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Water Testing Key To Sustaining Lake Water Quality

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NOTHING BUT NET Dominic Simmons, 6, checks his net to see if he has caught a fish at North Webster Town Park. (Photo by Amanda McFarland)



FUN IN THE SAND Claire Simmons, 5, enjoyed the warm sand at North Webster Town Park on Tuesday. She and her brother, Dominic, visited the park with their family. (Photo by Amanda McFarland)

Syracuse Town Council attempts to rescind funds for fire station renovation

By LAUREN ZEUGNER Staff Writer

The Syracuse Town Council voted to advertise the 2014 budget as presented during its regular monthly meeting last night. Julie Kline, clerk-treasurer, reported the proposed 2014 budget is \$3,331,981 with a levy of \$1,700,562 which is a decrease over the 2013 budget. The estimated maximum levy is \$1,801,890, meaning the budget came in \$101,328 under maximum levy.

Additionally, Kline informed the council the net assessed value for the town is \$186,731,412 which is a decrease of 1.8 percent. If the budget is approved by the county, the tax rate will drop by about a penny.

A heated debate on the renovations for Fire Station I ended in a tie vote with Kline refusing to break the tie, due to the absence of Town Council President Bill Musser. As clerk-treasurer, Kline is allowed by state law to break tie votes of the council. However, Kline refused stating she did not have enough information on the issue.

Councilman Brian Woody explained the fire territory board had whittled the renovation budget for Fire Station I down from \$669,000 to \$541,000 and would have reached the agreed upon amount of \$450,000. However, if the station is renovated state law will require a sprinkler system be installed.

Currently the building, constructed in the 1960s, does not have a sprinkler system as it wasn't required at the time it was built.

Councilman Paul Stoelting stated matters regarding the fire territory

should be listed as agenda items rather than falling under new/old business. Councilman Larry Siegel pointed out the council has lots of information regarding other issues coming before it, but nothing from the fire territory.

Siegel also questioned if the fire territory board knew what it wanted and questioned the cost. Woody stated the fire territory board has maintained there is a need to renovate the station; the plan to meet that need is all that has changed.

Stoelting stated he did not like making major decisions about spending large amounts of money without any information or time to think about it. Town Manager Henry DeJulia suggested Fire Chief Mickey Scott come and make a presentation.

Siegel suggested the council vote to rescind the \$450,000 to renovate the station, forcing the fire territory board to present what it needs, not what it wants. The vote came to 2-2 with Stoelting and Siegel voting to rescind the funds and Woody and Councilwoman Kathy Beer voting not to. When asked the break the tie, Kline refused.

The council approved a resolution to establishment a riverfront development district. Jason Traycoff came before the board last month suggesting a riverfront development district which would allow non-transferable permit for a business to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only in a restaurant on land or in a historic river vessel within a municipal riverfront development. The district will sit within the Syracuse

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NIPSCO determines final electric transmission line route to Topeka

By PHOEBE MUTHART Staff Writer and STACEY PAGE StaceyPageOnline.com

The route for an upcoming electric transmission line project, which NIPSCO will be constructing from Reynolds to Topeka, has finally

been established. The route will go through portions of Kosciusko County.

A press release issued by NIPSCO said public open houses held in February and July proved to be a valuable resource in helping determine a route causing the least amount of disruption. Landowners

who will be affected by the construction of NIPSCO's Reynolds-Topeka Line - a 100-mile electric transmission line from Reynolds to Burr Oak to Topeka - are now being notified.

"We are currently in the process of notifying landowners who will be impacted by this project," said

Kathleen Szot, external communications manager for NIPSCO. "They will receive a letter indicating which of their properties is affected, and will also be contacted by a right of way agent who will explain the next steps."

After analyzing the impact on

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Trail committee discusses new sections, grants

By LAUREN ZEUGNER Staff Writer

Discussion focused on completing the trail around Syracuse Lake, installing trail along SR 13 and in the Vawter Park area during the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail Committee's regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Mike Buhrt, committee chair, stated the goal is to have trail completed around Syracuse Lake by next spring with an estimated cost of \$100,000. Along with pursuing grants to pay for the trail, an anonymous donor may be willing to donate funds as long as there is a community match involved.

A few members of the trail committee recently met with Phil Beer II, vice president of USI Consultants, which does work in Kosciusko County with the Indiana Department of Transportation, and representatives of INDOT to discuss the SR 13 segment which would run south of Syracuse to the Sleepy Owl.

Beer will be attending the September trail committee meeting with two trail proposals for SR 13. Buhrt said the cost of installing the trail segment would be \$1-2 million. The committee is looking to apply for grants from INDOT to help with the cost. A few potential problems with the trail segment include property very close to the

highway near Syracuse. There is also some real estate work that needs to be done.

Buhrt told the committee he has looked at alternative routes from Syracuse to the Sleepy Owl using back roads and still believes going along SR 13 is the most viable.

Other potential trail segments include by South Shore Condos, going down South Shore Drive, out onto SR 13, back onto Ideal Beach and then following Waco Drive to Sleepy Owl. It was noted a number of people ride and walk in the area and there are no potential hot spots that could be dangerous for bike riders or walkers.

Another area is on Vawter Park Road, where a number of people have expressed an interest in having a trail segment as well as donated money for a trail segment in the area. There are two major hot spots which is an S curve and a dip in the road that can cause problems for riders and walkers. After a recent property sale, it looks like there may be 15 to 20 feet of right away along one section of the

road. The trail committee approved spending \$3,000 to \$3,400 to have every property surveyed to see where the right of way is located.

Marsha Carey, committee grant writer, provided an updated list of grants she is pursuing. She is also serving as a liaison between the trail committee and the Tour des Lakes. Carey and Buhrt met with representatives from the K21 Foundation about past giving and support provided to the community. It was suggested the trail committee present an idea to the foundation for a matching community grant.

Tammy Cotton, executive director of the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce, learned of two potential grants from the Convention and Visitors Bureau. One is a project grant, which Carey thinks the committee should pursue. The other is a publicity grant which she will get more information on.

Carey is also pursuing a Ni-source grant from NIPSCO. She also has asked the Kosciusko County Community Foundation for some

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Annual WPOA meeting Saturday

Wawasee Property Owners Association's annual meeting will be something different this year. Instead of an evening event, this year's meeting will be a breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday at The Frog Tavern, Harkless Drive, Syracuse.

Fruit, rolls, coffee and juice will be provided. The event is

free, however reservations are requested by today (Wednesday).

The meeting will include association updates, election of directors, presentation of the Wawasee Chief Award and an environmental update by Dr. Nate Bosch, Kosciusko Lakes and Streams, and assistant professor of environmental science.

Public absent from school board budget meeting

By JOHN FAULKNER Staff Writer

The Wawasee Community School Corporation Board of Trustees held a special budget hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 5:30 in the Warrior room at Wawasee High School. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the public to discuss the 2014 budget.

Up for review was the 2014 budget, the capital project fund, and the bus replacement fund. No members of the public attended the meeting, and it was adjourned within a few minutes of being called to order.

Another meeting is set to further discuss these budgets. That will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Wawasee High School.



CRUCIAL AREAS Tom Yoder, land acquisition committee member, shows the Lake Wawasee watershed with the crucial properties outlined identified in a 1995 Commonwealth Engineering Study. WACF has acquired approximately 50 percent of the acquisition goal, with those properties shown in green. Potential acquisition sites are outlined in red. Terry Clapacs, chairman of the development committee is shown in the back. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

Major donation received — WACF education center renamed

By DEB PATTERSON Staff Writer

The Wawasee Area Conservancy headquarters property has been renamed. The property along SR 13 is now the Levinson-LaBrosse Lakes and Wetlands Education Center.

The announcement was made Saturday at the annual WACF breakfast meeting by Bob Fanning, outgoing board member.

A sizeable donation has come in from the family of Alan (Buzz) Levinson and Hank LaBrosse: Frank Levinson, Frank Levinson, Jr., grandson and Rose Levinson and Alana Levinson-LaBrosse, granddaughters.

The Levinson family has a long history at Lake Wawasee and the donors wanted to honor their patriarchs with their gift. Both Levinson and LaBrosse spent a lot of time at Lake Wawasee over the years. "So the interest they have in education at Lake Wawasee is important." Due to a family event, the Levinsons could not attend. Additionally, Fanning noted Buzz Levinson had passed away last week, but the project was well underway before

his death. The family has also been huge supporters of Kosciusko Lakes and Streams, a community-based research center at Grace College, Winona Lake, proof of their education commitment.

"They are giving us an opportunity that we can't turn down," Fanning announced.

The headquarters property includes the education center building, the Ruddell Pavilion, educa-

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WPOA
Wawasee Property Owners Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 24, 2013
9 AM at The Frog Tavern Lake Wawasee
Fruit, Rolls, Coffee, Juice will be provided
AGENDA:
Association Updates
Election of Directors
Awarding of the Wawasee Chief Award
Dr. Nate Bosch Environmental Update

Now or never for last leg of TCRSD

By DEB PATTERSON
Staff Writer

There is one area to complete the sewers around Lake Wawasee by the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District. The South Shore-Waco Drive Area Project affects 347 potential customers. But if enough commitments are not received to make it economically feasible, the project will halt and sewerage will not happen.

Contact and informal meetings are being held with those in S.W.A.P. to explain the project and what would be required of homeowners. "We just started (meeting with residents)," said Dick Green, legal counsel for TCRSD, adding there has been favorable response. "We're just starting, so we don't know what the numbers will be or what areas within S.W.A.P. will be left out." He explained some areas may be too dense, or not have enough connections, to make it economically feasible to run the line. Such an example is 15 residences but only four sign up.

Potential customers are being asked to sign a sewer connection agreement now to commit to connect to the sewer and determine if enough commitments are received to make installation economically feasible, i.e. reasonable rates. Should the project fail, those who committed will receive an affidavit releasing them from the commitment.

The entire project will consist of a force main installed in the right of way," said Green. This will run from the dead end of George Street, following the lakeside road up through Trusdale, down Waco Drive, Ideal Beach and South Shore Drive, where it will connect into the present system at Wawasee Middle School. The project calls for installing a lift station near South Shore and Vawter Park Road, a new lift station to take pressure off the A1A station in Enchanted Hills, increase the size of pumps in four lift stations and enlarge the capacity to receive the additional sewage.

Property owners involved will be

responsible to purchase and install a grinder pump to place where they desire on their property and run a sewer line from the home to the pump and the pump to the force main. The force main will be installed on the lakeside in the right-of-way. Homeowners will be responsible for destroying the old system as required by law. Engineering estimates indicate this will cost homeowners approximately \$5-\$8,000. The sewer district will not dictate who does the work as long as the pump and line meet required specifications.

