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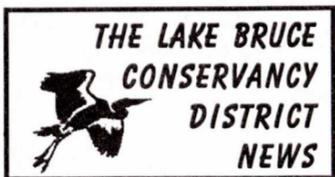
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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its annual meeting Thursday, February 15, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Four of the five directors were present as well as three freeholders.

The minutes of the January meeting and the treasurer's report were approved and bills were approved for payment.

Chairman Norm Steigely opened the meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming in spite of the weather. He noted it was the first annual meeting at which no election of directors was held.

The first order of business was election of officers for 2007. A motion was made, seconded and passed to retain all officers, namely Norm Steigley, chairman and secretary; Dave Foust, treasurer; and Gerald Porter, vice chairman.

Correspondence received during the month was reviewed.

It was reported that dredging of the lake continues to fall behind schedule because of the weather. A letter from JF New stated that the district will probably not be able to get phase one of the dredging project completed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) deadline of April 15. They questioned whether the district should hold off any dredging until July when the DNR will let the dredging resume. The directors voted to go ahead with any dredging that can be done prior to April 15. This would allow any sediment to drain and give them a better chance of being able to reclaim the holding site and not be required to pay an additional year's rent on the property. A bill was received from Tennant's Dredging for 75% completion of the holding site in the amount of \$10,500. The bill was approved by the board and will be forwarded to the DNR for payment from the conservancy's LARE grant.

A second hearing on the district's CFF grant application was opened and Tari Bateman from K-IRPC, grant administrator, explained the grant program and answered questions about it. The grant request of \$500,000 is to help with funding of the sewer project. It is a state-funded program that is allocated on a competitive basis. There are usually around 100 applicants with about a third of them getting funded. For this reason, letters of support of the project are very helpful. Application for the grant will be made in March so anyone wishing to submit a letter is encouraged to send it at once to Lake Bruce Conservancy District, P.O. Box 97, Kewanna, IN

## United Ministries Outreach Needs Funds

Fulton County United Ministries Outreach program needs money. The agency provides rent, utility and prescription medication assistance for county residents. In January, the program gave out almost \$8,000 in emergency aid will run out of funds in two to three weeks. Outreach chief, Dick Enyart, has applied for FEMA funding, but that money will not arrive until late March or early April.

Persons who would like to help may send a check to Fulton County United Ministries, P.O. Box 531, Rochester, IN 46975. Be sure to write "Outreach" on the subject line. Donations may also be dropped off at the United Ministries office in the Community Resource Center, 625 Pontiac St., Rochester. The office is open 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 1 to 3 p.m. each day of the week.

Those who want to apply for aid may call 574-224-4802 and leave their name and a phone number where they can be reached.

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Steigely reported that he had received a call from Senator Lugar's office Friday informing him that the district's application for a federal grant of \$1,674,000 and loan of \$2,046,000 has been approved. He then received a letter of obligation from Rural Development. He went on to mention that the district has received a 45% grant, the maximum amount of grant allowed at this time. This is fantastic news and gives the conservancy district the go-ahead on the sewer project.

Steven Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave his monthly progress report and noted that property acquisitions are the highest priority at this time and the project is moving forward on schedule. The closing on the east side vacuum station property will take place Feb. 27 and negotiations are still ongoing with the railroad property.

It was reported that the directors met in an open meeting on January 30 to continue their work on the preliminary sewer ordinances. They spent over three hours working with the updated material from their first meeting and finishing the last half of the project. The ordinances will be typed up at the Wightman-Petrie office and then sent to the district's attorney for review and corrections before coming back to the board for final approval.

Handouts were made available to those in attendance on how to register for the hydrilla seminar to be held Feb. 24 at the Rochester Elks.

The next meeting will be March 8 at 8 p.m. at the same location. All meetings are open to all freeholders and interested parties.

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## Weatherwax: 'Stephanie Wagner Law' Passes Senate Committee

(STATEHOUSE) - A bill aimed at protecting Hoosiers from violent offenders passed unanimously out of a senate committee Tuesday. The bill has been named Stephanie's Law after Stephanie Wagner of Royal Center who was killed on Halloween 2006 by a convicted murderer on parole from Kansas.

"We failed to protect Stephanie," said Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport), co-author of Senate Bill 78. "Communities have a right to know if convicted murders and sexual violent offenders are living in their neighborhoods, working and interacting with their loved ones. It's my hope that Stephanie's Law will provide the protection for other Hoosiers that was not there for her."

Weatherwax's bill changes the name of the Sex Offender Registry to the "Sex and Violent Offender Registry" and requires individuals convicted of murder or voluntary manslaughter to register. The bill also prohibits another state from sending a convicted murder or a sexual violent predator on probationer or parolee to Indiana, unless the individual is subject to parole or probation for the remainder of the offender's life. "I would like to honor Jane Gonzalez, Stephanie's mother, for her courage and determination and thank her for making the trip down to Indianapolis to share her very painful story to the committee today," said Weatherwax. "I will do everything in my power to make sure this bill passes the General Assembly and is signed into law by the governor."

SB 78 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

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## Tourism Grant Applications

The Fulton County Tourism Commission has tourism grant applications forms available at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce office. Groups seeking grants to promote tourism should fill in the application and turn them in my April 1, rather than waiting until closer to the event applied for.

The tourism commission will meet Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. in the Chamber office. At the January meeting, a grant of \$750 was awarded to the Mental Health Association to advertise its antique show to be held March 9 and 10.

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**Recycling Days**  
Fri., Feb. 9th &  
Feb. 23rd

## Hap's Chicken Bash Rescheduled

The Hap's Chicken Bash scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church has been postponed until Wednesday, February 28, due to Tuesday's blizzard conditions.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are still available at The Observer office in Kewanna or by calling 574-653-2101. Tickets are also available from Bruce Baker, 574-653-2894; Helen Peters, 574-946-4175; Charlie Bye, 574-857-3676; Janine Smith, 574-817-0519 or Bev Baldwin, 574-653-2622.

The meal will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Carry-outs are also available.

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## Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. The next regularly scheduled date is March 14. Also, since it was necessary to cancel due to the weather on February 14, those appointments have been rescheduled for February 28. **To schedule an appointment for February 28 or March 14, call 574-223-3326.**

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The residents on Willow Point at Lake Bruce would like to say "thanks so much" to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bangel for plowing our street out during the blizzard. It's great to see how a winter storm pulls friends and neighbors together.

The Fulton County Historical Society will meet at the museum Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. The program will be Alan Chesser showing Indian artifacts. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The Caston boys basketball team will play West Central in the first game of the Class 1A Sectional at Tri-County Wednesday, February 27.

