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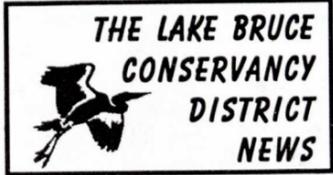
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Hydrilla, Scary Problem

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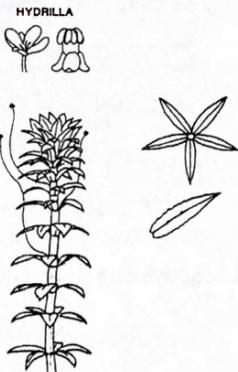
On Saturday February 24, four of the Directors of the Lake Bruce Conservancy District, along with two other lake residents, attended a four-hour seminar in Rochester on the perils of non-native exotic plants invading our lakes. It was sponsored by the Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS). The program was enjoyable and informative but the message was sobering. This seminar was the result of Hydrilla being found in Lake Manitou at Rochester. Hydrilla is 100 times, maybe 1000 times worse, than Eurasian Watermilfoil. We have extensive experience at Lake Bruce trying to control Eurasian Watermilfoil so obviously the seriousness of this problem cannot be overstated! The purpose of the seminar was to keep Hydrilla from spreading to area lakes.

The panel of experts consisted of Mark Mongin, current president of ILMS; Dr. Michael Smart from Louisville, Texas, with the Army corps of Engineers; and Bob Johnson from SePRO, a company located in Carmel. SePRO is a maker of aquatic herbicides. Dick Osgood from Minnesota and Doug Keller from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) completed the panel of experts.

Dr. Smart quickly got the attention of the audience as to the impact Hydrilla can have on a lake when he stated that in Lake Belwood in Texas (800 acres) Hydrilla was found and within four years covered 80% of the lake. That's a spread of 640 acres in only four years! He stated that there is no single plan that will work and total elimination is almost impossible after the plant has spread to all the waters in the area. However, with diligent work it can be controlled. He said the key to good management is, never leave an empty niche where undesirables such as Hydrilla can grow. A healthy population of native plants in every lake is very important. Healthy native vegetation will compete with the undesirable types and greatly reduce their growth rate. Dr. Smart's message was, when undesirable weeds are destroyed they should be replaced with appropriate species as soon as possible. If this is not done, opportunistic undesirable plants will quickly fill the empty niche! He went on to say that Hydrilla is one of the worst kind of opportunistic plants. It has broad tolerances and matures very fast. Hydrilla can reproduce by four different methods: seed, fragmentation, turions and tubers.

Turions are dormant buds that form on the stems of the plant and then drop to the bottom. Tubers are about the size of a peanut and are located near the root. Hydrilla can grow in up to 20 ft. of water. That would be 95 % of Lake Bruce. It spreads mainly through fragmentation, which is also true of our existing Eurasian Watermilfoil. Any movement of boats through the weed bed will break off pieces and accelerate its spread. A piece of plant just half an inch long transported to another lake could form a new colony that, if left unchecked, would take over the entire lake. The visible or green part of the plants can be killed with a herbicide but turions and tubers remain in the bottom and are capable of generating a new plant 10 to 14 years later! He showed photos of how Hydrilla had made boating impossible and said that it also takes so much oxygen out of the water it can destroy the fish in the lake as well. This one weed can and will destroy the ecological balance of a lake.

Doug Keller of the IDNR said Hydrilla would make Milfoil look like a wimp. He said Hydrilla was found in three places on the north shore of Lake Manitou in 2006 and has been spreading quickly. It is thought that it came in on a boat trailer. Doug said that the lake would be closed to all boats other than those of people who own or rent homes and cottages on the lake. These people will only be able to put their boats in once and remove them one time a year unless they have to be taken out for maintenance. The access sites will be chained and locked. This restriction will probably be in affect for five years!



Doug said to help eliminate the spread, the DNR needs the eyes of the people who boat on area lakes as no survey will be concentrated enough to search all areas of a lake. Also they cannot conduct surveys constantly and it could come in at any time. This means that the public needs to be educated to know what Hydrilla looks like. Hydrilla has five leaves in a whorl coming off each stem. The edges of the leaves are serrated giving them a toothed appearance. When someone suspects that a plant is Hydrilla they need to contact one of the directors of the Conservancy District so the location can be given to the DNR, along with pictures if possible.

The importance of cleaning off

Kindergarten Roundup at Caston

Caston Elementary School will host its annual kindergarten roundup Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Caston Elementary library. Parents may report at 6:45 p.m. for pre-registration.

Parents of children who will enter kindergarten next school year are encouraged to attend this informational meeting. Children must be five (5) years of age by August 1, 2007, to be eligible to attend kindergarten. Parents who have children meeting the age requirement will have the opportunity to register their child in next year's kindergarten program at the meeting. Parents must have a legal birth certificate to verify the age of the child. Children need not attend with the parents, as there will be no screening or programs for the children that evening.

Parents are asked to bring three items to the meeting - (1) legal birth certificate; (2) Social Security card; and (3) immunization record. Immunization records will be reviewed by the school nurse that evening and parents will be informed if there is a need for any additional immunizations that the child must have prior to entering school next year.

Questions can be forwarded to Mrs. Cindy Douglass, principal, telephone 574-857-3025 or douglassc@caston.k12.in.us.

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both boats and trailers and emptying the water in live wells is necessary every time you leave any lake. Bob Osgood who has years of experience with nuisance weeds in Minnesota said if he has found out anything in dealing with this type of weed, it is halfhearted efforts do not work! He stated that the only way you can hope to keep it in check is through a program where people, education, treatment and monitoring are all part of the process. He said he has found that if you act when there is no need you may waste resources, but if you don't act and have a problem you may lose your entire resource.

