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Observer Closed Tuesday

The Observer office and the Kewanna town clerk-treasurer's office will be closed Tuesday, April 4, for a funeral.

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Aging Agency Alerts Older Adults to Part D Changes

March 31 is an important date for those older adults enrolled in Medicare Part D plans. That is the last day that insurance providers can make changes in the types of drugs they will cover. On April 1, some drugs that were part of those in offered plans may no longer be covered.

"It will be up to individuals to check with their Part D insurance provider to make certain their drugs are covered and there have been no changes to their plan. Changes may take place and these do not constitute fraud. Enrollees are not required to be notified of any plan changes," said Melissa Durr, CEO of the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Durr urged older adults and those with disabilities who have signed up to verify any changes and if a change has occurred in the formulary (the list of drugs covered) to file for an exception. "Enrollees may also want to talk with their physician about whether a generic drug would be an option in case a brand name is no longer available through their plan," Durr suggested.

Durr also cautioned that some drugs may have been approved only for the transitional period (November 15 - March 31) and may no longer be covered.

"We would like as few surprises as possible for consumers when they begin to refill prescriptions next weekend," Durr continued.

It is also important for consumers to know that if the drug formulary for a plan is changed, there may also be price changes. When checking prices on websites, it is important to know that there is a price differential that averages about five percent higher or lower than what consumers will actually pay.

Durr reminds older adults that if they have questions about what is covered, they should call their insurance plan, check the Medicare website or call Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE. Any other questions or assistance regarding potential fraud issues can be addressed by calling the local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505.

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Bake Sale, April 15

St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, will host its annual bake sale Saturday, April 15, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Kewanna branch of Community State Bank.

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Medicare Scams

The Better Business Bureau has received several telephone calls recently from consumers regarding calls about Medicare trying to get their personal information. The callers have been foreign-speaking and caller ID does not show up on the consumers' phones.

One scam has been dubbed a "\$299 Ring" as \$299 is the typical amount of money Medicare beneficiaries are talked into withdrawing from their checking accounts to pay for a non-existent prescription drug plan. Taking advantage of the new Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit that took effect January 1, scammers try to talk Medicare beneficiaries into giving up their Medicare number and personal information, claiming that they must pay a "one time fee" to keep their coverage. Schemes derived from the \$299 Ring scam may also have variations including bogus companies claiming to be affiliates or representatives of Medicare or Social Security, solicitations for "free" health exams or large discounts on medications, or charging seniors to advise them about which drug plan to use, a service that is available for free.

Complaints have been made against a number of different companies, but authorities believe that the companies are the same and typically based outside the United States.

Legitimate Medicare drug plans will not ask for payment over the telephone or the Internet. They must bill the beneficiary for the monthly premium. Typically, the amount is set up as an automatic withdrawal from the beneficiary's monthly Social Security check.

Beneficiaries may also opt to pay the monthly premiums in other ways such as writing a check or setting up automatic payments from their checking accounts. No Medicare drug plan can ask a person with Medicare for bank account or other personal information over the telephone, and no beneficiary should ever provide that kind of information to a caller. They should contact their local police department if they believe someone is trying to take money or information from them illegally.

With a Medicare number, scammers can skim thousands of dollars from Medicare funds. Medicare fraud costs Medicare billions of dollars every year, resulting in higher Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments. Losses due to fraud may also prevent Medicare from offering more services and better coverage.

Some of the techniques scammers are using to obtain your Medicare number are:

- Calling you with a variety of offers that require your Medicare number.
- Offering "free" health exams or other health

Deduction Filing Deadlines

Fulton County Auditor Denise Bonnell would like to remind taxpayers that the schedule to file certain deductions is as follows:

Real estate owned by March 1, 2005 file by June 12, 2006 for the following deductions:

- Mortgage deduction
- Age 65 deduction
- Blind or disabled deduction
- All veterans' deductions
- Geothermal energy/heating/cooling device deduction
- Hydroelectric power device deduction

The last day to file for the following deductions or credits, unless an extension has been obtained from the township assessor, is May 15, 2006:

- Economic revitalization area personal property deduction
- Enterprise zone inventory credit
- Credit for inventory increases on industrial recovery sites
- New manufacturing equipment or inventory located in a maritime opportunity district

The last day a 2006 non-profit exemption application may be filed is May 15, 2006.

The State of Indiana does have certain restrictions and/or rules on some of the deductions. If you have any questions concerning these deductions, please call the Fulton County auditor's office at 574-223-2912.

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services.

- Buying numbers from unscrupulous doctors and their employees or other health care providers.
- Offering various health appliances and medical equipment.

People with Medicare should be on the lookout for anyone trying to take advantage of them and take steps to protect themselves by remembering:

- No one can come into your home uninvited.
- No one can ask you for personal information during their marketing activities.
- Always keep all personal information safe, including your Medicare number, just as you would a credit card or bank account number.
- Whenever you have a question or concern about any activity regarding Medicare, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

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Townwide Clean-up Saturday, May 6

Kewanna's annual townwide clean-up day will be Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two 40-yard roll-offs will be set inside the fence at 215 E. Maple Street to receive discarded items from town residents only. Items placed in the roll-offs must exclude tires, appliances (microwaves and televisions are acceptable), hazardous wastes, yard wastes or liquid wastes of any kind. Appliances can be gotten rid of through area scrape dealers. The town council hopes to arrange for tire collection the same day. More information on this will be given later.

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NOTICE TO CEMETERY PATRONS

It's that time of the year again! Persons who have grave decorations at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery that they would like to save should remove them immediately. The annual spring clean-up, in preparation for the mowing season, will be scheduled soon.

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Public Health Issues Meeting

In observance of Public Health Week, the Fulton County Health Department will hold a public health issues meeting Wednesday, April 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. Issues to be discussed include pandemic influenza and INShape Indiana designed to improve nutrition, exercise and tobacco use.