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## World Day of Prayer, March 2

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host the community's World Day of Prayer service Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Frank Beard, district superintendent of the Kokomo District, for the United Methodist Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be enjoyed during a fellowship time after the program.

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## Baptist Church Sets VBS Dates

The First Baptist Church, Kewanna, will host a Vacation Bible School June 25, 26 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents should pre-register their children by Wednesday, June 20, by calling Cynthia Wiese at 574-653-2721.

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## IFB Plans Spring Conference

The IFB State Women's Committee has announced the dates and speakers for its spring conference to be held March 9 and 10 at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with the membership - hear their views, concerns, suggestions and ideas," said IFB 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Isabella Chism, who will be experiencing her first spring conference as chair of the State Women's Committee. "My goal is to equip anyone who attends the conference with tools they can take back to their counties and inspire them into action."

Activities will begin Friday, March 9, with early-bird sessions at 10:30 a.m. The official opening of the conference will be at 1 p.m., followed by an address from Chism. Chism is followed by motivational speaker Bob Ash on Friday afternoon.

IFB President Don Villwock takes the stage after Ash. A banquet and recognition for winners of the Leadership Incentive Program award, membership awards and the Hoosier Harvest Award will be given after the banquet. Humorous and columnist Mike Redmond will speak after the awards. Friday night's activities will conclude with bingo.

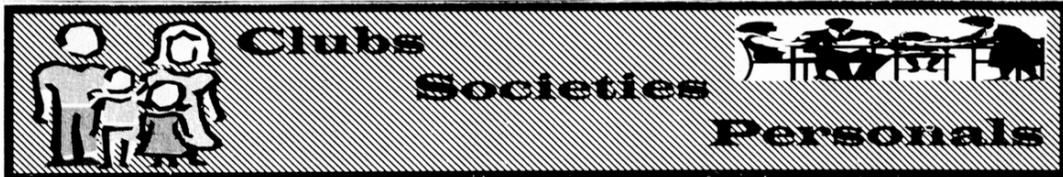
Saturday's activities include workshops, an address from IFB Vice President Randy Kron and motivational speaker Susie Humphries. Door prizes will be given after Humphries' presentation.

The children's track will return, and babysitting will be offered for infants and toddlers on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

For more information, contact Joni Wallman at 317-692-7830.

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**Attend Church Sunday**



## Use Children's Allowance To Teach Valuable Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

One of the hardest parts of parenting is allowing your children the freedom to learn from their own mistakes. We all want to protect our kids from harm, but if sheltered too much, they won't be ready to deal with real-world challenges when they leave the nest. This is true for managing money just as with avoiding physically dangerous situations.

So, how to teach your kids sound financial habits? Try setting a good example with your own spending behavior. If you consistently spend beyond your means, don't set aside emergency savings and don't use a budget, your kids might imitate your behavior and set themselves up for problems down the road. Involve your kids in budgeting for their own expenses at an early age. How you structure an allowance, what expenses it should be used for and the appropriate age to begin will vary by family, but here are a few guidelines my family has found helpful:

The goal of an allowance should be to teach children how to handle money wisely, not to reinforce good behavior - otherwise, your kids might think it's okay to forego completing chores, getting good grades or treating others well, if the only consequence is missing out on a few dollars. It's better to link those good behaviors to developing a sense of family responsibility and cooperation.

Plus, when you put a price tag on good behavior, you might start seeing an outthrust palm every time you ask them to answer the phone or pass the salt.

**Develop a needs-based allowance amount.** Track your kids' discretionary (toys, candy) and non-discretionary (school lunches, school supplies, clothes) expenses. (You'll be shocked.) Then, depending on their ages and maturity, decide which expenses you want them responsible for managing, and set a reasonable amount for each category - this will be their allowance. For example, my wife and I give our seven-year-old son 50 cents a week.

Start out slowly with only a few discretionary expenses, then gradually add others and increase their allowance as they become more confident. Realize that they'll probably make a few mistakes - that's part of the learning process.

**Stick to your guns.** If your son burns through his allowance by Tuesday and then begs for a new toy on Wednesday, tell him "no"; giving in sends a mixed message about the importance of budgeting. Use it as an opportunity to explain the importance of saving for things they really want and learning to live without those that don't matter. Nobody likes delayed gratification, but the sooner they learn it, the easier life will be later on.

**Use an allowance to teach important life lessons.** Try to include an amount your kids can

set aside for charitable giving. For example, my son knows he must donate 10 percent of his allowance to charity. Dedicate another portion to savings. You might offer to match savings account contributions to teach the value (and rewards) of saving.

For more tips on how to structure your children's allowances, visit the "Parent Activities" section on Visa USA's free personal finance site, Practical Money Skills for Life,

[www.practicalmoneyskills.com/english/at\\_home](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/english/at_home).

Remember, the sooner your kids learn how to manage their own money, the sooner you'll be able to concentrate on your own.

*Jason Alderman directs the Practical Money Skills for Life program for Visa USA. More information about teaching children about money and other personal finance tips can be found at*

*www.practicalmoneyskills.com. As always, consult a financial professional regarding your particular situation.*

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## Retreats Schedules at Lindenwood

Registrations are now being taken for the men's Lenten retreat entitled "Who is my Brother?" at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. Fr. Steve Gibson, CSC, will be the facilitator. He worked in East Africa for eight years and at Fatima Retreat Center for 27 years. The program begins Friday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. and

concludes Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m. The program fee is \$130 per person, double occupancy, or \$160 for single occupancy and includes lodging and all meals. The registration deadline is February 23. For more information or to register call 574-935-1780 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email [lw@lindenwood.org](mailto:lw@lindenwood.org).

Registrations are also being taken for a women's retreat entitled "Who is my Sister?" Fr. Steve Gibson will also facilitate this retreat. The program begins Friday, March 9, at 4:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday, March 11, with lunch. The program fee is the same as for the men and the registration deadline is March 2 at the same telephone number and email.

A Quiet Day of Reflection will be held Monday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the conference center. The topic of the program will be "Explore the Depth of God's Love" and the facilitator will be Rev. Denise Anderson, pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Donaldson. The fee is \$21 and includes the noon meal. The registration deadline is March 12 at the same telephone number/email listed above.