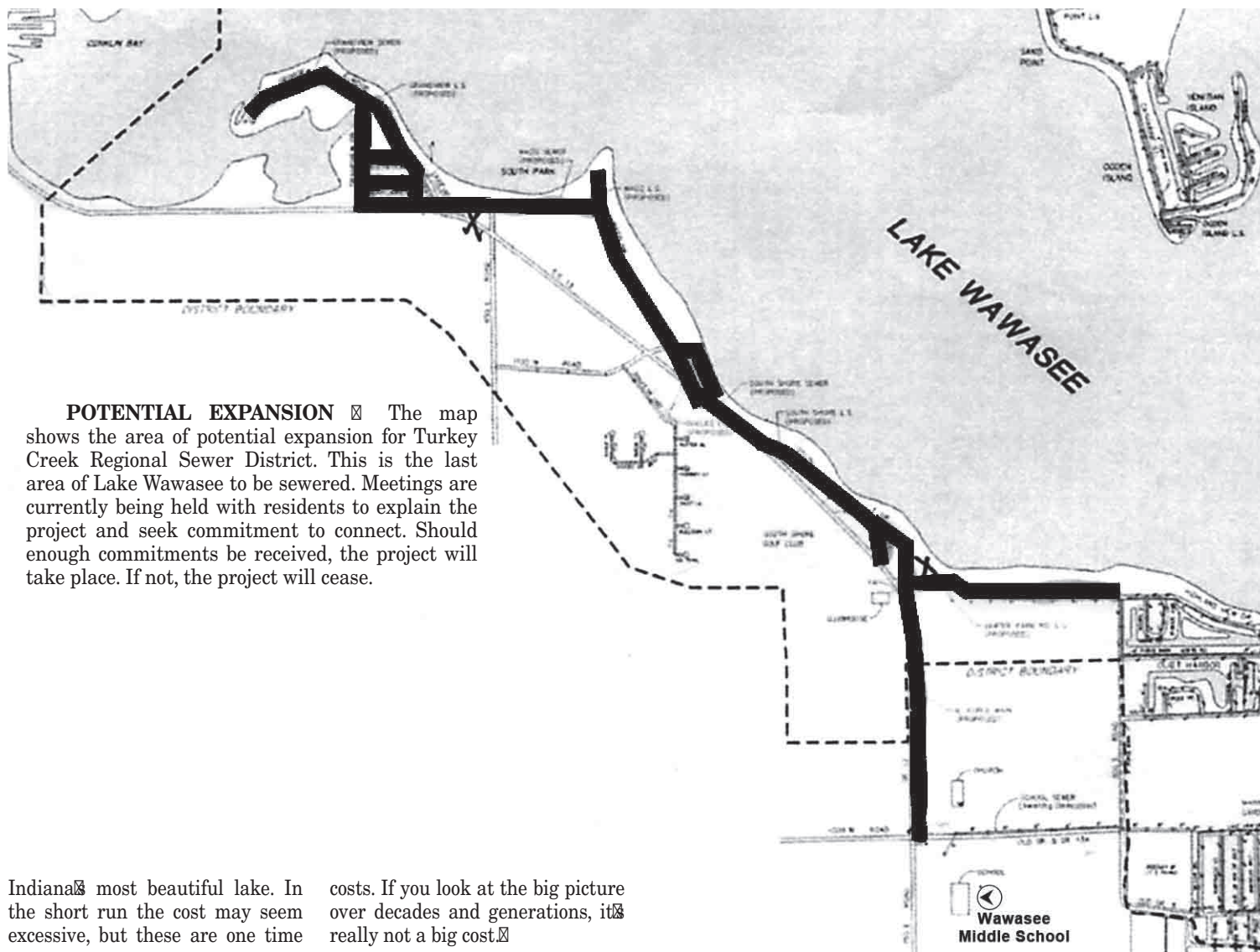
Green noted this final phase of the district has an estimated cost of \$5 million. The S.W.A.P. area is estimated at \$1 million.

The TCRSD trustees feel the time is now or never. "In light of the legislative environment and trend, they believe it is now or never, more restricting nearly every legislature. We are taking extra steps to see if it can be put in. It's not going to get any better. It's now or probably never going to get done," said Green.

Historically when other projects in TCRSD were done, the law stated if the system went by a property it was mandatory to connect. Since that time, the exemption concept has been liberalized, making it easier to be exempted. Finally in the last legislative session, made into law on July 1, the statute language changed from "functioning satisfactorily" to "not ailing." This is in effect "ipping the burden 180 degrees on health departments and sewer districts. It's impossible to prove that."

While there is no deadline, "We will push until we get all contacted" then take a look," said Green. Those who do not want to commit at this time may not get the opportunity to connect five plus years from now, if the project is killed.

"Even though you might think we don't have a problem with your system, it doesn't mean your not contributing to the detriment of the lake," stated Green. "The benefit of the sewer is eliminating that fear of when the system is going to go bad. You're stopping the possibility of actual contamination of



POTENTIAL EXPANSION The map shows the area of potential expansion for Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District. This is the last area of Lake Wawasee to be sewered. Meetings are currently being held with residents to explain the project and seek commitment to connect. Should enough commitments be received, the project will take place. If not, the project will cease.

Indiana's most beautiful lake. In the short run the cost may seem excessive, but these are one time

costs. If you look at the big picture over decades and generations, it's really not a big cost."

Syracuse Town Council updated on industrial park, hears resident requests

By LAUREN ZEUGNER
Staff Writer

Ken Jones of Jones Petrie Ranski made a monthly report on the industrial/technology park. Jones reviewed the change orders for both contracts and requested the town approve a change order for \$12,700 by Cripe Excavation. The council approved the change. Jones told the council when the budget was being prepared for bid, a cul de sac was pulled out of the project and then put back into the plans. However, the \$60,000 cost was not figured back into the bid, so the bid went out without considering approximately 1,800 square feet.

Jones said the contract with Cripe Excavating came in under

WACF

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Fanning noted the WACF has morphed from its beginning as interested in land as land trusts to remediation and water quality projects to make a difference. Educating the public was started a few years ago. "We all need to be helped by meetings like this, Lake Talks and Eats, canoe trips and projects we've done," said Fanning.

But WACF had "a chicken or an egg problem. You want to educate people but how do you do that without a place to educate people?"

He stated the Ruddell family's contribution provided WACF with a pavilion and remodeling of the education center. "So we can get this program off the ground. As you look around you see people, cars and space. The opportunities we have here, it's virtually endless."

The Levinson-LaBrosse family donation is the largest single contribution WACF has received from a family or a living individual.

The announcement came on the tail end of a presentation by Terry Clapacs, chairman of the development committee, and the announcement that the 5-year campaign goal of \$4.5 million is broken down into four categories - education, special projects, land acquisition and establishing an endowment.

Dave Brandes and Tom Yoder assisted in the presentation, touching on projected financial goals in each of the areas. The campaign is looking to budget \$200,000 for education; \$750,000 for special projects, \$1.5 million in land acquisition and the remaining in endowments.

Brandes noted a lot of the projects are funded through matching grants and to continue doing projects, which better the lake, it will take money. "The lake is in the best shape it has been for a long, long time."

During the presentation Yoder noted since 1993 WACF has come half way in achieving acquisition of property deemed crucial to protect the wetlands. To date, 777 acres are under WACF ownership with an estimated 723 acres still to go, based on the original engineering study.

Clapacs noted endowments will keep the WACF going, noting operating expenses are approximately \$200,000 with annual giving slightly equal. The endowment will allow WACF to free up funds and can be supported through estate planning.

budget at \$977,808.50. Jones reviewed the change orders for H+G Underground Utility. The contract with H+G Underground Utility is still under budget at \$1,786,159.60.

Jones suggested using remaining money for landscaping but it would have to be approved by the Economic Development Administration. Jones will get quotes while Town Manager Henry DeJulia will look into solar panels for signage at the park.

Jones also reviewed the culvert at Long Drive. He recommended the council approve a bid from Kline Excavating for \$6,587, which would cover the replacement of the culvert and regrade both ditches.

Tim Campbell came before the council asking to connect to the town's sewer. The request was approved, as long as there is an agreement between Campbell and the town for Campbell's property to be annexed into the town.

Discussion turned to an appeal by Ryan Stuckman regarding a bill he received from the town for weed removal on his property. Stuckman was not present at the meeting to make his case. After some discussion, the council voted in favor of allowing the bill to stand and instructed Police Chief Tony Ciriello to issue a work order to clean up the property again and bill Stuckman for that work. The Syracuse Public Works will clean up the property.

Attorney Steve Snyder came before the board regarding Treco right of way request. Snyder presented a drainage plan which would direct water from the Pack Rat Self Storage, located by the post office. The plan would have two catch basins and one detention basin installed along with a 12 inch drain pipe. The system would pull stormwater away from the north and south properties as well as the alleyway. After some discussion regarding a private drainage system on public property, the board approved the plan.

Trail

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information on a couple of grants as well. She has grant applications lined up through November. She will be explaining a fundraising goal at next month's meeting.

The Syracuse Lakes Association donated \$2,000 to the trail project, the chamber donated \$250 for help with the Tours des Lakes and funds are expected from the Wawasee Property Owners Association house tour.

The trail committee approved purchasing a gas powered trimmer to keep brush in check along the Mudd Lake portion of the trail.

Syracuse

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During public comments on agenda items, Sharon Fowler, asked where the "river" is? Councilman Brian Woody explained the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has no specific definition of a river. Fowler said she didn't see a need for it. She referred to problems the Elkhart Riverwalk has had.

In the department reports, DeJulia told the council NIPSCO should be done in the industrial/technology park next week. Cripe Excavating should be done within the next two to three weeks and he is looking into signage using solar panels.

DeJulia suggested some type of resolution regarding Amish buggy parking. He also reported the Harkless Bridge project should go to bid next month. There is also a public hearing on a bridge at CR 29 and US 6 next week.

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported since March, 197.7 pounds of expired medications have been

dropped in the drop box by the police station for proper disposal. The United Way's annual Day of Caring was last week; 23 of the 27 jobs planned in the area were within the corporate area of Syracuse. Approximately 225 volunteers came out to help.

The council passed a resolution to eliminate parking on the west side of Kern Road where there is no berm.

Chad Jonnson, park superintendent, reported park activities had slowed down in August with just the Triathlon taking place. The Farmer and Artisans market continues on Saturdays.

Aging North Webster sewer system needs repairs

By MARTHA STOELTING
Staff Writer

Utilities Manager Mike Noe brought two bids for sewer-related projects to the North Webster town council at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at the North Webster Community Center. Also on the agenda was the agreement to and signing of an inter-local agreement between the town and the Knapp Lake Regional Sewer District - in the words of Council President Jon Sroufe, "an agreement to agree."

