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## Town Council Conducts April Session

The Kewanna town council met Thursday evening, April 5, at the town hall for its regular monthly session with council president, Don Woolington, presiding.

Others present were council members Doran Collins and Jeff Finke; clerk-treasurer, Karen J. Good; town superintendent, Mike Molitor; assistant superintendent, Danny Chew; John Cochran; Tami Powell; Don Bixby; Alan McPherson; and Jim Conner.

Tami Powell requested permission to place a park bench at the fire station in memory of her father, the late Richard Baldwin, which was approved. Richard served as town clerk-treasurer, township trustee and as fire chief. The township trustee and advisory board had previously approved placement of the bench.

Don Bixby presented a proposal to perform wastewater testing for the sewage works at the town's facility. Currently a town employee must make several trips a week to Rensselaer during the irrigating season to have tests done. Noting the savings in gas, time and wear and tear on vehicles, the council accepted Bixby's proposal.

Alan McPherson introduced Jim Conner, town manager for Winamac, who explained to the council the duties and responsibilities of a town manager, which include overseeing day to day activities of town government and acting as liaison between residents and the council.

John Cochran, the town's representative to the Fulton Economic Development Commission (FEDCO), reported on the group's meeting held Thursday morning. Plans were made for Cochran and town officials to attend an all day meeting in Wabash Thursday, April 12, conducted by Indiana WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development). WIRED is a federal initiative designed to transform the nation's economy through regional partnerships and cooperation. In 2006, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$15 million each to 13 regions in the United States, in the first phase of the WIRED project. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development received a three-year first-phase grant for a region comprising Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Montgomery, Miami, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, Warren and White counties. Purdue University is overseeing the Indiana WIRED project.

Town superintendent Mike Molitor reported that the water works recently underwent an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) inspection. No infractions were found, but the

## Red Cross Blood Drive Here April 27

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will be the site of a Red Cross blood drive Friday, April 27, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

Other blood collection dates and sites in April include Tuesday, April 24, at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rochester, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, April 26, at the Akron United Methodist Church from 1 to 7 p.m.

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## Oven Steak Dinner, April 21

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will serve an oven steak dinner Saturday, April 21, at the post. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation.

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## Grass Creek/North Caston Alumni Banquet

The Grass Creek and North Caston Alumni and Friends banquet will be held Saturday, April 28, at the Caston Educational Center, Fulton. The North Caston Class of 1964 will be the host class. The cost is \$13.50 per person. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Reservations need to be postmarked by April 21 and sent to Ann Becker, 5732 West 950 South, Kewanna, IN 46939. After April 21, please make reservations by phone at 574-889-2200 or in person.

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inspector recommended that security at the well houses be tightened. He also requested the town enforce its backflow prevention ordinance and keep current inspection reports of backflow prevention equipment at the various locations in Kewanna.

The clerk-treasurer presented a quote from Keystone Software for an upgrade to the water and sewage billing system, which was approved.

The annual town-wide clean-up day was set for Saturday, May 5.

The town marshal's monthly report noted no traffic arrests, ten traffic warnings, 39 calls answered, one vehicle check, and 1,710 miles patrolled.

The monthly fire department report revealed six town calls and two township, all medical. Training pertained to electrical emergencies and a county Hazmat drill.

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## Kewanna Losing Ambulance

The Fulton County Emergency Medical Service will be pulling its ambulance out of Kewanna May 1, according to Woodlawn Hospital CEO John Alley. The lack of trained volunteer personnel was cited as the reason for removing the ambulance.

At one time, Kewanna had a very active group of volunteer EMTs and drivers that manned the local ambulance, however, over the past four years the number of volunteers has dwindled.

The local first responders with the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department will continue to respond to medical emergencies to stabilize patients until the ambulance stationed at Woodlawn Hospital arrives on the scene.

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Door prize winners at T&T Rent-All's recent open house were Don Pfeiffer, Rochester, duffle bag; Bill Balmer, Rochester, Toro hat; Sam Mast, Rochester, key ring; Linda King, Rochester, Stihl shirt; Wally Pfeiffer, Rochester, Stihl hat; and Jeff Prater, Rochester Stihl shirt. The prizes can be picked up at T&T Rent-All.

The Fulton County Board of Health will meet at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the meeting room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester.

A trip to the newly-renovated Fort Wayne Library is planned for Saturday, April 14, to do individual genealogy research. Those wishing to carpool should meet at 8 a.m. at the Fulton County Museum. Call the museum at 574-223-4436 if you are planning to go or for more information.

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## Hope Hospice to Celebrate Anniversary

Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, will celebrate its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary Monday, April 16, with a catered noon luncheon for its staff members.

Hope Hospice started on April 14, 1995, as a not-for-profit, public benefit organization serving the people of Fulton County. Hospice care is provided free-of-charge as a Medicare benefit. For more information about hospice services, call Brenda Purkey, RN at 574-224-4673.

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Attend Church Sunday

## Healthy Parks, Healthy People Weekend at State Park

Tippecanoe River State Park north of Winamac will host its first InShape Walk of the year Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in on this easy to moderate hike of approximately two miles. Persons wanting to participate in the walk should meet at the River Shelter parking lot.

There will be an open house at the Rent-A-Camp cabins near the Tipicon Recreation Building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

A weekend -long campground garage sale is also planned for that weekend. Persons are welcome to bring their camping and outdoor activity equipment to "recycle" by selling or swapping and amble the campgrounds to look for "stuff to buy that you cannot live without!" No knives, guns, or other weapons, please.

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## Check Your Batteries

The Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department reminds everyone to check all battery-powered products in your home, including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and emergency flashlights, so they will work when you need them.

Replace batteries twice a year, follow the motto - "change your clock, change your batteries". Replace old batteries with new ones. Never leave last year's batteries in your smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector, even if they appear to be okay.

Working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors can triple your chances of survival. If your detector "chirps", it's time to replace your battery. Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed in hallways throughout a home and in recreational vehicles and on boats. They should be placed near sleeping areas. If your home is heated by gas, coal or oil, you should install a carbon monoxide detector.

Help your family and friends by checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Working detectors can help save lives and should be inspected.

Remember -

- 70% of home fire deaths occur in homes that don't have working smoke alarms
- 20% of all smoke alarms installed in homes do not work
- Households with broken smoke alarms now outnumber those without smoke alarms.