You will hear more about this problem in the future and we will try to educate the people on the lake so that they can easily identify Hydrilla. We urge each and every one of you to join the fight against the many non-native aquatic invaders that would like to live here. The waters of Lake Bruce would be a paradise for Hydrilla. It would flourish here if it were to somehow get a start from a careless person or even a goose. The residents and users of Lake Bruce must be particularly persistent in guarding against the spread of Hydrilla to our lake. We don't want to lose our beautiful lake to an unwelcome invader!

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The Fulton County Board of Finance will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, in the commissioner/council meeting room of the Fulton County Office Building. Agenda items include review of RFPs for cash management and review of investment policy.

Celina Weatherwax of Senator Dick Lugar's Valparaiso office will be on hand in the Indiana Room of the Fulton County Public Library this afternoon (Thursday, March 1) from 2:30 to 3:30 to meet with constituents. She will meet individually with area residents who may be experiencing problems with the federal government or have an opinion to express.

The Fulton Lions Club is asking anyone interested in joining the club or helping with Fulton Fun Days to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Fulton Community Building to start planning this year's events.

A Web site ran by the Indiana State Department of Health that discloses information about medical errors, including the name of the hospital where the error occurred, the type of error and roughly when the error happened will soon debut. Indiana will then be one of only two states in the nation (the other being Minnesota) to create a hospital-specific reporting system designed to prevent medical errors.

The Fulton Improvement Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Fulton Community Building. Anyone interested in this project is encouraged to attend and bring ideas on fund raising and hear what the committee has done. For more information, contact Harry Richter at 574-857-2055.

The Colts' Super Bowl XLI trophy will be on display at Rochester High School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15. The trophy is visiting 50 cities mostly in Indiana and a few in Illinois and Kentucky.

The Fulton County Park and Recreation Board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester. The next regular meeting will be April 4.

The Fulton Lions Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Mill Creek Family Restaurant in Fulton for a dinner meeting. The District Governor will speak about Lions Club projects. Everyone will be responsible for paying for their own meal. For more information, call Wendell Burton at 574-857-

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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Assessing Officials Attend Annual Meeting

Township trustees met with Steve McKinney, Department of Local Government Finance (DGLF) representative, Thursday, Feb. 22 for their annual meeting. The assessors learned about changes made to the property tax system in the last year.

Assessors also reviewed personal property tax forms to be used in 2007. These forms are used by business owners and farmers to report their equipment for local property taxes. The filing deadline for these forms is May 15, 2007. Failure to file a return by May 15 will result in penalties.

Examples of personal property for individuals include campers, ATVs, snowmobiles, golf carts, and human powered boats. Personal property for farmers and businesses include any equipment used to produce income.

Personal property tax forms are available from your township trustee or from the county assessor's office in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester. The forms are also available on the Internet at www.in.gov/dglf.

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Lions to Serve Fish and Chicken Supper

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday, March 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Grass Creek Fire Station. The meal will include dessert and carry outs will be available.

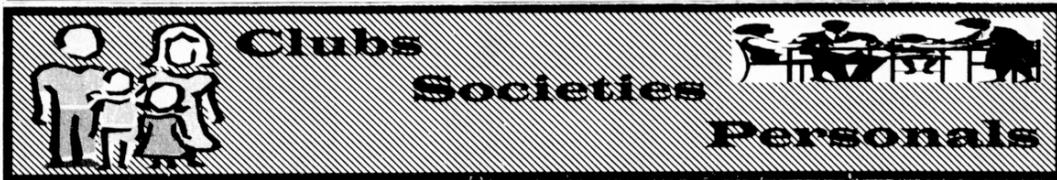
The cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-12. Children five years of age and under may eat free. Proceeds will benefit Lions state and local projects.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the meal.

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A rising demand for ethanol, which is made from corn, will likely mean higher prices at grocery stores for products from soft drinks to poultry, but the increase may be too small for most customers to notice. The value of other crops - soybeans, cotton, wheat, rice and vegetables - also will likely climb as farmers switch to corn production to cash in on higher corn prices.

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Helen Miller Celebrates 90th Birthday

Helen Miller, Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a 90th birthday celebration Sunday, February 25, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The event was hosted by her children, Kenneth Miller, Judith Scott, Sandra Blume and Ronald Miller.

The family enjoyed a luncheon, cake and ice cream as well as favorite memories of Helen as mother and grandmother. Helen read a short story, "When I'm an Old Lady". This brought many chuckles from the kids!

Those attending the event

besides the guest of honor were Kenneth and Barbara Miller, Tracie, Scott, Olivia and Clay Hilliard, Plymouth; Judith and John Scott, Frankfort; Suzanne, Mike, Katie and Tyler Crump, Muncie; Nancy and Trevor Mann, Russiaville; Travis Mann, Ball State University; Ed Gibson, Kokomo; Scott, Karen, Amber and Alex Mills, Batesville; Eric, Sundai, Hayley, Jaymee and Patrick Mills, Russiaville; Sandra and Fred Blume, Fallbrook, California; Sherry Blume, San Diego, California; Darren, Katherine and Nicole Blume, Oceanside, California; Ronald Miller, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Vern and Opal Kissinger, Royal Center. Those who were

unable to attend but visited by telephone were Ron Miller, Jr., Ponce, Puerto Rico; Rod Miller, Plymouth; Randy, Pam and Alli Miller, Charlottesville, North Carolina.

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AREA V MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
 Monday, March 5 – Hot dog sandwich, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, spiced apples and milk
 Wednesday, March 7 – Creole spaghetti, green beans, salad, cinnamon applesauce, Italian bread and milk
 Friday, March 9 – Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, corn, vanilla fluff pie and milk

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One of the four generations present for Sunday's birthday celebration included (left to right) Sandra Blume, her mother Helen Miller and Helen's grandson, Darren Blume holding his daughter, Nicole.

