. The budget for the Winter Warmth program was increased this year while eligibility guidelines expanded, making more customers eligible to receive help.

"We realize this is a frustrating situation. Our goal is to keep our customers connected, and we work through this program and our policy of flexible payment arrangements to keep natural gas service on," said Reilly. "Funding for assistance is limited, so we are urging our customers who have received disconnect notices to apply for credit arrangements to help pay their bills."

Before a customer's service is disconnected, they are notified well in advance in order to provide an ample amount of time to make payment arrangements. Throughout the process, information is provided about where the customer can turn to for assistance. The process begins with a late payment notice, followed by a disconnect notice with a scheduled date for the disconnection. Finally, a phone call is made to the number provided by the customer, reminding them of the impending disconnection of service and urging them to contact NIPSCO.

About the Winter Warmth Program

Customers whose household income is up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for Winter Warmth. Once the customer has received a disconnection notice, they can apply for funds at participating Winter Warmth agencies. Winter Warmth also has a hardship component for families who fall outside the income guidelines, but are facing a hardship situation caused by job loss, health issues or other extreme circumstances. The Winter Warmth agency has the authority to determine whether or not circumstances qualify as a hardship situation.

AREA WINTER WARMTH AGENCIES

Fulton County United Ministries, 625 Pontiac St., Rochester, IN 46975; telephone 574-223-4802

Cass County - Area Five Council on Aging, 1801 Smith St., Logansport, IN 46947; telephone 574-722-4451

Pulaski County - Pulaski County Human Services, Inc., 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, IN 46996; telephone 574-946-6500 Marshall County - Marshall County Neighborhood Center,

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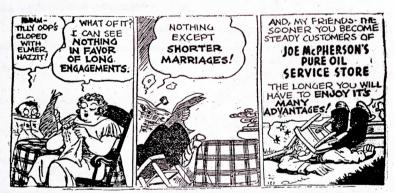
Mrs. Dean Enyeart entertained at a party last Thursday in honor of her daughter Naomi Jean, who was celebrating her birthday. Guests included Dick, Bobby and Patricia Kumler, Marilyn Sue McColley, Joyce

Thursday, April 29, in the school gymnasium. There are 16 students in the graduating class. Berniece Hart and the salutatorian will be Mary Ann Brown. Other members of the class include Blanche Ball, Paul Bardsley, Kenneth Clark, Evelyn Engle, John Enyeart, Marjorie Friedrich, Homer Geller, Florence Guyer, Robert Hubeny, Edwin Miller, Violet Mutchler, Richard Patesel and Helen Traylor.

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

<u>Dear EarthTalk</u>: My old computer finally bit the dust and 1 am in the market for a replacement. Are there any particularly "green" computers for sale these days? -- Brian Smith, Nashua, NH

Thanks in part to pressure from non-profits like Greenpeace International—which has published quarterly versions of its landmark "Guide to Greener Electronics" since 2006—computer makers now understand that consumers care about the environmental footprints of the products they use.

latest The version Greenpeace's guide gives high marks to Toshiba, Lenovo, Sony and Dell for increasing the recyclability of their computers and reducing toxic components and so-called "e-waste" (refuse from discarded electronic devices and components). The group also credits Apple, HP and Fujitsu for making strides toward greener manufacturing products and processes, but emphasizes that even such top ranked companies have lots of room for improvement when it comes to the environment.

PC Magazine, the leading computer publication for consumer and business users, recently assessed dozens of personal computers according to standards environmental developed in-house based on energy efficiency, recyclability and the toxicity of components. The publication also factored in "green" certification various schemes such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's EnergyStar program, the European Union's Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directive, Taiwan's Greenmark and the computer industry's own Electronic **Products** Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT).

The top choices for green desktop computers, according to *PC*, are Apple's Mac Mini, Zonbu's Desktop Mini, HP Compaq's 2710p and dc7800, Lenovo's ThinkCentre a61e, and Dell's OptiPlex 755. As for laptops, the greenest current models include Dell's Latitude D630, the Everex Zonbu, Fujitsu's LifeBook S6510, and Toshiba's Tecra A9-S9013.