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Recycling Dates  
Fri., Apr 6th &  
Fri., Apr 20th

## DCP Enrollment Deadline Extended

The Farm Service Agency administrator, Teresa Lasseter, recently announced that the sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Countercyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007.

Problems with the FSA's web-based computer system caused agency officials to extend the deadline in order to ensure adequate opportunities for all producers to participate in the sign-up. While the sign-up deadline is extended, the cut-off for participation remains September 30, 2007. Those producers failing to sign up by August 3, but before September 30, will pay a late-file fee of \$100 per farm.

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## CRP Nesting Date Changed

The Farm Service Agency national office recently announced that a change has been made to the policy regarding the primary nesting date for land which is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

This change is effective for all CRP contracts approved after February 8, 2007. For these contracts, the new primary nesting date is April 1 to August 1, each year. During this time period, actions should not be taken on the contract acreage which would disturb the nesting abilities of wildlife. An exception to this would be if noxious weeds are present in the area and, at that time, participants are required to contact the FSA office prior to any corrective actions being taken.

For CRP contracts which were approved prior to February 8, 2007, the nesting date change does not apply. For these contracts, the primary nesting season remains as March 1 to July 15.

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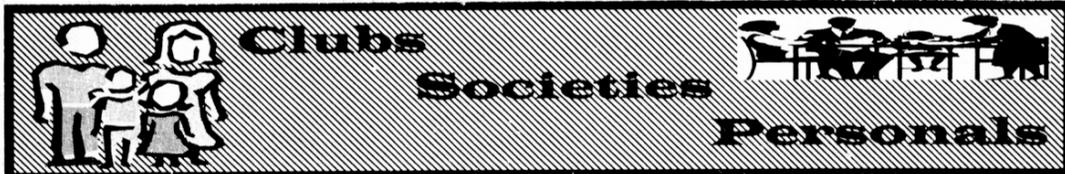
## Read It Again Book Fair

The Caston Elementary School PTO will sponsor another Read It Again Book Fair Tuesday, May 8, through Friday, May 11 in the south gym lobby from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gently used books, tapes, CDs and magazines will be sold for a quarter. There will be a limited selection of new books priced at \$1.00. The public is invited to attend.

The PTO is accepting donations of used items at the elementary front office.

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## Kewanna Area Crafters Sought

The Delphi Chamber of Commerce, organizers of the 152<sup>nd</sup> Carroll County Old Settlers Celebration in downtown Delphi, is seeking crafters from Cass, Fulton, Pulaski and surrounding counties interested in having a booth at this annual event. This year's festival will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, August 8, 9 and 10, as well as all day Saturday, August 11.

In addition to carnival rides, an art show, primitive craft demonstrations and nightly musical entertainment, the streets around the courthouse square are host to area crafters displaying and selling their wares. Last year attendees could buy everything from leather goods and T-shirts to candles and collectible cars.

Any area crafter interested in participating is encouraged to contact the Delphi Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 178, Delphi, in 46923 or [info@delphichamber.org](mailto:info@delphichamber.org) for an application. Booths are sold by the linear feet, with electric and water costing extra. There is a discount for submitting your application before July 1.

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## KHS Class of 1957 Plans Reunion

The Kewanna High School graduating class of 1957 will meet at Alejandra's in Rochester Friday, May 18, at 6 p.m. for its 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

Friends and acquaintances are welcome to join the group for dinner or to visit.

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## Book Signing at Logansport

Dick Gibson now lives in the tiny European country of Luxembourg, but he grew up in Royal Center and has not forgotten his midwestern roots nor the friends he still has here. He comes back to visit often and his current visit will find him at Waldenbooks in Logansport signing copies of his three books and chatting with readers.

The signing at Waldenbooks in the Logansport Mall will take place Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. Copies of Gibson's books are now on display along with information about the signing. Books may be purchased beforehand and left for signing or bought the day of the signing itself.

The books form a trilogy about the life journey of one man and his quest for family, friends and spiritual peace. Gibson admits that the books began as autobiographical, but soon turned fictional as the story and characters evolved. Gibson's trilogy is set against the backdrop of big business in New York City and the more ordinary world of a small town in rural Massachusetts. His books have been published in Europe where they have received a warm reception by readers and critics alike and are also available in the U.S.

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## Log Cabin Tour, June 2 and 3

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Brown County Log Cabin Tour is set for June 2 and 3 in picturesque southern Indiana. Five privately-owned log or country homes in the hills of Brown County will be featured. The tour is sponsored by Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority and all proceeds support art, literature, music, and speech and hearing needs in the Brown County community.

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

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, rain or shine. Tickets are available by mail at P.O. Box 39, Nashville, IN 47448, at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Children under two years are free. Information and tickets are also available by email at [logcabinatour@hotmail.com](mailto:logcabinatour@hotmail.com) or by calling the Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-753-3255 or 812-597-5431. Tour headquarters will be at the gazebo on the Village Green in downtown Nashville on the days of the tour only.

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## Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Hoosier Antique Expo: April 13-15 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m.



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Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: April 13-15 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free

hhgregg-WFMS Country Music Expo: April 14-15 in the Blue Pavilion & Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

U.S. Coin Operated Game Auction: April 14 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 8 a.m.; auction 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: free.

Midwest Reptile Show: April 15 in the Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free

Indy Home & Remodeling Show: April 20-22 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 6-12 \$3, children 5 and younger free

National Mini Rex Rabbit Show: April 21-22 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: free

Triple Crown Arabian Horse Show: South Pavilion, Champions Pavilion & Outdoor Arena. Hours: Fri.-Sun. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: free

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## Christian Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society. There are 50 prizes in all, including the \$1,000 grand prize,

totaling more than \$4,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free of Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550, or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). The deadline for entering is April 21, 2007.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. If you wish a winner's list please enclose a stamped return envelope.