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The family of Helen Miller gathered Sunday in the local community room to celebrate her 90th birthday. She is pictured here with her children (left to right) Judith Scott, Sandra Blume, Helen, Ronald Miller and Kenneth Miller.

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 Pastor Scott Meneely - Kewanna Church of Christ
 Pastor Jan Moyer - Grass Creek UMC
 Pastor Mike Tatman - Kewanna /Pleasant Hill UMC
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 February 19
 Admissions - Kerry Gregory, Macy; Florence Johnson, Rochester; Robby Alder, Logansport; Jack Belcher, Twelve Mile
 Dismissals - Mary Grant, Denver; Joseph Richard, and Kimberly Nichols and son, Rochester; Jack Belcher, Twelve Mile
 February 20
 Admissions - Dakota Ellerman, Rochester; Ula Cole, Argos
 Dismissals - D Lee Moore and daughter, Rochester; Robby Alder, Logansport
 February 21
 Admissions - Laura Williams, Rochester
 Dismissals - Florence Johnson, Rochester
 February 22
 Admissions - Lena Piper, Peru; Emily King and Donna Smith, Rochester; William Howard, Macy
 Dismissals - Kerry Gregory, Macy
 February 23
 Admissions - None published
 Dismissals - Dakota Ellerman and Emily King, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 February 16
 Admissions - Rita Mrozinski, Winamac
 Dismissals - Martha Martin, Winamac
 February 17
 Admissions - Georgia Case, North Judson; Richard Keller, Monterey
 Dismissals - Thomas Prophet, Royal Center
 February 18
 Admissions - Brittany Heckathorn, Royal Center
 Dismissals - None

February 19
 Admissions - Mary Sue Link, Winamac; Rocco Calabrese IV, North Judson
 Dismissals - Richard Keller, Monterey; Janice Herr, Star City; Georgia Case, North Judson
 February 20
 Admissions - Richard Straw and Irene Kottka, Francesville; Jennifer Allport, Knox; Sylvia Planck, Star City
 Dismissals - None
 February 21
 Admissions - None
 Dismissals - Tonja Kain and daughter, Mercedes Jade, Winamac; Brittany Heckathorn and daughter, Madison Nicole, Royal Center
 February 22
 Admissions - Arianna Bradley, Winamac
 Dismissals - Jennifer Allport and daughter, Jianna Elise, Knox
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DEATHS

ELDON "OZZIE" GLEN GRAHAM, JR.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. EST Saturday, February 24, 2007, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Eldon "Ozzie" Glen Graham, Jr., 69, Kewanna. Burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Mr. Graham passed away at 12:14 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Born September 22, 1937, in Hammond, he was the son of the late Eldon Glen and Henrietta (Leber) Graham, Sr. He was

married March 5, 1988, in Kewanna to Janice Hogan, who survives.

Ozzie was a 1954 graduate of Thorton Fractional High School, Chalumet City, Illinois. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, and the F&AM Lodge of Hammond. He was retired from Winamac Coil Spring, Kewanna, where he was a coiler. He enjoyed boating, camping and outdoor sports. Other hobbies included working on old cars and building and flying model airplanes.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Adam Graham, Indiana; four daughters, Kelly Graham, Indiana, Stephanie Malchow and her husband, Michael, Rochester, Jamie Smith and her companion, Bryan Carmen, Monticello, and Wendy Smith and her companion, Jonathan Shock, Kewanna; a brother, Henry P. Graham and his wife, Betty, Oklahoma; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Florence and Jack Hogan, Kewanna; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a family friend, Bernie Hawkey, who was like a son to him. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy L. Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department, P.O. Box 95, Kewanna, IN 46939 or the Fulton County EMS, c/o Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN 46975.
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JOAN E. SMITH

Graveside services were held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery for Joan E. Smith, 77, Sheridan. Pastor Scott Meneely officiated. The former Kewanna resident died Sunday, February 25, at the Sheridan Healthcare Center.

Born March 5, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Hugh and Leta (Murphy) Stevens. She was married June 10, 1949, to Don

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Eldon Smith, who preceded her in death on March 28, 1977.

A 1947 graduate of Knox High School, she was a homemaker and a former assistant at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Kewanna, and loved Christian music. She attended the Sheridan First Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Gayle Newton and her husband, Terry, Sheridan; a sister, Evelyn Gibbs and her husband, Ralph, Centennial, Colorado; one grandson, Trent Newton and his wife, Angela, Kirklin; two granddaughters, Amy Dehmer and her husband, Charles, Westfield, and Kami Newton, Sheridan; four great-grandchildren, Madeline, Abigail and Douglas Newton and Kimberly Bayless; one niece, Carolyn Schierhorn and a grand-nephew, Daniel Schierhorn. She was preceded in death by her husband, two infant sons, and one sister, Betty Schierhorn.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, Box 395, Kewanna, IN 46939 and/or the Kewanna Church of Christ, Box 337, 116 S. Logan St., Kewanna, IN 46939.

Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group will meet in the PMH conference room from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. The group is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information.

A one-day prenatal class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in the PMH conference room. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
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Sherry Blume, San Diego, California and Darren, Katherine and Nicole Blume of Oceanside, California, spent the weekend here visiting with their grandmother, Helen Miller, and other family members.

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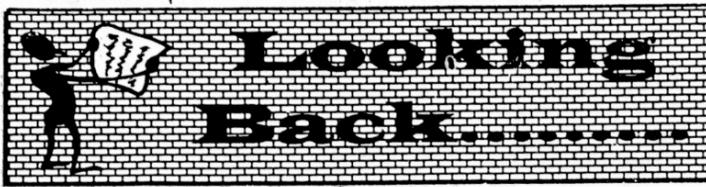
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Thirty Years Ago March 3, 1977

Kewanna wound up its 1976-77 basketball season last weekend with one win and one loss, giving them a 3-17 record going into this week's sectional play. The Indians defeated Divine Heart 80-57 Friday and lost to Culver Military Saturday, 86-58.