The public is invited to attend.

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Park and Recreation Board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the commissioners meeting room of the Fulton County office building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

The Fulton County Council will meet in special session at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the small conference room of the Fulton County office building to review tax abatements.

Key Waste picked up a total of 2,457 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during February.

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Recycling Dates Fri., April 7th & Fri., April 21st

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

The Grass Creek Lions Club and Wayne Township Fire Department will serve an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, April 9, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. Serving will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost will be \$5 for adults; and \$2 for children 6-12. Children five years of age and under can eat free.

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Breakfast/Brunch at Museum

The Fulton County Historical Society will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast/brunch from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the museum. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, fruit, muffins and drink. The cost of the meal is \$5.50 for adults and \$4 for children, in advance. Tickets at the door will be \$6 for adults.

Proceeds from the breakfast/brunch will help pay for summer interns at the museum. For the past several years, the museum has had from one to four local students that work for 70 days during the summer to earn a \$3,000 scholarship to help with college expenses. Grants are being applied for and the proceeds from the breakfast will help with matching funds needed on some grants.

Tickets are available from FCHS members, as well as the museum office, which is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling 574-223-4436.

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Door Prize Winners

Door prize winners at T & T Rent-All's recent open house were Adam Zink, Rochester, toy chain saw; Bob Loebig, Rochester, and Chad Harztler, Akron, oil change kits; Jim Ewing, Rochester, hearing protection; Kenneth Bode, Kewanna, gloves; Rodney Wright, Akron, collectors hat and Gary Garver, Rochester, gas can.

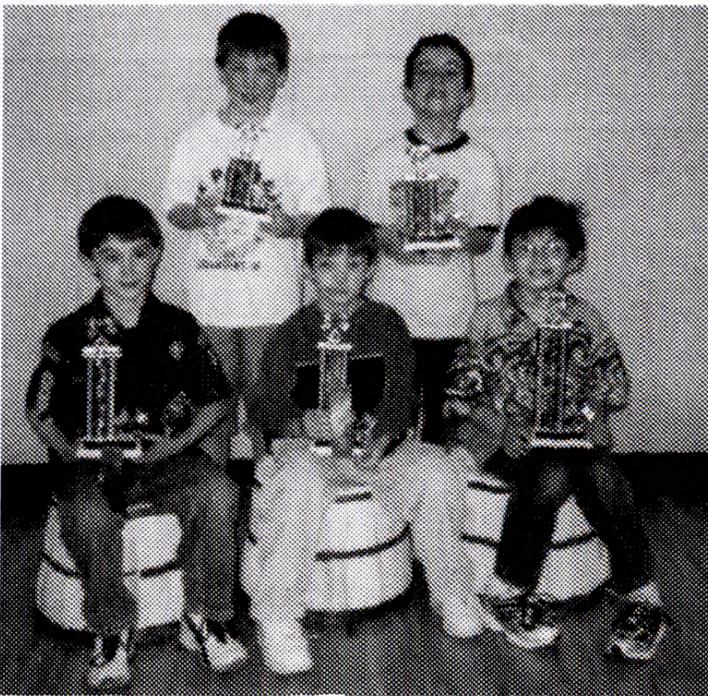
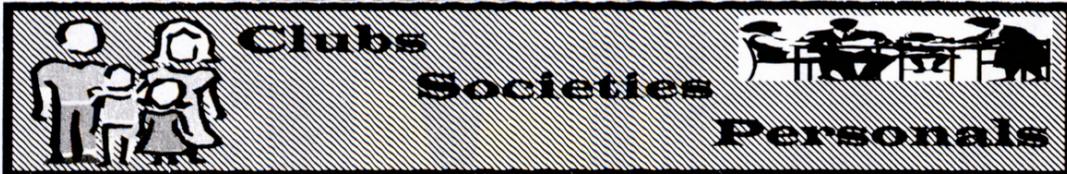
The door prizes can be picked up at T & T Rent-All Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Eastern Time.

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Lake Bruce Ladies Plan Luncheon

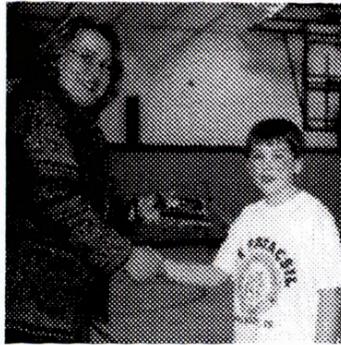
The ladies of Lake Bruce will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the City Tavern in Culver for lunch. The guest of honor will be Betty Hinkle who will be leaving the area soon. All women in the area are welcome to attend to meet and enjoy the company of old and new friends and neighbors. Anyone who would like to attend the luncheon should notify Gail Scheeringa at 653-3079 by April 1 so the appropriate number of reservations can be made.

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Logansport Mall. The cost is \$4 per participant and the check-in time is 9 a.m. EDST.

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Cub Master Anita Doan presented the best of show trophy to Trey Doan.

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Pies for Sale

The Fulton Improvement Committee is taking orders for Moore's pies. Thirty-one varieties are available ranging in price from \$7 to \$9 each. The pies are frozen, ready to bake or store in the freezer for future use.

Pies may be ordered until March 30 at Jim's Barber Shop, Country Curl, Hariplace, Mary's Stitch and Knit or Krisken's in Fulton. Orders can be picked up from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fulton Community Building. For more information, call Nellie McGrew at 574-857-3875.

Proceeds from the pie sales will go towards various projects in Liberty Township.

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Attend Church Sunday

Derby winners, front row, left to right: Derek Berkshire, third; Dakota Southerton, second; and Daniel Jones, first; and back row - Trey Doan, sixth place and best of show, and Zack Slocum, fifth. Jacob Maroney won fourth place but is absent from the picture.

