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Larry Cunningham Retires

Former Kewanna area resident Larry Cunningham has retired to enjoy the local rural life after spending the last 20 years as director of the Jennings County Public Library at North Vernon.

Cunningham was hired as director in 1986 at a time when the old 5,600-square-foot Carnegie Library in North Vernon was bursting at the seams. Eleven years later, after convincing the public of the need, he proudly moved the library's collection into a new 34,000 square-foot facility.

Cunningham sought a new design that focused on functionality rather than style. Although critics claimed the building was too plain and out of the way, it has proved to be a great asset to the area. The library houses 100,000 books (with a capacity of 136,000 volumes) in the spacious main browsing room. An array of public computers is available. A children's library and genealogy room are kept separate. There are also classrooms and conference rooms that can hold up to 300 or more people. These rooms are put to use every day and the parking lot is often full.

Larry had no intention of attending college after high school graduation, but a well-meaning uncle secretly submitted an application to Allegheny College in Pennsylvania where he was accepted and subsequently earned degrees in philosophy and history. He then followed a professor's advice and went on to earn a master's degree in library science from Indiana University.

After working as a librarian at DePauw University and Indiana State University, Larry got a librarian position with Bank Marketing Association in Chicago and then at Cummins Engine in Columbus. He then took the position as head of support services at Kokomo-Howard County Public Library before going to Jennings County.

His other activities include a five year stint as commissioner for the Columbus Housing Authority, chairman of the long range planning committee for local cable TV, member of the Indiana Library Association and Jennings County Growers, Inc., and chairman of the Jennings

County Community Foundation audit committee.

He became a member of Beta Phi Mu in 1962, was named outstanding faculty member at IUNW for the 1966-67 school year, was named ASM Person of the Year in Columbus for 1978-79, was listed in Who's Who in Education in 1963 and Who's Who in the Mid-West in 1983-84, was 2001 Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, and received the 2005 Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

Larry is the son of the late Loren and Guyla Cunningham. A widower, he has three daughters and four grandsons. He plans to spend his retirement on the family farm where he hopes his grandsons will be able to join him to spend some time in the country.

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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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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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Youth League Signup

It is not too late to signup for the summer baseball program in Kewanna. Interested persons should call Maryanne Rude at 574-653-2605.

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Jim Hubbard Seeks Sheriff's Office

Jim Hubbard, Rochester, is seeking the office of Fulton County Sheriff on the Republican ticket.

Hubbard, 51, is a life-long resident of Fulton County. He graduated in 1972 from Rochester Community High School. He was made a special deputy in 1974 by Sheriff Home Carr. In 1975, he was made a reserve deputy by Sheriff S. Robert Newgent. He was hired as a patrolman for the Rochester Police Department in September of 1975 by the former police chief and current Fulton County Sheriff Roy Calvert. He resigned that position in March 1979 and began working for Hudkins Sheet Metal in Rochester as shop foreman. He continued in the law enforcement field by working part time for the Kewanna Police Department. In 1985, he returned to full time law enforcement under Fulton County Sheriff Richard McLochlin and has been employed by the Fulton County Sheriff's Department for 20 years. He also works part time for the Akron Police Department. Hubbard is a member of the Fulton County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #143, and served as president for four years.

Hubbard is active with the Shop with a Cop program and a member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge, Manitou AERIE 852 and the Indiana Sheriff's Association and the National Sheriff's Association.

He attends First Church of God, Rochester, and serves as trustee for the Reichter Cemetery in rural Fulton County.

His hobbies/interests include auto racing, go-kart racing and motorcycle riding.

A 1976 graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, he also has extensive training and experience in child abuse and molestation investigations; crime scene photography and digital imaging; interview and interrogation; and is certified in breath tests for intoxication from Indiana University School of Medicine. He is one of two officers with the sheriff's department certified in Smith & Wesson Identi-Kit Composite Drawings.

Hubbard believes his 30 years of

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Rodriguez Seeks District 2 Commissioner Seat

Mark Rodriguez, Rochester, is seeking the office of Fulton County Commissioner from District 2.

The Caston High School graduate enlisted in the United States Marines in 1973 and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. Shortly after his discharge, he joined the Fulton County Sheriff's department as a deputy, which required that he attend the Law Enforcement Training Academy and become a certified law enforcement officer. In 1982, he was appointed by the Fulton County Court to serve as deputy probation officer. He subsequently became a certified probation officer and served as chief probation officer for the courts for several years. He has attended Old Dominion University and Indiana/Purdue University Fort Wayne. In 1996, he opened his own business, Paperless Business Solutions, LLC, a criminal justice consulting and software development business. This business, located in Fulton County, has grown to six full time employees and provides business and software solutions to well over 100 criminal justice agencies nationwide.

Mark is a member and elder of the First Christian Church where he also serves as board chairman and building liaison coordinator for the church's recent remodeling project. He coach's his granddaughter's second grade basketball team and has served as a girls' t-ball coach. He is an active member of the Rochester Moose and Elks lodges. He has served as board chairman for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fulton County, district representative for Probation Officers for the Judicial Conference of Indiana, and with the Rochester Girls Softball League and the Fulton County Drug Task Force. He assisted in obtaining a grant to build the Brent Blacketer Park, led the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization to its affiliate status with other supporting agencies, and formulated the plan for the creation of the Fulton County Drug Task Force.

Rodriguez believes that a great deal of the responsibility for taxing, education, and other local

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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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Fish and Chicken Dinner at Star City

The Star City United Methodist Church will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken strip dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 8, at the church. The price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, 6-12. Children five and under may eat free. Dessert and drinks are included with the meal and carry outs are available. The fish and chicken strips will be prepared by Dan's Frying Service.

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Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9

The James F. Talbott VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host its annual Easter egg hunt Sunday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. EDT at the local fire station. Infants through children 11 years of age are welcome to participate.

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Hepatitis B Shots

Hepatitis B shots will be given at Rochester High School Tuesday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. EDT. Students entering grades 9 and 12 next fall are required to have these vaccines. A parent's consent will be required. For more information, call the Fulton County Health Department at 574-223-5152.

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Holy Week Services

Pastor Mike Tatman has announced Holy Week services for the Kewanna/Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 p.m. EDT, April 13, at the Kewanna Church and Good Friday services will be at 7 p.m. EDT, April 14, at the Pleasant Hill Church.