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## CASTON MENU

February 26 - March 2  
Breakfast

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

## Lunch

Monday - Breadstick with meat and cheese; potatoes; sherbet and milk. Comet Café - turkey wrap and chips

Tuesday (early dismissal) - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, peas, peach crisp, and milk. Comet Café - nachos with meat and cheese

Wednesday - Pizza, green beans, pretzels, pineapple and milk. Comet Café - foot long hot dog and onion rings

Thursday - Turkey Manhattan, whipped potatoes, broccoli, animal crackers and milk. Comet Café - meatball sub and chips

Friday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, potatoes, grape juice, cookie and milk. Comet Café - baked potato bar, stuffed crust pizza

Reminder - The outside of each money envelope should include the student's personal ID number, the amount of money in the envelope, the student's name and the date.

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## HOSPITAL NOTES....

### WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

February 12  
Admissions - Betty Singleton and Barbara Butcher, Rochester  
Dismissals - Dawn Roe and daughter and Judith Gates, Rochester; Any Saner and daughter and Angela Gillman and son, Akron; Amy Ferguson and daughter, Argos; Emily Grant, Denver  
February 13  
Admissions - Mary White, Silver Lake; Joseph Richard, Connie Lawton and Toshia Richard, Rochester; Treva Smith, Argos  
Dismissals - Treva Smith, Argos  
Births - Mel and Kimberly Nichols, Rochester, a son  
February 14  
Nothing received  
February 15  
Admissions - none published  
Dismissals - Toshia Richard and Connie Lawton, Rochester  
Births - D Lee Moore, Rochester, a daughter  
February 16  
Admissions - Mary Grant, Denver  
Dismissals - Betty Singleton, Barbara Butcher and Betty Slade, Rochester; Mary White, Silver Lake  
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### PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

February 9  
Admissions - William Weaver and Thomas Prophet, Royal Center  
Dismissals - Brittany Heckathorn, Royal Center; Lela Zengri and son and Ronald Granato, Winamac  
February 10  
Admissions - None  
Dismissals - Rachael Bukowski and daughter, Knox; Ann Minix, North Judson; Dale Fishtorn, Star City  
February 11  
Admissions - None  
Dismissals - William Weaver, Royal Center  
February 12  
Admissions - Patricia Geheb, Winamac  
Dismissals - None  
February 13  
Admissions - None  
Dismissals - None  
February 14  
Admissions - None  
Dismissals - Raymond Ross, Logansport; Patricia Geheb, Winamac  
February 15  
Admissions - None

Dismissals - Raymond Easterday, and Tracy Moore and son, Timothy Allen, Winamac.

## DEATHS .....

### TREY DOUGLASS HORN

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 18, 2007, at Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester for infant Trey Douglass Horn. Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiated. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Trey was still born at 8:52 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his parents, Kristin Douglass and Travis Horn, Rochester; is maternal grandparents, Jeff and Mindy Douglass, Kewanna, and Kathy Douglass, Twelve Mile; paternal grandparents, Tim Horn, Rochester, and Dave and Tina Bratton, Tippecanoe; maternal great-grandparents, Don and Nancy Douglass, Kewanna, and Jay Herrold, Grass Creek, Phyllis Scott, North Fort Myers, Florida, and Tom and Yvonne Fisher; paternal great-grandparents,

Maurice and Janet Horn, Rochester; two uncles, Josh Douglass and his wife, Tiffany, and Ty Horn. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Nada Herrold and William Scott.  
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### RUTH M. MITHCELL

Former Kewanna resident, Ruth M. Mitchell, 81, Schererville, passed away February 12, 2007. Funeral services were held Friday, February 16, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Fagen-Miller Funeral Home, Dyer, with a Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church in Schererville. Rev. Martin Dobrzyski and Rev. Brian

Chadwick officiated and burial was in St. Ann Cemetery, Kewanna, at 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by a daughter, Sister Shawn Mitchell, Schererville; a son, Thomas Mitchell and his wife, Donna, Mishawaka; two granddaughters, Nicole Adams and her husband, Jeremy, South Bend, and Marie Zappia and her husband, Anthony, Mishawaka; and a great-granddaughter, Hanna Adams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth W. Mitchell, an infant son, Harry J. Mitchell, and a son, Spec. 4 Joseph Mitchell.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary No. 717, St. John, and a Gold Star Mother.  
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### JAMES R. LINCOLN

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, South Bend, for James R. Lincoln, 59, South Bend with Rev. Camillo Tirabassi officiating.

Mr. Lincoln passed away Friday, February 16, 2007, at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was born September 11, 1947, to the late Roger M. and Frances E. (Johnson) Lincoln in Logansport. He was married December 19, 1970, in Kewanna to Rebecca J. Anderson, who survives. James had lived in South Bend since 1969, moving there from Winamac. He was a 1972 graduate of Indiana University South Bend. A U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the

Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 1400. He was employed as a CPA for American Oak in North Judson for the past two years.

Others survivors include two daughters, Leslie M. Lincoln and her husband, Dennis Halterman, of Madison, Wisconsin, and Sara B. Edwards and her husband, Adam, South Bend; two granddaughters, Lauren Elizabeth Halterman and Kahlan Maree Edwards; and two sisters, Karla Fagan and her husband, Jim, South Bend, and Nancy Fowler and her husband, Brad, Walton.

The Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Heart & Vascular Institute, Office of Development/EE35, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195.  
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### MARY ELIZABETH GEIER

Services for Mary Elizabeth Geier, 61, Kewanna, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday, February 22) in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Pastor David Sommers will officiate and burial will be in the Metea Cemetery, Metea.

Mrs. Geier died at 3:22 a.m. Monday, February 19, 2007 in Chase Center, Logansport. Born January 1, 1946, in Plymouth, she was the daughter of Joseph Dwight and Violet Deaton McClure.

A 1964 graduate of Butler High School, she was a homemaker and a member of the Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church and its Ladies Aid.

Mary was very devoted to her family and church and enjoyed spending time with her

grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Max E. Geier; a son, John W. Geier and his wife, Lisa, Kewanna; a daughter, Marilyn S. Geier, Kewanna; two brothers, John David McClure and his wife, Becky, Cicero, and James Michael McClure, Carmel; one sister, Jennifer Roark and her husband, Dwight, Cincinnati; and four grandchildren, Carissa Geier, Jasimine Westbrook, Derick Westbrook and John Andrew Geier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).  
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## Gospel Concert at Akron Church of God

The Triumphant Quartet (formerly known as Integrity Quartet) will appear in concert Thursday evening, March 1, at 7 p.m. at the Akron Church of God.

The members of the quartet are David Sutton, tenor; Clayton Inman, lead; Scott Inman, baritone; Eric Bennett, bass; and Jeff Stice on the piano.