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## CASTON MENU

April 16 - 20  
Breakfast

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

### Lunch

Monday - Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, Mandarin oranges, dinner roll and milk. Comet Café - cheeseburger and fries

Tuesday - Sausage/egg/cheese sandwich, tater tots, apple juice, sugar cookie and milk. Comet Café - ham and cheese wrap and chips

Wednesday - Pizza, green beans, applesauce, pretzels and milk. Comet Café - walking taco

Thursday - Chili, baked potato, broccoli, cheese cup, ears and milk. Comet Café - chicken strips and fries

Friday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, peas, Reece's dessert and milk. Comet Café - pizza and cheesy garlic bread

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**HOSPITAL NOTES....**

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**

March 31  
Births - Leon and Bridget Bell, Winamac, a son; Jessica Grewe, Akron, a son  
April 2  
Admissions - Joan Blacketor and Eugene Price, Rochester  
Dismissals - Carrie Gaines, Rochester; Jessica Grewe and son, Akron; Bridget Bell and son, Winamac; Karlee Sommers, Star City  
April 3  
Admissions - Robert Leavell and Louise Vernon, Rochester  
Dismissals - Eugene Price, Rochester  
Births - Nicholas and Julie Sayger, Argos, a son  
April 4  
Admissions - Todd Kuhn, Marie Pierce and Shirley Hostetler, Rochester  
Dismissals - Joan Blacketor, Rochester  
April 5  
Admissions - Pauline Russell, Leiters Ford  
Dismissals - Gordon Heltzel, Rochester  
Births - Brian and Joanna Johnson, Rochester, a son  
April 6  
Admissions - None published  
Dismissals - Joyce Ricker and Robert Leavell, Rochester; Julie Sayger and son, Argos

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Former Kewanna resident, Pauline Briney, underwent open heart surgery Monday, April 2. She would appreciate hearing from friends and acquaintances here. Cards and letters can be sent to her at 342 Galbreath Dr., Apr. 23, Winamac, IN 46996.

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**Memorial Service Set for Lowell Rans**

A graveside memorial service will be held for the late Lowell Max Rans at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Kewanna Citizens-I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Lowell, a resident of Washington, Utah, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2006 at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 69.

Born March 22, 1937, in Kewanna, he was the son of Roy and Fay Rans. He was a 1955 graduate of Kewanna High School and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Lowell was the retired owner/manager of L & S Fire Extinguishers.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra of Utah; two sons, Max Rans, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Eric Rans, of Costa Mesa, California; two sisters, Virginia Agnew of here and Lorene Wood of Valparaiso; two brothers, Joe Rans, Akron, and Larry Rans, Kewanna; and seven grand-

children. Seven brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

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**Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar**

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, April 28, 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.

Creative Club House and PMH are sponsoring an after school HEALTH Program for 10-14 year-olds in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The program will focus on health and fitness, relationships, drug awareness and conflict resolution in a fun atmosphere. Classes begin after school on April 18 and meet two or three times a week at PMH until May 18. Students may pick up registration forms and schedules at Eastern Pulaski Middle School or PMH Patient Services Department or request a form by calling 574-896-3612 or 219-716-7849. Locally, students can call 574-946-2193 or 574-946-2189 for information. This program is funded through a SAMSHA Federal Block grant, FSSA/DMHA Gamblers Assist fund and local donors.

The PMH Mother's Group will meet on April 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. Topics will include issues on feeding and baby care. Call 574-946-2113 for more information.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet April 14 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV,

Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records. Call 574-946-6071 for more information.

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.

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.

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**April Bereavement Support Group**

Anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one is invited to meet with the Hope Hospice bereavement support group Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Hope Hospice office, 420 Main St., Rochester. Chaplain Steve Fleck from Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru will be the guest speaker for the one-hour meeting. He will show a bereavement video and lead a discussion. Refreshments will be provided by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

The Hope Hospice bereavement support group meets the third Thursday of every month and is free of charge. The public is invited to participate. For more information, call Hope Hospice Chaplain Ron Purkey at 574-224-4673 or email Hope Hospice at [hospice@rtoel.com](mailto:hospice@rtoel.com).

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**JAMES F. TALBOTT**  
**VFW POST ACTIVITIES**  
April 8 - Happy Easter!  
April 14 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
April 15 - 20/20 dinner at Logansport  
April 17 - Ladies Auxiliary

**FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS**



**April 9th, 2007**

CRIME / ACTIVITY: THEFT  
CASE NUMBER: 25-092-07

LOCATION: 6310 East State Road 14 (Lyntech Engineering) Rochester, Indiana

**SUMMARY:** During the late evening hours of 4-4-07 and the early morning hours of 4-5-07 the suspect made entry to the victims vehicle and committed the theft of tools. Anyone with information is requested to contact Crime Stoppers. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to \$1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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meeting at 7 p.m.

April 21 - Card drawing at 7 p.m.

April 21 - Oven steak dinner, 4 to 7 p.m.

April 24 - Men's Auxiliary meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 29 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre, 1 p.m.

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**AREA FIVE MENU**

**Kewanna Fire Station**

Monday, April 16 - Hotdog sandwich, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, spiced apples and milk

Wednesday, April 18 - Creole spaghetti, green beans, salad applesauce, Italian bread and milk

Friday, April 20 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, corn, vanilla fluff pie and milk

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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU**

**April 16-20**

**Elementary Breakfast**

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Donut, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday - half day of school, no breakfast

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

**Elementary Lunch**

Monday - Cheese pizza, green beans, pineapple, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Cook's choice, baby carrots, orange applesauce cake and milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joes, fries, banana, Jello jigglers and milk

Thursday - half day of school, no lunch

Friday - Taco salad, apple,

frosted grahams and milk

**Middle/High School Lunch**

Monday - Breaded chicken sandwich, California blend, pears, snickerdoodle and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Deli turkey and cheese sandwich, fries, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Taco salad with cheese, chips, orange juice cup, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - half day of school, no lunch

Friday - Pepperoni pizza, carrots, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

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**Rochester License Branch Hours**

Tues., 8:30-7:00

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**Kewanna Community**

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**Notice!**  
**OBSERVER HOURS:**  
Mon., Tues., Wed. 8-11:30 / 12:30-4  
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**Fifty-Five Years Ago**

April 11, 1952

Rev. Theodore Meckes, present pastor of the Sharon Pilgrim Holiness Church, and his family will leave shortly to do missionary work in Eritrea, East Africa. He will supervise a new orphanage.

Allen Singer McKinsey, 39, passed away April 4 at his home in Seattle, Washington. He was born in 1889 on a farm near Kewanna. His marriage was to Kathryn Hickie of Kewanna. Survivors include a brother, Harlan McKinsey, of here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter who was born in Woodlawn Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Burnett passed away Tuesday morning, April 8, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jerry West, in North Manchester. She was the mother of Mrs. Adam Zartman of Kewanna.

Tom Larkin received word recently that his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holland and three sons, barely escaped from their apartment in Chicago when it burned to the ground. The Hollands climbed out a second story window, saving only their night clothes.

A pink and blue shower was held Thursday evening, April 3, in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Cook for Mrs. Florence Baldwin. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. William Werner, Mrs. Raymond Weller, Mrs. Eldon Smith and Mrs. Frank Penicaro.