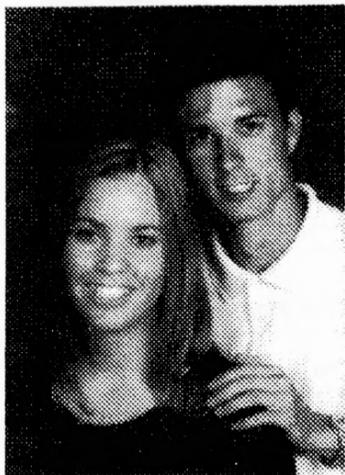
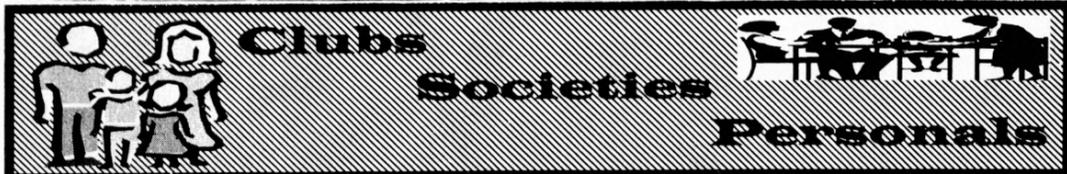
Pleasant Hill will also host Easter sunrise services at 7 a.m. EDT Sunday morning, April 16. Services will be followed with a carry-in breakfast.

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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.

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



Couple Plans June Wedding

Joshua Douglass and Tiffany Tippin will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 24, at the Lucerne Christian Church.

Tiffany is the daughter of Rebecca Zaring, Bainbridge. She is a 1999 graduate of Greencastle High School and a 2004 graduate of Purdue University majoring in Agriculture Education. The bride-elect is currently employed at Cloverdale High School, Cloverdale.

The prospective groom is the son of Jeff and Mindy Douglass, Kewanna, and Kathy Douglass, Twelve Mile. He is a 1999 graduate of Caston High School and a 2004 graduate of Purdue University majoring in Agriculture Education. He is currently employed at Riverton Parke High School, Montezuma.

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Methodist Women Meet

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met Monday evening, April 3, in the home of its president, Karen Good

The meeting was opened with the repeating of The Purpose in unison. Beth Weller gave the secretary/treasurer's report.

The group made plans for delivering cookie and fruit plates to shut-in and nursing home residents April 13. Also discussed were bake sales to be held in conjunction with the church's upcoming health fair and spaghetti dinner.

Plans were made to travel to Manchester for the group's May meeting with Kathryn Huntington, former Kewanna resident.

Beth Weller gave devotions. The hostess served refreshments. Beth also received the door prize.

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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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Basket Bingo, April 18

Fulton County Special Olympics is once again sponsoring a Longaberger basket bingo Tuesday, April 18, at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rochester. The doors will open at 6 p.m. EDST with the games starting at 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$20 will allow you to play 20 games. For more information, call the Manitou Center at 574-223-6963 and ask for Pam; Ann Bauman at 574-223-7621; Donna Rude at 574-223-8117; Diana Clemons at 574-893-4353; Loran Mollencupp at 574-653-2664; Diana Hogue at 574-893-4161 or Claudia Hartzler at 574-893-4044.

This fund raiser helps the athletes compete in field and track, basketball and bowling.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, April 10 - Charsteak with gravy, cauliflower with cheese sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, wheat bread, graham crackers and pears

Wednesday, April 12 - Chicken patty Italiano, scalloped corn, California blend, wheat bread, fresh orange and cherry ambrosia

Friday, April 14 - Closed

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CASTON MENU April 10 - 14

Breakfast

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Lunch

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fries, pears and milk. Comet Café - walking taco

Tuesday - Chicken patty, whipped potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese, cherry crisp and milk. Comet Café - meatball sub combo

Wednesday - Two soft tacos, meat & cheese, lettuce & tomato, dirt pudding and milk. Comet Café - seafood combo

Thursday - Pizza, peas, peaches, cookie and milk. Comet Café - chicken combo

Friday - Good Friday, no school
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James F. Talbott

VFW Post No. 1121 Activities
April 8 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

April 9 - Easter egg hunt at firestation for infants through 11 year olds, 2:30 p.m.

April 18 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 p.m.

April 19 - Ladies Auxiliary card drawing, 7 p.m.

April 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 30 - Open Sunday at 12 noon. Free lunch and euchre, 1 p.m.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

March 25
Births - Dustin and Melissa Musselman, Rochester, a son

March 27
Admissions - Donna Berry, Logansport
Dismissals - None published

March 28
Admissions - Miriam Gordon and Lois Howton, Rochester
Dismissals - Christy Waddle and son, Melissa Musselman and son and Miriam Gordon, Rochester

March 29
Admissions - Barbara Hughes, Rochester
Dismissals - None published
Births - Todd and Valerie Martin, Claypool, a son; Jeanie Wireman, Rochester, a daughter

March 30
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Donna Berry, Logansport

March 31
Admissions - Sharon Bogseth, Rochester
Dismissals - Valerie Martin and son, Claypool; Gerald Fields, Rochester; Jeanie Wireman and daughter, Rochester

PULAKSI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

March 24
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Ruby Wilkie, Mary Kyser and Joyce Jewell, Winamac

March 25
Admissions - None
Dismissals - George Lausten, Winamac; Meyer Abrams, Medaryville

March 26
Admissions - Melvin Collins, Winamac; Richard Schultz, Medaryville
Dismissals - None

March 27
Admissions - Holly Gaumer, Royal Center; Carol Shidler and Thomas Burke, Winamac
Dismissals - Thomas Burke and Melvin Collins, Winamac
Births - Brandon VerMaas and Holly Gaumer, Royal Center, a daughter,

Harmony Joanne VerMaas
March 28
Admissions - Susan Salyer, North Judson; Kimberly Frakes, Knox
Dismissals - Carol Shidler, Winamac; Richard Schultz, Medaryville; Susan Salyer, North Judson

Births - Jarret Lynn Back and Kimberly Katherine Frakes, Knox, a son, Myles Kelly Back

March 29
Admissions - Rebecca Stalbaum, Medaryville; Crystal Fitz, Winamac
Dismissals - Holly Gaumer and daughter, Royal Center; Kimberly Frakes and son, Knox

Births - Jeffery Roy and Rebecca Christenia Stalbaum, Medaryville, a son, Collin James Stalbaum; Taylor Scott

Patton and Crystal Joy Fitz, Winamac, a daughter, Ardyson Renee Patton

March 30
Admissions - Jacqueline Heidenreich, Kewanna
Dismissals - None

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DEATHS.....