Thomas Joseph Bucinski, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was among the Indiana University-Bloomington, students who made the Dean's List the first semester.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for John Hinderlider, 94, father of Raymond Hinderlider of here.

Helping Stephanie Baldwin celebrate her third birthday Sunday evening were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baldwin; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith; her great-grandmother, Mrs. Helen Baldwin; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baldwin and Scott; Chuck Baldwin, Barb Bartram, Tami Baldwin and Richard Powell.

Twenty Years Ago March 5, 1987

Laura Bauman, Rt. 2, Kewanna, a Caston High School junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Jr. served as a page recently for State Rep. Tom Weatherwax in the Indiana House chambers.

Chad Woolington of Logansport placed second in the 15th annual Indiana State Elks Hoop Shoot Saturday at Kokomo High

School. Chad, nine years old, made 21 of 25 free throws. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington and the great-grandson of Mrs. Helen Woolington and Mrs. Florence Kruger, all of here.

Dave and Mary Jane Stangle, Rt. 1, Kewanna, planned to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 8, at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall.

Bob and Marjorie Jones, Rt. 2, Kewanna, planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, March 8, in the Grass Creek United Methodist Church.

The Tribal Trails Girl Scout Council has named Nancy Kumler of the Wabash Association as its "Pride of the Month" for March. Nancy and her husband, Richard, are former Kewanna residents, he being the son of Lois Kumler of here and the late Dean Kumler.

Ten Years Ago March 6, 1997

Brian Young, Winamac, is working with four Indiana lawmakers during the 110th General Assembly. Brian is a graduate of Winamac High School and a student at Indiana University- South Bend. He is the grandson of Bill and Donnabelle Fisher, Kewanna.

Sonja Easterday of Rochester (Aubbeenaubee Township) has been accepted into membership of the Indiana Society of Public Accountants. Ms. Easterday has a tax practice located at 5640 W.

Olson Road.

Carol and Howard Hickle have returned from a two-week trip to Galveston, Texas. While there, Carol's aunt and uncle, Helen and Don Cota of Knoxville, Illinois, spent a few days visiting with them.

Several members of the Garner family were able to get together Saturday. Missy and Steve Young of Peru drove to Muncie to pick up her sister, Amanda Garner, at Ball State University. They met Linda Garner and T.J. in Peru and the group headed to Kokomo where they enjoyed a little shopping, lunch and visiting. Linda and T.J. took Amanda back to Muncie while Missy and Steve returned home to Peru.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Murat Shrine Circus:

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Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573. NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS 20th Annual Indianapolis Art & Antique Show: March 8 - 11 Blue Ribbon Pavilion & South Pavilion. Hours: Thursday Preview Gala 6 to 9 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Preview Gala \$100; otherwise \$8. Contact: Betty Stillwell (317) 962-1780. Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: March 9 - 11 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or www.stewartpromotions.com.

Hoosier Antique Toy & Holiday Show: March 10 - 11 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$7. Contact: Vern Atkins (317) 846-0779. 49th Annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show: March 10 - 18 in the West Pavilion & Exposition Hall. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 12 & younger free. Contact: HSI Show Productions (317) 576-9933 or www.hsishow.com.

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Service Notes

Army National Guard Pvt. Daniel J. Troxel has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Troxel is the son of Lori Cox, Culver, and the brother of Ashley Cox, South Park Road, Kewanna (Lake Bruce).

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- Aerosol cans - remove lids

Miscellaneous

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- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- Items containing mercury
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Motor oil
- Pallets - wood or plastic
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Newspaper

- Stack in brown paper grocery bags
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Joe Pesaresi Guest of Honor at Birthday Party

Joe Pesaresi, president of Winamac Coil Spring, Inc. in Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Thursday afternoon, February 15, in celebration of his 60th birthday.

Following the afternoon break, all the employees quietly gathered in an area of the finished goods warehouse. Gene Huber, Jr., Chad Huber and Doc Russell were helpful in keeping Joe from wandering around the plant during the 30 minutes prior to the party so tables, chairs and food could be set up. Doc escorted Joe to the party area to check out a "problem". Awaiting him were

all the WCS employees and his wife, Terry. The area was decorated with a large banner wishing Joe a "Happy 60th Birthday" and a huge birthday card made by some of the party organizers in the front office and passed through the plant for signatures the prior week.

Joe Hott presented the guest of honor with a golf driver specially made by Dave Penicaro at the suggestion of Ernie Lebo. Though Joe is an avid golfer, no one is real sure the club will ever be used as the club head is solid aluminum and weighs 2.2 pounds. But, it was graciously received and made for a good laugh. If Joe can actually swing the club and hit the ball, everyone is confident he'll reach the green in one shot!

Following the gift presentation, everyone enjoyed three large sheet cakes, root beer floats (a favorite of Joe's), ice cream, and punch. The cakes were decorated with pictures of Joe from all stages of life printed in the icing.

The party was originally planned for his birthday, Tuesday, February 13, but due to the heavy snowfall work was suspended and employees sent home before noon. Party plans were put on hold until Wednesday and again postponed because of low attendance due to inclement weather. With the festivities being postponed for two days, it became increasingly difficult to keep the event a secret, but from all indications, it appeared Joe was completely surprised.