The Supper Club enjoyed a carry-in Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Anderson. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McColley, Mr. and Mrs. Don Metzger and the host and hostess.

A farewell supper was held Friday evening, April 4, for Leon Winslow in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Meter. Winslow will return Tuesday to his studies at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Homer E. Williams arrived Tuesday, April 1, for a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams. They returned to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois on April 6 and on April 8 they left for Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, where S/Sgt. Williams has been transferred.

**Fifty Years Ago**

April 11, 1957

Winamac Coil Spring Inc. may move their factory to Kewanna in the near future. The company has been operating in Winamac for the last eight years. The old creamery building has been investigated and it is believed the building would be suitable for the factory. The building is presently being used by Van Meter Implement for storing machinery.

The worst ice storm in several years hit the vicinity Wednesday, April 3, causing extensive damage to telephone service, TV antennas

and trees, as the freezing rain added coat after coat of heavy ice to everything.

Two accidents occurred on the streets of Kewanna Tuesday. Frank Shoemaker, Kewanna, was going north on Toner St. and was unable to see a car approaching on Main from the east because of a delivery truck parked in front of Mosher's Grocery. Consequently, he hit a 1949 Buick driven by Rose Ellen Smith of Logansport. The second accident occurred when Jake Fettig backed out of a parking space in front of the local drug store and hit a car driven by Peter Dwyer of here.

Due to the electricity being off Tuesday night as a result of the ice storm, Orren St. Clair, Rt. 2, Kewanna, had to milk by hand. The last cow he milked kicked him, knocking him down and trampling him. He was able to finish up and let the cows out and return to the house. Mrs. St. Clair then took him to Woodlawn where it was found that he had two concussions and bruises. He was unconscious most of Wednesday, but was taken to his home later in the day where he is recovering.

Bert Gorseline, Union township assessor, died of a heart attack Monday morning at his country home on Rt. 4, Rochester.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walsh, Rt. 2, Kewanna, a daughter, Catherine Joann, April 6 at St. Joseph Hospital, Logansport. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Betty Newgent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manford Newgent, won a second place trophy at the twirling contest at Wheaton, Illinois, April 6.

**Forty Years Ago**

April 13, 1967

Airman David D. Miller, son of Mrs. Violet Miller of Kewanna, has been selected for technical training at Keesler Air Force Base,

Mississippi, as a U.S. Air Force communications specialist. He recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Mrs. Marvin Rife met with an accident Monday evening when returning home from Logansport. She stopped her car to investigate a noise she thought she heard in the trunk. As she got out of the car, it rolled into a ditch. She managed to roll herself away from under the car and drive home. She was taken to Woodlawn Hospital for x-rays.

Lora Eber, Kewanna senior, was among 19 Fulton county pupils named Hoosier Scholars by the Indiana Scholarship Committee.

More than 300 alumni and friends attended the Kewanna High School alumni banquet Saturday evening in the high school gym. This year's officers were John Agnew Sr., president; Larry Anderson, vice president; Opal Garner, secretary; and Mary Esther Henning, treasurer. Newly elected officers include Jack Hogan, president; Ronald Miller, vice president; Mildred McColley, secretary; and Martha Ann Cook, treasurer.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Lynette Dunn to A3c John H. Good. Lynette is a 1964 graduate of Bolton High School and is employed at the Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. in Alexandria, Louisiana. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good, Kewanna. He is a 1964 graduate of Kewanna High School and entered the Air Force in 1966. He is stationed at England Air Force Base in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Zellers celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary quietly in their home Sunday. Mr. Zellers is a retired plumber.

**Thirty-Five Years Ago**

April 13, 1972

Four children are left without parents and five are motherless following a tragic head-on collision which took the lives of three

Kewanna residents at approximately 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The mishap occurred near Michigan-town on Indiana 29 south of Logansport. Killed instantly were Mrs. Farrell L. Schultz, 39; Richards N. Stiles, 39; and his wife, Phyllis, 37. Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Stiles were sisters.

Valdosta State College head basketball coach, James Dominey, has invaded the state of Indiana in general and the town of Kewanna in particular with the signing of two KHS grads to grants-in-aid. The first signee is Mike Clyde, the leading scorer in the Rochester area for the 1971-72 season. Joining Clyde in the VSC fold is 6'8" forward Don Reason who graduated from Kewanna in 1970.

Fulton County Deputy Sheriff Bruce Baker, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and Patrolman Mick Evans of the Rochester Police Department graduated Saturday, April 8, from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at Bloomington. They were members of the Academy's 14th graduating class.

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**Thirty Years Ago**

April 14, 1977

Mary Heidon has been appointed to the Kewanna town board to serve out the unexpired term of the late Eldon Smith. She is the first woman to serve on the town board.

David J. Smitley was recently named personnel director for the National Bank of Logansport. David is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Smitley of Lake Bruce.

The local VFW Auxiliary, assisted by the KHS Sunshine Society, conducted an Easter egg hunt Saturday afternoon. A total of 110 youngsters turned out to hunt eggs. Winners of the drawing for the prize eggs were Laura Bauman, Mandy Corbett, Amy Hamman, Mark Bitterling and Tammy Troutman.

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**LOOKING BACK...****Con't. From Page Four**

Winners of the recent safety poster contest conducted by the VFV Auxiliary were Kirk Good, first; Rush Lovely, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Doug Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the younger age group and Randy Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>; Ace Bonnell, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Ryan Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the older age group.

**Twenty Years Ago  
April 9, 1987**

Mark Bitterling, a sophomore at Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is a member of a three-man team which placed first in the computer programming division of the Sweet Sixteen Academic Showcase state finals. Mark is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bitterling of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson of born Friday, April 3, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He has been named Mark David Wilson. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Kewanna.

Twelve members of the Grass Creek United Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the church for their regular meeting. Mrs. Mary Alice Kuhn was the hostess.

Derrick, Kara, Bryce and Reid Carrisle of Indianapolis spent several days this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook. Other Wednesday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cook, Nathan, Micah and Hannah for pizza, each making their own.

**Ten Years Ago  
April 10, 1997**

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Melissa A. Weller, 18, Nottingham, PA. Rev. Mike Beall officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery. She was the granddaughter of Barb and John Gast and Beth and Ray Weller of here.

Tiffani Olson and Kari Fritz were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1997 graduating class of Winamac Community High School.