The Southern gospel group is based in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and sing at The Miracle Theater through the summer and fall and travel to churches in the winter months presenting their message. Several members previously traveled with the Kingdom Heirs.

A free will offering will be taken.  
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### Fifty-Five Years Ago February 15, 1952

A thundering crash at 5:30 Sunday morning woke downtown residents when one-half of the back end of the Harris building on Main Street collapsed. The building houses a garment factory that has not been used for some months. The building and factory are owned by Nathan Harris, Winamac. The west half of the rear wall of the building fell into an alley, leaving a pile of rubble there and exposing the factory, a stair case and an upstairs room.

Mossie Hoover of Grass Creek has received word that he is a great uncle to twin nephews born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hoover, Akron, Ohio. Roman Hoover, grandfather of the twins, and Mossie Hoover are also twins. Mrs. Tom Scott, Kewanna, is a great-aunt to the newly born twins.

Jeannie Enyart, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Enyart, suffered serious burns Monday morning when a pot of hot coffee fell off the stove and scalded her legs.

Elmer Seidel announced today that Charles Elmore, Rockfield, will take over as manager of the Standard Elevator March 1. Elmore has purchased an interest in the elevator which will become Kewanna Grain Company, Inc.. Other owners are Geroge Van Meter and Seidel.

Blaine Orr recently resigned his position on the Kewanna town board. Bert Gillespie, owner of the Gillespie Food Locker, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Two sets of twin calves were born within 24 hours on the Elston Sayers farm recently.

Pvt. Carl Reason, 18, son of Mrs. Claude Reason of here, is completing Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

James D. Overmyer, Rt. 1, Kewanna, a junior agriculture

major at Purdue University, has been named to the distinguished student list for the first semester of the 1951-52 academic year.

### Fifty Years Ago February 21, 1957

The Fulton OES met recently and elected officers. Chosen to serve were: Jeannette Hunter, worthy matron; Clurel Hunter, worthy patron; Goldys Leavell, associate matron; Donald Leavell, associate patron; Mary Horn, secretary; Joyce Martin, treasurer; Wanda Hauser, conductress; and Hazel Sutton, associate conductress.

Final rites were held Wednesday afternoon in the Fry and Lange Funeral Home, Winamac, for Theodore White, 81, a retired farmer. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eva Hickie, Kewanna.

Loyd Woolington underwent surgery Tuesday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Since he will need another operation in one or two weeks, he will stay there.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Ed Gottschalk home about 1:30 p.m. Saturday to extinguish a roof fire caused by sparks from a chimney. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Thirty Gray Ladies were capped and pinned Wednesday-at 2 p.m. in the Rochester Presbyterian Church. Among the group were Mrs. Harry Harris, Mrs. Clayton Brown and Miss Gladus Wharton of Kewanna.

Mrs. Naomi Mills, past worthy matron of the local OES chapter, received an appointment as Indiana's representative to the Illinois Grand Chapter in a ceremony held Saturday evening in Mishawaka. Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. John Urbin, Martha Ann Cook, Donna Crabill, Olive Herold, Lelia Tomlinson, Louise Masteller and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott.

Kenneth Miller, a student at Ball State in Muncie, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller.

The Flying Farmers of Cass and Fulton counties held a fish fry at the YMCA in Logansport Wednesday.

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day, Mr. and Mrs. Don Eytcheson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dague were in charge.

Francis Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson, was recently pledged to Theta Chi fraternity at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie. He was one of nearly 200 men at the college who became affiliated with eight social fraternities.

### Forty-Five Years Ago February 15, 1962

Michael Bardsley, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bardsley is a patient in Billings Hospital, Chicago, where he is being treated for leukemia. Michael's mother is the former Maxine Larkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Larkin, Kewanna. Paul is the son of Mrs. Ruth Bardsley, Kewanna.

The Gay Gleaners Circle met at the home of Trudy Harmon with Barbara Weller as her co-hostess.

Mrs. Gertrude Bussert of Athens, Wisconsin, spent the weekend in the Lee Ingram home.

2/Lt. and Mrs. Stephen Skersick left last week for Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he is stationed.

Carl Yount, local minister of the Church of Christ, accompanied by Howard Livengood and Robert Greer, were in Knox Sunday afternoon where they attended a planning meeting of officers for the area's Men's Fellowship of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ.

### Forty Years Ago February 16, 1967

Harold Woolington, Kewanna, was flown by ambulance plane from the Kokomo Airport to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, Sunday morning.

Grustel Markley, Kewanna, of Lebo & Markley Dredging has returned from a five-day land improvement contractors short course at Purdue University.

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Smitley, Rt. 1, Kewanna, received word that their son A/3rd class Phillip Smitley has been promoted to A/2nd class at Camp Custer Air Force Base, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Colleen Koebecke has returned to her studies at Ball State University in Muncie after spending the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koebecke.

Mrs. Eva Rhoades was in Indianapolis Thursday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Marion Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinney spent Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown in Lewisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Haimbaugh have purchased the Minnie Evans property and will move there in the near future. They have been living in the Urbin apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bitterling were in Lafayette Saturday and attended the Michigan State-Purdue basketball game. The Bitterlings also visited their son, Jim, who is a student at Purdue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foust were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening with a house warming party in their new home near Leiters Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinderlinder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sisinger and family and Walt Koebecke and sons came with baskets of food and spent the evening.

### Thirty-Five Years Ago February 17, 1972

"Ma's New Husband" is the title of the spring play to be presented by members of the Kewanna United Methodist Church Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4. On Friday evening, a fish and tenderloin dinner will be served prior to the performance. Tickets may be purchased from Kenny Cook or from any cast member - Josephine Hyatt, Karen Good, Jane Stoudt, Allen Finke, Mike Clyde, Jerry Sisinger, Violet Clyde, Joe Newman, Donna Bruce, Dorothy Finke and Jim Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Worl, Greensburg, are the parents of a son, Craig William, born December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker of here are the maternal grandparents and Mrs. Helen Worl, Valparaiso, formerly of Kewanna, is the paternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Worl,

Churubusco, are the parents of a daughter, Kathi Ann, born February 13. The Worls have one other daughter, Kelli Jo. Mrs. Helen Worl, former Kewanna resident, is the paternal grandmother.