During his utilities report Noe presented bids for a winged wall by the lift station on Stanley Street and new roofs for two lift stations on Dixie Drive. Awarded the wall

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homes, farms, irrigation systems, terrain, and environmentally and culturally sensitive areas that will be impacted by this project, NIPSCO determined the final route.

There are approximately 105 parcels of land that will be affected in Kosciusko County.

The new line, which is expected to undergo construction beginning late 2014, will create jobs, enhance system reliability, offer environmental benefits and improve access to lower cost electricity for customers. The project is one of 17 other similar projects, lead by the Midwest Independent System Operator, occurring across the Midwest.

The Reynolds-Topeka Electric System Improvement Project is a six-year project. NIPSCO said the project will strengthen Indiana's electric system and provide improved access to wind and solar renewable energy sources.

The corridor is expected to be approximately 200-feet wide based on the voltage of the line and height of the structures, with most anticipated to be 130 feet tall. The corridors are usually referred to as rights-of-way and NIPSCO will be purchasing the easements for the right to use that land for building and maintenance of the transmission line.

To see where the line will pass through Kosciusko County, visit www.reynoldstopeka.com/Maps-FinalRouteIndexMap.htm. The maps are also available to the public at Milford Public Library and Syracuse Public Library.

bid was Thompson Concrete while Curry Roofing got the go ahead for metal roofs on the two lift stations. "Metal is cheaper and lasts longer," explained Noe. Bids for fencing the east side of the recycling station south of New Market was tabled until more information could be obtained.

The council also approved to have a sewer rate study done by London, Witte Group, Indianapolis, an accounting firm. Jack Birch, town attorney, recommended a rate study be done to see if the current sewer rates were taking care of the current sewer maintenance needs, which are increasing.

Noe also reported on the inspection summary of the sewer system mandated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. It is requiring an inspection and plan from the town to correct any problems that may be found. At least 12 lift stations need some type of repair according to Noe.

Council members Lisa Strombeck and Tim Hine were concerned that North Webster citizens would connect the rate study with the agreement with Knapp Lake. "That is not the case. Knapp Lake Regional Sewer District will set the own rates for its customers and pay one bill to North Webster for use of the system determined by own, monitored by a separate meter apart from the town's meters. North Webster will not subsidize Knapp Lake. Knapp Lake will not subsidize North Webster," Birch added.

Representatives from the Knapp Lake RSD were Dean Bickell with attorney Matt Shipman. Details of the agreement had been worked out to all parties satisfaction with Birch. This is a simple, preliminary agreement with another to be agreed to after Knapp Lake receives the funding and once engineering reports are in.

Ordinance 2013-1 was passed to transfer \$50,000 from the 2012 fund into the 2013 general fund. This needed to be done at the request of the state.

Police Chief Greg Church said the police department had 267 calls of service in July. Of those, 54 were agency assists, 37 traffic related and 34 citizen assists. Officers drove 3,368 miles using 301.1 gallons of fuel and served 655.75 hours.

The next meeting of the North Webster Town Council will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, North Webster Community Center, 301 N. Main St.

Calendar of Events

SYRACUSE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Will meet from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Calvary United Methodist Church, 801 S. Huntington St. (574) 457-3778.

SYRACUSE ROCK SOLID All middle and high school students are invited to hang out from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday for free food, video games, open gym and homework help, Syracuse Community Center, 1013 N. Long Drive.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING A hearing will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, upper level old courtroom, courthouse, 100 W. Center St. Warsaw.

NORTH WEBSTER LEGION BINGO Public invited to non-smoking Bingo (license 117414) early birds, 6 p.m. regular play 7 p.m. Thursday, American Legion, 756 S. SR 13. Proceeds to scholarships and veteran causes.

SYRACUSE THRIFT SHOP St. Andrew's United Methodist Thrift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, 601 N. Huntington St. (SR 13) at the corner of Carroll Street. Bag sale going on.

SYRACUSE EAGLES FISH FRY Support the local Eagles Auxiliary from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, 12889 Kern Road. Fish, fries, coleslaw, & baked beans for \$6, adults; \$3, kids. Public welcome.

NORTH WEBSTER MUSIC IN THE PARK Free concert at 7 p.m. every Friday through Labor Day weekend at North Webster Town Park, Dixie Drive and East Himes Street. Bring seating. James Clayton will perform. Free parking in three town lots.

SYRACUSE ARTISAN AND FARMERS MARKET Shop for handmade goods and locally grown food from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Crosson Mill Park, 311 N. Huntington St. (SR 13). Adrienne Frailey will be performing at the market from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

SYRACUSE WPOA BREAKFAST Wawasee Property Owners Association will have their annual breakfast at The Frog Tavern, 1116 S. Harkless Dr. 9 a.m. Saturday. Short business meeting and award presentation.

SYRACUSE BENEFIT Help Karen Curry, who has MD, pay medical expenses by participating in a motorcycle ride for \$20. It begins at 11 a.m. It will circle through Warsaw and come back to Syracuse Lakeside Park. Everyone is invited at noon for fun, food and activities with proceeds going to the cause.

SYRACUSE EAGLES MEMBER PICNIC Aerie and auxiliary members and families are invited for fun, games, food, live music, karaoke and much more, noon, Saturday, Call (574) 457-4913 for more information.

SYRACUSE FREE CONCERT Join the Lake Area Community Band in celebrating its 25th year by attending a free concert, 3 p.m. Saturday, Wawasee High School, 1 Warrior Path.

SYRACUSE EAGLES AUXILIARY BREAKFAST Public is welcome from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday, at the Eagles, 12339 Kern Road for AYCE breakfast, adults, \$7; kids, \$3.50 Proceeds to auxiliary charities.

SYRACUSE TURKEY CREEK FIRE TERRITORY Will hold a special meeting 4:30 p.m. Monday, town hall, 310 N. Huntington St.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Will meet 9 a.m. Tuesday, upper level old courtroom, courthouse, 100 W. Center St. Warsaw.

SYRACUSE ROCK SOLID All middle and high school students are invited to hang out from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 for free food, video games, open gym and homework help, Syracuse Community Center, 1013 N. Long Drive.

LAKE TIPPECANOE HEARING Indiana Department of Natural Resources will conduct a hearing about the elimination of the Sunset Clause for the Eco Zone on the lake, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, party room, North Webster Community Center, 301 N. Main St. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and make comments.

NORTH WEBSTER LEGION BINGO Public invited to non-smoking Bingo (license 117414) early birds, 6 p.m. regular play 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, American Legion, 756 S. SR 13. Proceeds to scholarships and veteran causes.

Items can be submitted for the Calendar of Events by non-profit organizations by emailing the information to mstoelting@the-papers.com, faxing to (800) 886-3796 or mailing to Calendar, P.O. Box 188, Milford, IN 46542. Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday for inclusion in the Wednesday The Mail-Journal. Calendar runs for one week from Thursday to Thursday. Sorry, meeting dates can only be included for governmental units.

Margaret E. Jones

Margaret E. Jones, 83, Rochester, died at 12:25 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.



MARGARET E. JONES

She was born June 15, 1930. On May 28, 1949, she married Kenneth C. Jones. He preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1988.

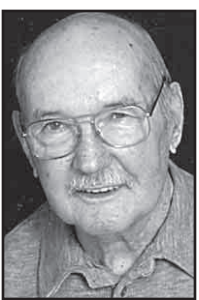
Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ted (Nancy) Baker, Warsaw, and Mrs. Chet (Janet) Los, Syracuse; a son, Joseph (Ronda) Jones, Seymour; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry T. Jones, James E. Jones, Jerine Brittain and Mary Pawloske. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Christine Buttrey; and two brothers, Jim Word and Bill Edwards.

A celebration of life service was held at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Jeff Pfeifer officiating. Burial was in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials to Margaret's favorite charity, Gentiva Hospice.

Ralph Everett Hamell

Ralph Everett Hamell, 89, Winona Lake, formerly of Syracuse, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake.



RALPH E. HAMELL

He was born Aug. 30, 1923. On June 3, 1941, he married Evelyn Lucille Hardy; she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Dean (Mary) Hamell, DeKalb, Ill., and Lester Allen (Karen) Hamell, Kimmell; four daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Joyce Jean) Harris, Plymouth, Mrs. Robert (Janice Marie) Meyer, Waterloo, Mrs. Thomas (Jo Ellen) Wagner, Wabash, and Mrs. Joseph (Jill Annette) Chalk, Warsaw; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the funeral home with Pastor Larry McCall officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post 49 and VFW Post 1126, both of Warsaw, and the Indiana ARNG Honor Guard.

Memorials to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

Syracuse BZA approves exception

By PHOEBE MUTHART
Staff Writer

The sole petition on the agenda was approved at the Syracuse Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Thursday evening.

Wawasee Village Investments' petition for an exception was granted approval. The company wants to allow motorized vehicle sales, as well as car, truck, motorcycle, trailer, RV and ATV service and repair. The property is located at 912 S. Huntington St. The owner is Paris Miller. There were no remonstrators.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 19, at Syracuse Town Hall.

NEW SYRACUSE MEDICAL OFFICE The Kosciusko Medical Group held a grand opening celebratory event for the opening Dr. John Kratzer's newly renovated office in Syracuse and marked the event with a ribbon cutting and open house. The new office is located in the Northern Lakes Plaza in the former Arthur's Fresh Market Building. The office can be reached at (574) 457-8585.

Pictured left to right front row are: Dennis Hively, First Source Bank and WKChamber Board Chair; Steve Miller, CEO Kosciusko Community Hospital; Sylvia Gargett, Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce; Beth Woods, S-W COC; Tammy Kratzer; John Kratzer D.O.; Susan Littlefield, S-W COC; Tammy Cotton, S-W COC; and Jeni Pritchard, Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Second row: Bryan Bauer, CEO Lutheran Health Systems; Richard Owen, S-W COC; Diana Bowman, office manager at Dr. Kratzer's office; Chip Erwin, S-W COC; Bob Shrook, DJ Construction; and Henry DeJulia, Syracuse Town Manager.

Third row: Renea Salyer, Warsaw Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce Member Relations Coordinator; Mark Dobson IOM, President and CEO WKChamber; Dan Buchman, S-W COC; Heather Garcia, S-W COC; Tricia Small, S-W COC; Tammy Graber, Dr. Kratzer's office; Father Larry Biller, S-W COC; Pam Brumbaugh, KCH; Chad Jonsson, S-W COC; and Eric Leamon, WK COC. (Photo by Carl Lauster)



Fanning receives Cattail Award

By DEB PATTERSON
Staff Writer

This year, the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's Cattail Award nominee couldn't remove his name from consideration. He wasn't present when the recipient was chosen.