Redweik, Larry Doan and other helpers set up the track while Julie Spencer and Tana Garver were starters and score keepers. The Cub Master, Anita Doan, distributed the blue ribbons and the trophies.

Trey Doan's car was selected by the den leaders as the best of show.

The top four winners are eligible to compete in the district Pinewood Derby April 8 at the

Pinewood Derby Winners

Cub Scout Pack #3215 held its Pinewood Derby Monday, March 20, at Caston Educational Center, Fulton. The winners were Daniel Jones, 1st place; Dakota Southerton, 2nd; Derek Berkshire, 3rd; Jacob Maroney, 4th; Zack Slocum, 5th; and Trey Doan, 6th and best of show. Other participants were Robert VanderLeek, Brett Milburn, Austin Fultz, Kyler Spencer, Brandon Garver, Matthew Holliman, Michael Smith, and Efrain Amezcuita.

Committee chairman, Millie Redweik, weighed the cars in and registered the scouts. David

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Farm Bureau District 1 Spring Seminar

Indiana Farm Bureau District 1 will hold its spring seminar Monday, April 10, at the Pulaski County Highway Garage, 1131 N. U.S. 35, Winamac. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. Central Time and 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Carolyn Hegel, 2nd vice president, will speak in the morning. Farm Bureau Insurance will present information on long term health care.

The lunch will be prepared and served by Burkett's Catering.

In the afternoon, Mark Kepler, Purdue Extension agent for Fulton County, will talk about "Russian Culture and

Agriculture".

The cost of the meal is \$6 and reservations should be made by April 4 with the county woman leader - Betsy Gardner, 574-223-6175, in Fulton County; and Jeanette Podell, 574-946-4688, in Pulaski County.

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JAMES F. TALBOTT VFW POST NO. 1121

April 1 - Karaoke with Captain Crunch, 8 p.m. to midnight

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A series of group classes
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Class Dates: April 12, 19, and 26

Class Times: 1-3 pm or 6-8 pm

Location: Woodlawn Hospital

Cost: \$10 (for series)

Instructors: Michael Person, MD,
Maureen Neeley, FNP-C, & Cheryl Brandt, Dietitian

RSVP to Missy Mowery at 574/224-1265 by April 5 between the hours of 7am - 3:30pm.

Diabetic Education Classes

Class 1 - What is diabetes, monitoring, regulating blood glucose, medications and exercise.

Class 2 - How what you eat effects diabetes, macro-nutrients, label reading, dining out, sick-day guidelines.

Class 3 - Learning to live with diabetes, personal health habits, long-term complications, changing behavior, putting the pieces together.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

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March 20
Admissions - Eileen Donathen, Kewanna
Dismissals - Nancy Duzenberg and Michael Wise, Akron; Darla Beck and son and Connie Coleman and daughter, Rochester; Mitchell Holloway, Mentone; Lucinda Friend and son, Macy

March 21
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - None published
Births - Leroy and Erma Yoder, Akron, a daughter

March 22
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - William Coffman, Rochester

March 23
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - None published
Births - Jacob and Christie Waddle, Rochester, a son

March 24
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Erma Yoder and daughter, Akron

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

March 17
Admissions - Margaret Griggs, Winamac; Lori May, Knox
Dismissals - Judy Collins, Kewanna; Vicie Ferm, Hamlet; Marshalline McBlaine, Star City
Births - Mark Clifton and Lori Jean May, Knox, a daughter, Arianna Elyse May

March 18
Admissions - Jennipher Durham, Francesville; Kelly Miller, Irene Watkins and Harold Tunis, Winamac

March 19
Admissions - Richard Davis, Star City
Dismissals - Lori May and daughter.

Knox
March 20
Admissions - Daniel Jordan, Winamac; DeeDee Conley, Medaryville
Dismissals - Irene Watkins, Winamac
Births - Lucas Kain and DeeDee Lynn Conley, Medaryville, a daughter, Makayla Lynn Conley

March 21
Admissions - Mary Kyser and Ruby Wilkie, Winamac
Dismissals - Daniel Jordan and Kelly Miller, Winamac; Jennipher Durham, Francesville

March 22
Admissions - Meyer Abrams, Medaryville; Geroge Lausten, Winamac
Dismissals - DeeDee Conley and daughter and Martha Martin, Winamac; Richard Davis, Star City

March 23
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Harold Tunis, Winamac

DEATHS.....

HELENA A. SZPONAR

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 27, 2006, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, for Helena A. Szponar, 83, formerly of the Leiters Ford area. Father Burt Woolson officiated and burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey. Mrs. Szponar died at 12:26 p.m. March 21 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Born June 30, 1922, in Poland, she was the daughter of Alexander and Irene Szaraban. She was married August 26, 1945, in Fritslar, Germany, to Leon Szponar. He died February

26, 1994. She came to the United States from Germany September 10, 1949 settling in the Monterey community.

A homemaker, she worked as an assembler for Eaton Corporation, Winamac, for 17 years. She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Ursula Braden and her husband, Lewis, Rochester, and Susan McInturff, Fort Wayne; one son, John L. Szponar, former coach at Kewanna, and his wife, Anita, Tampa, Florida; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, April 3 - Hamburger sandwich, stewed tomatoes, potato triangles, apricots and frosted brownie

Wednesday, April 5 - Ham, beans and cornbread, cole slaw, spinach, fresh orange and chocolate cherry cake

Friday, April 7 - Potato soup and crackers, one-half tuna sandwich, carrots, strawberries and bananas and cookie

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH will meet Wednesday, April 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. 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.