Florence Cunningham recently enjoyed a daylong celebration of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday at Pulaski Health Care Center in Winamac.

Judy Collins and Karen Good treated Denise Davault to lunch at the Berghoff in Chicago Friday in celebration of her recent birthday. The ladies traveled to Chicago

via the South Shore from Michigan City and spent the afternoon enjoying the beautiful weather and a walk up State Street and Michigan Avenue to Water Tower Place.

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**Letter To  
The Editor**

How much money does it take to reach one life? Although no one can truly quantify the cost, we at the Fulton Improvement Committee are committed to making a difference in not one life, but the lives of many youth, families and seniors living within our local community.

In an age where divorce, alcohol and drugs corrupt the youth of our communities, we are striving to build a community structure that fosters an environment to build up the moral foundations of our youth in ethics, integrity and faith. These are three building blocks of life in which children can never have enough encouragement. With a new social center, local community organizations will fund programs such as Upward Basketball and soccer while also having the opportunity to implement family events as movie nights and free concerts

It cost the taxpayers \$110 - \$130 every day a child spends in the juvenile detention centers and \$28 a day to spend in the Fulton County Jail. By keeping kids off the streets, the fiscal rewards of keeping them out of our correction facilities will be felt by the community in the years to come. One aspect of building this in our community is to give kids a viable option other than criminal mischief and drugs that have been plaguing our youth.

This community center will not only service the needs of our youth, but also serve as a community hub. The proposed community center's design was arranged to be multipurpose. It will have the ability to host a multitude of events such as: sporting tournaments, concerts, theatrical productions, local fundraising, auctions, business meetings, banquets, reunions and wedding receptions.

The final design and amenities of the community center will be dictated by the total contributions received and grants procured. All contributions are tax deductible through the Liberty Township Community Building NP Fund. This fund will be used to solicit and accumulate funds for the construction of the building. In the event that the original purpose cannot be fulfilled due to the lack of funds needed to complete the project, donors who have contributed \$250 or more may

designate another charitable entity they wish to support. This contribution will then be forwarded to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. to that charity. All contributions less than \$250 will be utilized by the Fulton Improvement Committee as they determine for the Liberty Township Park.

Communities that make significant investment in themselves are places that continue to thrive and raise more community-minded citizens. Community-minded citizens are the heartbeat of rural America and provide the fuel for volunteerism that drives the spirit of community forward while keeping rural areas like ours thriving. You have the ability and opportunity to make a positive effect on our community and its youth. If you have any questions, please call Wendell Burton at 574-857-6750 or Harry Richter at 574-857-2855.

Sincerely,  
Wendell Burton  
Harry Richter  
Fulton Improvement  
Committee Members  
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**Winter Sports Awards**

Caston High School held its winter sports award banquet Thursday, March 15.

Athletes honored included:

**Varsity boys basketball:** Mitch Tam, mental attitude and defensive awards; Kam Scott, highest field goal percentage, most rebounds and Midwest Conference team; Ryley Williams and Bryant Brown, most improved; Cody Scott, most steals; Silas Zartman, highest three-point percentage; Wes Rigney, highest free throw percentage; Ethan Zartman, most assists.

**JV boys basketball:** Heath Gearhart, mental attitude and highest free throw percentage; Matt Reichart, most improved; Bryant Brown, defensive award.

**Freshmen boys basketball:** Kellen Homburg, highest free throw percentage and defensive award; Matt Reichart, most improved; Chase Baldwin, mental attitude award.

**Varsity girls basketball:** Kaylyn Herrold, mental attitude and most rebounds; Jessica Kantzer, highest free throw percentage and three point percentage; Shelby Loeffler, most assists and defensive award; Sara Gunter, MVP and all-Midwest Conference team; Michelle Centers, most improved; Courtney Thomas, most steals; and Courtney Tam, highest field goal percentage.

**JV girls basketball:** Lauren Tam, highest free throw percentage and mental attitude award; Jessica Gabaree, most improved; and Emily See, defensive award.

**Wrestling:** Gage Waltz, co-MVP, most improved and most reversals/escapes; Garrett Redweik, co-MVP, most aggressive, most nearfalls and all-Midwest Conference; Josh Skinner, mental attitude; and Heath Sommers, most takedowns.

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**Unabridged Christian Audio-books**— *Before I Wake* written by Dee Henderson, read by Tom Stechschulte, on 10 cassettes and 12.25 hours in length; *The Brethren* written by Beverly Lewis, read by Stina Nielsen, on 8 cassettes and 9.5 hours in length; and *Under The Northern Lights* written by Tracie Peterson, read by Christina Moore, on 9 cassettes and 10.25 hours in length.

### JUVENILES:

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Bergen; *How Do I Love You?, My Daddy and I and My Mommy and I* by P.K. Hallinan; *Mr. Topaz takes A Walk* by (local author) Tracey Jude; and *The Dog Show and The Kite* (adapted from the Curious George movie) by Monica Perez.

### Youth Christian Fiction—

*Clash, Burned, Storm and Crunch* (#1-#4 of the Soul Surfer series about Bethany Hamilton) by Rick Bundschuh and *New Guinea* (#2 of the Notes from A Spinning Planet series) by Melody Carlson.

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## LOCALS

Helen Whiteman spent a wonderful day with her family Sunday. Accompanying her to Easter sunrise services at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church were her great-granddaughter, Tiffany Troutman of Indiana State University and Tiffany's little sister from the Big Brother/Big Sister program. In the afternoon, Helen was a holiday dinner guest of her granddaughter, Julie Nies of Winamac, and her family. Also during the day, Helen received a pleasant visit from her grandson, Rodney Whiteman of Indianapolis.

Ellen's son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Paula Walsh; her granddaughters and their families, Crista Skinner and Hailey of Huntington and Leah and Brock Hinderlider and Macee; and her grandson and his wife, Jeremy and Brooke Walsh.

Mildred McColley had guests for Easter. Joining her for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Karon McColley of Frankfort, and her granddaughter and her husband, Ginger and Chris Batta of West Lafayette.

Ann Zartman celebrated Easter with her daughters and son-in-law, Jane and Rich Green and Shirley Zartman. They enjoyed dinner and catching up on everything while Jane and Rich had been in Florida.

Gilbert and Joyce Vallis had company Easter Sunday. Joining them for dinner and a delightful visit were Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent.