Bob Fanning, who has served two terms on the WACF Board of Directors and several years as chairman, was named the recipient of this year's award Saturday morning, during the annual WACF meeting. Serving on the board for more than 13 years and having spent a number of years on the land management committee caring for WACF properties, it was noted by Sam Leman, WACF board president, "He received the grant from the DNR to put glacial stone in front of 1,700 feet of lake shore line."

"We've been described as one of the most significant board members. We removed my name in the past because this is a volunteer organization. Every one of us do it because we love it, not because we're going to receive an award some day maybe," said Fanning. "I do accept, with great thanks ... It's an important award, not just because we started it when I was chairman of the conservancy and not because I said 'I take it if I could be relieved of my duties,'" he joked. "It signifies all the people who come before to receive this award, the commitment they have to Lake Wawasee's watershed and our families who live here. It's a very humbling experience to receive it."

Outgoing board members, Dan Berkey and Fanning were recognized and incoming board members, Larry Baumgardt and Bill Hess were introduced.

The state of the watershed was among the highlights of the meeting. Heather Harwood, executive director, presented information on the watershed, some of the projects and weed treatment. It was noted that 60 percent of the 24,498 acres



NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND CATTAIL RECIPIENT Larry Baumgardt, left, and Bill Hess, right, were announced as incoming board members for the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation on Saturday. Bob Fanning, center, was named the 2013 Cattail Award recipient. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

in the watershed is agriculture and the water from this watershed flows to the northwest, from the southwest. Additionally there is a 90-foot elevation drop between Cromwell and Lake Wawasee.

Projects noted were the shoreline stabilizations, two-stage ditch work, control structures, sediment basins, ponds and the planting of over 15,000 trees in the last two years, to slow or reduce sediment entering the lake.

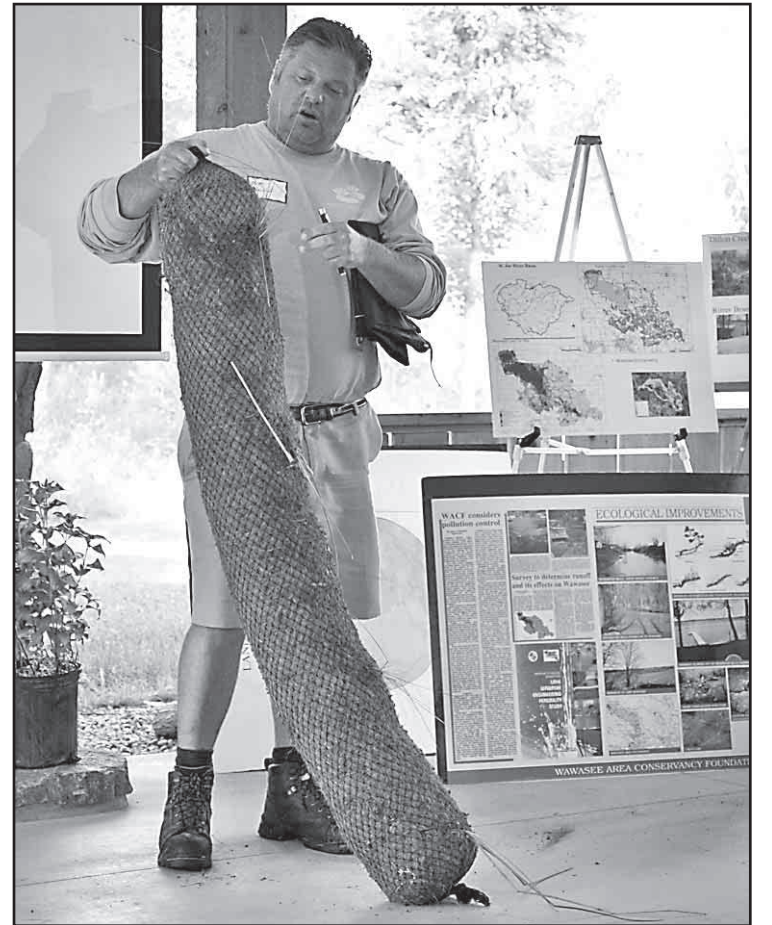
Invasive weed treatment for starry stonewort, which grows in mucky areas and Eurasian watermilfoil was also noted. Harwood stated the starry stonewort has grown to 160 acres since it was first spotted in 2008. A grant has been received for a study to document its growth.

Diana Castell, ecology edu-

cation committee chairwoman, reported on how education and documentation has provided proof of what WACF is doing works. Using a photo at Rusted Root where cattle were in the creek, she reported the E. Coli count prior to WACF obtaining the property to present. The E. Coli count dropped from 1,365 in 2011 to 266.5 recently. "We can talk about this all we want, but when you can come up with the numbers to show what we're doing is working, that's what it's all about."

Reports on the canoe trip indicated more than 144 individuals participated this summer, with a minimum of 10 canoes and several kayaks going out each Friday.

The program for the morning was presented by Matt Kerkhof, Hoosier Aquatic Management, Indianapolis, who explained the



COIR LOG Matt Kerkhof, Hoosier Aquatic Management, Indianapolis, shows a coir log, or living log, planted with native material which is used in numerous occasions to stop erosion and reclaim areas effected by erosion. Kerkhof presented details including statistics on the new biotechnology available at the annual WACF meeting. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

purpose and use of the biotechnology available for lakescaping and repair of erosion problems. Coir logs or living logs, textile tubes and erosion blankets were shown and discussed. In each case the materials are designed to promote root mass of the native plants used, taking over as the material degrade as

well as holding the soil in place until nature takes its course.

It was also noted these can be used in locations where concrete sea walls and riprap are used to promote vegetation or fish habitats as well as with glacial rock provide a toe hold for the rock and help with wave action.



ORN FAMILY HOLDS 100TH REUNION Members of the Ornn family held their 100th reunion at Waubee Lake's park on Sunday. Haney and Wanda Wyland. In back are Dale Stump, Marge Ornn, Bill Charlton, John Gardner and Bill Ornn. (Photo by D. G. Seely)

In front are Glennis Stump, Elizabeth Stanke, Leatrice Rapp, Marilyn



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Viewpoint

Public input sought for proposed bridge

Clearly something needs to be done to improve safety at the intersection of CR 29 and US 6, north of Syracuse in Elkhart County. There have been several crashes with injuries and also some deaths through the years.

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 28, in the auditorium of Wawasee High School. Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking public input for a proposed bridge project at CR 29 that would cross US 6.

The project has a price tag of approximately \$3 million and would remove access to either road from either US 6 or CR 29. Preliminary design plans can be reviewed in the Syracuse Public Library at 115 E. Main St.

INDOT has said a bridge is the best alternative compared to a modified at-grade intersection. And apparently the intersection does not warrant a stop-light to be installed.

No residents are supposed to be displaced because of the project, but we are sure there will be many concerns or questions. For one, we would like a more detailed explanation why INDOT feels a bridge is the best option.

Though there have been numerous crashes at the intersection, have they occurred more often during the night hours or during the day? Are there similar intersections in the area with

safety concerns?

Just how much will the area residents' properties be affected? Cutting off access to the road will also create problems for those using either road to get to and from work.

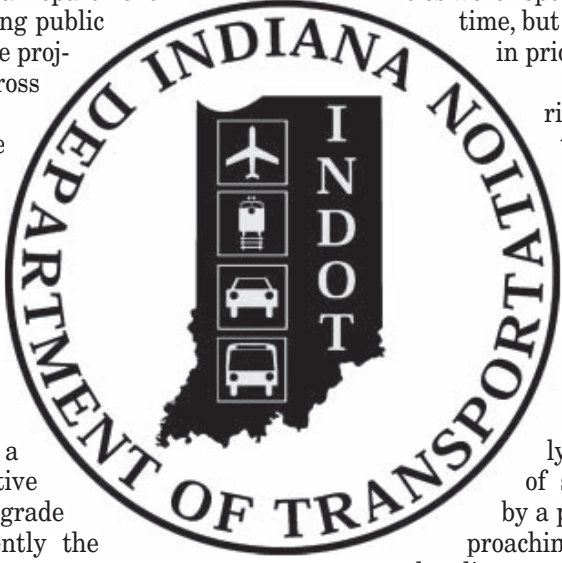
The state police provided statistics showing seven of the 23 collisions at the intersection since Aug. 1, 2011, have involved injuries. No fatalities were reported during that span of time, but there have been deaths in prior years.

Failure to yield the right of way and driving too fast were two of the most common causes cited for the crashes. Both are common causes of many vehicle crashes at other intersections, too.

What can make the CR 29 and US 6 intersection particularly dangerous is the line of sight can be hindered by a power pole for those approaching US 6 on CR 29 while heading north. Those who drive through this intersection regularly are surely aware of this.

We agree something needs to be done to improve safety at the intersection. Twenty-three crashes in a two-year span is a considerable number. But are there factors involved motorists can control, such as slowing down and carefully looking both ways before proceeding?

Let's make sure a bridge is the best option before spending \$3 million.



TWO TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION ☒ Smoke billows from the east side of the Jeff and Peggy Guyas' residence on CR 450N, Syracuse, early Thursday morning. Two occupants in the structure were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene by Turkey Creek EMS. The fire was ruled electrical in nature with combustible materials stored nearby. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

Electrical fire near combustibles cause house fire

The Turkey Creek Fire Territory in Syracuse responded to a report of a possible house fire at 3:49 a.m. Thursday to the home of Jeff and Peggy Guyas at 11940 N. 450E in Syracuse.

The first fire officer at the scene found all occupants had exited the home with heavy smoke on the east side of the residence. The fire was quickly brought under control by 4:18 a.m. However, assistance was requested from Ben-

ton Township, North Webster and Milford fire departments.

Kosciusko County Investigation Team Squad 70 was called to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The investigators ruled the fire as electrical in nature with combustible materials stored near where the fire started.

Two unnamed occupants, who had been in the structure at the time of the fire, were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene

by Turkey Creek EMS. Neither were transported to the hospital by EMS. There were no other reported injuries.

A company was contacted for the homeowners to secure several windows at the home. Firefighters remained at the scene until 7:28 a.m.

There was extensive smoke damage throughout the home with damage estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Accidents/Incidents

All charges made by law enforcement are allegations and individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

North Webster

North Webster Police Department made the following arrest and investigated the following accidents and incidents:

Arrest

Saturday, Aug. 17, 1:33 a.m. North SR 15, Leesburg. While working a DUI checkpoint, a motorcycle came through. The driver, Dennis E. Plank, 42, Southwood Drive, Warsaw, was tested for alcohol and then taken for a certified breath test. While taking inventory of the bike, marijuana and paraphernalia was found in the saddle bag. Plank was charged with possession and arrested.