The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, April 6, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH board room. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, a miscarriage or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass White and Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

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.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Health 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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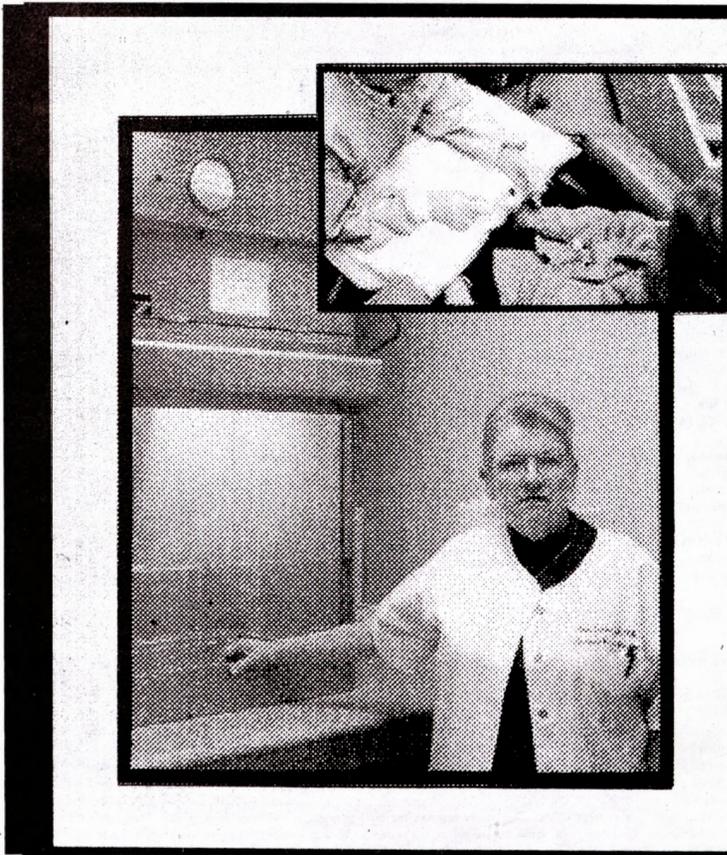
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LOCALS

Barb and Jon Gast and several of their family gathered Saturday evening for a triple celebration. Joining them for dinner and an evening of visiting were their daughter, Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina; their daughters and sons-in-law, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon and Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans; their son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; their grandchildren and their families, Doug and Kara Sutton and Ethan of Goshen, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw and Kim Sutton, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn; their great-grandchildren, Shelby Wagoner of Etna Green and Tyler and Cody Weller of Rolling Prairie; Barb's sisters, Bea Ann Clark of Logansport and Betty Leazenby; and Larry and Beverly Baldwin. Everyone had a great time helping Barb and Brendan celebrate their birthdays and seeing and visiting with Angela.

Jaime Short, Chelsea and Zack, joined Jaime's brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Brenda Vogel, for church services Sunday morning, March 26.

T.J. Garner was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was a belated celebration of his birthday and hosted by his parents, Linda and Tom Garner. Helping them mark the day with dinner and a fun afternoon of visiting were

T.J.'s sisters and their families, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile and Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach, and T.J.'s friend, Ashley Allen. Also stopping by during the day was T.J.'s cousin's family, Julie Scales, Brittany and Isabel, of Fulton.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent were in Kokomo Sunday. They had a delightful time visiting with Hugh's brother and sister-in-law, Nat and Jennie Tennent.

Michael LaFollette of LaPorte was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of his 12th birthday and hosted by his parents, Nita and Chris LaFollette. Also joining in the dinner celebration were Michael's siblings, Michelle, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas, and his grandparents, Tom and Barb LaFollette. Everyone had a fun time watching Michael open his gifts and sharing the cake that Tom and Barb chose for the party.

Several members of the Whiteman family gathered at the Edgewater Grille in Culver for dinner Sunday.

Louis Bangel was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of his birthday and hosted by his wife and daughter, Jean Bangel and Joyce. Joining in the birthday dinner were Louis' parents, Mary and Earl Bangel; Jean's mother, Elsie Scheffer of Pulaski; and their siblings, Linda

Bangel and Charles and Cheryl Scheffer.

Angela Gast returned to Wake Forest, North Carolina late Sunday following a ten-day visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Helen Whiteman and Dr. Cindy Parker made a two-day trip to Watonga, Oklahoma at the beginning of the week. They were attending the funeral of Helen's niece, Bonnie Hunter, which was held Tuesday, March 28.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Taylor Carpenter, Al Haimbaugh, Sharlene Haimbaugh and Mark Wilson, Apr. 3; JoAnn Cohagen, JC Herrold, Samantha Kuptz, Jeremiah Miller, Patrick Mills, Jeremy Mollencupp, Bob Plantz and Beth Thomas, Apr. 4; Chris Riffle, Apr. 5; Vivian Bauman, Matt Fisher, Lisa Patterson, Nick Sommers, Jenni Van Scoy and Stavanaugh Young, Apr. 6; Samantha Ricci, Ed Tomerlin and Tom Wilson, Apr. 7; and Brenton Basham, Angie Douglass, Craig Eastwood, Judy Graham, Diane

Ousley, Andy Rude and Jesse Rude, Apr. 8.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gupton, Apr. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Al Haimbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hassenplug, Apr. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Scheeringa, Apr. 7; and Mr. and Mrs. H. Mark Lott, Apr. 8.

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Indian Awareness Center Publishes Final Newsletter

The Indian Awareness Center has published its final newsletter as the center has been replaced by the new Potawatomi Trail of Death Association. The newsletter came out March 10 and copies were mailed to members. Copies are also available at the Fulton County Museum at a cost of \$5 for the 38-page publication.