EILEEN D. DONATHEN

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. EDST Monday, April 3, 2006, in the Kewanna Church of Christ for Eileen D. Donathen, 78, Kewanna. Pastor Scott Meneely officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Donathen died at 1:50 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Winamac.

Born January 17, 1928, in Logansport, she was the daughter of William Curtis and Cora Mae Martin Hollis. She was married November 9, 1947, in the Kewanna Church of Christ to Charles "Bill" W. Donathen, who survives.

Eileen was a retired EMT with the Fulton County E.M.S. A 1946 graduate of Star City High School, she was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ, Rochester Order of Easter Star Chapter No. 70, former Worthy Matron of the Kewanna Order of Eastern Star and a Rainbow advisor.

Eileen began working outside the home after her children were in school. She delivered newspapers from Kewanna to Middlebury, helped in the Kewanna school lunchroom and worked at Kewanna Metal Specialties and the factory at Lake Bruce.

She had always wanted to be a nurse, so decided to take the EMT course and work as a volunteer on the Kewanna Ambulance Service. She also worked in the emergency room at Woodlawn Hospital and took advanced training with the South Bend fire department. She enjoyed her work with the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service, spending over ten years helping people and making many good friends.

Bill and Eileen spent 17 winters in Florida, sharing these years with life-long friends, Bill and Marilyn Moon.

Eileen was a loving and faithful wife, companion and friend to Bill. She loved her children unconditionally and adored her grandchildren. She was very excited to be a great-grandmother when Andriana was born and elated when Aidan came along. She truly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and proudly attended the various activities they were involved in.

She was involved in many activities and groups throughout her life including the ladies group at her church, PTA, Home Economics club, Eastern Star and Rainbow. She had a great time playing bingo in Florida and bunco with her friends in Kewanna.

Eileen loved working in her garden. She was a great decorator and could paint and hang wallpaper with the best. She was a wonderful seamstress, making sports coats for the men of the family and designing her daughter's wedding dress. She

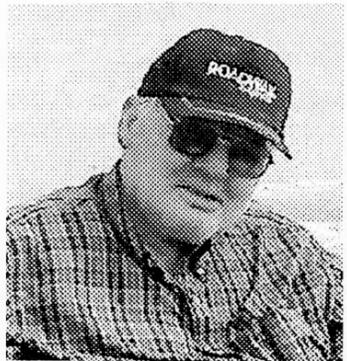
learned to crochet later in life and also tried her hand at artistry and crafting. She was an avid reader.

Eileen and Bill enjoyed many travels with Dream Tours, seeing the country and making new friends.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Larry Joe Donathen and his wife, Joyce, Franklin, and Jon Charles Donathen and his wife, Diana, Grass Creek; a daughter, Susan Hamman and her husband, Ken, Winamac; one sister, Violet Troutman, Kewanna; four grandchildren, Amy Smith and her husband, Doug, Amanda Donathen, Matthew Donathen and Alexander Donathen; and two great-grandchildren, Andriana and Aidan Smith. She was preceded in death by three brothers.

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

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EUGENE GLEITH FRY

Graveside services were held at 3:00 EDST Tuesday, April 4, 2006, in the Victor Chapel Cemetery, Star City, for Eugene Gleith Fry, 60, Star City. He died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at El Centro Regional Medical Center, El Centro, California. His death occurred from complications brought on by post polio syndrome.

Born April 19, 1945, in Winamac, he was the son of Glen Daniel and Edith O. Mays Fry. He was married June 22, 1966, at Thousand Oaks, California, to Lind Lou Reed, who survives.

A 1964 graduate of Winamac High School, he attended Ball State University for one year. He was a farmer until 1973 and was then a foreman at Singer Control, Winamac, from 1973 to 1978. After that, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 17 years as a

clerk and walking carrier at Logansport before becoming a fulltime carrier at Star City. He retired in 1997 due to disability.

Eugene was a true nature and conservation lover. His later years were devoted to building and maintaining his 80-acres in the Indiana Wildlife Habitat program. The acreage was a wildlife haven with woods, grasslands and ponds. He also maintained paths, benches and walkways so others could also enjoy his wildlife area. In 1990, he was the recipient of the Indiana Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award.

Fry's enjoyments in life included his wife and children, playing cards, traveling through the United States, his wildlife area and everything dealing with wildlife or nature.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother, Edith O. Fry, Winamac; a son, Bob Fry and his wife, Michelle, Lima, Ohio; one daughter, Kris Fry, at home; two sisters, Judy Gallaher and her friend, Eric E. Prentice, Winamac, and Bev Sproles and her husband, Brandon, Monticello; two nieces, Kim Fox and her husband, Randy, Winamac, and Becky Litke and her friend, Terry Brown, Kewanna; one nephew, Anthony Sproles and his wife, Jean, Bloomington, IL; two great-nieces, Brandi and Lindsay Fox; and one great-nephew, Austin Sproles. He was preceded in death by his father and one nephew, Kevin Litke.

Memorial contributions may be made to a wildlife program (1-800-344-9453) or wetlands conservation program in Eugene's name (www.usbr.gov).

Persons who would like to pay their respects may visit Mr. Fry's family at 6106 S 650 E, Star City.

Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes Royal Center chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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MILDRED A. SHOWLEY

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, Broad Ripple, for Mildred A. Showley, 99, Franklin. Burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. Mrs. Showley

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law enforcement and the men he has worked for has given him a good sense of what is expected of a sheriff. If elected, he intends to be an active sheriff, striving to bring the office to new heights by:

- Building upon the ideals that Sheriff Calvert implemented
- Continuing to bring professionalism to the office and the department
- Utilize the staff currently in place and possibly create a part-time secretarial position to extend the office hours into the evening/weekend.
- Continue to provide training for deputies and staff, while focusing on the areas of specialized interests they already have.
- Continue to improve upon the department's relationships with other agencies and the community as a whole.
- Build up the Reserve Deputy Program by allowing the merit deputies to have a voice in the candidate selection process, thereby improving morale as these officers must work together.
- Implement an employment contract with newly hired deputies and jailors to help the department minimize costs of training and uniforms, thus protecting taxpayers from unnecessary expenses.
- Continue to provide 24/7 coverage for the citizens of Fulton County.