Accidents

Friday, Aug. 16, 7:15 p.m. SR 13. Vehicles driven by Rachelle N. Whitaker, West 100N, LaGrange, collided with a vehicle driven by Jack C. Rhoades, North 700E, Leesburg. No ages or damage amounts given.

Sunday, Aug. 11, 2:17 p.m. Main and Washington streets. Vehicle driven by George T. Dvorak, EMS T 13 Lane, Leesburg, collided with a vehicle driven by Mark R. Alspaugh, Center Street, Warsaw. Dvorak drove off but was later located. He was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. No ages or damage amounts given.

Incidents

Sunday, Aug. 18, 8:24 p.m. South Main Street. Melanie Scott was issued a trespass warning for Freedom Express.

Friday, Aug. 16, 6:44 p.m. South Main Street. A customer passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at Freedom Express. Investigation continues.

Thursday, Aug. 15, North Blaine Street. Carlos Rodrigues requested a trespass warning for his residence he issued to Christian McQuade.

Monday, Aug. 12, 8:29 p.m. South Harrison Street. Officer responded to loud yelling coming from residence. The parties involved requested no police involvement. Report sent to Kosciusko County Prosecutor for review due to children being in the home during the incident.

Syracuse

Syracuse Police investigated the following accidents and incidents and made the following arrest:

Accidents

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 5:49 a.m. Boston Street, alley north of 309 N. Boston Street. Drivers: Susan A. Clow, 55, East County Line Road, Syracuse, and Jenna M. Akers, 20, East Polyantha Place, Cromwell. A vehicle parked at the intersection blocked Clow's view when she turned from the alley onto Boston Street, colliding with Akers' vehicle. Damage up to \$5,000.

Incidents

Sunday, 12:48 a.m. Kathleen B. Blood, North Sandpoint Drive, Cromwell, reported her wallet containing cash and various personal items was taken from her vehicle.

Saturday, Police were notified of a rape which allegedly occurred in Syracuse. The matter is being investigated.

Friday, 2:19 p.m. Charlotte L. Smith, Meadow View Lane, Syracuse, reported prescription medication stolen.

Arrest

Monday, 6:17 a.m. Carlos L. Delagarza, 26, Short Street, Nappanee, arrested for driving while suspended. He was stopped at Syracuse-Milford Road and Kern Road for speeding. Bond: \$300.

Kosciusko County

Kosciusko County Sheriff's department investigated the following accidents and incidents:

Accidents

Sunday, 12:12 p.m. CR 250E. Drivers: Athalia L. Peters, 61, CR 150N, Pierceton, and Michele L. Coy, 30,

Warner Road, Syracuse. Peters collided with Coy. Damages up to \$2,500.

Saturday, 8:58 p.m. CR 850N. Driver: Jeremy D. Hendrix, 18, Nelson Drive, Milford. Hendrix struck a cow. Damages up to \$2,500.

Aug. 14, 4:22 p.m. North SR 15 and West CR 350N, Warsaw. Drivers: Buddy E. Kuczewski, 66, North Old SR 15, Leesburg, and Erika M. Green, 22, South Cherry Creek Lane, Warsaw. Kuczewski looked down and failed to notice traffic had stopped in front of him, causing him to hit the back of Green's vehicle. Damages up to \$10,000.

Incidents

Aug. 14, 5:10 p.m. Lisa Rinker reported criminal mischief at a residence in the 11500 block of North SR 13, Syracuse. Approximately \$1,220 in damages occurred.

Aug. 14, 8:45 a.m. Harold Waldrop reported a daytime burglary and theft from a residence in the 8500 block of North CR 500E, Syracuse. A patio door was damaged when the intruder(s) broke into the home. A TV was stolen. Estimated loss: \$1,300.

Aug. 13, 7:56 p.m. A domestic battery was reported in the 9700 block of Rock-A-Bye Road, Cromwell. Cecelia L. Hiatt, 56, East Rock-A-Bye Road, was arrested for battery.

Bookings

The following individuals were booked into the Kosciusko County Jail:

Jerry D. Dewey, 55, North Harrison Street, Syracuse, arrested for battery. Bond: \$20,000.

Jenna M. Hendricks, 20, EMS B6 Lane, Leesburg, arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Bond: \$450.

Rita A. Allen, 44, EMS B6 Lane, Leesburg, arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Bond: \$450.

Christopher L. Baldrige, 34, East CR 1150N, Milford, arrested for driving while suspended.

Thomas C. Brown IV, 22, EMS B60D Lane, Warsaw, arrested for failure to appear on a misdemeanor. Bond: \$500.

Cecelia L. Hiatt, 56, East Rock-A-Bye Road, Cromwell, arrested for domestic battery. Bond: \$500.

Gilberto Hernandez Rico, 46, East Beer Road, Milford, arrested for habitual traffic violator. Bond: \$5,000.

Darrell A. Brookins, 64, West Prairie Street, Leesburg, arrested for check deception.

Jordan R. Snoko, 22, EMS D24 Lane, Syracuse, arrested for OWI.

Joshua R. Mahns, 21, North Polyantha Pike, Cromwell, arrested for criminal conversion and driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Bond: \$750.

James R. Brown, 32, North Fuzzy Bear Road, Cromwell, arrested for two counts of driving while suspended. Bond: \$10,500.

David L. Hicks, 58, North Street, Syracuse, arrested for two counts of failure to appear on misdemeanors. Bond: \$1,750.

Leroy H. Zartman, 54, West Fourth Street, Milford, arrested for disorderly conduct. Bond: \$300.

Hugo Alvarado, 33, North Shaffer Street, Milford, arrested for residential entry and invasion of privacy.

Elkhart County

The following individuals were arrested and booked at the Elkhart County Detention Center

Timothy A. Dilley, 50, EMS D18A1 Lane, Syracuse, arrested with two counts domestic battery, D felonies; two counts domestic battery, A misdemeanors; and contempt. Bond: \$26,500.

John J. Miller, 33, West Summy Road, Leesburg, arrested for unlawful taking of a deer. Bond: \$1,500.

Letter to the editor

Donations needed for phase two of youth complex

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to thank all the organizations, business and private individuals who made the Harold Schrock Youth Complex possible. Donations of volunteer time, money and supplies made this complex a thing of beauty for the youth of our community.

This ball season was an immense success with the ball program for the boys and girls of all ages going full swing. Now it's pee-wee football with the new facility being readied for their exciting season.

We have successfully com-

pleted phase one of our project in a two-year period and have embarked into phase two which includes lighting on two fields, bleachers and a walking trail with benches throughout the facility. Again, this is a major endeavor and will require additional volunteer hours, money and material donations to complete. We have an ambitious timetable, but I know we will be successful.

Our target date for completion of this phase is to have installation this fall so next year we will be in full running mode in early spring.

We have a great start with a

sizeable matching donation toward the lighting and several grant requests pending but I am asking for more help to make this a reality for the kids of the Syracuse community.

Come and visit and see what fun we are having.

Thank you for your consideration. Checks can be made out to the Syracuse Parks Foundation and sent to: 1013 N. Long Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Dick Pelletier
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Writers may be limited to one published letter per month. Readers with lengthy comments should contact the editor about possible guest columns.

Court News

Small Claims

The following small claims have been awarded in Kosciusko Superior Court III, Judge Joe V. Sutton presiding:

Dental Health PC v. Benjamin M. Stewart, Syracuse \$984.64

Joseph C. Salvo v. Danelle Solina, Milford, \$2,760.79

Kosciusko Community Hospital v. David Dunton, North Webster, \$705.51; v. Heather D. Newcomer, Leesburg, \$1,596.40; v. Ashley Vervaeat,

Leesburg, \$1,903.35

Mortgage Foreclosures

The following mortgage foreclosure has been awarded in Kosciusko County Courts:

Wells Fargo Bank v. Michael J. and Frances A. Nimmo, Milford, \$111,857.34

Civil Collections

The following civil collections have been awarded in Kosciusko County Courts:

Capital One Bank v. Heather Kelley, Milford, \$1,058.60
TD Auto Finance LLC v. Vernal

Kennard, Syracuse, \$14,040.67

Marriage Licenses

The following couples have applied for marriage licenses in the office of Kosciusko County Clerk of the Court Ann Torpy:

Mehl & Flora

Jeffrey L. Mehl, 50, Syracuse, and Melissa G. Flora, 42, Syracuse

Lin & Wang

Chuan Z. Lin, 44, Milford, and Wenping Wang, 36, Milford

SR 13 resurfacing is happening in Syracuse

Indiana Department of Transportation announced that asphalt resurfacing work has begun on SR 13 in Syracuse, between Harkless Drive and County Line Road.

During daytime hours, there will be intermittent lane restrictions under the direction of flaggers and/or arrowboards, barrels and cones. Motorists

should be aware of milling and paving machines, merging construction traffic and shoulder work. The restrictions are expected to lift each night.

The entire project is scheduled to be complete by the end of October. The contract was awarded to Phend and Brown, based on the low bid of \$748,000.

INDOT reminded drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit www.in.gov/indot. You can find traffic restriction information at www.traffic-wise.IN.gov or contact the Fort Wayne District toll free at (866) 227-3555.

DUI checkpoint results released

County and local law enforcement agencies, seven in all, participated in a sobriety checkpoint the evening of Friday, Aug. 16, at Gilsinger John Deere Implements, Leesburg. The checkpoint was conducted from 10 p.m. Friday to 2 a.m. Saturday with roving patrols also occurring at that time.

The sobriety checkpoint yielded the following results:

Officers made three operating while intoxicated arrests; one pos-

session of controlled substance arrest; three possession of paraphernalia arrests, and issued a citation for one expired license plate. Infractions found included: one suspended license, one learner permit violation and one no valid operators license in possession.

Other violations found were: one false identification plates/registration; one possession of marijuana; one possession of look-alike-drug/

marijuana; one open container; one seatbelt citation; and seven warnings for equipment violations.

Law enforcement officials from the following agencies are involved in the effort to reduce drunk driving: Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Mentone, Milford, Pierceton, North Webster, Silver Lake, Syracuse, Warsaw and Winona Lake police departments.

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School



WAWASEE'S NEW TEACHERS ☒ New teachers in the Wawasee Community School Corp. gathered Friday morning for a group photo at the school corporation's central office in Syracuse. In front, from left, are Brent Doty, Wawasee Middle School, eighth-grade science; Anthony Smith, WMS, physical education; Brittany Gummere, North Webster Elementary, third-grade; Tracie Vermillion, Wawasee

High School, business; and Kari Walmer, WMS, special education. In the back row are Brian Whirlidge, WHS, visual arts; Barry Singrey, WMS, sixth-grade social studies; Jed Wandland, WHS, physics; Jared Knipper, Syracuse Elementary, kindergarten; Tyson Kaese, WHS, economics; and Jordan Sharp, WHS, physical education/health. (Photo by Tim Ashley)

Continuing education classes at Wawasee High School

Registrations are being accepted now through Sept. 3 for fall 2013 continuing education classes at Wawasee High School. Classes will begin the week of Sept. 8.