The newsletter includes articles about the Trail of Death that appeared in *Illinois Heritage and Heartland* magazine; the new Trail of Death marker at Logansport; Evelyn Ball's obituary and memorial; Father Pool's obituary and memorial; the

Shpeshewano family; the 31st Trail of Courage Festival; Canoe from Trail to Feast; Jack Overmyer's "Potawatomi Up Close"; the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association; Chief White Eagle book: Hollywood Indian; Jim Thunder - veteran of Korean War; Notre Dame's founding; a new book on the 2003 Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan; and more.

The public is invited to join the new Potawatomi Trail of Death Association, which is a branch of the Fulton County Historical Society. Dues are \$20 per year and may be sent to: FCHS PTDA, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of planning services, the County of Fulton is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the provision of preliminary financial consulting services relating to the possible implementation of a future storm drainage construction project to serve the Town of Akron and Henry Township.

The selected consultant will begin work on the project once the preliminary construction cost estimates are completed by the engineer. The consultant will then work with the County of Fulton and the Town of Akron to devise the best possible funding alternative for the proposed project via the possible formation of a county and / or community storm water utility.

Type of Contract

The County of Fulton will execute a fixed fee type of contract for these services that is contingent on the final commitment of planning grant funding.

Federal Requirements

Prospective offerors should note the successful proposer must meet the following terms and conditions:

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3. Conflict of Interest (24 CFR Part 570).
4. Access to records.
5. Executive Order 11246 - Equal Employment Opportunity
6. Executive Order 12138 - Women Business Enterprise Policy.
7. Architectural Barrier Act of 1968.
8. Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. Section 3 Clause - Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
10. Section 504 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
11. Retention and Custodial Requirements (24 CFR Part 85.42).
12. Executive Order 11063.
13. Affirmative Action Program / Plan.
14. Davis Bacon and Related Acts.

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Rate of Qualifications

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1. A description of expertise, experience and resources relevant and available for the proposed project.
2. A list of similar projects previously completed.
3. A list of references.
4. Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project.
5. Name of person to be in charge of project.
6. Description of scope of services.
7. A project time line.
8. Proposed pricing for the service.

Award of Contract

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3. Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm.
4. Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project.
5. Pricing will be a consideration but not the only scoring criteria utilized.

If you are interested in providing the required services, please note that six (6) copies of the Proposal must be received by the County of Fulton, County Drainage Board Office, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, IN 46975 no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time on May 5, 2006. Each Statement of Qualifications will be reviewed for completeness and clarity according to the above criteria. Interviews are expected to be held on May 12, 2006.

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The selected consultant will begin work on the project once the preliminary design is completed by the engineer.

Type of Contract

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LOOKING BACK...

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 30, 1951

A fire on the John Harris farm near Bruce Lake Station destroyed a hog house and a litter of pigs early Sunday morning. The fire was discovered by Paul Buchanan and Don Carr who awakened Harris. The three managed to put out the fire and save five adjoining hog houses. The sow escaped without injury but her litter was lost in the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rhinehart of Rochester have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alma Louise, to Robert Hubeny, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hubeny.

William Brandt, 40, Kewanna farmer, was killed at 6 a.m. Wednesday when he was struck by a C&O train near his farm. Brandt, who was hard of hearing and almost totally blind, apparently become confused when he heard the sound of the train's whistle.

Brandt used a team of horses for a guide as well as hauling as his lack of sight prevented him from driving a car.

The Grass Creek Fire Department was called to the Clarence McCrosky farm Monday morning. McCrosky was burning some brush and the fire got out of control. The fire was brought under control before the fire department arrived, but McCrosky suffered badly blistered feet as a result of fighting

the fire.

Town board president Loyd Woolington, clerk-treasurer, Peter Dwyer, and town attorney, J. Murray McCarty appeared before the Public Service Commission in Indianapolis Tuesday, March 27, asking permission to raise the town's water rates and to bond the water works for \$19,500. The increase in rates will change the minimum payment from fifty cents to \$1.00 and raise the gallon rate by about 30 percent. The \$19,500 will be used to repair the water storage tanks located in the pump house, drill a new well east of town, lay water pipes from the new well to the storage tanks and to purchase the ground around the new well.

Private First Class Freddie Carson Campbell, 21, Leiters Ford, died at Camp Atterbury's army hospital at 11:40 a.m. Saturday. Death was attributed to acute jaundice due to wounds received in the Korean War. Twice wounded, he was a holder of the Combat Infantry badge and the Purple Heart.

FIFTY YEARS AGO March 29, 1956

Rita Mohler and David Foust were married Friday evening, March 24, in the Baptist Church at Delphi. Rev. Frank Arthur, pastor of the church and an uncle of the bride, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mohler of Fulton and the bride-

groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foust of Kewanna.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinderlider, Winamac, a son in St. Joseph Hospital, Logansport. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and has been named Stephen Allen.

The Hunter-Walton Egg Company, who have been doing business in the Brunk building, will no longer operate here.

Mrs. Charles Rife, Rt. 2, Kewanna, had the misfortune of getting her right hand caught in the wringer of her washing machine Monday. She was taken to the office of Dr. Dillman in Fulton where four stitches were required to close the wound.

Emory Prott, 56, owner of the Prott Log Lodge at Lake Bruce, died suddenly at 6 p.m. Thursday at his home. He and his wife had owned and operated the lodge for seven years, coming here from Merrillville where he was a rural milk truck driver.

Peter F. Scheuer, 90, a resident of the Monterey community for 80 years, passed away early Saturday at the Bird Nursing Home in Royal Center. He was the father of Mrs. Bertha Bridegroom of Grass Creek.

Maurine Masterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Masterson, celebrated her 8th birthday Saturday afternoon with 14 girls from her second grade class as guests.