Hubbard and Joyce Crissinger,

daughter of Lavon and Betty Crissinger, were married in 1973. Joyce is a resident of Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester, where she is battling A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease). They have two daughters, Melanie, who lives in Zionsville with her husband, Karl Leininger, and their daughter Madelon; and Lisa, who lives in Warsaw with her fiancé, Nate Frye, and Lisa's seven-year-old son, Tristan. Jim's parents are Nina Hubbard and the late Fred Hubbard. He also has a sister, Vicki Doering, who lives in Fort Wayne.

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needs are going to be shifted from the state to local government in the near future. Fulton County has many concerns and issues at this time. First and foremost is the overcrowding of the jail and the problems associated with methamphetamines, which is contributing to the overcrowding issues. Mark believes he possesses the knowledge and expertise to evaluate and assist with programs and processes that will lead the county away from this problem and begin building an effective means to deal with overcrowding in the jail.

Rodriguez believes that our educational systems are the foundation on which we build success. The diversion of funds away from education to other wasteful non-productive approaches needs to stop and he will strive to bring a proactive tactical planning approach versus a reactive poorly planned process.

He notes he has a complete understanding of the workings of county government and has served in several capacities and levels of government. He states that he also has the business experience and entrepreneurial spirit to be innovative and

creative. As he is self-employed, he has felt the pinch of the taxman and is sensitive to taxation issues.

Mark is married to the former Gayle Lebo. The couple has three grown children and three grandchildren.

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MILDRED A. SHOWLEY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

passed away peacefully March 24, surrounded by her family.

She was employed with the Chicago Board of Underwriters Insurance Company, Chicago, IL and retired from the Administration Department of LaPorte Community School Corp. in 1977.

She was a nanny/babysitter for 20 plus years for many Indianapolis families and tutored reading at Eagle Creek Elementary School. Mildred was a very active volunteer at Westview Hospital for over 20 years, retiring in November 2000, a member of the Hospital Guild, a member of the Order of Eastern Star #280 LaPorte and received a 50-year pin, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

Her father at one time owned the park and beach area at Lake Bruce.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyal Charles Showley in 1951.

Survivors include a son, Jack

TOM WILSON IS "50" on April 7th



Love, Mom

Ellis Showley DDS and his wife, Sharon, Newville, PA; a daughter, Carol A. Collier and her husband, William, Cape Coral, FL; four granddaughters; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU April 10 - 14

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Wednesday - Danish, string cheese, juice and milk

Thursday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Friday - Good Friday, no school

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Hamburger sandwich, corn, applesauce, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Pizza, salad, peaches, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Sausage and eggs, hash browns, orange, cinnamon toast and milk

Thursday - Corn dog, baby carrots, fruit ice, s'mores and milk

Friday - Good Friday, no school

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, corn on the cob, pears, and milk.

Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, potato triangles, bread and butter, fruit mix and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, parsley potatoes, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Tacos, lettuce and cheese, cherry crisp and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Good Friday, no school

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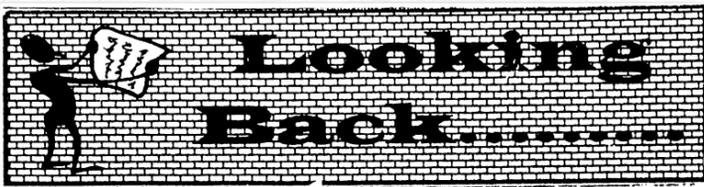
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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 6, 1951

Mrs. Helena Shine has sold the Kewanna Hardware to Grant Felder. The store was started by Mrs. Shine's father, Daniel Kopp, some forty years ago. On his death, the store was taken over by her brother, Fred, who died nine months later. At the death of her brother, Mrs. Shine and her husband, Ermal, ran the store until Mr. Shine's death two years ago. Mrs. Shine has been operating the store alone since that time.

Mrs. Kenneth Hood was severely burned March 20 when she accidentally stepped into an uncovered furnace register in her home. Her husband, who was working on the furnace at the time, heard her screams and pulled her out of the opening, but not before she was seriously burned.

Lloyd Woolington announced today that he has started work on an addition to the new Topps Garment Factory on East Main. The garage that stands on the addition site will be moved to Woolington's farm. The new addition will be as wide as the present building and will extend all the way back to the alley. This will give the factory double the capacity.

Ralph Ditmire, of the Ditmire Funeral Home, was appointed town clerk at the last meeting of the Fulton town board. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Max Zabst who resigned because he is working in Ohio and unable to attend meetings.

The Grass Creek High School junior class will present its play "Babies Night Out" April 5 and 6. Cast members include Dorothy Long, John Herrold, Steve Martinov, Bert Miller, Joe Herd, Shirley Fields, Phyllis Johnston, Paul Reffett, Marvin Wills, Don Showley, Donna Sadler, Ralph Gunter, and Steve Martinov.

The Kewanna High School junior class will present a three-act comedy, "Aunt Cathie's Cat" April 5 and 6. The male and female leads are being portrayed by James Yerkes and Nadine Fortna. Colburn Hardin is directing the play.

Mary Ann Bauman, sophomore, represented Kewanna High School in the regional geometry contest held Saturday, March 31, at Monon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 5, 1956

The fourth annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet was held Saturday evening, March 31, at the Kewanna High School gym with approximately 300 in attendance. Following the dinner, Don Troutman, president, introduced the senior class president, Larry Mason, who in turn introduced his classmates. New officers elected include R.T. Lord, president; Joe Crabill, vice president; Eldonna Graffis, secretary; and Lois Kummer, treasurer.

The Fulton High School gym was the scene of the Fulton Alumni

Association's annual banquet March 31. The program was opened by the president, Phil McCarter. Officers for next year include Leroy Rouch, president; Gordon Beattie, vice president; secretary-treasurer, Sue Zartman; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Doneta Rentschler.