Wawasee offers a variety of classes for non-credit and also offers instruction for preparation to pass the GED test to attain a high school diploma.

Anyone wishing to register for a class may send registration fee along with name, address and phone number to the Career/Technical and Continuing Education Office at Wawasee High School, No. 1 Warrior Path, Building No. 1, Syracuse, IN 46567. If you have questions, call (574) 457-3147, ext. 209, or come to the Continuing Education Office, door No. 1, at Wawasee High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. any school day.

The offerings for the fall are:
Zumba/Yoga ☒ 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning Sept. 10 for six classes.

Cost is \$30.

GED ☒ 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning Sept. 9. No fee.

Swimming ☒ Infant (6 months to 2 years) 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Level I, II, III 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; Level I, II, IV 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning Sept. 10 for nine classes. (Indicate age, time and level of child swimmer.) Cost is \$45.

Water exercise ☒ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning Oct. 1-Nov. 21 for 14 classes. Cost is \$45.

Photography composition ☒ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 26-Oct. 17 for four classes. Cost is \$40. You must provide your own camera.

Holiday baking ☒ 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning Oct. 8-17 for four classes. Cost is \$40. All supplies included.

Poly-Wood Inc. growing in productivity and size

Homegrown business Poly-Wood Inc. continues to grow in its manufacturing of outdoor performance furnishings made with recycled plastic milk jugs. On July 26, 2013, the company broke ground on an addition project, partnering with DJ Construction Company.

The new area falls in the center of four existing buildings, requiring special attention by the builders for designing the roof slopes and connecting the structures.

The 42,260 square foot addition will allow for extra manufacturing space and also includes plans for a showroom to display their 26 varied styles of outdoor furniture.

The design incorporates a glass curtain wall with a telescoping door that opens up the showroom to the

exterior. The showroom and design center enable Poly-Wood to better showcase their products and design capabilities to retail customers.

Two other features include prismatic skylights and daylighting controls that both enhance the area while also improving energy efficiency.

Doug Rassi, president of Poly-Wood, expects to add 38 new jobs in 2014 due to the expansion.

With this addition, Poly-Wood will be able to continue growing. Continual growth equates to more jobs in terms of employees, contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers.

We are also glad to choose DJ Construction as our building partner who supplies us and supports our growth," said Rassi.

DONATION TO TEACHERS

☒ This year the Wawasee Kiwanis Club donated \$50 to each teacher at the Syracuse Elementary School to help with school supplies that they buy themselves. They spent \$1,600 to show appreciation to 32 teachers. Pictured are second grade teachers receiving \$50 from Larry Martindale, Wawasee Kiwanis. From left to right are Janet Shofner, Donna Dawes, Larry Martindale and Todd Lucas. (Photo provided)



School lunch menus

Following are school lunch menus for Aug. 22-28. All menus include milk and are subject to change.

Wawasee High

Students may choose one entree and up to three sides:

Thursday ☒ Entrees: Variety of sandwiches, salad plate, chicken cheese quesadilla pizza, three spicy chicken strips. Sides: Side salad, fresh fruit, corn, orange juice cup

Friday ☒ Entrees: Variety of sandwiches, salad plate, taco salad, corn dog. Sides: Side salad, fresh fruit, nacho chips/cheese, black bean salsa, strawberries/bananas

Monday ☒ Entrees: Variety of sandwiches, salad plate, homemade chili, chicken patty sandwich. Sides: Side salad, fresh fruit, hash brown, fresh veggies, apple crisp

Tuesday ☒ Entrees: Variety of sandwiches, salad plate, baked chicken breast, Salisbury steak and veggies. Sides: Side salad, fresh fruit, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, pears

Wednesday ☒ Entrees: Variety of sandwiches, salad plate, baked tenderloin sandwich, chicken drumstick. Sides: Side salad, fresh fruit, variety of baked chips, green beans, applesauce

Wawasee Middle

Students may choose one entree and up to three sides:

Thursday ☒ Entrees: Ravioli with garlic toast, chef salad, turkey sandwich. Sides: Side salad, green beans, pineapple, fresh fruit, juice

Friday ☒ Entrees: Nachos with tortilla chips, chef salad, tuna salad sandwich. Sides: Side salad, refried beans, corn, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, juice

Monday ☒ Entrees: Cheeseburger, chef salad, ham and cheese sandwich. Sides: Side salad, steamed broccoli, applesauce, fresh fruit, juice

Tuesday ☒ Entrees: Tenderloin deluxe, chef salad, chicken salad sandwich. Sides: Side salad, peas, pears, fresh fruit, juice

Wednesday ☒ Entrees: Corn dog, chef salad, PBJ sandwich. Sides: Side salad, baked beans, peaches, fresh fruit, juice

Milford

Thursday ☒ Smoked sausage sandwich, cowboy pinto beans, fruit sidekick, fresh carrots; bacon turkey wrap

Friday ☒ Breaded pork sandwich, sweet potato tots, pineapple tidbits, celery sticks; assorted sandwich

Monday ☒ Salisbury steak, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears; turkey sandwich

Tuesday ☒ Chicken nuggets, glazed carrots, grape tomato, apple, bread and butter; ham sandwich

Wednesday ☒ Toasted ham and cheese, seasoned black beans, pickle spear, banana; bologna sandwich

North Webster

Thursday ☒ Creamed chicken on a biscuit, deviled egg half, lettuce salad, pears

Friday ☒ Cheese pizza, corn, broccoli, pineapple, trail mix cookie

Monday ☒ Breaded chicken sandwich, sweet potatoes, cherry tomatoes, peaches

Tuesday ☒ Ham sandwich, navy beans, celery sticks, applesauce

Wednesday ☒ Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, breadstick, mixed fruit

Syracuse

Thursday ☒ Chef salad with ham, Goldfish crackers, bread and butter or PBJ sandwich, romaine lettuce blend, diced tomatoes, mixed fruit

Friday ☒ Cheeseburger or assorted sandwich, glazed carrots, green beans, fresh fruit

Monday ☒ Grilled chicken sandwich or ham and cheese sandwich, tomato slices, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges

Tuesday ☒ Spaghetti with garlic Texas toast or turkey sandwich, green beans, spinach, pineapple

Wednesday ☒ Cream chicken on a biscuit or bologna sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, strawberries and bananas



THREE INJURED ON ARMSTRONG ROAD ☒ Don R. Tricker, 62, Leesburg and his wife, Betty L. Tricker, both complained of pain in their necks and David M. Snyder, 21, Leesburg, complained of pain to the neck and chest following a two-vehicle accident at 8:44 a.m. Thursday. The accident was at 7321 East CR 500N, Armstrong Road, near Lunday's Green House. Officers from the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department and North Webster Police Department stated the initial investigation determined Don Tricker had slowed his vehicle for a tractor mowing the ditchline/shoulder area and it was struck from



behind by Snyder's vehicle. All three were taken to Kosciusko Community Hospital in fair/stable condition. Damage to the vehicles was estimated up to \$25,000. Assisting at the scene was the North Webster/Tippecanoe Township EMS and Fire Department. Shown on the left is Snyder's Dodge Durango, while the photo on the right shows Tricker's Chrysler PT Cruiser. (Photos by Deb Patterson)

Guidelines announced for food program

New Beginnings Preschool and Child Care Inc. recently announced sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals at no separate charge.

Free and reduced-price meals will be provided to participants meeting the approved eligibility criteria. Meals are available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability at the New Beginnings Preschool and Child Care Inc. and Milford Elementary School.

Listed below are the USDA income eligibility guidelines effective July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014. To be eligible income must be at or below the following:

Reduced-Price Meals
Household of one ☒ \$21,257 annually

Household of two ☒ \$28,694
Household of three ☒ \$36,131
Household of four ☒ \$43,568
Household of five ☒ \$51,005
Household of six ☒ \$58,442
Household of seven ☒ \$65,879
Household of eight ☒ \$73,316

For each additional family member, add \$7,437.

Free Meals
Household of one ☒ \$14,937
Household of two ☒ \$20,163
Household of three ☒ \$25,389

Household of four ☒ \$30,615
Household of five ☒ \$35,841
Household of six ☒ \$41,067
Household of seven ☒ \$46,293
Household of eight ☒ \$51,519

For each additional family member, add \$5,226.

Children who are members of households that receive TANF or food stamp benefits, are Head Start participants or are foster children are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

This program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Department of Education, Division of School and Community Nutrition Pro-

grams gives financial assistance to child care centers so nutritious meals can be integrated with non-residential child care services for children.

The goal of the program is to improve the diets of young children and increase the opportunity for children to eat a variety of nutritious foods. The meals and snacks served meet standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

For further information, contact New Beginnings Preschool and Child Care Inc., 706 W. Syracuse St., Milford, (574) 658-9440.

Syracuse Community Hands 4-H Club exhibit at fair

Members of the Syracuse Community Hands 4-H Club exhibited at the recent 2013 Kosciusko County Fair. Club members completed more than 50 projects and were quite successful in their placings.

The following are the judging results for members:

Breanna Breske ☒ Foods (baked), blue; foods (preserved), blue; recycling, blue; photography (B&W salon), champion and state fair; photography (color salon), blue and honor; swine, champion Hereford gilt and reserve champion Hereford barrow; rabbits, reserve champion best of six class, best of breed satin, best of breed Californian, best rabbit display, master rabbit ambassador and supreme showmanship finalist.

Evan Coblentz ☒ Fine arts, blue; goats, first; poultry, blue
Rhett Coblentz ☒ Fine arts, blue

The Hensley Family ☒ Recipients of the 2013 Swine Mental Attitude/Sportsmanship Award

Austin LaJoice ☒ Shooting sports, red
Vanessa Lantz ☒ Goat: Dairy cross yearling (dry doe), first and county born and bred; dairy cross dry doe (all ages), reserve grand champion; specialty goat beginner showmanship, honors; specialty market goat 27-49 pounds, second; dairy goat beginner showmanship, honors; beginner goat royalty, reserve grand champion. Poultry: market duck, first; layer hens, second

Logan Mast ☒ Dairy calf feeder steer, first and first
Kai Miller ☒ Dairy calf feeder steer, second and fourth; poultry, blue
Bailey Schroeder ☒ Cake decorating, red; gift wrapping (blue and honor); photography (color prints), champion and state fair

Casey Schroeder ☒ Cake decorating, red; forestry, blue; gift wrapping, blue; photography (color prints), blue and honor
Claire Tom ☒ Dairy calf feeder steer, fifth
Elizabeth Zorn ☒ Blacksmithing, red; dog poster, blue, miscellaneous crafts, blue. Poultry: Layer hens, blue; broilers, blue; market ducks, blue. Sheep: Crossbreed lamb, fourth; Hampshire lambs, fifth and seventh; pen of two lambs, reserve champion. Swine: Berkshire barrow, fourth; Chester white barrow, fourth.