Perhaps more important than the green-ness of your new computer is what you do with the old one. Stuffing it into the trash or setting it out for curbside pick-up may be the worst thing you can do with an outdated computer, as heavy metals and other toxins inevitably get free and get into surrounding soils and water. If the machine still works, donate it to a local school that can put it to use, or to Goodwill or the Salvation Army, either of which can re-sell it to help fund their programs. Another option is to donate it to the National Cristina Foundation, which places outdated technology with needy non-profits.

Once you've gotten rid of an old computer and outfitted yourself with a spiffy new green one, you

might just want to score a few green accessories. Brooklyn, New York's Verdant Computing, which bills itself as a purveyor of "the greenest computer products on the web," sells remanufactured ink and toner cartridges, laptop cases made from recycled plastic. GreenDisk CDs packaged in recycled plastic jewel cases, solar-powered MP3 accessories, energy-saving printers and even a software program, GreenPrint, the print which modifies programs on your computer to economize on paper and ink/toner use. Verdant also has most products shipped to consumers directly from the manufacturers to save re-shipping.

CONTACTS: Greenpeace International, www.greenpeace.org; PC Magazine, www.pcmag.com; National Cristina Foundation, www.cristina.org; Verdant Computing, www.verdantcomputing.com.

Dear EarthTalk: My pediatrician swears by those gel hand sanitizers for lowering the risk of my family getting sick during cold and flu season. But I've also heard that these products can be dangerous to kids if ingested. Are there any safer alternatives that work just as well?

-- Jason Blalock, Oakland, CA

A 2005 study by the Children's Hospital in Boston compared illness rates across a study group of 292 families—half of them got hand sanitizers while the other half were given literature advising them of the benefits of frequent hand washing. The

findings revealed that those families who used hand sanitizers experienced a 59 percent reduction in gastrointestinal illnesses and that the increased use of sanitizers correlated to a decreased spread of contagions in general.

Another study conducted at Colorado State University vielded similar conclusions, that alcoholbased hand sanitizers were as much as twice as effective as either regular soap antibacterial soap at reducing germs on human hands. A Purdue study, University however, concluded that while alcoholbased hand sanitizers may kill more germs than plain or triclosan-based soaps, they do not prevent more infections that make people sick. Instead they may kill the human body's own beneficial bacteria by stripping the skin of its outer layer of oil.

The down side of the gel/alcohol products is their danger as poison, especially for young children who may ingest the gel by licking it off their hands or eating it directly out of dispensers. Purell and Germ-X, two of the leading brands, each contain 62 percent ethyl alcohol. While this alcohol is what gives the products their germ-busting power, it also puts kids at risk of alcohol poisoning. A few squirts of the hand sanitizer-which is equivalent to 124 proof booze—is enough to make a kid's blood alcohol level .10, which is the equivalent of being legally drunk in most

So what's a concerned parent to do? Unfortunately, the so-called greener alternatives out there aren't safe to swallow either. EO Hand Sanitizer, for example, though it uses organic lavender oil also contains alcohol to sanitize the skin surface, and would also be considered poison if a large enough amount was ingested. Similarly greener (but still not safe to eat) products are available from Avant and All Terrain.

For now, soap and warm water—and constant nagging of your kids to wash their hands—may be the safest way to sanitize. Also, make sure that any hand sanitizer dispensers you may still use are kept out of the reach of little hands.

But who knows how we'll be sanitizing our hands in the future. Researchers at Arizona State University have found that certain types of natural clays pulled right from the ground are highly effective at killing bacteria. One type of green clay has been shown to do a number on E. coli, salmonella, staph and other bacteria known to make people sick. But the research is still in its infancy, so don't expect to see moms pulling jars of clay out of their purses anytime soon.

CONTACTS: EO Products, www.eoproducts.com; OrganicBeautySource.com, www.organicbeautysource.com; MotherNature.com, www.mothernature.com.
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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Cor-poration (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 May 7. To schedule an appointment call 574-223-3326.

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Virginia Agnew returned home last week after a 10-day visit in Boston with her nephew, Max and Donna Rans, Monique, David and Rachel. She also visited with Donna's family in Hampshire and Maine. While in Boston, she and her hosts visited many historical places. The last day of her visit, they went on a duck boat ride viewing Boston from the streets and from the water. Virginia notes that Boston is a very beautiful and historical place. Max is the son of Virginia's late brother, Lowell.