The Happy Hoosier 4-H Club met at the school Thursday, March 29, with 40 members present. The following officers were elected, Jim Downhour, president; Bob Greer, vice president; Mary Zuck, secretary; Donna Hunter, treasurer; Robert Burton and Billy Worl, reporters; Larry Carlson and Barry Worl, recreation leaders; Sherry Hizer and Phyllis Earp, song leaders; and Bob McKinney and Steve Rude, health and safety leaders.

Bill Anderson of Purdue University is spending his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Maude Murray were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Murray and daughter Viola of near Indianapolis. Easter dinner guests also included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker and son of Royal Center and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray.

Eugene Thomas of Purdue is spending his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas.

Born March 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith, Kewanna, a daughter in Carneal Hospital, Winamac. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and has been named Pamela Jean.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 6, 1961

Approximately 299 members and guests attended the ninth annual alumni banquet Saturday evening in the Kewanna High School gym. Rev. Sam Overmyer offered the invocation. Robert Hendrickson, president of the association, welcomed the graduating class of 1961 into the association. Nancy Trout-

man, senior class president, expressed their appreciation, and introduced her classmates. Officers for next year are, Foster Stoudt, president; Kenneth Smith, vice president; Donna Heiden, secretary; and Donna Smith, treasurer.

The 31st annual Fulton alumni banquet was held Saturday evening with 300 attending. Dean Richter gave the welcome and Fred Gottschalk introduced the faculty. Lewis Cameron introduced the seniors and Linda Zabst gave the response. Officers elected include Arthur Shafer, president; Dee Williams, vice president; Bonnie Zimpleman, secretary-treasurer; and Beverly Gundrum, assistant.

Fred Burton, 65, Rt. 6, Rochester, father of Lincoln Burton of Kewanna, is in fair condition at Community Hospital in Indianapolis where he was taken after an accident on his farm March 29. He was cutting down a tree when a dead limb fell on him, pinning down both his feet and left arm. Alone in the field, he dug himself out with his right arm.

Featured as Future Citizens were Leslie Dean and Marti Jo, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brady; Lawrence, Steven, Charles and Tamara, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin; Ricky and Johnny Taylor, children of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Taylor; Cathy Sue and Corky Heiden, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heiden; and Mark and Mike Woolington, children of Mrs. Dolores Woolington.

The Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club met March 14 with Richard Graffis presiding. Fred Luhnnow and Keith Troutman gave the safety lesson. Refreshments were served by Curtis Menk, Jerry Zuck and John Agnew.

Joe Hott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hott, returned to school Monday after an illness that kept him home from school for five weeks.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 7, 1966

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frasa, Kewanna, a daughter in Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Final rites for Edwin (Ted)

Miller, 60, of near Grass Creek were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Harrison Funeral Home. Kewanna Rev. Alva Ward officiated and burial was in the Royal Center Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Hazel; a daughter, Mrs. Judy DePoy, Rt. 1, Rochester; three sons, Gene and Walter, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and Tom, Rt. 4, Rochester; and seven grandchildren.

The Kewanna High School band participated in the district NISBOVA at Remington High School. The band, under the direction of Charles Byfield, received a first place rating and will participate in the state contest April 16 at LaGrange.

Charles Mosher, 87, Rt. 2, North Judson, brother of Clyde Mosher of here, died Friday at Starke Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ed Shadle, Mrs. Gafen Hoover, Mrs. Earl Mills, Mrs. William Werner, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Leroy Wise, Mrs. Herbert Rhoades and Mrs. Justin Sparks attended a WSCS meeting of the Methodist Church at St. Paul's Methodist Church in South Bend Monday.

The 20th Century HD Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Paul Bauman. Mrs. Joe Dague conducted a contest with Mrs. Al Walsh winning the prize. Refreshments were served to 21 members. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Richard Sommers. There will be a baby shower for Mrs. Louis Herd.

The Wayne Wide Awake 4-H Club met March 23 in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Fultz with 13 members, three guests and two

leaders present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Shirley Crippen. Pledges were led by Debbie Sommers and Ellen Berry.

Miss Gloria Jean Birk became the bride of Larry Eugene Friedrich in a double ring ceremony at the Fulton Baptist Temple with Rev. James Ranard officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Birk, Rt. 1, Macy, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Friedrich, Rt. 1, Kewanna.



In April of 1966 Dortha Waidner, with her husband Fred helping, planted a tulip poplar tree on their property at Lake Bruce. She chose a tulip poplar because it is the state tree of Indiana and this was her way of celebrating Indiana's sesquicentennial. Forty years later, the tree is still there and so is Dortha. Turning 91 in July, she plans to spend most of the summer at her Lake Bruce cottage.

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Large Print General Fiction— *Boss Man* by Diana Palmer and *The Secret Lives of Fortunate Wives* by Sarah Strohmeyer.

Mystery Fiction— *Murder at Union Station* (from the Capital Crimes series) by Margaret Truman.

Nonfiction— *Two-Stitch Knits* by Jane Crowfoot and *Day* (formerly *The Accident*) by Elie Wiesel.

JUVENILES:

Ages 7-10 Fiction— *Arthur Lost in The Museum* (from the Arthur and Friends series) by Marc Brown.

Teenage Fiction— *Miss Lazar is Bizarre* and *Ms. LaGrange is Strange* (from the My Weird School series) by Dan Gutman and *The Game Store Mystery* and *The Mystery of The Orphan Train* (from the Boxcar Children series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

Youth Nonfiction— *Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving* by Laurie Halse

Anderson; *The Lungs and Breathing* (from the Exploring The Human Body series) by Carol Ballard; *One Tiny Turtle* by Nicola Davies; and *Endure Racing* by Nick Healy, *Supercross Racing* by Tim O'Shei and *James Stewart: Motocross Great and Travis Pastrana: Motocross Legend* by Terri Sievert (from the Edge Books, Dirt Bikes series).

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Honorable Mention

Lucas Powlen of Caston High School received honorable mention in the *Student of Integrity* award program sponsored by the Northeastern Indiana Better Business Bureau and Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana. The program honors high school students through a scholarship competition. Its purpose is to recognize high school seniors in their 17-county service area who personify ethics through leadership, community service, overall personal integrity and academic history. Students were asked to submit a maximum 300-word essay regarding how they handled their own personal ethical situations.