Jaime Short, Chelsea and Zack, were Easter dinner guests of Jaime's niece and her family, Tina and Tony Pesaresi, Garrett, Cale and Curtis. In the evening, the Shorts were supper guests of Jaime's brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Brenda Vogel at Rochester.

Barb Hieber and JoAnne Tsoodle had holiday visitors Sunday. Coming down for a chat and joining them for dinner were Barb's daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Ed Janes of LaPorte.

Barb and Tom LaFollette and Kathy Barlow had company Sunday afternoon. Coming over for dessert and to share some Easter goodies were their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick, of Rochester.

Barb and Jon Gast and Angela had a dinner guest Sunday. Joining them for the meal and a holiday visit was Barb's sister, Betty Leazenby. Also stopping by throughout the day were Rick Weller, Chad and Debra Weller, Tyler and Cody, Randi and Steve Neidig, Brent Wagoner, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans, Shelby Wagoner and Brendan Sutton.

Helen Miller had a houseguest Easter Sunday. Arriving for an overnight visit was her daughter, Judy Scott of Frankfort.

Nancy and Leonard Evers and Diane had company Easter Sunday. Joining them for a visit and dinner was Nancy and Leonard's son, Robert Evers.

Don and Doris Woolington were Sunday dinner guests of Rich and Marilyn Hoff.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed visiting as Easter Sunday dinner guests of John's nephew and his wife, Mike and Sharon Welldon at Monterey.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Joe and Karen Good were Forrest and Elnora Baker, Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary, Bruce and Denise Baker, Ryan Baker, Leslie Bedrock, Daniel Baker and Andrea Gunter.

Celebrating Easter with Virginia Agnew were Ed and Marsha Tomerlin, Hebron; Eric and Connie Tomerlin, Megan and Jacob, Valparaiso; Erin Tomerlin and Ashlyn, Chicago; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and Alexis, Jeff

and Kim Hunter, Raeann and Caleb, Jeff, Agnew, Shayna and Kayleena and Greg and Jackie Agnew, all of Rochester; Pat and Virgil Zellers of here; and Jeremy Agnew and Angela Raynard of Westfield. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder at Culver for an Easter supper and egg hunt were Jeff Pugh and Lizzie, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh, Luke and Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pugh, Harley and Lucy, and Mr. and Mrs. Brent Larking, Cale and Will, all of Winamac; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Turpin and Gram of Star City; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Chase, Brandt and Cassie and Tim Peters and Brock of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, Monterey; Mrs. Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Allie and Clar, Mrs. Sandy Baker and Mr. Bill Snyder, all of Culver.

Kay and Jerry Brown hosted their family's Easter get-together Sunday. Joining them for an afternoon of visiting and dining together were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Mick Brown and Mike and Kathie Brown; their daughters and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly, and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan, all of Rochester; their grandson and his family, Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; their grandchildren, Kyle McKinney of Muncie and Michael C. and Lindsay Brown of Winamac; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson; her sister, Karen Kruger; Lindsay's friend, Adam; and Molly's friend, Austin.

Linda and Tom Garner and Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn Young had company Sunday evening. Joining them for supper were the younger ones' parents and sister, Steve and Missy Young and Stevanna. After the meal and a lot of visiting, the children returned home with their parents.

Mary K. Williamson of Winamac accompanied Karen Kruger home for a few days earlier this week.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Tedd Carlson, Kaelee Dent, Olivia Freels and Keith Kottkamp, April 15; Pauline Briney, Danielle Carlson, Nathan Cook, Joshua Green and Angie Smith, April 16; Frances Hudkins and Janet Yocum, April 17; Jennifer Beach, Larry Donathen, Maria Evers, Kaitlin Hawkey and Robin Michael, April 18; Jenna Basham and Scott Evers, April 19; Linda Fraser, Hannah Miller and John Mollencupp, April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Sean Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary April 16.

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### Weatherwax Secures Funding for Ivy Tech's Logansport Campus

(STATEHOUSE)— State Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) is pleased to announce the inclusion of \$16 million in this year's proposed budget to expand Ivy Tech's Logansport campus. The project is to build an 80,200 square foot permanent facility that would help accommodate increasing enrollments and other community activities.

Last year, Weatherwax helped

secure \$300,000 in funding for an architectural and engineering study of the proposed project. That study proved beneficial and showed the need for a permanent facility. The state biennial budget that passed the Senate Appropriations Committee this morning includes the \$16 million required for the new facility that would allow Ivy Tech-Logansport to move from their location at Eastgate Plaza to a permanent building.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have succeeded in getting Ivy Tech the money needed to build a new Logansport campus in this budget proposal," said Weatherwax. "I would like to thank my fellow colleagues, Representatives Rich McClain, Don Lehe, Eric Gutwein and Bill Friend, for their help in getting this needed funding for Ivy Tech."

Sixty-one acres of land, road access and approximately \$960,000 in financial support have been pledged for the new facility by various county agencies and private donors. In addition, our city leaders have pitched in by committing \$3 million for utilities and roads to support the facility.

Ivy Tech-Logansport was established in 1972 and has been at its current location since 1983. It has seen enrollment continue to increase over the past several years and has become a focal point within the community. In addition, it is the only higher education institution within thirty miles of Logansport.

Weatherwax represents Senate District 18, which includes Cass, Fulton, Kosciusko, Miami, Pulaski and Wabash Counties.

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### PREGNANT WOMEN AND SMOKING IN INDIANA REVEALS DISTURBING TRENDS

*Latest Statistics Report 18 Percent of Pregnant Women In Indiana Smoke During Pregnancy*

INDIANAPOLIS — As the debate continues over increasing the price of cigarettes in Indiana, disturbing facts are emerging regarding the rate at which pregnant women are smoking in Indiana.

Approximately 18 percent of women in Indiana smoked during their pregnancy in 2004, a slight decline from 21 percent in 1999, but still a troubling trend nonetheless. The national average is 10.2 percent.

"We have pregnancy smoking rates in some counties in Indiana as high as 33 percent," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. "More troubling is that in 72 of Indiana's 92 counties, the rate is higher than the state average. It shows this problem is not going away and needs our attention."

"One of the most efficient ways to bring down the smoking rate among pregnant women is to increase the price of cigarettes through a higher cigarette tax, said Karla Sneegas, executive director, Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation. "With a one dollar increase, it would result in 16,000 fewer smoking affected births over the next five years."

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From The Desk Of...

## State Representative

**ERIC A. GUTWEIN**

District 16

This week's guest column is jointly written by Representatives Gutwein, Lehe, and McClain.