Ryan Zorn ☒ Blacksmithing, white. Poultry: Market turkey, blue and honor; layer hens, blue and honor; broilers, blue; standard fancy, blue. Sheep: Crossbreed lamb, seventh; natural color lamb, eighth. Swine: Hereford barrow, third; Chester white barrow, third and showmanship top five.

Sports

By **MIKE DEAK**
Sports Editor

The dawn of a new era of Wawasee football has begun in Syracuse, and his voice can be heard loud and clear.

The echoes of new head coach Josh Ekovich can literally be heard on campus during pre-season practice from all sides. While his voice may carry, his point is being squarely made his football team will be ready to go when Whitko comes calling Friday.

Basically, it's just different from a management side. Ekovich said at Wawasee football media day. "The O line was my focus, now I have to start practices, make sure things run smooth."

Ekovich, a former assistant under previous head coach Tom Wogomon, isn't necessarily looking to scramble up the entire format. Ekovich does want to carry forward what Wogomon, who took the Northridge job last spring, was able to leave in a competitive Wawasee side that closed the 2012 season on a five-game winning streak before losing to Concord in the sectional final. That momentum, combined with a very solid group of skill

position returners, could be the start to something good.

"This group has a lot of confidence in their abilities," Ekovich said. "They are not cocky. They are playing with a chip on their shoulder. Wawasee is not a football powerhouse, so we have something to prove."

At the forefront of the attention on offense are the junior pitch and catch combo of quarterback Gage Reinhard and receiver Clayton Cook. Reinhard threw for a total of 1,126 yards and tossed 10 touchdowns, nine of which went to Cook, who hauled in 33 of Reinhard's passes for 624 yards. Senior Austin Lutz will likely be another key target for Reinhard in the passing game, although Lutz finished with just a dozen catches for 150 yards a season ago.

The running game took a big hit with the graduation of Derrick Sorensen, a durable back who posted 608 yards rushing. To fill the void, Ekovich is pointing to a running back by committee to start. Converted wide receiver Brandin McCullough and senior classmate Braxton O'Haver, shifting to fullback for the first time, will join junior Dominik Sanderson for carries.

Juniors Mylon Betts and Nic Wilson are the lone returning running backs, both only having 35 yards apiece of varsity coverage.

O'Haver at linebacker is the show piece of a defensive group that has kept Wawasee afloat the past couple seasons. All seven of the backs have at least one game of varsity experience, according to Ekovich, which should be the anchoring piece to the Warrior puzzle. Wilson and Kurtis Liston should step in as defensive backs, with Lutz and McCullough returning as safeties. Ekovich named more than a half dozen candidates to fill the defensive line, pointing to seniors Dusty Akers and Ronald Vardaman as potential breakthrough performers on the line.

"We have a lot of guys that we can move around, and we might have to see how everyone fits in the first couple weeks," Ekovich said. "We'll have to find out who will play where. All of our guys are on about the same level."

Ekovich is adamant that his team is only worried about Whitko in week one, but boy, it would be hard not to worry about the next few weeks. Week two features a trip to Father Bly Field



CARRYING EXPECTATIONS – Wawasee two-way senior football player Braxton O'Haver will play huge roles at linebacker and newly-placed fullback this fall. (Photo by Mike Deak)

at Leighton Stadium to face South Bend St. Joseph's, a team competing in the 3A state finals twice in the past three years. After that, the newly minted rivalry game against Wogomon's

Northridge Raiders in Middlebury, then the usual Northern Lakes Conference gauntlet of Concord, at NorthWood, Plymouth and at Warsaw in a row.

"We will have to take things next on the schedule," Ekovich said. "I don't want our kids to be too overwhelmed. So we will just worry about Whitko. I'll never worry about anyone but who is next on the schedule."

Shaky start leads to strong finish

By **NICK GORALCZYK**
Sports Writer

"There were moments of pure brilliance and then there were moments of 'What were you thinking?'"

Lady Viking head coach Malory Eaton's comment said it best Tuesday night. Tippecanoe Valley hosted Wawasee in the 2013 volleyball season opener in the two rival's fifth match up in three seasons. This time it was Wawasee that took bragging rights home with a 20-25, 28-26, 25-17, 25-23 win Tuesday night in Akron.

Eaton did not really have any answers except to say that her team has to become mentally tougher.

"Volleyball is such a mental game," Eaton said. "I think it is more mental toughness than physically toughness. After that first game we just became too comfortable and got a little careless with our play."

Valley took advantage of the home court vibe and some mental errors on Wawasee's side to win the first game, seeming to control the momentum and now thanks to Kelsey Ball. The junior picked up the majority of her 11 kills in the second game. Ball seemed to be making a habit of ruining any

of Wawasee's chances to get a lead. Despite the nearly constant denial of Ball, Wawasee would not go away. The two teams exchanged points for what seemed like an eternity before the visitors finally prevailed 28-26.

The adrenaline rush from winning that second game likely carried Wawasee to victories in the next two games. But Lady Warrior head coach Jeff Phillips attributes his team's turn around to more than just adrenaline.

"The girls played cleaner," stated Phillips. "That first game they didn't play clean and if you don't play clean against a team that matches up with you then you're going to lose. We out executed them in that second game and that made all the difference."

Helping that execution in all four games was Alli Ousley. The junior helped her team out big time with 29 assists on Tuesday night including several key assists in pivotal games two and four.

That fourth game would be where Wawasee showed the best mental toughness all night. The Warriors started strong and built up a 22-17 lead before watching Valley crawl back to make it an extremely tight game, 23-22, advantage Wawasee. The Lady War-

riors would hold on for a thrilling 25-23 victory to take the game and match. Phillips made reference to the girls keeping their confidence in that game.

"They (Valley) made some mental errors in games three and four and that obviously helped us," Phillips said. "Getting big leads is not all because of one team. Valley made some mistakes and that put us in a good position and we were able to keep our confidence then when things got tighter towards the end."

Confidence at the top is usually where it matters most and senior Lydia Katsaropoulos was beaming with it all night and would end up leading the team with 16 kills and four aces. Aly Anderson and Hunter Gaerte led the Lady Warriors with 22 and 20 digs, respectively.

Wawasee (1-0) will look to stay sharp when it welcomes in Fairfeld on Thursday night. The game will be a rematch of the 2012 sectional title game in which Fairfeld won easily. The Lady Warriors will look to protect the Hardwood Tee Pee when play gets started at approximately 7:30 p.m. in Syracuse.

In the junior varsity match, Wawasee took a 25-16, 24-26, 15-10 victory over the Vikings. Wawasee's Ashley Beer led all players with five aces.



AYRESBOURNE – Addison Ayres takes to the sky for a smash against Tippecanoe Valley Tuesday night. (Photo by Nick Goralczyk)

Wawasee Roundup

Ladies League Golf

The Maxwellton play of the day for August 7 was T and F. First place went to Patty Barnes, second place went to Joni Katz and tied for third were Nancy Jeffrey and Deb Stouffer. Lowest number of putts was achieved by Clare Baumgardt. Chip-ins were made by several ladies: Baumgardt, Shari Nusbbaum (two of them), Linda Stump and Kay Miller.

The Maxwellton play of the day for August 14 was total fours. First place winner was Sandy Coy, and tied for second was Barnes and Deb Mintner. Barnes and Mintner also tied for low putts, and a chip-in was made by Miller.

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Mixed bag in trio of season openers

The Squires boys tennis team handled the visiting Wawasee Warriors on the hard courts, winning opening match of the season for both clubs, 4-1.

Manchester took care of all three of the singles courts, led by a one and love roll by Max Karg at the two court against Todd Hauser and a four and love win from Brayton Spann versus Doug Hapner at three. Connor Eichenauer completed the singles sweep with a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) marathon with Kyler Love on the one singles grid.

The Squires also earned a win at two doubles, where Morgan Metzger and Matthew Pegg put away Cal Heinisch and Jake Hutchinson four and two.

Wawasee's lone win on the evening came at one doubles, where the duo of Dylan Houser and Chase Myers held firm to a two and three capitalizing of Dalton Day and Noah Cain.

In JV courts, Cameron Brill earned a 7-6 singles win opposite Heath Dierks and the combo of Leonard Kline and Kevin Carpenter swept Linus Kratz and Branden Scott 8-0 for the Wawasee cause. Manchester earned three wins, with Scott and Kratz each winning singles matches over Luke Smith and Matt Connett, 8-4 and 8-0, respectively, while Alex Day and Michael Willmert topped Nate Perek and Brayton Fretz 8-1.

Wawasee (0-1) will return to the road for a visit to Lakeland today, a 4:45 p.m. start.

Lakers Erupt On Pitch

For the first time in Lakeland's history, the girls soccer program could stand tall in its season opener against Wawasee. A seven-goal outburst was more than enough to pick up its first win against the visiting Lady Warriors, 7-0, Monday

night in the lid lifter for both programs.

Wawasee had won the previous seven matchups with Lakeland, outscoring the Lakers 30-3 in those seven games dating back to 2006.

Goal scorers for Lakeland were not listed in the varsity contest. The Wawasee JV did earn a win, 4-1, behind a pair of goals each from Leigh Ann Shrack and Samantha Valle.

"We got away from areas we have been emphasizing in practice, and it cost us," stated Wawasee head coach Doug Heinisch. "We need to continue to focus on making fundamental plays. The potential is there as we played well the first 10 minutes of each half. We need to sustain for longer periods."

Wawasee (0-1) will get its next crack on the pitch today when it hosts West Noble. First kick is slated for 5 p.m.

Wawasee Surprises Westview

A pair of goals from Ricky Camargo, including his second four minutes from time, helped Wawasee achieve a stunning 2-2 varsity boys soccer tie with Westview Tuesday night in Syracuse.

Wawasee were just 0-8-1 in its last nine games against Westview, all season openers, and had scored just three goals in that span. The Camargo goals were both equalizers, the first assisted by Rich Rasmus in the 22nd minute and Derek Stutzman helped the second in the 76th minute. Westview scored on a Jacob Berkeley goal in the second minute and later in the 60th minute by Buchanan Carpenter.

Westview played a man down after receiving a red card in the eighth minute.

Wawasee (0-0-1) will look to keep the reversal of fortune alive when it travels to Concord Saturday morning.

Sports

Wawasee escapes with title at own invite

By NICK GORALCZYK
Sports Writer

The inaugural Wawasee Invitational was, in a word, memorable.