CASTON MENU

March 5 - 9

Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; or toaster pastry (watch for extra choices throughout the week)

Lunch

Monday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and butter and milk. Comet Café - pork barbecue sandwich and curly fries

Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French fries, peaches, brownie and milk. Comet Café - pizza

Wednesday - Soft tacos w/meat and cheese, lettuce and tomato, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - cheese stuffed breadsticks

Thursday - Port patty sandwich, seasoned potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Comet Café - foot-long hotdog and onion rings

Friday - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, mixed fruit and milk. Comet Café - chicken and fries

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

March 5 - 9

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Wednesday - Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice and milk

Thursday - Danish, yogurt, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Hot dog sandwich, California blend, pears, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, mixed vegetables, banana, muffin and milk

Wednesday - Pepperoni pizza,

corn, peaches, cookie and milk
Thursday - Chicken leg, au gratin potatoes, apple, bread and butter and milk

Friday - Omelet, hash browns, oranges, cinnamon toast and milk

Middle/High School

Monday - Tenderloin sandwich, 8-way vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Chicken strips, peanut butter sandwich, potatoes, pears and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Taco salad with cheese, chips, carrots, fruit salad, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Burrito, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, cream of potato soup with crackers, pickle spear, orange juice cup, and milk. Choice - salad bar

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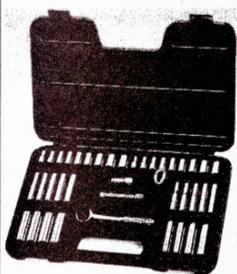
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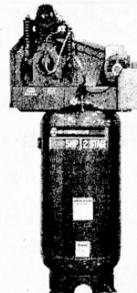
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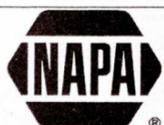
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Large Print Mystery Fiction— *Act of Treason* by Vince Flynn; *On Tall Pine Lake* by Dorothy Garlock; *The Hunters* (from the Presidential Agent series) by W.E.B. Griffin; *Dust* by Martha Grimes; and *Web of Evil* by J.A. Jance.
Adult Nonfiction— *Helping Kids with Special Needs* by Julie Nekola.
JUVENILES:
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Ages 10 and Under Fiction— *Blue's Bad Dream* (from the

Blue's Clues series) by Sarah Albee; *Red Fox and The Baby Bunnies* and *The Red Fox Monster* (from The Giggle Club series) by Alan Baron; *Into The Bucket Full of Dinosaurs* series) by CCI Entertainment; *Bambi and The Great Prince of The Forest* (from the Bambi series) by Christopher Nicholas; *Mr. Putter and Tabby Make A Wish* (from the Mr. Putter and Tabby series) by Cynthia Rylant; *Racing Stripes* (based on the movie) by Tracey West; and *Picture-Perfect Tommy* (from the Rugrats series) by Sarah Willson.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Alternative energy sources like wind power, hydrogen and biofuels are getting a lot of headlines these days, but what about efforts to generate electricity from the ocean's waves?

-- Tina Cook, Naples, FL

As any board or body surfer will tell you, the ocean's tidal currents pack considerable wallop. So why wouldn't it make sense to harness all that formidable power, which is not too unlike that of the rivers that drive hydropower dams or the wind that drives wind turbines, to make energy?

The concept is simple, says John Lienhard, a University of

Houston mechanical engineering professor: "Every day the moon's gravitational pull lifts countless tons of water up into, say, the East River or the Bay of Fundy. When that water flows back out to sea, its energy dissipates and, if we don't use it, it's simply spent." According to Energy Quest, an educational website of the California Energy Commission, the sea can be harnessed for energy in three basic ways: using wave power, using tidal power, and using ocean water temperature variations in a process called "ocean thermal energy conversion" (OTEC).

In harnessing wave power, the back-and-forth or up-and-down movement of waves can be harnessed, for example, to force air in and out of a chamber to drive a piston or spin a turbine that can power a generator. Some systems in operation now power small lighthouses and warning buoys. Harnessing tidal energy, on the other hand, involves trapping water at high tide and then harnesses its energy as it rushes out and drops in its change to low tide. This is similar to the way water makes hydroelectric dams work. Already some large installations in Canada and France generate enough electricity to power thousands of homes.

An OTEC system uses temperature differences between deep and surface waters to extract energy from the flow of heat between the two. An experimental station in Hawaii hopes to develop the technology and someday produce large amounts of electricity on par with the cost of conventional power technologies.

Proponents say that ocean energy is preferable to wind because tides are constant and predictable and that water's

natural density requires fewer turbines than are needed to produce the same amount of wind power. Given the difficulty and cost of building tidal arrays at sea and getting the energy back to land, however, ocean technologies are still young and mostly experimental. But as the industry matures, costs will drop and some analysts think the ocean could power nearly two percent of U.S. energy needs.

Several companies now work at the cutting edge of ocean power technology. Scotland's Ocean Power Delivery Ltd. has a wave system called Pelamis that it hopes to install in waters off of California's wave-battered central coast. And Seattle, Washington's Aqua Energy has installations off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia and is in talks with utilities about providing the Pacific Northwest with hundreds of megawatts of ocean energy within the next decade.

Tidal energy pioneers are also hard at work on the U.S. Atlantic coast. The New Hampshire Tidal Energy Company is developing tidal power in the Piscataqua River between New Hampshire and Maine. And a company called Verdant Power is providing Long Island City, New York with electricity through tidal river turbines and has begun installation of tidal power systems in New York City's East River.

CONTACTS: Ocean Power Delivery Ltd., www.oceanpd.com; Aqua Energy (Finavera Renewables), www.finavera.com/wave; Verdant Power, www.verdantpower.com.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR COUNTY SUPPLIES SPRING 2007

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana, that it will receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of Fulton County, County Office Building, 125 East Ninth St, Rochester, Indiana, until the hour of 10:00 a.m. EST, on March 23, 2007, to furnish the following items as requested by the Fulton County Highway Department Supervisor, for the period of when such bids are awarded to December 31, 2007.

a.m. bids will be opened and read at 10:00 a.m. EST, March 23, 2007, at the Commissioner's Room, County Office Building, 125 East Ninth St, Rochester, Indiana. Each bid shall be in a SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE.