Christy Hickle celebrated her third birthday Sunday morning at

the Methodist Church. The members of her Sunday school class helped her celebrate the occasion and enjoyed rabbit shaped cookies, candy and ice cream.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 30, 1961

Ed Pinder has been signed by Union township trustee James McKinney as head coach at Kewanna High School for the coming year. Pinder has been junior high coach for the last two years as well as teaching junior high math.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer of Rt. 1, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Sue, to Larry Don Sheetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sheetz, Rt. 2, Akron. A May wedding is being planned.

Bob Lord is spending his Easter vacation from Purdue University at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Lord. Steve Ley, also a Purdue student, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ley.

Terry Livengood is home for a 20-day furlough from Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cochran and family are moving to the Evans farm home east of Kewanna.

Edith Haney of Elkhart, sister of Kenneth Cook, spent last week in the Cook home assisting in the care of Mrs. Cook who is recuperating from surgery.

Mrs. Chester Smith is confined to her home with illness. Mr. Henry Montz is ill at his home in Kewanna and Sally Foust is reportedly very ill.

Connie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Brown, is home for Easter vacation from business college in Fort Wayne.

The Welcome Neighbors HD Club met with Mrs. George Bitterling March 28. The president, Mrs. Herbert Whiteman, opened the meeting. Mrs. Howard Livengood led the group in the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Leonard Evers gave devotions and a safety lesson.

Richard Graffis and Robert Hoff competed in the Indiana University high school regional Spanish contest at North Manchester March 25. Ann Shaefer of Huntington placed first with a score of 86. Graffis placed second with an 85 and Hoff placed fourth with an 83. The students are awaiting communication from I.U. as to whether they get to compete in the state contest in Bloomington.

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FORTY YEARS AGO March 31, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fields, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Woodlawn Hospital.

Featured as Future Citizens were Mindy, Michelle, Mick and Mark Herrold, children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Herrold, Grass Creek.

Mrs. Elston Sayers, Kewanna, underwent major surgery Thursday in Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoff were the guests of honor at a dinner Friday evening at Sommers Welcome Inn in Grass Creek in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary and their birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas were the host and hostess. Other guests were Thurman and Helen Huffman and Charles Shaw.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of planning services, the County of Fulton is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the provision of planning technical assistance services relating to a storm drainage master plan for the area serving the Town of Akron and Henry Township.

Suggested Outline of Storm Drainage Master Plan

- I. Project Planning Area Characteristics
 1. Location and Background Information
 2. General Characteristics of the Planning Area
 3. Environmental Resources
 4. Hydrology and Groundwater Resources
 5. Land Use, Population Trends and Projections
- II. Existing Storm Drainage Facilities / Specific Problems
 1. Identification of Existing Tiles in Area
 2. Identification of Problem Areas
 3. Hydraulic Analysis of 5, 10 and 100 Year Rain Events
 4. Projected Future Area Drainage Demands
- III. Need for Project
 1. Description
 2. Design Criteria
 3. Layout Map
 4. Environmental Impacts
 5. Land Requirements
 6. Construction Problems
 7. Cost Estimates
 - a. Construction
 - b. Non-Construction
 - c. Annual Operation and Maintenance
 - d. Present Work
 8. Advantages / Disadvantages
 - a. Short and Long Term
- IV. Proposed Recommended Alternatives (Short and Long Term)
 1. Project Preliminary Design
 2. Cost Estimate
 3. Annual Operating Budget
- V. Funding Options
 1. Office of Rural Affairs
 2. Rural Development
- VI. Conclusions and Recommendations
 1. Project Implementation Schedule

Type of Contract

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Federal Requirements

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Rate of Qualifications

The proposal must include sufficient information regarding qualifications and determine that the engineer is qualified and experienced in storm drainage utility projects. Do not include a proposed fee with the proposal, as this is a qualification based selection process. The proposal should include the following:

1. A description of expertise, experience and resources relevant and available for the proposed project.
2. A list of similar projects previously completed.
3. A list of references.
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5. Name of person to be in charge of project.
6. Description of scope of services.
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Award of Contract

Proposal Evaluation criteria shall include:

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3. Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm.
4. Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project.

If you are interested in providing the required services, please note that six (6) copies of the Statement of Qualification of each prospective organization must be received by the County of Fulton, County Drainage Board Office, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, IN 46975 no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time on May 5, 2006. Each Statement of Qualifications will be reviewed for completeness and clarity according to the above criteria. Interviews are expected to be held on May 12, 2006.

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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

Hours the library is open: Monday- Friday 10 am- 6 pm Saturday 9 am- 3 pm

New books and audiobooks at the library:

ADULTS: Mystery Fiction- Vengeance on High by Joani Ascher and Superior Death by Matthew

Williams. Western Fiction- Showdown at Deer Creek by D.J. Bishop; High Iron by Frank Bonham; and Promise to A Dead Man by Kent Conwell. Audiobooks: Unabridged Christian Fiction- Dearest Dorothy, Who Would Have Ever Thought? written by Charlene Ann Baumbich, read by

Cynthia Darlow, 10.25 hours on 7 cassettes; Letter and Spirit written by Scott Hahn, read by Brian Keeler, 5.25 hours on 4 cassettes; and The Preacher's Daughter written by Beverly Lewis, read by Stina Nielsen, 11 hours on 8 cassettes.

Abridged General Fiction- The Rebels of Ireland written by Edward Rutherford, read by John Keating, 9 hours on 6 cassettes and The House written by Danielle Steel, read by Erik Singer, 6 hours on 4 cassettes.

JUVENILES: Preschoolers Fiction- The Water Hole by Graeme Base; Easter Egg Hunt and Giving Thanks (from the Care Bears series) by Quinlan B. Lee; and Good Dog, Rover, If I had A Robot Dog and No More TV, Sleepy Cat by Harriet Ziefert.