Helen Whiteman was the guest of honor at a large family gathering Sunday afternoon. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and held in her home.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Regan Watson, April 27; Danny Chew and Jim Cogdill, April 28; Jim Fisher, Pat Smith and Roger Vogel, April 29; Jim Hines, L.O. Robinson, Sandi Westphal and Addison Zimpleman, April 30; Chuck Baldwin, May 1; Abigail Powell, May 2; and Trina Doty,

Linda Evans, Agnes Kline and Brycen Metzger, May 3.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clyde, April 27; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Baldwin, April 28; Mr. and Mrs. Chris LaFollette, April 29; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leininger, May 1; and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, May 2.

Caston book fair

The annual "Read it again book fair" sponsored by the Caston Elementary PTO is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 through Friday, May 16. The book fair will be located in the south gym lobby of the school from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gently used books, tapes, CDs and magazines will be sold for \$.25. There will be a limited selection of new books sold for

The PTO is accepting donations of these items at the elementary front office. The public is invited.

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CASTON MENU April 28 – May 2 Breakfast

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Lunch

Monday - Plain or Spanish hot dog, potatoes, broccoli, peanut butter sandwich and milk. Comet Café – bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich and chips

Tuesday - BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned potatoes, peach crisp, ice cream cup and milk. Comet Café - tenderloin sandwich and

Wednesday - Pasta with meat sauce, lettuce salad, warm apple slices, garlic bread and milk. Comet Café - chicken salad on ciabatta bun and chips

Thursday - Chicken tenders, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café cheese stuffed breadsticks

Friday - Warm ham and cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, pineapple, sugar cookie, and milk. Comet Café - taco turnovers

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indiana Electrical Expo '08: April 23 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; kick-off breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Admission: Trade Show free, but must pre-register; breakfast \$50. Contact: Lisa Crouch (317) 250-7193.

Mecum Car Auction: April 26 in the Northwest Pavilion. Preview cars all day; auction 7 to 11 p.m.; live national broadcast on HD Theater, a Discovery Network, 8 to 11 p.m. Admission: \$20. Contact: Harold Gerdes (815) 568-8888 or www.mecumauction.com.

Mt. Paran Missionary Baptist Church Shoe Give-Away: April 26 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (by referral only). Admission: free. Contact: Rev. T.D. Robinson (317) 542-8200.

Indy Baby Expo: April 26 - 27 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$5; grandparents and children younger than 5 free. Contact: Jenn Kampmeier (317) 517-9920 or www.indybabyexpo.com.

Casting Crowns Concert: May 2 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors

open at 6 p.m.; show begins at 7 p.m. Admission: \$16, \$22, \$28, \$35, \$40 and \$75 - tickets available at the State Fairgrounds ticket office. Contact: New Covenant Productions (317) 839-0311 or the ticket office at (317) 927-1482.

Mecum Car Auction: May 3 in the Northwest Pavilion. Preview cars all day; auction 7 to 11 p.m.; live national broadcast on HD Theater, a Discovery Network, 8 to 11 p.m. Admission: \$20. Contact: Harold Gerdes (815) 568-8888 or

www.mecumauction.com. Elite Fighting: May 3 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 6 to 11 p.m. Admission: \$20, \$35 and \$50. Contact: Phil Walsh (317) 418-2614.

Hoosier Regional Volleyball Tournament: May 3 - 4 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Scott McQueen (317) 839-5222 or

www.capitolsportscenter.com. Indiana 2008 State Wrestling Competition: May 3 - 4 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to conclusion. Admission: \$10 good for both days. Contact: Mike Dowden (317) 780-1885 or www.iswa.com.

Secretary of State delivers phone cards

(Landstuhl Regional Air Force Base, Germany) - Hoosier hospitality is often on display through the mail and over the phone - but it's always better in Recently, Indiana person. Secretary of State Todd Rokita delivered the last package of prepaid phone cards donated by Hoosiers across the state to wounded U.S. troops Germany. Secretary Rokita was on the other side of the country in Munich, addressing a Summit as NASS President and Indiana Secretary of State, discussing ways to help the troops vote while serving overseas. He then traveled to Landsthul Regional Medical Center at Ramstein U.S. Airforce Base to personally deliver the final batch of over 408,000 donated phone card minutes.

"From the time we first mentioned the need for phone cards for wounded troops at Landstuhl, my office witnessed an outpouring of support from Hoosiers who collected and sent thousands of phone cards," said Secretary Rokita. "I was honored to deliver the last shipment of

phone cards to troops at Landstuhl while in Germany last week."