Childhood Obesity on the Rise

The culture and our kids are changing. Is one causing the other?

Video games... fast foods... parental apathy...the scout leader...grandma...school lunches...Easter candy...bad genes...

What ever you think is the cause, the fact is over the past 20-30 years, the number of over weight children in the US has doubled. Approximately 1/3 of all children are overweight, and more than 15% are considered obese.

There are many risks and complications associated with obesity:

- Increased risk of heart disease
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Breathing problems
- Trouble sleeping

However, poor health is not the only risk obese children face. Overweight children are frequently teased and may develop low self-esteem, eating disorders, social phobias or even clinical depression.

The first step in treating obesity is recognition. Once a child is found to be overweight or obese, any physical cause should be ruled out. However, such

conditions are rarely responsible. Diet and inactivity are the main culprits meaning eating too much and exercising too little.

The best goal is simply not to treat obesity when it is present, but to prevent it. So start early in your child's life to instill a desire for good nutrition, healthy eating and active play to avoid obesity and the development of long-term complications.

For more information on childhood obesity, call Sandy Roth, RNC NP, at 574-542-2552.

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Tips for Changing Payment Requirements

As increases to minimum payment requirements on many credit cards begin this year, and adjustable rate mortgages – which were extremely popular over the past several years – begin to adjust, many consumers may start experiencing difficulties in meeting their monthly obligations.

According to Heartwell Mortgage Corporation, consumers should evaluate their payment and interest rate terms with each of their creditors and prepare for any adjustments that may happen in the coming months.

The primary changes that are affecting consumers are the result of new federal bank regulations that are increasing minimum

monthly credit card payments by as much as 100 percent. At the same time, more than one-third of those who started a mortgage between 2003 and 2005 took advantage of record low interest rates with adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). Now the fixed interest rate periods of these programs are ending, with interest rates adjusting as much as 2%.

These increases in monthly payments can have a significant impact on a household budget. It is important for consumers to prepare for these adjustments. With a variety of remedies to either reduce or eliminate credit card payments or refinance mortgage programs, many consumers can avoid seeing any increase in their monthly payments. Consumers should evaluate their financial position at least once a year and talk with a qualified mortgage advisor to determine if their current mortgage should be revised.

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Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the several taxing units in Fulton County for the year 2005 payable in 2006 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the levies and rates on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of net assessed valuation of taxable real estate and personal property in each taxing unit. First installment delinquent after May 10, 2006. Second installment delinquent after November 10, 2006.

Judith A. Reed, Treasurer of Fulton County

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State Fair Board	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008
State Forestry	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016	0.0016
TOTAL STATE RATE	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024
Co General	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652	0.2652
Cum Cap Dev	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201	0.0201
Health	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095
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New Reassessment	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092	0.0092
Family & Children	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225	0.1225
Welfare HCI	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244	0.0244
Assist to Wards	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023
Co CHCSN	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027
Child Psychiatric Res Treat.	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Hospital Lease Rental	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240
Aviation/Airport	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147
TOTAL CO RATE	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246	0.5246
Township	0.0156	0.0108	0.0063	0.0133	0.0082	0.0076	0.0461	0.0461	0.0461	0.0114	0.0108	0.0063	0.0461	0.0076
Poor Relief	0.0000	0.0068	0.0028	0.0024	0.0016	0.0008	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0022	0.0068	0.0028	0.0012	0.0008
Fire Fighting	0.0710	0.0702	0.0193	0.0383	0.0238	0.0708	0.0477	0.0477	0.0477	0.0412	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Recreation	0.0000	0.0000	0.0086	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0086	0.0000	0.0000
Cemetery	0.0102	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Cum Fire	0.0000	0.0000	0.0178	0.0186	0.0216	0.0000	0.0188	0.0188	0.0188	0.0290	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Fire Equipment Debt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0265	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Community/Bldg. Services	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0139	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL TWP RATE	0.0968	0.0878	0.0548	0.1130	0.0552	0.0792	0.1138	0.1138	0.1138	0.0838	0.0176	0.0177	0.0473	0.0084
Library General	0.0944	0.0953	0.0944	0.0944	0.0944	0.0944	0.1042	0.1042	0.1042	0.0944	0.0953	0.0944	0.1042	0.0944
Library Capital Projects	0.0091	0.0015	0.0091	0.0091	0.0091	0.0091	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0091	0.0015	0.0091	0.0000	0.0091
Library Debt Service	0.0389	0.1236	0.0389	0.0389	0.0389	0.0389	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0389	0.1236	0.0389	0.0000	0.0389
TOTAL LIB RATE	0.1424	0.2204	0.1424	0.1424	0.1424	0.1424	0.1042	0.1042	0.1042	0.1424	0.2204	0.1424	0.1042	0.1424
School General	0.5382	0.6586	0.7840	0.6586	0.6822	0.6822	0.7840	0.6822	0.6844	0.7840	0.6586	0.7840	0.7840	0.6822
School Debt Serv	0.2197	0.6266	0.0806	0.6266	0.3560	0.3560	0.0806	0.3560	0.2518	0.0806	0.6266	0.0806	0.0806	0.3560
School Pension Debt	0.0538	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0215	0.0215	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0215
School Cap Proj	0.1506	0.2987	0.2956	0.2987	0.2547	0.2547	0.2657	0.2657	0.2657	0.2956	0.2987	0.2956	0.2956	0.2547
School Trans	0.1120	0.1937	0.2384	0.1937	0.1050	0.1050	0.2384	0.1050	0.1844	0.2384	0.1937	0.2384	0.2384	0.1050
Bus Replacement	0.0351	0.0347	0.0481	0.0347	0.0040	0.0040	0.0481	0.0040	0.0000	0.0481	0.0347	0.0481	0.0481	0.0040
Pre Sch/Spec Ed	0.0015	0.0021	0.0022	0.0021	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0021	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022
TOTAL SCH RATE	1.1109	1.8144	1.4489	1.8144	1.4256	1.4256	1.4489	1.4256	1.3985	1.4489	1.8144	1.4489	1.4489	1.4256
City/Town Rates:														
Corp General											0.4589	0.8905	0.4733	0.3997
Motor Vehicle Highway											0.2336	0.0000	0.2009	0.1885
Fire Pension											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0183
Police Pension											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0070
Park & Recreation											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0973
Park Bond											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0239
Cum Cap Dev											0.0398	0.0000	0.0000	0.0270
Sewer											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0020
Sewer Bond											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0027
Cumulative Cap/IMP(Rate)											0.0000	0.0000	0.1500	0.0000
Bond #2											0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0185
Cum Fire														