Cress Hizer, Rt. 1, Kewanna, was among the high school juniors who visited Indiana University, Bloomington, Saturday, February 12, to participate in the fourth of five Red Carpet Days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pearson and daughter of Twelve Mile and Sam Coffing spent Sunday evening with the Robert Collins family and helped Jimmy Collins celebrate his sixth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Rt. 3, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lee, to Terry Lee Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Young, Winamac. Miss Fisher is a senior at Kewanna High School and is employed at the Mar-Lo Restaurant. Her fiancé is a graduate of Winamac High School and is employed at Russell's Trading Post in Winamac. A fall wedding is planned.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO February 24, 1977

The Kewanna Progressive Association held its annual banquet Feb. 16 at the local school catered by Millie Redweik. Elsie Turner, association president, presided over a short business meeting and introduced her other officers, Roger Didelot, vice president, and James Bitterling, secretary-treasurer.

Fire completely destroyed the residence of Joe and Gwen Hott early Friday morning. The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the scene, but the fire was too far advanced and the couple's entire belongings were destroyed along with the residence.

Glenda Sue Carlson and Rex Gordon Urbin were united in marriage Saturday, Feb. 12, in the local Church of Christ. Ron Prilliman, pastor of the church, performed the 3 p.m. rites.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO February 26, 1987

Services were held at 1 p.m. **CON'T. TO PAGE FIVE**

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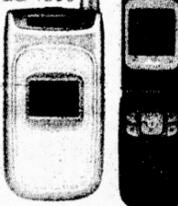
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**LOOKING BACK.....**

**Con't. From Page Four**

Friday in the Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for William Clifford Moody, 87, formerly of Winamac. He is survived by five daughter, including Mary Lu Corbett of Kewanna.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank is presently remodeling its branch bank in Kewanna. Some of the changes include new wall covering and carpeting, lower ceilings and new lighting fixtures. Also, a conference room is being added and new teller stations.

The Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home is also undergoing a face-lift on the inside. New wallpaper, paint and drapes will enhance the chapel, arrangement office and ladies lounge to give a more comfortable atmosphere.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Purkey St. observed their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary February 16. They spent Monday and Tuesday sightseeing in Chicago and visiting friends in Hammond. Purkey is the new pastor at the First Baptist Church in Kewanna.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

**February 27, 1997**

Local volunteer firemen were called to a garage fire at the James Artist residence Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19. According to fire chief, Joe Hott, a wood-burning stove caused the fire. The garage and contests

were a total loss, even though the firemen arrived three minutes after the 911 call was received.

Michelle Bowyer, Columbia City, won two preliminary awards at Indiana's Junior Miss pageant held at Frankfort last week. Michelle is the granddaughter of Patsy Evans, Kewanna, and has been accepted at Ball State University, Muncie, for the fall term.

Mathilda Lamb and Bernice Falconer were in Fort Wayne recently to help Mathilda's great-grandsons, Alex, Andrew and Austin Gallagher, celebrate their first birthday.

Donnabelle Fisher returned home Feb. 27 from a week-long trip to California. She enjoyed a nice, long visit with her niece and family, Wilma and Gary Brazier and Courtney in Ventura. The trip was an early birthday present from Donnabelle's children.

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**Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events**

53rd Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: Feb. 16 - 25 in the Pepsi Coliseum, West Pavilion, South Pavilion, Champions Pavilion & Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon. noon to 9 p.m.; Tues. -

Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m. Admission: Admission: \$9; seniors (60+) \$8; children 6-12 \$6; children 5 & younger free; two-day tickets \$15. Contact: Renfro Productions (765) 641-7712 or [www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com).

16th Annual Motorcycle Expo: Feb. 22 - 25 in the Exposition Hall. Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$9; seniors (60+) \$8; children 6-12 \$6; children 5 & younger free; two-day tickets \$15. Contact: Renfro Productions (765) 641-7712 or [www.renfroproductions.com](http://www.renfroproductions.com).

Country Folk Art Show: Feb. 23 - 25 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 5 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 & younger free. Contact: Keith Blakely (249) 634-4151 or [www.countryfolkart.com](http://www.countryfolkart.com).

Children & Parents Expo: Feb. 24 - 25 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$7; Children 12 & younger free. Contact Peter O'Scanail (317) 408-8780.

Midwest Reptile Show: Feb. 25 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 & younger free.

Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550. Budweiser Fight Night Boxing: Feb. 27 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bouts begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$35, \$30, \$20 & \$15. Tickets are available



**Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....**

The next library board meeting will be Monday, February 26, at 6 PM in the library.

New books at the library:

**ADULTS:**  
**Christian Fiction**— *The Book of Hours* by T. Davis Bunn and *On Every Side, When Joy came to Stay* and *Where Yesterday Lives*

through the Indiana State Fairgrounds box office at (317) 927-1482. Contact: Indiana State Fairgrounds marketing department (317) 927-7524.

Murat Shrine Circus: March 1 - 4 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m., 2 & 7 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Admission: Thurs. \$7; Fri. - Sun. \$20, \$18, \$15, \$13 & \$7. Tickets are available at the State Fairgrounds box office or Ticketmaster outlets. Contact: Larry Selig (317) 634-1016; Fairgrounds box office (317) 927-1482; Ticketmaster (317) 239-5151 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Heirloom's Indianapolis Rubber Stamp & Paper Art Festival: March 3 - 4 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$8 good both days. Contact: Heirloom Productions (541) 574-8000 or [www.heriloompro.com](http://www.heriloompro.com).

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by Karen Kingsbury.

**Large Print Fiction**— *Drop Dead Gorgeous* by Linda Howard; *Between, Georgia* by Joshilyn Jackson; *Norah and Valerie* (from An Orchard Valley series) by Debbie Macomber; and *Terrorist* by John Updike.

**Nonfiction**— *For These Tough Times* by Max Lucado and *Macroeconomics, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition* by Stephen L. Slavin.

**JUENILES:**

**Preschool Fiction**— *Busy Bugs* by Jayne Harvey; *Around The World* (#11 of the Dora The Explorer series) by Suzanne D. Nimm; *P.J. Funnybunny's Bag of Tricks* by Marilyn Sadler; and *Max and Ruby's Show-and-Tell* (from the Max and Ruby series) by Rosemary Wells.

**Teenage Christian Fiction**— *The Plain Prairie Princess* (#3 of the Retta Barre's Oregon Trail series) by Stephen Bly; *The Strange Creatures of Dr. Korbo, City of the Cyborgs* and *The Temptations of Pleasure Island* (#3, #4 and #5 of The Seven Sleepers: The Lost Chronicles series) by Gilbert Morris; *My Life as A Computer Cockroach, My Life as A Beat-Up Basketball Backboard* and *My Life as A Cowboy Cowpie* (#17, #18 and #19 of The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogle series) by Bill Myers; and *Rough & Rugged Lily, Lily, Speaks!* and *Horse Crazy Lily* (#9, #10 and #11 of the Lily series) by Nancy Rue.