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center serves as the primary medical evacuation destination for U.S. troops participating in Iraq and Afghanistan military operations. When Secretary Rokita toured the facility in 2007, he discovered that the military requires domestic phone cards for outgoing calls due to the hospitals phone system configuration. The need for phone cards was publicized throughout Indiana. and Hoosiers started donating phone cards by the thousands. To date, more than 408,000 prepaid domestic calling card minutes have been delivered to troops at Landstuhl.

"As Indiana's Chief Election Officer, I believe it is important that members of our uniformed services who are overseas, whether wounded or active, know what options are available to them in order to participate in the upcoming primary and general elections," said Secretary Rokita.

While at the Overseas Vote Foundation's Second Annual Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Voting Act (UOCAVA) Summit. Secretary Rokita led discussions related to voting issues and the UOCAVA. New technologies served as key elements of discussion. Other topics that were discussed include UOCAVA participation in caucuses, ballotcounting issues, voter confidence, state deadlines and proposed federal and state legislation.

"We thank Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita for taking such an interest in this process, and for making a personal effort to information and assistance to our Soldiers and Airmen deployed all over the world," remarked the adjutant general of Indiana's National Guard, Major General R. Martin Umbarger.

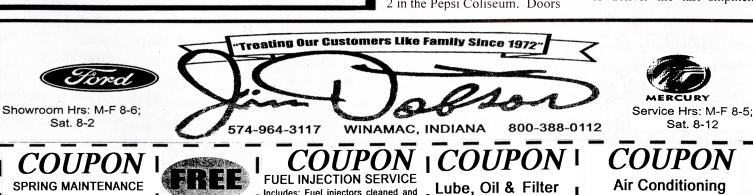
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Court grants BMV's motion for Summary Judgment in In God We Trust lawsuit

INDIANAPOLIS—The following statement was issued by Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Stiver in response to the decision by Marion Superior Court in the matter of the In God We Trust lawsuit.

"In accordance with state law, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles began offering the In God We Trust (IGWT) license plate design in January, 2007, as one of more than 75 options for customers. Since that time, more than 1.6 million Hoosier motorists have selected the IGWT plate. The BMV will continue its policy to offer all plate designs without promoting any one license plate design over another and will continue to offer the IGWT plate design at no additional charge, as outlined by the Indiana General Assembly."

Background: A law passed by the Indiana Legislature in 2006 mandated the BMV to create and offer Hoosier motorists an In God We Trust license plate design at no additional charge. legislation (H.B. 1013) was coauthored by 77 members of the Indiana General Assembly and passed both houses of the Legislature with 143 supporting



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Young Must Learn How **Democracy Works**

If by chance you have visited a presidential campaign headquarters, you might have noticed one of the more striking aspects of the various campaigns: how young their footsoldiers are. You see them in the background at campaign headquarters, or standing alongside the wall at a debate or rally, or accompanying candidates out on the stump.

Young people - college students, those not long out of college, even some high-school students - play a central role in the behind-the-scenes work of a presidential campaign because, apart from the candidates themselves, only the young have the energy for the exhausting hours that must be put into a campaign at this level.

I can't help contrasting this picture with what I've often seen when sitting on the stage at some local political event and looking out at the crowd: mostly older people. The fact is, at the local and state levels, the people who make the political system work are getting older.

The parties' precinct committee chairs, the poll workers, the election judges, the convention delegates, those who fill the chairs at political functions - in short, the people who oil the machinery of a representative democracy - are for the most part middle-aged or beyond. I hope you'll understand that I'm not being ageist when I say this is not a healthy state of affairs.

Our system depends for its vitality on a continuous stream of young people getting involved in it, and not just in presidential election years. It's not simply the mechanics of politics that benefits from energy, new blood and fresh perspectives, it's democracy itself.

Our civic life cannot be whole if the ideas and perspectives of students and young adults are missing from political campaigns, or from grassroots efforts to change a policy or get a new traffic light, or from the boards and commissions that oversee

various aspects of community affairs. Just as important, young people who

don't take part in politics are missing a vital education in the complexities of their communities and in how to develop the skills that a vibrant democracy demands from its citizens.

The truth is, as a society we're not especially good at encouraging young people to become involved in political life. Anne Colby, a senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching who has studied the political engagement of students at colleges and universities around the country, found that they are much more likely to be involved in community service efforts than in politics.