All bidders will be required to attach with all said bids either a certified check, made payable to the Auditor of Fulton County, or a Bidder's Bond equal to 10% of the total bid. All bidders shall use separate FULTON COUNTY BID FORM.

EACH BID ITEM TO BE MADE IN DUPLICATE

ITEM #1 EMULSION LIQUID ASPHALT
800,000 gallons or less of the following grades of asphalt:

AE-T
AE-P
AE-PL
AE-90
AE-90S
AE-150

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All materials must be delivered by transport to County Road sites and made available off of transport, or at County Highway garage in County tanks, or picked up by County, or at a designated site into tanks. All material must meet INDOT specifications except AE-150 must be at a minimum penetration of 100. AE-90, and AE-90S must be delivered at a minimum temperature of 155 degrees.

ITEM #2 CUTBACK LIQUID ASPHALT
800,000 gallons or less of the following grades of asphalt:

MC-3000
Sealing Asphalt
MC-250
SC-250
CM-90
CM-150
PG 64-22
PG 58-28

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ITEM #3
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F. The vendor will furnish plant with operator and loader personnel and county will stockpile aggregate at site and furnish liquid asphalt into vendor tanks.

Quote price per ton to charge plant.
Note: Item 3A shall be in accordance to type A section 402 of INDOT specifications. Item 3B shall be done in accordance with section 401.10 to 402.20 of INDOT specifications.

BID ITEM #4 PUG MILL MIXING - 15,000 Tons or less
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ITEM #5 50,000 gallons or less Calcium Chloride Solution
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D. Liquid Calcium (38%) furnished and applied to any point in Fulton County as designated by Fulton County Highway Supervisor.

NOTE: Vendor may split bid to furnish calcium chloride solution or to apply only or both.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids must cover quantity

amounts or less. The Fulton County Commissioners may award more than one bid due to service of specific geographic areas of the county. All purchases are to be made as needed and subject to appropriation, by the Fulton County Council. Bidder may reserve the right to allocate its product to its customers in a fair and equitable manner, if necessary, due to the reduction of the allocation from the source for mandatory allocation issued by the appropriate agency of the Federal Government. Bidder must state on his bid, if said bid is subject to the escalator clause or said bid shall be considered to be firm for the year 2007.

FULTON COUNTY
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Auditor, Fulton County
Publish: March 1, 2007 and March 8, 2007

FULTON COUNTY ADVERTISING CLAIMS FOR MARCH 05, 2007

ACS Systems Inc., 1,725.00; ADT Security Systems Inc., AT&T, 250.00; Alan J Wilhere D.D.S., 1,197.00; Alexander Distributing, 1,573.69; Alfred Nickles Bakery Inc., 266.14; Anco Inc., 677.70; Anderson, Mike C-P-D-J-Inc., 17.46; Andrews Walt, 4.98; Appraisal Research Corporation, 932.83; Arrow Pest Control Inc., 90.40; Aubbeenaubee Twp Fire Dept., 31,015.00; BI Incorporated, 5,547.28; BP, 30.52; Baileys Hardware Inc., 37.68; Baker Specialty & Supply, 68.76; Bandit Industries Inc., 302.83; Boyce Forms/Systems Inc., 145.00; Brown, Richard, 85.00; Burke & Heller, 1,349.17; C&S Outdoor Equipment, 382.69; CSI-Computer Systems Inc., 237.00; Centennial Wireless, 167.37; Chandler, Denise J, 131.56; Citicard, 380.07; Collier Melissa S, 5.36; Conley, Walker, 10.00; Craig Welding & Mfg Co Inc., 82.50; Cyrus Garey J, 21.20; DYNA Systems Corp., 161.09; Dept of Homeland Security, 120.00; Duke Energy, 3,274.94; ENIDS Cleaning Service, 997.67; Earty, Mike, 276.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 604.00; Engineering Aggregate Inc., 262.63; Enyarts True Value Hardware Inc., 92.24; First Financial Bank, 287.13; Four County Counseling Center, 150.00; Fulton County 4-H fair Assoc., 1,500.00; Fulton County EMS, 43,714.00; Fulton County Historical Soc., 1,120.00; Fulton County Sheriff Fund, 37.79; Fulton Marshall LP, 13,693.86; Global Gov't/Ed, 182.00; Gil Jenkins Automotive Corp., 484.97; Good Oil Co Inc., 6,484.21; Howard, Randy K & Sandra L, 17.30; HP Products Inc., 53.46; Hardesty Printing Inc., 253.00; Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, 100.00; Harter Beverage, 1,536.00; Hess Bruce, 1,326.00; Hiatt Electric Co., 73.24; Hinderlider Truck, 26.20; IAAO, 20.00; IN State Police Training Fund, 182.00; Indiana Office of Technology, 338.81; Irving Materials Inc., 2,875.91; Lexisnexis Matthew Bender, 387.00; Logansport State Hospital, 226.83; McDuffie Firm on & Onelia, 9.15; MCE Inc., 398.00; Morbark Inc., 172.73; Morton Salt Inc., 1,151.60; NAPA, Rochester Inc., 1,503.01; NEXTEL, 76.38; NIPSCO, 5,862.69; New Holland Rochester Inc., 155.55; North American Salt Co., 10,621.04; Northern District Clerks Assoc., 60.00; O'Herron Inc Ray, 330.85; Observer, 171.46; Oil Change Express, 34.54; Old National Bank, 18,519.22; Peterson & Waggoner, 1,632.92; Pitney Bowes, 135.98; Plainfield Correctional, 59.37; Plumlee Maintenance, 960.00; Positioning Solutions Co Inc., 85.10; Power Brake & Spring Service, 454.44; Purdue University, 32.00; Quality Quick Lube, 31.20; Quill Corp., 1,084.88; Reese Steve, 15.00; Riddle Charles Lee, 65.95; Rochester Ford Lincoln, Corp., 121.30; Rochester Glass Co Inc., 262.85; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 213.30; Rock Industries Inc., 4,155.47; Rockhill Pinnick LLP, 234.91; Saylor J H Inc., 364.92; Schaeffer MFG Co Inc., 623.52; Security Plumbing Suppliers Inc., 147.14; Shopping Guide News, 50.50; Smith Farm Store-Rochester, 296.10; Smith Office Plus Inc., 30.98; Smith Sawyer Smith Inc., 136,222.00; Snyder, Kevin, 980.00; Steven R Jenkins Co Inc., 45.99; Stoops Freightliner-Ft Wayne, 426.77; Tofson David, 22.20; Traylor-Wolff Lisa M, 678.00; Treasurer Fulton County, 153.00; US Cellular, 80.68; Universal Lighting Co Inc., 190.22; Universal Service Co Inc., 235.00; Utter Jennifer, 20.00; Vinasco Wally, 533.30; Villaion Rafael, 140.00; Vmac Truck Sales & Service Inc., 413.21; W A Jones & Son Truck Bodies, 1,162.09; WTH Engineering Inc., 27,500.00; Walmart Community BRC, 81.32; Waste Management Inc., 69.35; Webbs Electronics/Radio Shack, 25.97; Weldstar Co., 164.61; West Group Payment Center, 150.00; Wildman First Aid Direct, 182.44; Wildman Inc., 792.35; Woodlawn Hospital, 478.00; Sheaton Indianapolis, 103.00.

WHITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA ON FEBRUARY 26, 2007.

DENISE J. CHANDLER
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 3/01/07

From The Desk Of...
State Representative
ERIC A. GUTWEIN
District 16

(STATEHOUSE) - During every legislative session, one of the requirements of the House of Representatives is to create the state's budget. For the last budget, when House Republicans were in control, an honestly balanced budget was passed that brought Indiana out of a \$600 million deficit that had existed for quite some time. At the beginning of this session, my Republican colleagues and I challenged the House Democrats to create a budget that

accomplished what we had already proven possible - to be honestly balanced. The House Democrats have failed to deliver.

Hoosiers are not being provided with efficient allocation of K-12 funding. The principle is very easy: dollars should follow students, not institutions. The proposed school formula does not simply stray from this very easy equation, but complicates it to the point of being unrecognizable. Under the House Democrats' budget, 44% of all schools are funded by one of five new additions to the formula rather than being funded by the base formula. What's worse, House Democrats have coerced one of their own with \$2 million earmarked for a school corporation in his district, for the singular purpose of buying his vote for their proposed budget. Moreover, local schools are going to be required to institute Full-Day Kindergarten even though the House Democrats' budget does not provide funding. Perhaps all schools could afford Full-Day Kindergarten if they all received \$2 million, but the Democrats are only giving this gift to one school. This is unfair to taxpayers, educators, and schoolchildren throughout our state.

House Republicans put forth certain standards for success which were to be used to hold our state and local governments accountable for their budgetary actions. These standards include honestly balancing the budget with no fund transfers, payment delays, or gimmicks. House Democrats have failed to meet this responsibility. The budget passed by House Democrats flatlines Medicaid appropriation. Medical costs increase every year. Normally, funding of Medicaid increases each year so that it can effectively provide aid to those who need it. Unfortunately, the Democrats' budget does not increase funding of Medicaid, allowing relief for thousands of Hoosiers most in need to disappear through inflation and increased costs.

The citizens of Indiana deserve to have a state government that will repay the remaining \$200 million that is owed to local governments. When Republicans took over two years ago, we were left with a bill of over \$726 million that Democrats had kept from communities and universities. In just two years, House Republicans paid back nearly \$550 million. Unfortunately, our colleagues across the aisle are not making this a priority. In fact, the Democrats are including a provision that prohibits Governor Daniels from repaying this debt through his available funds. This is not fair to local communities. The citizens of Indiana deserve better.

My Republican colleagues and I have also challenged members of the other party to freeze homeowner property taxes for 2007. As House Republicans demonstrated in the past, providing an honestly balanced budget can be achieved without increasing the burden on taxpayers. House Republican budget efforts in the past resulted in an average net property tax rate that actually dropped by 1.1% in 2006. This property tax cut was

the first in decades. However, the current budget that was passed by the House Democrats does nothing to address a projected 14.5% homeowner property tax increase in 2007. Hoosiers have been given a budget that is neither honest nor fair. The citizens of Indiana deserve better.

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Weatherwax: IDEM Official to Attend Meeting on County Line Landfill (STATEHOUSE) - Sen. Tom Weatherwax announced recently that Michael Aylesworth, Director of IDEM Northern Regional office, will attend the Fulton County Commissioners meeting on Monday, March 5th at 11:30 to brief the commission on the County Line Landfill odor problems.

"This is a great opportunity for citizens here from IDEM on the progress that has been made in dealing with the odor problems surrounding County Line Landfill," said Weatherwax. "I encourage everyone affected by the landfill to come out and share their concerns."

County Line Landfill and IDEM received countless complaints last fall about an odd odor originating from the landfill. Over the last few months, IDEM and County Line Landfill have been working together to address the concerns of the communities involved. "This action follows our last third house session in Rochester," said Weatherwax. "Rep. Eric Gutwein and Rep. Bill Friend are joining me in requiring this first step of action."

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Weatherwax: Senate Passes 'Stephanie's Law' (STATEHOUSE) - A bill aimed at protecting Hoosiers from violent offenders passed the Senate by a vote of 48-0. The bill is named Stephanie's Law in honor of Stephanie Wagner of Royal Center who was killed on Halloween 2006 by a convicted murderer on parole from Kansas. "It's my hope that Stephanie's Law will provide the protection

for other Hoosiers that we failed to provide 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."