Ages 7-10 Fiction- Franklin and The New Teacher and Franklin Celebrates (from the Franklin series) by Sharon Jennings and My Trip to The Hospital (from the Little Critters series) by Mercer Mayer.

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New Folk Finder Published

A new issue of the Fulton County Folk Finder has been published by the Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society. It contains articles about the genealogy trip and Night Owl plans; Florence Dawald Miller; National Archives in Chicago; Schuyler Braman's stagecoach memories; The Weeping Willow (a series of genealogy tips) by Dora Jones; John Abner Barnes group sheets; Fulton County soldiers buried in the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines; John George Rouch group sheets; Miami County and St. Joseph County genealogy records; Yeazel and

Fear materials donated by Fred Oden; Casper Merley reunion; Ray and Blanche Williams family history; interview questions; Akron News obituaries 1960-63; and more.

This issue of the Folk Finder contains 38 pages and sells for \$5. Copies have been mailed to members. Individual copies are available at the Fulton County Museum.

The public is invited to join the group. Dues are \$10 a year and may be sent to: Genealogy Section FCHS, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975.

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PUBLIC NOTICE RESOLUTION # 032006

POLLING SITES FOR THE 2006 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

Table with columns for Precincts and Polling Sites. Rows include Rochester, AUBBEENAUBBEE, Henry I, II, III, Liberty, Newcastle, Richland, Union, Wayne.

The Fulton County Election Board requests the approval of the above mentioned polling places for 2006 Primary Election to be held on May 2, 2006; General Election to be held on November 7, 2006

Fulton County Election Board Fred Bohm Gregory Brash Karen Miller

Approver this 20th day of March, 2006 Richard Powell Roger D. Rose Leslie Walters

ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell Fulton County Auditor

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Judith A. Reed, Treasurer of Fulton County

Large table with columns for Funds and various taxing units (AUBBEE, HENRY, LIBERTY, NEWCASTLE, RICHLAND, ROCHESTER, UNION, WAYNE, AKRON, FULTON, KEWANNA, ROCHESTER CITY). Rows include State Fair Board, State Forestry, Co General, Health, Cum Bridge, New Reassessment, Family & Children, Welfare HCl, Assist to Wards, Co CHCSN, Child Psychiatric Res Treat, Hospital Lease Rental, Aviation/Airport, Township, Poor Relief, Fire Fighting, Recreation, Cemetery, Cum Fire, Fire Equipment Debt, Community/Bldg Services, Library General, Library Capital Projects, Library Debt Service, School General, School Debt Serv, School Pension Debt, School Cap Proj, School Trans, Bus Replacement, Pre Sch/Spec Ed, Lake Bruce Conservancy, Mill Creek Conservancy, Nyona/S. Mud Lake Conservancy, % OF SPTRC.

STATE OF INDIANA SS COUNTY OF FULTON

I, Denise J. Bonnell, Auditor of Fulton County, Indiana hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all levies and rates for taxes collectible in the year 2006. DENISE J. BONNELL, FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

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The Alcoholic Beverage Board of Fulton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing at 1:00 PM on April 19, 2006, at the Conference Room, County Annex, Fulton County Office Bldg., in the city of Rochester in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:
DL2501922 Dealer-Beer, Wine and Liquor; Renewal; J L D Incorporated, 1703 East S. R. 14, Rochester; D/B/A Manitou Liquors; Jasper Dulin, 4340 St Rd 14 East, Rochester, Pres., Jasper Dulin, 4340 St Rd 14 East, Rochester, Sec'y.
DL2583254 Dealer-Beer, Wine and Liquor; Transfer Stock; PMD, Inc, 602 E Ninth St., Rochester; D/B/A Phil Daulton Liquors; Benjamin B Daulton, 1774 Greyfeather Lane, Rochester, Pres., C'Dale E Daulton, 3035 E Co Rd 300 N, Rochester, Sec'y.
DL2591144 Dealer-Beer and Wine, Renewal; SV Ventures (A Partnership), 2040 S Main Street, Rochester; D/B/A Scott's Foods.
RR2587230 Retailer-Beer, Wine and Liquor; Transfer Ownership; Narciso Sanchez, 2077 Main St., Rochester; D/B/A Alejandra's Family Restaurant.
RR2500903 Retailer-Beer and Wine, Renewal; Peru Pizza Company Inc., 201 Rouch Place De., Rochester; D/B/A Pizza Hut # 304; Dale E Wiggins, 2526 Lake Ridge Ct, Wichita KS, Pres., Albert J Kirk, 2075 Spring Place, Vero Beach FL, Sec'y.
DL2522273 Dealer-Beer, New; Steve's Quick Stop Inc., 601 Main, Rochester; D/B/A Steve's Quick Stop, Steven George Johnson, 1207 Rochester Blvd, Rochester, Pres., Tina Nancy Johnson, 1207 Rochester Blvd, Rochester, Sec'y.
Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
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DENISE J. BONNELL
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 3/30/06

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF FULTON)
BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 032106
DECLARATORY RESOLUTION FOR
DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVAL
OF TAX ABATEMENT FOR SPEEDWAY
SAND & GRAVEL, INC.