This may be, she argues, because that's what they know. In high school and college, she notes, students "are offered a great wealth of opportunities to do community service but they perceive very few opportunities and little encouragement to become politically involved." The result is that politics seems like foreign territory, while community service "has become almost as familiar as going to school."

It is good that students in high school and beyond are being shown how to contribute to their communities. And I certainly can understand why teachers might be reluctant to encourage students to become involved in the potentially controversial work of backing a political candidate or cause. It is far safer to direct someone to go help out the local food bank than, say, the Democratic or Republican candidate

Yet if we define "contribute to the community" narrowly, leaving out politics, then we deprive our students of exposure to the issues and mechanisms that drive the nation's political life, as well as the diversity of people and communities that politics would encourage them to

Moreover, as elementary and middle schools de-emphasize social studies in their efforts to meet federal and state testing requirements in math,

reading and writing, you have to wonder how students will get the education in democracy that buttresses their ability to participate as adults in our democracy. As former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former Colorado Governor Roy Romer put it in a 2006 op-ed column, "Most young people today simply do not have an adequate understanding of how our government and political system work, and they are thus not well prepared to participate as citizens."

There are some ambitious efforts to counter this state of affairs. As part of our work at the Center on Congress, we partner with the Center for Civic Education and the National Conference of State Legislatures to promote a sustained commitment to civics instruction from kindergarten through college. Justice O'Connor is spearheading a program to teach middle-school students about the judiciary and government in general. Former Congressman Abner Mikva has created a program giving students in the Chicago Public Schools a chance to volunteer for political campaigns, work as election judges at polling places, learn how to advocate for policy change, and develop leadership skills in addressing issues affecting their own schools.

And election officials across the country are backing state efforts to lower the minimum age for poll workers to 16, which would give young people a firsthand view of how elections run while tapping their expertise with technology.

As creative and vital as these and other projects may be, the vacuum they're trying to address is enormous. What we need is a cultural change in our schools and our communities that sees an adequate civic education as being every bit as important as math and reading, and that encourages students to participate in the everyday life of our political system. There is no better way of ensuring that our democracy remains healthy from one generation to the next.

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Log Cabin Tour, **June 7-8**

Five privately-owned log or country homes in the hills of Brown County, Indiana, will be featured during the 35th annual Log Cabin Tour sponsored by Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority. All proceeds support art, literature, music, and speech and hearing needs in the Brown County community.

Visitors to the tour take a beautiful drive, using tour maps provided with the tickets, through the back roads and gentle, rolling hills of scenic Brown County to see unique, decorated log cabin homes, both new and old. The private homes feature gardens, antiques, family heirlooms, and the work of local artists. Photos and information on this year's homes, as they become available, can be accessed on the website at logcabintour.com.

Tour hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, rain or shine. Tickets are available by mail at P.O. Box 39, Nashville, IN 47448.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Children two and under will be admitted free. Information and tickets are also available by email at logcabintour@hotmail.com

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

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF HEARING ROCHESTER HOMES INC. **Upon Petition for Resolution**

Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance The Common Council of Fulton County, meeting in Rochester, Indiana, shall on May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., hold a public hearing upon the Petition for Resolution Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance filed by Rochester Homes Inc. before the County Council, at the County Commissioners Room, County Office Building, 125 E 9th Street, Rochester.

At the conclusion of the public hearing the Council may take final action on this Petition for Resolution Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance. All interested parties are welcome to attend and make their concerns, or objections known to the members of the Council, before the Council takes final ac-

> Denise Chandler, Auditor **Fulton County**

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QUESTIONS? Call Julie Oberg at (574) 382-2130

NOTICE PUBLIC

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Kewanna, Indiana, by and through its Town Council hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed proposals for the Kewanna Wastewater Improvements Project which will consist of the following improvements.

Pump Station No. 1: Pumps and valves replacement.

Pump Station No. 2: Pump station rehabilitation to included guiderails, brackets, piping, valves control panel, electrical and misc., appurtenances.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Removal of existing pond liner for two lagoons, sludge removal, new liners, plug valve on lagoon influent line, pump replacement for irrigation pumps, concrete walk, fencing, stone pavement, related appurtenances and site restoration.