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'02 Olds Silhouette	PW, PLKS, Cloth, FWD, White, 47,000 mi.	\$10,595	
'02 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport	Quad Seats, Rear A/C, Inf. Red, 82,000 mi.	\$10,995	
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(STATEHOUSE) – During the current legislative session, I remain committed to fairness and accountability regarding our government and the state tax structure. I support no general tax increases and am a strong proponent of comprehensive property tax reform. As House Republicans demonstrated in the past, providing an honestly balanced budget can be achieved without increasing the burden on taxpayers. In fact, House Republicans are working to decrease the burden on taxpayers through our Standards for Success that will ensure an honestly balanced budget that controls state spending and provides property tax protection for homeowners in 2007.

The House Republicans' budget standards include the following:

- Honestly balance the budget with no fund transfers, payment delays, or gimmicks
- Pay Our Debts – Repay cities, towns, and universities
- No General Tax Increases
- Limit spending growth to no more than revenue growth
- Freeze Homeowner Property Taxes for 2007
- No Diversion of Major Moves funds
- Fund 200 additional welfare caseworkers (of 600 promised in the 2005 session)
- Fund Kindergarten and other Local Options
- Provide efficient allocation of K-12 funding (dollars should follow students, not institutions)
- Limit university tuition increases to no more than inflation
- Fully disclose fiscal impacts of the budget to Hoosiers
- Provide 48 hours for Hoosiers to review the budget

I challenge Democrat fiscal leaders to live up to these standards and to match the accomplishments of two years ago when the first balanced budget in a decade was passed under Republican control. My Republican colleagues and I have pledged our commitment to Hoosiers around the state to adopt

a responsibly balanced budget that adequately funds our state's critical needs. The citizens of Indiana deserve a balanced budget, and over the past two years, our state has witnessed fiscal progress. That progress is in danger of being trampled upon by the Democrats' commitment to ignoring reasonable policy suggestions that come from the minority.

Regarding House Bill 1007, the Democrats' Property Tax "Relief" plan, House Republicans offered a dozen amendments that were rejected in a partisan manner that would have improved the plan. As it is currently written, the Democrats' bill is projected to increase property tax by 14.5 percent, and it authorizes \$500 million in new local spending.

House Republicans offered 12 amendments in committee and 15 on the floor that addressed these, and many other problems with House Bill 1007. Unfortunately, every single amendment was killed by the Democrats in a partisan manner.

The 2007 legislative session has shown that the Democrats intend to bully their way through this process without acting on reasonable suggestions to their legislation. Although the Democrat majority in the House has set back the spirit of bipartisanship, House Republicans will continue working to accelerate Indiana's progress.

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## A Costly Lack of Control

by Ed Feulner

It happens to a lot of families. Despite a nice raise, spending still exceeds income. The credit-card debt is piling up. Mom and Dad need to have "the big talk." It's time to decide where to cut their spending to make ends meet.

The first thing they'd try to do would be to eliminate waste. It wouldn't make much sense, for example, to turn the thermostat down if they leave the back door wide open; they'd want to close the door first.

Well, our federal government resembles this family.

Last year's federal deficit was \$247.7 billion. That's smaller than experts had estimated, because the Treasury reaped a big raise last year, taking in an extra \$253 billion in taxes. Still, we're

spending far more than we take in each year, piling up lots of debt we'll eventually have to pay off.

President Bush has just sent his five-year budget proposal to Congress, so now's the time for the president and lawmakers to have "the big talk" about how to get their finances in order.

For starters, they should find a way to slam the back door. It's wide open, and cash is simply pouring out.

In the Treasury Department's 2003 "Financial Report of the United States Government," the administration admitted it couldn't account for \$24.5 billion it had spent that year. That waste alone equaled to about five percent of the year's deficit.

You'd think waste on that scale would spur some action, and it has: The government no longer explains exactly how much it wastes. Oh, it's still wasting billions – it's just that these days these so-called "unreconciled transactions" are hidden, so they're more difficult to identify.

Instead of masking our wasteful spending, isn't it time to simply eliminate it?

And while they're cracking down on waste, this year, lawmakers also have a chance to make cuts in a wasteful and ineffective program: No Child Left Behind.

NCLB was enacted five years ago with four goals: increase accountability for student performance, focus on what works, allow flexibility for states and school districts, and empower parents with school choice.

Today, the federal government spends more than \$66 billion on K-12 education. That's more than \$1,400 for every public-school student in the U.S. That investment, which actually represented less than 10 percent of all education spending in this country, lets the federal government dictate policy to states and local districts, creating a one-size-fits-all approach that stifles local innovation.

Not surprisingly, NCLB has fallen short of the mark on two of its stated four goals. The law has neither increased state and local flexibility (because federal bureaucrats call the shots), nor expanded parental choice.

Meanwhile, the billions in additional spending (education funding for programs under No Child Left Behind has jumped from \$17.3 billion to \$24.4 billion) haven't paid off: test scores are virtually unchanged.

Another wasteful program ripe for pruning: farm subsidies.

The agriculture industry is booming. Between 2003 and 2006 net farm income totaled \$274 billion – the highest four-year total ever. Yet, during the last decade, the federal government chipped in \$25 billion in subsidies. And most of that went not to family farmers, but to corporate farms with average household incomes of \$200,000. Worse, farm programs cost American households hundreds of dollars in taxes and higher food prices each year.

In the long run, entitlement spending is the major problem our government must solve. But fixing Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will be easier if we also control federal spending and make the government smaller and more efficient. It's time to get started.

(Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C.)

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## Letter To The Editor

February 19, 2007

Editor:

With income taxes for 2006 due within two months, I would like to remind all Hoosiers about the one-time credit for federal taxes on long distance telephone service. The Internal Revenue Service is offering the credit, but only this year.

For residential phone service, individual taxpayers can either claim a standard deduction of \$30 to \$60 (depending on number of exemptions) or itemize and claim the actual amount of federal telephone excise taxes paid after February 28, 2003 and before August 1, 2006.

Businesses and non-profit organizations can also itemize and claim refunds for actual federal telephone taxes they have paid.

If a consumer itemizes for the

tax credit, it is important to only itemize the three-percent federal telephone excise tax, and not state taxes or entire phone bills.

Line items for the federal telephone excise tax credit can be found on IRS Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR and 1040 NR-EZ. Also, the OUCC Website ([www.IN.gov/OUCC](http://www.IN.gov/OUCC)) offers links to additional IRS information - including frequently asked questions for individuals and businesses.