(STATEHOUSE) – Every year, Hoosiers are faced with the unwieldy task of paying their property taxes. The members of the Indiana General Assembly understand the hardships created by mounting taxes, and we continue to debate this issue. Three proposals have been made, and all four caucuses are now going to work together on these proposals so that we may find the best possible solution for the citizens of Indiana. We must find a solution that gives Hoosiers a break, while ensuring that we retain an honestly balanced budget that sufficiently funds our needs.

The first proposal for Indiana's budget was introduced by the House Democrat Caucus. Unfortunately, this budget provided no property tax reform, and included a supplemental local option income tax of up to 1 percent. Only 60 percent of this tax would have gone toward property tax relief. Furthermore, the bill did not address school construction and spending, which is one of the largest causes of high property tax rates in Indiana. Also, the Democrat plan included a provision which would have been harmful to Indiana's rural communities. The plan called for a "commuter tax" that would have sent 75 percent of the local option income tax revenue to the taxpayer's county of residence, while only 25 percent would have been appropriated to the county where the taxpayer is employed.

What's more, the House Democrat proposal included an increase in corporate income taxes, which would have discouraged job growth in the state. This bill failed in the House by a vote of 49-48. This bill required a constitutional majority vote of 51 in favor.

The Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee proposed the second option. Senate Committee Chairman Luke

Kenley proposed shifting some local government costs to the state level and using alternative funding other than property taxes. Through this plan, the state would assume responsibility for some of the major programs that are currently funded by property taxes, including certain school expenses and juvenile detention costs. Senator Kenley also proposes keeping local option tax increases at or below cost-of-living increases.

Rep. Jeff Espich, the Ranking Minority Member of the House Fiscal Ways and Means Committee, recently announced a Local Government Finance Reform Plan that provides immediate property tax relief to taxpayers. This would be accomplished by removing school construction costs from property taxes and funding these projects with local income taxes. Most of the property tax growth occurring in our state is derived from school construction projects. The School Construction Income Tax alleviates school corporations' reliance on property tax revenue by giving them more flexibility to control their own growth and spending. Locals would then have the choice to fund government and schools by using either property taxes or local income taxes. This plan includes a provision requiring voter approval on any major construction projects. Rep. Espich's plan also includes a supplemental Homestead Credit that would offset approximately 8 percent of the projected 15 percent increase in property taxes across the state.

As the legislative session continues, rest assured that the House Republicans are continuing to research and develop a broad fiscal plan to reform Indiana's property tax system. We are working to provide property tax relief for all Hoosiers while also keeping up with growing school construction costs, which are growing faster than grass in April.

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### NIPSCO ANNOUNCES GAS COST ADJUSTMENT FOR APRIL

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced

today that natural gas costs for April 2007 increased compared to last month. NIPSCO residential customers will see an increase in natural gas costs of 3.27 percent when compared to March 2007. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved the adjustment subject to refund. A typical NIPSCO residential customer using 100 therms of natural gas should expect an increase of approximately \$3.32 from last month's statement in their April billing, although total bill amounts will vary as a result of actual consumption.

**Recycling Dates**  
**Fri., Apr 6th &**  
**Fri., Apr 20th**

## Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 )SS:  
COUNTY OF CASS )  
INDIAN CREEK JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD'S  
ORDER ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF AS-  
SESSMENTS

Please take notice that on April 3, 2007, the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board held a public hearing on the scheduled assessments prepared by the Cass County Surveyor. They establish a maintenance assessment to repair, clean and maintain approximately 117 miles of regulated open ditches and more than 123 miles of regulated tile drains of the Indian Creek and its tributaries located in White, Cass, Fulton and Pulaski Counties, that has been presented to the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board.

After considering all objections and evidence, the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board issued and filed an Order on April 3, 2007, adopting the scheduled assessments for maintenance work as presented by the Cass County Surveyor during the public hearing. The assessment schedule adopted and as set out in said Surveyor's report is as follows:

Band 1 Assessment: \$3.26/Acre  
Band 2 Assessment: \$2.77/Acre  
Band 3 Assessment: \$2.28/Acre  
Band 4 Assessment: \$1.31/Acre  
Minimum Assessment = \$5.00

for tracts less than one acre and impervious areas less than 8,000 Square Feet (typical residential tracts or farmsteads).

Collection of the assessment will begin with the Spring installment of taxes, 2008. The findings and Order of the Board have been filed and are available for inspection in the office of the Cass County Surveyor.

INDIAN CREEK JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD  
BY: David S. Arnold, Chairman

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### Fulton County Claims ADVERTISING LIST for April 16th, 2007

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158.80; Duke Energy, 1,574.19; EMBARQ, 3,915.60; ENIDS Cleaning Service, 997.66; Early, Mike, 296.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 439.49; Enyarts True Value Hardware Inc., 19.27; Fidelity Companies Inc., 950.00; Fine Things, 17.55; First Financial Bank, 29.25; First Financial Bank, 615.24; Four County Counseling Center, 1,400.00; Fulton County Historical Soc., 3.20; Global Gov't/Ed, 743.93; Garver Motors Inc., 3,412.82; HP Products Inc., 550.05; Hardesty Printing Inc., 191.00; Harter Beverly, 1,635.00; Health Professionals LTD, 4,615.00; Hess Bruce, 1,381.20; Hufnagel Equipment Co Inc., 491.00; ICO Training Fund, 84.00; IKON Office Solutions Inc., 709.06; IN Dept of Workforce Dvlpmt., 1,124.00; Jones, Diane, 15.04; KEM Co Inc., 195.87; King Memorial Home, 200.00; LBH Chemical & Industrial, 295.94; Lagrou, Jeffrey & Donna, 725.00; Lectracom Inc., 85.20; Lee, A Christopher, 271.84; Metzger & Hinshaw Mon Sales, 100.00; Morris/McGuire Reporting, 1,105.65; Morse Sandi, 90.17; NIPSCO, 211.77; Observer, 471.46; Office Depot, 129.99; Oren Richard, 27.85; U.S. Post Office, 1,011.98; Pitney Bowes, 630.00; Plumlee Maintenance, 960.00; Product Center The, 428.82; Purdue CES Education