Proposals may be sent by mail or delivery service for which receipt by Owner is documented in care of the Kewanna Town Council, Kewanna, IN 46939 or delivered in person to the bid opening and will be considered by the Owner at a public opening called to receive such proposals, provided the same shall have been received not later than 10:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on April 29, 2008, at The Town Hall, 308 South Logan Street, Kewanna, IN 46939. Proposals received after the bid opening process has begun will be returned unopened.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted, including any and all separate and combination proposals, shall include sufficient and proper sums for all General, Construction, Mechanical, Electrical, Installation, Labor, Materials, Tools, Equipment, Taxes (both Federal and State), Permits, Licenses, Insurance, Service Costs, and so forth, incident to and required for the construction of the facilities.

All materials furnished and labor performed incident to and required for the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts shall be furnished and performed in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents as defined in the General Conditions of the Construction Contract, and any addenda thereto, prepared by the Engineer, Bonar Group. Said Bid Documents are on file at the following locations: (1) Bonar Group, Mike Strang, 703 Dickman Street, Plymouth, IN 46563, 574-936-8557; and (2) Town of Kewanna, Mike Molitor, 308 South Logan Street, Kewanna, IN 46939, 574-653-

One (1) copy each of the drawings, project manual, and bidding documents may be obtained from the Engineer upon receipt of a check payable to Bonar Group, in the following amount: \$85.00.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the project and the name and address of the Bidder.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or acceptable Bidder's Bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate proposal, which check or bond will be held by the

Owner as evidence that the Bidder will, if awarded a contract or contracts, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within fifteen (15) days of said notification.

Approved Performance and payment Bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of each contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bonds will be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and must be in full force and effect as described in the General Conditions, Articl3 5.

If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within fifteen days after the Notice of Award, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid security of the Bidder will be forfeited.

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on (1) Bid form provided by the Engineer and (2) Form No. 96, Contractor's Bid for Public Works (current Revision), provided by and executed by the Bidder, all as required by statute.

No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered, and, therefore, contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposals for this

Wage rates on this project shall not be less than the prescribed scale of wages as determined in accordance the Federal wage scale published by the U.S. Department of Labor as being in effect at the time of the

The Owner is cognizant of the 60 day time limitation for awarding contracts and giving notice to proceed pursuant to IC 5-16-2-1.5. The Owner reserves the right to reject any proposal, or all proposals as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of proposals or authorized postponement thereof. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least 60 days. All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the projects shall apply to the Projects through-

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the Bid form included in the Specifications. Proposals shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (current Revision). Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work, and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contem-

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its bid. The Bidder's attention is also called to the Minority/Women Business Participation requirements contained in the Project Specifications. The State of Indiana, Office of Community and Rural Affairs, has adopted a State goal of 10% participation for minority and female owned businesses for construction-related or purchase-related

contracts for the work.

In addition, the Contractor must meet guidelines and practices established by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and appropriate Federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11346, 2) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 4) OMB Circular !-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10) Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause 11) Contractors and Subcontractors Certifications, and others that may be appropriate or nec-

In addition, the Contract Division procurement is subject to the Federal Regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12.

Any contract(s) awarded under this Advertisement for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs through its Community Focus Fund Program. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement or Bids or any resulting contract. A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must be approved by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

If non-English speaking representatives or handicapped people need to have arrangements made, please contact Pam Michel at 574-936-8557 at least 7 calendar days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference or Bid Opening to have the necessary arrangements made. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 9:30 a. m, Local Time on April 23, 2008, at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Kewanna, IN 46939.

Town of Kewanna Jeffrey A. Finke, Pub. 4-17, 24, 2008 Town Council President

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was here, he put away some of

the winter tools and put out the

porch furniture. Later, they

continued their catching- up over

Helen Whiteman accompanied

her granddaughter, Julie Nies of

Winamac, to the Relay for Life

walk at Culver Military Academy

Friday evening. Among the many

cancer victims being recognized

and participating in the overnight

event was Helen's great-

granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty

of Winamac. (Rylee's photograph

was shown later that evening on

Linda Garner had company

Saturday, April 19. Stopping in

for a short chat were her daughter

Young, Brianna, Kaylyn and

Missy

granddaughters,

WSJV-TV Channel 28.)

and

supper at the Kewanna Kafé.

Town & Country Chatter... by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Sandra Blume of Fallbrook, California arrived Tuesday, April 15, for an extended visit with her mother, Helen Miller.