Susan L. Macey  
Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Indianapolis

Disclaimer: This letter is for informational purposes only and not intended to serve as specific tax advice.

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## CASTON ATHLETIC EVENTS

Thurs., Feb. 22 – JH girls basketball with Columbia MS at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys wrestling with Pioneer at Caston, 6 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 24 – JH girls basketball tourney at Pioneer, 9 a.m.; JH boys wrestling MWC meet at Caston, 11 a.m.;

Mon., Feb. 26 – JH girls basketball at Frontier, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys wrestling with Laville at Caston, 6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 27 – varsity boys basketball sectional at Tri County, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 1 – JH girls basketball with North Miami at Caston, 5:30 p.m. JH boys wrestling at Columbia MS, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 2 – varsity boys basketball sectional at Tri County, 6 p.m.

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## AREA V MENU

### Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 26 – BBQ ribette sandwich, macaroni and cheese, Capri blend vegetables, applesauce and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Cheeseburger sandwich, garden mix vegetables, strawberry applesauce, chocolate cherry cake and milk

Friday, March 2 – Turkey and cheese sandwich, potato soup, Mandarin oranges, fruit cobbler and milk

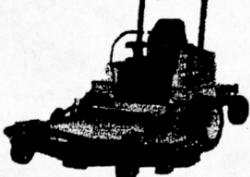
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# EARTH TALK

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Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental pros and cons of switching to plant-based "bio-fuels" to reduce our reliance on oil?

--Jim Dand,

Somerville, MA

There are many eco-benefits to replacing oil with bio-fuels like ethanol and biodiesel. For one, since such fuels are derived from agricultural crops, they are inherently renewable--and our own farmers typically produce them domestically, reducing our dependence on unstable foreign sources of oil. Additionally, ethanol and biodiesel emit less particulate pollution than traditional petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuels. They also do not contribute to global warming, since they only emit back to the environment the carbon dioxide (CO2) that their source plants absorbed out of the atmosphere in the first place.

And unlike other forms of renewable energy (like hydrogen, solar or wind), biofuels are easy for people and businesses to transition to without special apparatus or a change in vehicle or home heating infrastructure--you can just fill your existing car, truck or home oil tank with it. Those looking to replace gasoline with ethanol in their car, however, must have a "flex-fuel" model that can run on either fuel. Otherwise, most regular diesel engines can handle biodiesel as readily as regular diesel.

Despite the upsides, however, experts point out that biofuels are far from a cure for our addiction to petroleum. A wholesale societal shift from gasoline to biofuels, given the number of gas-only cars already on the road and the lack of ethanol or biodiesel pumps at existing filling stations, would take some time.

Another major hurdle for widespread adoption of biofuels is the challenge of growing enough crops to meet demand, something skeptics say might well require converting just about all of the world's remaining forests and open spaces over to agricultural land. "Replacing only five percent of the nation's diesel consumption with biodiesel would require diverting approximately 60 percent of today's soy crops to biodiesel production," says Matthew Brown, an energy consultant and former energy program director at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "That's bad news for tofu lovers."

Another dark cloud looming over biofuels is whether producing them actually requires more energy than they can generate. After factoring in the energy needed to grow crops and then convert them into biofuels, Cornell University researcher David Pimental concludes that the numbers just don't add up. His 2005 study found that producing ethanol from corn required 29 percent more energy than the end product itself is capable of generating. He found similarly troubling numbers in making biodiesel from soybeans.

"There is just no energy benefit to using plant biomass for liquid fuel," says Pimental.

There is no one quick-fix for weaning ourselves off of fossil fuels and the future will likely see a combination of sources--from wind and ocean currents to hydrogen, solar and, yes, some use of biofuels--powering our energy needs. The "elephant in the living room," however, that is often ignored when considering energy options is the hard reality that we must reduce our consumption, not just replace it with something else. Indeed, conservation is probably the largest single "alternative fuel" available to us.

**CONTACTS:** Ecology Center Biofuel Factsheet, [www.ecologycenter.org/factsheets/biodiesel.html](http://www.ecologycenter.org/factsheets/biodiesel.html); Earth911 Energy Conservation Factsheet, [www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=Energy/energy.asp](http://www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=Energy/energy.asp).

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## February Is American Heart Month

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A heart attack in real life might not be like the "TV heart attacks" where the man grabs his chest and drops to his knees.

While an intense pain radiating through the chest or shoulders should be considered a very clear warning sign, some people, especially women, don't always have this clear cut symptom.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among both men and women in the US. Women's heart attack symptoms, however, are often less severe and different than men's.

Because many women are most familiar with typical signs like chest pain, they may delay seeking emergency treatment when less obvious heart attack symptoms begin.

According to the American Heart Association, the most common warning signs of heart attack are:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes; or disappears then returns
- Pain spreading to the neck, shoulders or arms
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath

Women may experience other, less common symptoms such as:

- Atypical chest pain, stomach or abdominal pain
- Nausea or dizziness
- Shortness of breath and breathing difficulties
- Unexplained anxiety, weakness or fatigue
- Palpitations, cold sweats or paleness

If you experience some of these

symptoms, call 911 immediately. Early treatment is your best chance for heart attack survival.

## MEDIA UPDATE ON SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana State Department of Health reports there are currently 13 confirmed cases of Salmonella tennessee in Indiana included in the national outbreak associated with Peter Pan peanut butter. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported 288 cases of Salmonella tennessee in 39 states.

State health officials are warning consumers not to eat Peter Pan peanut butter and certain jars of Great Value peanut butter. The affected jars of peanut butter have a product code located on the lid of the jar that begins with the number 2111. Great Value brand peanut butter has not been implicated in the outbreak, but is manufactured in the same plant as Peter Pan peanut butter and is believed to be at similar risk of contamination.

"This is a broad recall of all Peter Pan peanut butter and certain jars of Great Value peanut butter in order to prevent any further illnesses," said Lynae Granzow, epidemiologist at the State Department of Health. "Individuals who have recently eaten the specified brands of peanut butter and are currently experiencing symptoms of Salmonella infection can contact their health care provider for testing."

Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, fever, cramps, nausea, and gas usually 18-36 hours after exposure. Symptoms may last 48-72 hours. People with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems are at risk for life-threatening infections. Most cases of Salmonella infection are short lived, and do not require medical care or antibiotics.