WHEREAS, the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana is authorized under the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. to designate areas of Fulton County, Indiana as Economic Revitalization Areas for the purpose of tax abatement; and
WHEREAS, Speedway Sand & Gravel, Inc., has submitted to the County Council a Statement of Benefits and Petition as application for a personal property tax abatement; and
WHEREAS, the County Council has found that the property commonly known as 2896 South 1600 East, Silver Lake, Indiana, is located within the jurisdiction of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided by the applicant, the above-described area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy inasmuch as in order for the property to be used for the industrial purposes of the applicant, new machinery needs to be installed at this time; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has paid the \$250 application fees required by the Fulton County Ordinance #052389; and

WHEREAS, this Council has considered the Petition, Statement of Benefits (Form SB-1/PP), and the factors set forth in Section Three of the Ordinance namely: whether the application complies with the statutory requirements; whether the proposed improvements will create additional employment opportunities; whether the designation will stabilize or improve the property values in the area; whether the land involved meets the statutory requirements for being declared an Economic Revitalization Area; the effect of the proposed improvements on surrounding areas and on property values of surrounding property and the environment; the past performance and reliability of the Petitioner, and the effect which the project's property tax abatement will have on revenues for the County; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined, based on the information provided by the applicant, that the proposed real estate has experienced slow growth which has impaired values and prevented normal development of the property, as stated in the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site complies with the standards established by this Council in Ordinance # 052389 adopted May 23, 1989, for determining Economic Revitalization Areas within the jurisdiction of the Council, as shown by the information provided in Speedway Sand & Gravel, Inc.'s Petition and the Statement of Benefits, as required by state statutes.

OW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, that the following findings are made:

1. The estimate of the value of the investment in personal property is reasonable for projects of this nature
2. The estimated number of individuals who will be employed can reasonably be expected to result from the proposed project.
3. The estimate of the annual wages and salaries of those individuals who will be employed can reasonably be expected to result from the described project.
4. The other benefits as outlined in the application can reasonably be expected to result from the described project.

5. The totality of benefits to the community is sufficient to justify the deduction.
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the area herein above described should be and hereby is declared to be an "Economic Revitalization Area" as that term is defined and intended in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the abatement permitted pursuant to this resolution is for personal property, i.e. new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new technology equipment, as set out in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the deduction permitted for the personal property, i.e. new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and new information technology equipment, is allowed for a period of up to ten (10) years.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the determinations made in this Resolution shall be subject to the compliance review provided in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq., of the state statutes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that there shall be published notice of the adoption and substance of this Resolution in accordance with I.C. 5-3-1, which notice shall name a date for the public hearing on this matter and state that at the conclusion of said public hearing, the Council may take final action either confirming, amending, and amending, or rescinding the proposed designation.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2006, by the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana by a vote of 5 aye and 1 nay.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
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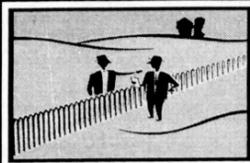
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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Bill and Donnabelle Fisher had company recently. Coming for an afternoon visit Saturday, March 18, were their children, Cindy and Terry Young of Winamac and Don Fisher of Lafayette.

Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis, had company Monday, March 20. Stopping by late in the day for a visit were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Winamac. Later in the evening, the foursome enjoyed dining at Las Cabanas restaurant in Rochester.

Kay Brown was busy the beginning of the week. She spent Monday through Thursday taking care of her great-grandsons, William and Aidan of Rochester.

Mary Geier has had several visitors recently. She cherishes

them and is grateful to be part of such a caring community. The help and support she has received during her illness has meant a lot to her and her family. She hopes to be strong enough in the future to lend that support to others.

Barb LaFollette was among those who helped serve pizza at the Rochester Moose lodge Tuesday evening, March 21.

Donnabelle and Bill Fisher had a caller one evening last week. Stopping by for a visit was their grandson, Brian Fisher of Winamac.

Barb Hieber traveled to LaPorte one day last week. She enjoyed spending the time with her daughter, Sue Janes. The ladies took care of a couple of chores and stopped by Sue's husband, Ed's, office for a short chat. In the afternoon, Sue's son,

Tom Wilk of Purdue University, stopped by to join them for lunch. In the evening, his brother, Joe, joined them for a snack between his activities.

Jon and Barb Gast traveled to Star City Thursday, March 23. They met Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast of Winamac for a visit over lunch at the Oak Grove restaurant.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Thursday. Stopping by during the day for a chat was their daughter, Linda Garner.

Jackie Heidenreich was in Winamac Thursday. She was treated to lunch by her son, Roger Vogel.

Jerry and Kay Brown had a caller Friday, March 24. Stopping in for a visit was their grandson, Jason Brown of Horsham, Pennsylvania.

Amanda Wassermann and Zach of Valparaiso arrived Friday for a weekend visit with Amanda's parents, Tom and Linda Garner.

Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan was a weekend houseguest of her parents, Earl and Mary Bangel.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed dining at Karen's restaurant in Rochester Friday.

Helen Whiteman had a busy day Saturday, March 25. In the morning, she was treated to lunch at Lynn's Coffee Shop by her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker of Winamac. In the evening, she was a dinner guest of Cindy and her husband, Dr. David Parker,

and their daughter and family, Dr. Cathy and Tim Schauer, Nick and Jonathan.

Jason and Britni Brown were the guests of honor at a large gathering Saturday. Among those attending the event held at the Moss Creek Golf Club near Winamac were Jason's great-grandmother, Mary K. Williamson, and Kay and Jerry Brown.

Mathilda Lamb was in Peru Saturday. She enjoyed a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb. Also stopping by for a chat were Wayne and Cathy's sons, David and Sarah Allor of Louisville, Kentucky and Paul Allor of Kokomo. In the afternoon, they split up into two groups for shopping excursions.

Pauline and Don Scales had callers Saturday. Coming over in the afternoon to help with a project were their daughter and son-in-law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville. Stopping by later for a short visit were the Scales' granddaughter

and great-grandson, Amanda Wassermann and Zach.

Jackie Heidenreich had company over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for an overnight visit were her daughter and grandchildren, Jaime Short, Chelsea and Zack of Indianapolis. In the afternoon, they were joined by Jackie's daughter, Vickie Molitor, for a few games of Scrabble.

Pauline Brown and Julie had visitors Saturday. Stopping by in the evening for a visit were Wendy Sutton, Luke and Tanner.

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