Romayne Wentzel had company last week. Staying with her for several days was her daughter, Christy Stopa of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Barb and Jon Gast and Barb's sister, Betty Leazenby, traveled to Miller's Merry Manor in Culver Thursday, April 17. They had a nice time helping Barb and Betty's cousin, Harry Peters, celebrate his 90th birthday.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of working visitors Thursday. Helping to clean up the yard in preparation for mowing were their daughters, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City and Phyllis Koontz of Rochester.

Leonard and Nancy Evers treated their daughter, Janet Yocum, to breakfast in Rochester Friday morning, April 18. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday.

Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed visiting over lunch with her son. Roger Vogel of Rochester, Friday.

Ruth Cogdill was happy to see and welcome home her brother. David Norris, Friday afternoon. During his month long stay in Hong Kong, David and his good friend, Kenneth Chang, traveled to Cambodia to visit the ancient ruins of the Angkor Wat temples. During the time of the "Killing Fields" era, these beautiful temples were overcome by vegetation and trees and came under disrepair. They are now being fully restored and are truly an ancient marvel.

Mildred McColley had a visitor Friday. Stopping by late in the day after attending a meeting in North Judson, was her son, Ron McColley of Frankfort. While he

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Stevanna of Twelve Mile.

Maria Evers was the guest of honor at a surprise dinner party Saturday afternoon. The occasion was in celebration of her 50th birthday and hosted by her husband, David Evers, and her daughters, Jessica Hernandez and Dara Dollar. Among the many in attendance were David's parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers.

Helen Miller and Sandra Blume had company Saturday. Arriving for an overnight visit was Helen's granddaughter, Suzanne Crump of Muncie.

Ellen Walsh was among those who enjoyed attending the Fulton High School alumni banquet Saturday evening at Caston Educational Center.

Jackie Heidenreich, Evelyn Markley and Evelyn's daughter, Julie Birge, were among those who enjoyed attending the 20/20 dinner at the Winamac VFW post Saturday.

Robin Fivecoat of Indianapolis was a weekend houseguest of her

grandmother, Helen Whiteman.

Romayne Wentzel was among those who had a nice time attending the Fulton High School alumni banquet Saturday evening. The event was held at the Caston Educational Center.

Mathilda Lamb, Wilma Wilson and Wilma's daughters and sonsin- law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center and Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne, were among those who enjoyed attending the open house in honor of Jeanette Hunter Sunday afternoon, April 20. The event was in recognition of Jeanette's 90th birthday and was held at Jarrety's Place.

Shelby Bohac and Elijah of Rochester were the guests of honor at a baby shower Sunday. The event was attended by 25 of their friends and family and hosted by Shelby's mother, Bohac, Karina and her grandmother, Barb LaFollette.

Linda Garner had a nice time visiting with her niece and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally, over lunch at the Kewanna Kafé Sunday.

Chloe Brown was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her parents, Ted and Faith Brown. Among those enjoying the cookout, cake and ice cream were Chloe's greatgrandparents, Jerry and Kay Brown.

Pauline and Don Scales had callers Sunday. Stopping by for a visit and to mow the yard were their granddaughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally. The ladies visited while Greg did the mowing.

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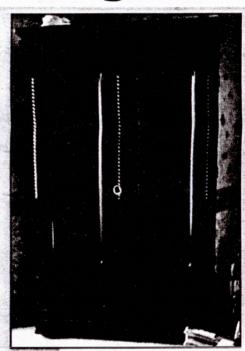
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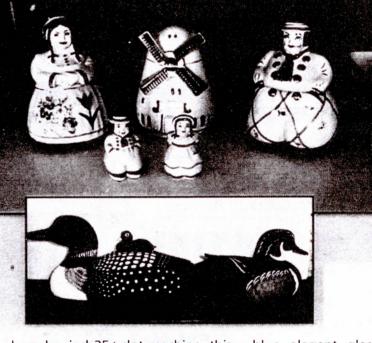
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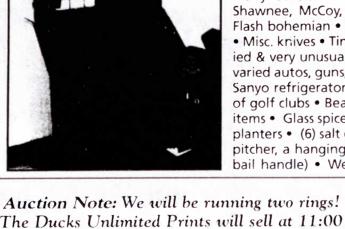
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