People who ate Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter and did not become ill or are no longer ill should discontinue eating it and can contact ConAgra Foods at (866) 344-6970 for a refund. These individuals do not need to test the peanut butter for testing. The CDC is testing peanut butter only from individuals who have tested positive for Salmonella tennessee. At this point, Salmonella has not been isolated from the peanut butter.

"Individuals who have eaten a different brand of peanut butter do not need to be concerned," said Granzow. "Also, this is still the season for viral gastroenteritis, and many people who are experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms most likely are not involved in this outbreak."

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the outbreak of Salmonella tennessee appears to be ongoing and the first case may have become ill in August 2006. As a result of extensive epidemiological investigation and a recent case control study, the CDC was recently able to identify Peter Pan peanut butter as a common food among the cases. The FDA hopes to narrow down the potential source of the outbreak to a more specific lot number or expiration date.

## Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, February 24, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, March 1, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time in the PMH board room. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

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## Storytelling Performance/Workshop, March 21

FISH (Families Involved in Schooling at Home) will host a storytelling performance and workshop Wednesday, March 21, at New Life Church, U.S. 31 and 50 North, near Rochester.

The day will begin with award-winning storyteller Jim Weiss performing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be a "bring your own snack" break from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Bottled water will be available for fifty cents.

The workshop will run from 11 a.m. to noon and will include organizing and shaping the story; mapping the plot; creating vivid characters through description and plot; voice characterization; developing individual telling style; relating to the audience; and more.

The cost of the workshop is \$5 per person or \$25 per family. Reservations should be forwarded to Joyce Miller, 609 N. Troutman St., Kewanna, IN 46939. For more information, you may contact her at 574-653-3058 or [richjoy@fourway.net](mailto:richjoy@fourway.net)

Jim Weiss grew up in Chicago, attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and resides in Charlottesville, VA with his wife and daughter.

He is an internationally known recording artist and live performer. He has been telling stories for over 25 years. To hear Jim tell a story is to become enthralled in the tale, and it is no wonder that young children leave the storyteller's circle determined to re-create the drama in their own creative play. His tales encourage children to read original classical literature either on their own or with the help of more experienced readers in their lives. His performances and recordings offer perfect family entertainment.

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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Needless to say, the town and the surrounding communities were at a stand still for a few days last week. Fifteen inches of blowing snow will do that to you. Now the weather persons are calling for thunderstorms this weekend. Only in northern Indiana. As the saying goes, if you do not like the weather, wait ten minutes, it will change.

Bob and Carol Broda had company early in the week. Arriving Tuesday, Feb. 13, for an overnight visit were their daughter and grandsons, Carri Sennis, Logan and Lawson, of Carmel. During their visit, they treated the boys to lunch at Chuck E. Cheese's restaurant in Kokomo.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Argos Wednesday, Feb. 14. They enjoyed a steak dinner in honor of Valentine's Day at Aaron's restaurant. Their friends, John and Beth Larson, are the managers of the restaurant.

There were a lot of good Samaritans in town during the middle of the week. We are very grateful for their help in digging out after the latest snow storm.

Helen Whiteman had a caller late Thursday, Feb. 15. Coming over in the evening for a visit and to join her for supper was her son, Kevin Whiteman, of Pulaski.

Tom and Linda Garner traveled to Twelve Mile Friday, Feb. 16.

They enjoyed visiting as supper guests of their daughter and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Friday evening. They enjoyed attending the Buckburger Night at the Moose lodge.

Katelyn Sutton was the guest of honor at a family gathering Saturday, Feb. 17. The occasion was in celebration of her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and hosted by her grandparents, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans. Among those in attendance at the party held in the community room of the local fire station were her great-grandparents, Barb and Jon Gast.

Wilma Wilson had a caller Saturday. Stopping by to see if she needed anything was her daughter-in-law, Deb Wilson.

Carol and Bob Broda had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with them was their granddaughter, Krystal Kane of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had an exciting time attending the boys' basketball game at Columbia Elementary School in Rochester Saturday afternoon. Their grandson, Nick Bohac, is a player for Rochester. After the game, Nick and his sister, Shelby, accompanied Tom and Barb home for an overnight visit.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in

Culver Saturday evening. They were joined by their son and his family, Mark and Mick Brown and Steve and Brenda Fox and Griffin, for supper at Pappa's restaurant. Everyone had a fun time helping Steve celebrate his birthday and Jerry and Kay's wedding anniversary.

Jackie Heidenreich had a couple of visitors Sunday, Feb. 18. Coming up to attend a family function and take care of some chores around her house was her daughter, Jaime Short of Indianapolis. Helping Jaime with the chores was Jackie's daughter, Vickie Molitor.

Wilma Wilson had visitors Sunday afternoon. Coming up to shovel her out from the latest storm were her daughter and family, Judy and Jack Graham and Emily of Lucerne.

Kay and Jerry Brown were the guests of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of their wedding anniversary and hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Mick Brown. Helping them mark the event with dinner and a lot of visiting were Kay and Jerry's children and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney, and Molly and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan, all of Rochester and Mike and Kathie Brown; their grandson and his family, Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; and their nephew, Terry Brown.

Janel Norris and Brian Eckert took advantage of Presidents' Day by spending the sunny afternoon exploring Logansport. They had a leisurely lunch at

Restaurante El Arriero, and then browsed through their favorite shops, ever alert for that special something which might take their fancy. Janel is recovering from a bout of cabin fever, as she and her brother, David Norris, were snowbound for most of last week. Their stalwart neighbor, Dick Harmon, along with his brother, Mark Harmon, plowed them out last Saturday, after it became apparent to the siblings that no amount of hand shoveling would do the job.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Corrine Kimble, Curtis Pesaresi and Megan Weller, Feb. 25; Amanda Gregor, Leslie Rouch, Abby Sommers and Tiffany Troutman, Feb. 26; Stephanie Baldwin, Ellie Cohagen, Helen Miller, Joyce Miller, Zack Whiteman and Chevy Wolfe, Feb. 27; Hannah Whiteman, Tyler Downhour, Brock Hinderlinder and Daniel Creamer, Feb. 28; Kathie Brown, Kay Brown, Amber Doty, Howard Hickle, Betty McKinney, Lauren Metzger, John Mollencupp Jr. and Charlie Richardson, Mar. 1; Shirley Bussert, Randy Miller and Laura

Purkey, Mar. 2; and Cole Cook, Mar. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangel will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Feb. 27 and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fross will be celebrating theirs Mar. 2.

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Feb. 10 – Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.; ham and bean dinner, 4-7 p.m.; Hit 'n Run Band, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 – Happy V-Day

Feb. 17 – Drawing, 7 p.m.

Feb. 20 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

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