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FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF Fulton County Public Library. Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers Fulton County Public Library that the Library Board will meet at 4:00 PM at the Fulton County Public Library, Indiana Room on April 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposal to establish a Library Capital Projects fund and a proposed plan under IC 20-14-13. The following is a general outline of the proposed plan.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES:	2008	2009	2010
(1) Planned construction, repair, Replacement, or remodeling	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
(2) Acquisition of real property	0	0	0
(3) Site development	0	0	0
(4) Emergency allocation	0	0	0
(5) Purchase, lease, repair, and Maintenance of equipment	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
(6) Purchase, lease, repair, and Maintenance of computer hardware and computer software	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<b>SUBTOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
(7) Allocation for future projects	\$169,016	\$166,922	\$169,535
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ALLOCATIONS:</b>	<b>\$289,016</b>	<b>\$286,922</b>	<b>\$289,535</b>
<b>SOURCES AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUE:</b>			
January 1 cash balance:	\$175,637	\$169,016	\$166,922
Less encumbered appropriations	0	0	0
Cash balance for current plan	\$175,634	\$169,016	\$166,922
Property taxes	\$ 103,171	\$107,298	\$111,589
Auto excise and FIT	\$ 10,008	\$ 10,408	\$ 10,824
Other revenue	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN:</b>	<b>\$ 289,016</b>	<b>\$ 286,922</b>	<b>\$ 289,535</b>

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a more detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposal, April 19, 2007.

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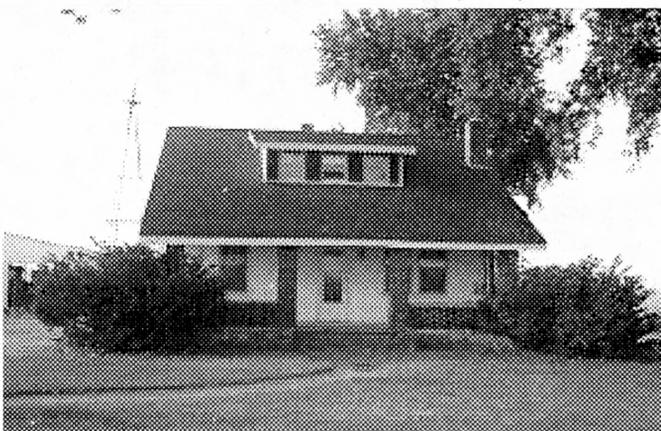


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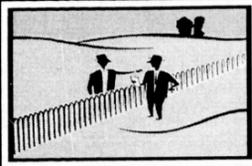
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Monday, April 2. Coming over for a chat and to join them for lunch was their daughter, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City.

Luke Sutton was a Monday evening visitor of Pauline, Julie and Clayton Brown.

Pauline Brown and Clayton traveled to Knox Tuesday, April 3. They met Clayton's maternal grandmother, Sallie Caum of LaPorte, for dinner at the Burger King restaurant. Afterward, Clayton accompanied Sallie home for a five-day visit.

Pauline and Don Scales had company Wednesday, April 4. Stopping in for a visit and joining them for lunch was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Bob and Carol Broda accompanied Tom and Barb LaFollette to Medaryville Thursday, April 5. They toured the local nursery and took a drive around the nature preserve. Afterward, they traveled to Demotte for dinner at Marty's Place and dessert at The Ice Cream Place.

Kayci Cunningham spent the holiday weekend visiting with friends and family in the area.

Kerry Brown of Shelbyville arrived Thursday evening for an overnight stay with his parents, Kay and Jerry Brown. During his visit, he also spent time visiting with his grandmother, Mary K. Williamson at Winamac, and his sisters, Sue McKinney and Angie Smith at Rochester.

Barb and Tom LaFollette spent the early part of the weekend in LaPorte. They left Friday, April 6, for an overnight visit with their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Thomas.

Helen Miller spent the early part of the holiday weekend in Plymouth. She was a Friday overnight houseguest of her son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller.

Wilma Wilson had a houseguest recently. Enjoying a wonderful holiday visit with her was Vera Ambrose, her sister from Byron Center, Michigan.

Doris Woolington enjoyed spending Good Friday with her daughter, Karen Shanks of Winamac, and her grandchildren, Tracey and Kayci Cunningham. They dined out and spent the time catching up on each other's news.

Jerry, Kerry, Mike and Kathie Brown enjoyed dining at Pappa's restaurant in Culver Friday evening.

Tom and Linda Garner had visitors Friday. Arriving for an overnight stay were their grandchildren, Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn Young of Twelve Mile.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina arrived Saturday, April 7, for a weeklong visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Helen Whiteman had company Saturday. Arriving early in the day for a visit were her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, of Indianapolis, Angie Whiteman, Jaden and Ella.

The Evers family enjoyed their annual Easter celebration and egg hunt Saturday. This year's event

was held in the community room of the local fire station with 40 members of the family in attendance. In spite of the extra cold weather, the younger ones had a great time looking for Easter eggs outside.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh of Rochester recently hosted a birthday party for their daughter, Lizzie, who was celebrating her third birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reinhold, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Allie

and Clar, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder, all of Culver; Miss Hannah Plummer of Kewanna; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loehmer of Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pugh and Kyle, Kewanna; Mrs. Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, of Monterey.

Florence Kruger of Logansport had several visitors over the Easter weekend. Joining her for a visit were her granddaughter and family, Lori and Gene Harding, Annabelle and Graham, of South Bend, and her daughter-in-law, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg.

Jackie Heidenreich had houseguests over the holiday weekend. Coming up for a visit were her daughter and grandchildren, Jaime Short,

Chelsea and Zack, of Indianapolis. Saturday, the group headed to Rochester for lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken and a little shopping.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and several of their friends, including Kathy Barlow, of Kokomo, were in Argos Saturday evening. They enjoyed attending the seafood night at the Argos Grill. Afterward, Kathy returned home with the LaFollettes for an overnight stay and to join them for Easter dinner.

Diane Evers of Indianapolis was a Saturday overnight houseguest of her parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Ray and Beth Weller hosted their family's Easter celebration Sunday, April 8. Their guests for dinner and a delightful afternoon of visiting were their son and

daughter-in-law, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; their daughters and sons-in-law, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon and Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans; their grandson and his family, Chad and Debra Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie; their granddaughter and her son, Kim Sutton and Brendan; their grandson, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw; and their great-granddaughter, Shelby Wagoner of Etna Green.

Ellen Walsh had several guests throughout the day Sunday. Joining her for Easter dinner were her daughter and grandson, Kathy Ritz and Kyle of Munster, and her son, Mike Walsh of Highland. Stopping by in the afternoon to visit with everyone were

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