Smoke Free Fulton County Annual Banquet, April 19

The third annual "Champions Awards" banquet sponsored by Smoke Free Fulton/Kosciusko Counties will be held Wednesday, April 19, at Las Cabanas Bar and Restaurant in downtown Rochester. It is an appropriate venue as Las Cabanas is the first smoke free bar in Fulton County. Head chef, Sebastian Villasenor, and owner, Natalie Gehrich, will be presenting their famous multi-cultural buffet, a fusion of Mexican and American cuisine. The master of ceremonies for the evening is First Federal Bank's president and owner, Richard Belcher. Distinguished guests will include Karla Sneegas, Executive Director of Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation and Jack Arnett, Regional Director of Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation.

Seventeen major awards will be presented to Fulton and Kosciusko County organizations and individuals and fourteen special recognitions will be awarded to smoke free industries in Fulton and Kosciusko Counties.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Rochester High School singing group, "The Beautyshop Quartet" composed of Leigh Soderlund, Chrissy Rosswurm, Kyra Lollar and Anna Helt.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in America. It accounts for one out of every five deaths killing more people each year than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides and fires—COMBINED. Twenty-seven Hoosiers die every day from what Thomas Jefferson called "that wretched crop tobacco".

The mission of Smoke Free Fulton/Kosciusko Counties is to save lives and money by 1)increasing the proportion of residents not exposed to secondhand smoke 2)decreasing youth tobacco use 3)decreasing adult tobacco use and 4)protecting and maintaining a state and local infrastructure necessary to lower tobacco use rates.

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Reeve's Death Underscores Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

By Karla Sneegas, Executive Director
Indiana Tobacco Prevention/Cessation

For most singers and those who perform on stage, the path to success is often littered with cigarette butts, left behind in the ashtrays of nightclubs across the country.

It is through these smoky enclaves, people such as Dana Reeve and others find success. Sadly, it could be argued that it is the same place through which Reeve's exposure to secondhand smoke may have led to her developing lung cancer; a disease that, on March 6th, claimed her life at the age of 44.

Reeve's death is another reminder of the need for all workplaces to be smoke free and that we should protect ourselves from exposure to secondhand smoke. The effects of secondhand smoke and the danger it represents for all of us, especially for those whose livelihoods exist in a smoke-filled atmosphere, is well documented through numerous reports and studies in science and medicine. The smoke coming from burning cigarettes is putting workers, who are exposed on-the-job, at risk for respiratory, heart, and numerous other diseases and health complications.

Numerous people, including those who work as musicians, comedians, waiters, waitresses and bartenders, as well as many other blue-collar workers, have no choice when it comes to smoke free air. Just 43 percent of the 6.6 million food preparation and service employees and 52 percent of all blue-collar workers in the United States are covered by policies that require their workplace to be smoke free according to a 2004 article in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (JOEM). Compare that to more than 75 percent of white collar workers who are protected from secondhand smoke while working.

Regular exposure to secondhand smoke also greatly increases a worker's risk for lung cancer. In fact, according to the same article in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (JOEM), food service workers have a 50 percent greater

risk of dying from lung cancer than the general population. Another study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that restaurant workers are exposed to levels of secondhand smoke that are approximately 1.6 to 2.0 times higher than those to which office workers are exposed on the job.

Anything short of a 100 percent smoke-free environment leaves employees' and patrons' health compromised. Secondhand smoke represents a deadly toxic soup of over 4,000 chemicals, 69 of which are known to cause cancer. Smoke doesn't stay behind walls. And no ventilation system can adequately remove the carcinogens in the air even when odors and visual smoke appear to be less. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) issued a standard to their membership of heating and air condition engineers that states, "ventilation cannot eliminate the health dangers posed by secondhand smoke and that the only way to effectively eliminate health risk associated with indoor exposure to tobacco smoke is to prohibit smoking activity."

For venues, such as nightclubs, bars and comedy clubs, workers are often afraid to speak up. Rene' Hicks, an accomplished African American comedienne, rose to stardom based on the success she garnered in clubs across the country. But, for her, the laughter stopped in 2001, when she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She had never smoked a day in her life. Or, as she puts it, "as I was killing on stage, the audience was killing me."

Fortunately, for Hicks, the effects of the disease claimed only half of her lung. But, having survived the experience, Hicks has adopted the mantra that "to live strong, you have to breathe strong". In 2005, she developed a public education message for Hoosiers that was distributed through ITPC's WhiteLies campaign to tell the truth that hides in the clouds of secondhand smoke.

The first week of April is National Public Health Week. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the public health problems due to secondhand smoke. The bottom line is that, not unlike many other public health problems that challenge us, it seems as though we have to get a "wake-up call" for something to get our attention. In the case of secondhand smoke and a disease as dreadful as lung cancer, we're saddened when people such as Dana Reeve lose their lives. The sad fact is that too many Hoosiers have lost their

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lives to secondhand smoke too. And we can do something about it by creating smoke free workplaces.

As part of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement from the tobacco industry, the Indiana Tobacco Prevention Cessation (ITPC) agency was created to

oversee funding to help with programs designed to help with cessation programs, as well as community initiatives, special youth features and enforcement. To that end, it is our hope we can help continue to make a difference and help bring about cleaner air for all of us.

The News In Brief

The Fulton County Hazardous Substance Committee will meet at 9 a.m. EDT Wednesday, April 12, in the meeting room of the county office building, Rochester.

A thunderstorm that moved through the area Sunday night caused a power outage in Kewanna that lasted about three hours.

Dr. Thomas Troutman is planning to build a modern optometry clinic on the south end

of Peace Tree Village Plaza, Rochester. The 7,600-square-foot clinic will bring the latest optometry technology to the area. Troutman, with Midwest Eye Associates, will practice there with Dr. Cynthia Laycock. Troutman is a Kewanna High School graduate and the son of Violet Troutman of here and the late Don Troutman.