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 requires a person convicted of murder or voluntary manslaughter in Indiana to be placed on lifetime parole.

SB 78 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.



Belinda Gaddy, Kewanna, received burns to her feet when she stepped to remove the LP gas tank from the road near the State Road 17/14 intersection last week. Unknown to Gaddy, the tank contained anhydrous ammonia, a chemical commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. She was treated and released at Woodlawn Hospital. State Police believe the tank was part of a meth lab operation, but not connected to Gaddy.

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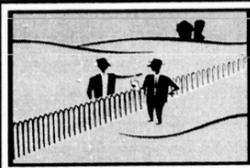
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Mildred McColley traveled to South Bend Monday, Feb. 19. She accompanied her sons, Ron McColley of Frankfort and Steve McColley of Muncie, to the funeral viewing of Jim Lincoln. Jim was the husband of her niece, Becky Lincoln.

Tom and Linda Garner were in Valparaiso Monday. They were helping their daughter and her family, Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach, prepare for the upcoming arrival of a new member of the family.

Don and Pauline Scales had very energetic company two days last week. Stopping in to keep them well entertained were their granddaughter and great-grandchildren, Cindy Wiese and Ally, and Kaylyn and Stevanna Young. The group returned later in the week accompanied by Kaylyn and Stevanna's brother and older sister, Trey and Brianna, who were out of school because of the weather.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Monday evening. Stopping by for a chat was her grandson, David Whiteman.

Jerry Brown accompanied his daughter and son-in-law, Angie

and Tom Smith of Rochester, to Peru Tuesday evening, Feb. 20. They were attending girls' basketball tourney in which the Smiths' daughter, Leighnee, was playing. Afterward, they dined at Harvey Hinklemeyer's restaurant.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Tuesday. They helped prepare pizzas for the Moose lodge's evening meal.

It's never too late to recognize Valentine's Day as Ruth Cogdill had a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration with her daughter,

Linda Ligoeki, and family friend, Dale Fleming. They arrived Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21, with groceries and Linda also presented her mother with a bouquet of fresh spring flowers. After a nice visit, the threesome drove to the Kibitzer where Linda treated Ruth and Dale to a delicious late lunch. When they arrived back at Ruth's, Linda and Dale did a special chore for her: they carried the Christmas decorations that had been sitting on the stairs up to the attic. Ruth felt as if she were a Mama Bear coming out of hibernation, as she had not been out of the house since Jan. 11. February 2007's

bitter cold and blizzard will be in our minds for a long, long time. We have to keep telling ourselves we are one day closer to "spring".

Mathilda Lamb and Wilma Wilson were in Fulton Wednesday. They had a nice time celebrating Mathilda's birthday with dinner at the Mill Creek Restaurant.

Fred and Barbara Brown of Rochester and Fred's brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Kay Brown, traveled to South Bend Wednesday. They enjoyed attending the Notre Dame vs. Georgetown women's basketball game. On their way home, they stopped at Pat's restaurant in LaPaz for dinner.

Romayne Wentzel was in Rochester one day last week. She was a visitor of her sister-in-law and her husband, Betty and Gilbert Weller.

Jackie Heidenreich and John Lincoln were in Rochester Friday, Feb. 23. They enjoyed dining out and taking care of a few errands.

Barb and Tom LaFollette enjoyed country style ribs at the Moose lodge in Rochester Friday evening.

Earl and Mary Bangel had a houseguest over the weekend. Arriving early to help them celebrate their anniversary was their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Linda Garner was in Rochester

Saturday, Feb. 24. She met her daughter and family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile, for a visit over lunch at the Pizza Hut restaurant.

Nancy Evers was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester. Joining them for dinner were Nancy's husband, Leonard; their son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Maria Evers; and their son, Robert Evers.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to LaPorte Saturday. They had a wonderful time as overnight guests of their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Thomas.

Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center; Mary Lou's mother, Wilma Wilson; and Bill's aunt, Mathilda Lamb, enjoyed spending Saturday together. They had a very nice time helping Mathilda celebrate her birthday with a visit and lunch at the Kewanee Cafe.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors Sunday, Feb. 25. Coming over in the afternoon for a visit and a couple games of Phase 10 were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski.

Barb and Tom LaFollette attended the monthly drawing at the Rochester Moose lodge

Sunday afternoon. While there, they enjoyed visiting with friends over snacks.

Mary and Earl Bangel and Linda had company Sunday. Braving the icy roads to help Mary and Earl celebrate their wedding anniversary were their son and his family, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac.

Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda, had supper guests Sunday. Joining them late in the day for the meal and a pleasant family chat were Brian's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Margaret DeWitt, Mary Ruth Ingram and Darius Rude, March 4; David Besse, Angie Easterday, Anita Klinefelter, Donna Rude, and Willa Bea Shriver, March 5; Cathy Carter, Dustin Ewing, Bill Lamb, Tillie Lamb, Luke Nikolich, Jerrod Steele and Tanner Sutton, March 6; Evan Baldwin, March 7; Kenny Keyser Jr. and Darla Kumler, March 8; Josh Bangel, Christopher Gallagher, Karen Gudorf and Tom Hickle, March 9; and Helen Bitterling, Ryann Doan, Hanna Ehlinger, Barb Gast, Wayne Lamb and Dr. Tom Troutman, March 10.

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

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9th Annual Antique Show and Sale

Mental Health America of the Fulton County and the Fulton County Tourism Commission will sponsor its 9th annual antique show and sale Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Rochester. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$3. Early buyers will be admitted from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, for \$5 (3-day pass).

The show and sale will feature quality antiques and collectibles only. Appraisals will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday for a fee. Food will be available.

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