Public Notice

Notice To Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Rochester, Indiana on the 18th day of April, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. for the following additional appropriations:

REASSESSMENT:
Contract Services.....\$ 71,900.00
Contract Services.....\$ 12,000.00
Total for Reassessment.....\$ 83,900.00
E-911
Radio Equipment.....\$ 7,883.00
Total for E911.....\$ 7,883.00
RAINY DAY FUND:
Camera Equipment for Jail.....\$ 6,000.00
Indoor Rec Renovations.....\$20,000.00
Indoor Rec Ceiling.....\$51,000.00
Total for Rainy Day.....\$77,000.00
ADULT PROBATION USER
Durg Testing.....\$ 6,000.00
Total for Adult Probation.....\$ 6,000.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

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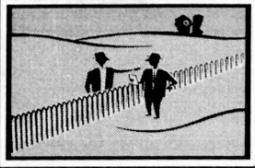


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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Leonard and Nancy Evers recently returned from their annual trip to Mesa, Arizona, to visit with their son, Robert Evers, and his family. Friday, March 10, they and their daughter, Diane Evers of Indianapolis, attended the wedding of Leonard and Nancy's granddaughter, Stacy Evers, and Robert Ritter in Arizona. Upon their return, they attended the wedding of their grandson, Scott Evers, and Erin Rock Saturday, March 25.

Mildred McColley had a couple of callers Monday, March 27. Coming up for the day were her son and grandson, Steve McColley and Matt of Muncie. The guys did some chores around the house in anticipation of spring. At noon, the trio headed to the Log Cabin restaurant near Argos for lunch. Meeting them were Mildred's sister-in-law and her husband, Ruth and Max McNear of Plymouth. After the visit, Mildred, Steve and Matt returned to Kewanna by way of Culver, where they stopped in to visit with the lady who used to take care of Matt when he was younger.

Tom and Barb LaFollette

enjoyed dining on wings Tuesday evening, March 28, at the Moose lodge in Rochester.

Linda and Tom Garner had company Wednesday, March 29. Coming down for a day-long working visit were their daughter and grandson, Amanda Wassermann and Zach of Valparaiso.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Wednesday. Arriving late in the day for an overnight visit was their daughter, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City.

Mildred McColley had a couple of working visitors Thursday, March 30. Her sons, Ron McColley of Frankfort and Steve McColley, reseeded her lawn and took care of some other outside chores.

Ruth Cogdill and her sister, Janel Norris, spent Thursday in Logansport. First on their agenda was lunch at the King Grille Buffet Chinese restaurant. After lunch, they went to Big Lots for some shopping. Then, it was on to the Nearly New Shoppe on Erie Street. Their last stop of the day was at the Accents of Elegance store on Broadway. It was a wonderful day for the two

sisters to enjoy the beautiful, warm spring weather.

Pauline and Don Scales and Ellen Heiden enjoyed dining out in Rochester Thursday afternoon.

Tom and Linda Garner had houseguests Thursday. Arriving late in the day for an overnight visit were their grandchildren, Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn Young of Twelve Mile.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg arrived Friday, March 31, for a weekend visit with family. That evening, she was a guest of her mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac.

Linda and Tom Garner had a small visitor Friday. Staying with them for a few hours was their granddaughter, Stevanna Young of Twelve Mile.

Mike and Sue McKinney and Molly, and Tom and Angie Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan of Rochester arrived home safely Friday following a spring break trip to Florida. (They were driving through Indianapolis during the storm outbreak in the afternoon.)

Cindy Wiese and Ally had luncheon guests Friday. Joining them for the meal and an afternoon of playing and visiting were Cindy's grandparents, Don and Pauline Scales, and her cousin and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna.

Amber Luhnnow was the guest of honor at a family gathering Friday evening. The occasion was in celebration of her 15th birthday and hosted by her grandmother, Joyce Luhnnow. Helping them mark the event with dinner and all the birthday trimmings were Amber's parents and brother, Doug and Beth Luhnnow and Adam; her maternal grandmother, Rosie Lynn; her aunt and family, Chris and Hank Riffle, Kyle and Brittany of Akron; and her great-grandmother, Ruth Ann Anderson.

Shelby Bohac helped serve the steak supper Friday evening at the Moose lodge in Rochester. Among those enjoying the meal were her mother, Karina Bohac, and her grandparents, Barb and Tom LaFollette.

Jason and Britni Brown of Hawaii called Friday to inform Jason's father, Mike Brown, that they had arrived safely for Jason's new assignment. Also having the chance to talk with Jason was his grandfather, Jerry Brown.

Don and Doris Woolington and their grandson, Tracey Cunningham, have returned from a week-long trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. They had a very good time there and were kept entertained by the demolition of the building across from their hotel.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Logansport Saturday, April 1. They did a little

shopping.

Pauline and Julie Brown had a fun time attending the baby shower held in honor of Camile Zimpleman Saturday.

Karen Kruger was a Saturday and Sunday overnight houseguest of her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Jerry Brown.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of visitors Sunday, April 2. Stopping by late in the day for a chat were their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester.

Helen Miller had a visitor early this week. Arriving Sunday for an overnight stay was her daughter, Judy Mills of Kokomo.

Olivia and Clay Hilliard of Plymouth were Tuesday night and Wednesday guests of their great-grandmother, Helen Miller, last week. Suzanne Crump and Tyler of Muncie spent Tuesday night through Thursday with Helen.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Elizabeth Pugh, April 9; Casey Brown, Kasey Kottkamp, Tonya Good and Mabel MacLain, April 10; Larry James, Don Nellans and Ned Urbin, April 11; Robert Evers, Jeff Finke and Joshua Zellers, April 12; Ashlee Hamman and Lindsay Kreamer, April 13; Troy Corbett, Dawson Doty, Drew Markle, Pastor Ron Purkey and Betty Tharp, April 14; and Tedd Carlson, Kaelee Dent, Olivia Freels and Keith Kottkamp, April 15.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, April 9; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Druzbecki, April 11; Mr. and Mrs. David Leazenby and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tennent, April 12; and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bangel, April 14.



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