Mother Nature provided a beautiful setting from start to finish, a finish that would prove to be a nail-biter. The Lady Warriors took home top spot in its own tournament with a score of 391, edging out Columbia City's 392 Saturday at South Shore Golf Club in Syracuse.

If you were a fan that left South Shore early, you may be surprised to learn that the Lady Warriors came out on top as Columbia City had the advantage at the turn with three of Wawasee's golfers having self-proclaimed "off-days." The difference for Wawasee may very well have been the performance of freshman Aubrey Schmeltz.

Schmeltz came in at the turn with a 51 but flipped a switch on the back nine, turning in an impressive 46 to finish with a 97 on the day. Lady Warrior head coach Steve Coverstone was clearly impressed with the performance of his young ringer.

"Aubrey did a really good job for us on the backside. She had a 46 on the back and she was able to get that knowing exactly where the team was with its score when she teed off on 10. Her performance was a big key today," stated Coverstone.

While Schmeltz was the closer for Wawasee, Mikala Mawhorter was the spark that got it all going for her team. The sophomore product turned heads by finishing with an outstanding score of 40 on the front

nine and rounded her day off with a 45 on the back. Mawhorter's final round score of 85 was good enough for medalist honors on Saturday, edging out an 86 from Mishawaka's Aubri Young, who also had a 40 at the turn.

Wawasee's Elizabeth Jackson turned in a 97 on the day which included a solid score of 44 on the front nine. Jackson's front nine performance was highlighted by a birdie on the par three number eight. Rounding out the varsity five for Wawasee were Courtney McDaniel and Kylee Rostochak, both finishing with a score of 112.

Coverstone was impressed by his team's victory because he knew his girls were not happy with their overall performance.

"If you asked Courtney, Kylee and Elizabeth, I think they would tell you they are not happy with their scores. Most of that is because of how they did on the back nine. But the fact that we had a few girls have off-days and still pulled out a big win speaks a lot for what our team can do," said a satisfied Coverstone.

Wawasee fielded two teams in Saturday's invite, ironically named "Wawasee Green" on the leader board. The irony comes from the green team's low score of 110 turned in by Warrior freshman Madison Beaman. Kamryn Foy (116), Megan Goralczyk (119) and Rebecca Bender (140) rounded out the scores for Wawasee's second squad.

Beaman and Goralczyk were given their first tours of varsity Monday night, and helped Wawasee to a



WAWASEE INVITE CHAMPS – Wawasee won the first-ever Wawasee Invitational by the skin of its teeth, 391-392, over runner-up Columbia City. The champs are, from left to right, Aubrey Schmeltz,

Kylee Rostochak, Courtney McDaniel, Elizabeth Jackson and Mikala Mawhorter. (Photo by Nick Goralczyk)

191-223 win over visiting Manchester. Jackson led the Wawasee golfers with a 45 and Mawhorter and Schmeltz chipped in with 47s while Beaman made the varsity card with a 52. Goralczyk added a 54.

Claire Barnett paced Manchester and the field with a 43, but Erin Working's 57 was second-best for the Lady Squires.

Wawasee didn't finish in back-

to-back home girls golf matches, posting another pair wins Tuesday night at Maxwelton.

Using a quartet of scores under 50, Wawasee held firm against the formidable Mishawaka Marian 190-198, while triangular opponent West Noble posted a 217 to round out play.

A 45 from Jackson led Wawasee, while Mawhorter was two back at

47, Rostochak at 48 and Schmeltz chipping in a 49.

Marian were led by Meghan Sink, who led all golfers with a 44 and had a 47 from Lauren Jankowski, but fell off from there, using a 49 and 58 as its next two scores.

West Noble had a 51 from number five golfer Molly Marsh as its top score.

Beaman led the Wawasee JV

with a 49 to help edge Marian 223-238.

Wawasee, now 6-0 on the season, will take to the Northern Lakes Conference circuit as it will travel to Plymouth tomorrow to face the Lady Pilgrims and the Lady Chargers of Elkhart Memorial. Tee time for the Wednesday triangular is 5 p.m. at Plymouth Country Club.



PACKED TOGETHER – Leading a parade of Warriors through lap one of the cross country meet with NorthWood, Bremen and Fair-

field are, from left, Austin Yoder, Zach Cockrill, Adam Doll and Austin Krizman.



DAZZLING DEBUT – Wawasee freshman Bridgette Yoder opened her career with a runner-up finish against NorthWood, Bremen and Fairfield Tuesday night.

Doll, Warriors show well at Stauffer Park

Text and Photos
By MIKE DEAK
Sports Editor

It's very early to tell much of anything in the cross country season, but small indicators were ever-present all over the Stauffer Park course Tuesday night.

Wawasee senior Adam Doll made a huge statement by running away with the boys race against foes from host NorthWood, Fairfield and Bremen in timing in at 17:24 for the boys win while a pair of Lady Warrior freshmen took second and third in the girls race.

Wawasee earned three wins on each side, with the boys edging Fairfield, 27-31, and crushing NorthWood, 17-45, and Bremen, 15-50. The Wawasee girls needed every place to count in scooting by Fairfield, 27-28, while getting

past Bremen, 23-33, and NorthWood, 16-45.

Doll wasn't leading halfway through the race as runners from Bremen and Fairfield held about a 20-foot lead heading to the apex of the giant hill on the final 500 meters of the course. Doll, who was bunched with a large group of Wawasee runners approaching the hill, broke free and left the hill in first place. From there, no contest as Doll finished without opposition.

"I thought Adam had a good race, a very controlled race," said Wawasee head coach Doug Slabaugh. "He was in control the whole time. It was a nice run for him. This is about the time I expected from him. Historically, this is a slower course, but I thought he had a good race."

Wawasee's pack of runners also impressed Slabaugh, led by Zach

Cockrill (18:15), Austin Yoder (18:16), Austin Krizman (18:30) and Jaxon Bame (18:31).

"There is a lot of room to improve," Slabaugh said, quelling results from Tuesday as definite measures of success. "In practice, a lot of the kids are right there with each other. We just need to translate it a little more in the race. But this is the first one, so there is a lot of room to improve. Get the nerves out a little bit."

The girls race had Bremen's Brooke Bahr show the same form Doll had in the boys race, but didn't need a big push to break away. Bahr commanded the race and won with a time of 21:38.

But as impressive was the character shown by Wawasee freshmen Bridgette Yoder, who ran in the second place position for most of the race and finished in the same place, timing 22:21. Team-

mate Molly Swartz, who maneuvered with several runners for a good portion of the race, gasped home in third at 22:42, outwilling Fairfield's Taylor Stidman in the final 20 meters by ten seconds.

"I wasn't really surprised by Bridgette," stated Slabaugh. "Bridgette works very hard and I know she has the ability to run like she did today. She seemed very composed and ready to go today. On any given day, I think we have a couple girls who can do that."

Wawasee junior Courtney Linnemeier, coming off an All-Northern Lakes Conference season last fall, didn't show the speedy form but still managed eighth place at 23:17 while freshman Delanie Bame was right behind Linnemeier three seconds off the pace. Linnemeier's classmate Breanna Robinson, also an

All-NLC performer last fall, did not race Tuesday because of off-season practice requirements. Robinson should be available when Wawasee next steps to the starting line Aug. 31 for the Prairie Heights Invitational. The boys will also race at Prairie Heights as its next race.

"Today was a nice low key meet to get the first-day jitters out and get some experience," Slabaugh said. "It's a nice little indicator. This rewards the kids for working hard. I expect to see us have a good team effort at Prairie Heights. We are going to go out and run as a team there."

Wawasee Week In Review

FOOTBALL

Record: 0-0
First Play: 7:30 p.m. Friday v. Whitko
GIRLS SOCCER
Record: 0-1
Last Week: Loss at Lakeland 7-0
Next Kick: 5 p.m. Today v. West Noble

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls Record: 3-0 (0-0 NLC)
Boys Record: 3-0 (0-0 NLC)
Girls Last Week: Won at NorthWood 16-40, Won v. Bremen 23-33, Won v. Fairfield 28-29
Boys Last Week: Won at NorthWood 17-45, Won v. Bremen 15-50, Won v. Fairfield 27-31
Next Run: Aug. 31 at Prairie Heights Invite
VOLLEYBALL
Record: 1-0
Last Week: Won at Tippecanoe Valley 3-1
Next Spike: 7 p.m. Thursday v. Fairfield

BOYS SOCCER

Record: 0-0-1 (0-0 NLC)
Last Week: Tied v. Westview 2-2
Next Kick: 11:45 a.m. Saturday at Concord
BOYS TENNIS
Record: 0-1
Last Week: Loss at Manchester 4-1
Next Serve: 4:45 p.m. Today at Lakeland
GIRLS GOLF
Record: 6-0 (0-0 NLC)
Last Week: 1st (391) in Wawasee Invite; Won v. Manchester 191-223; Won (190) v. Marian (198), v. West Noble (217)
Next Tee: 5 p.m. Today at Plymouth/Memorial

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Water testing key to sustaining lake water quality

Text and Photos
By VIRGINIA SURSO
Guest Writer

A research grant from the University of Notre Dame gave Hannah Becker of Zionsville an opportunity to test the quality of the water in Lake Papakeechee this summer.

She spent hours on the lake testing 50 GPS locations for turbidity (water clarity), levels of dissolved oxygen, water temperature and E. coli. She wrote protocols for specific water tests and for the calibration and use of specific scientific equipment involved in the tests.

The DaVinci Grant given by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts at Notre Dame also required a sociological component to the project. To that end, she developed a questionnaire and interviewed residents on lakes Papakeechee and Wawasee to learn of their environmental concerns and of differences they see in water quality today compared to when they moved to the lakes region, in some cases over 70 years ago.

She still needs to analyze the data collected and write a two-part report required by the DaVinci Grant.

The project is part of the Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative, the environmental arm of the Papakeechee Protective Association. Dr. Anthony Serianni, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at ND, coordinates the program.

The lake tests conducted by Becker were chosen by LAPSI as most critical in an initial determination of water quality on Lake Papakeechee and in assessing what steps might be needed to be taken in the future.

The turbidity test evaluates water clarity, which is determined in part by the amount of particulate matter suspended in the water. Dissolved oxygen and temperature are important indicators of the ability of the lake to support aquatic life. DO and T were measured as a function of lake depth in one-meter and at the end in 1/10th of a meter increments at 50 GPS sites on the lake.

E. coli is a rod-shaped bacterium that lives in the lower intestine of warm-blooded animals. High levels of E. coli make lakes, rivers and streams unsafe for human lake activities and can cause infections. The presence of E. coli in water is an indicator of animal decay, faulty septic or sewer systems and/or wild animal feces. Readings in excess of 235 colony-forming units per 100 m of water make the water unswimmable. Levels below 135 are considered safe.

Becker arrived at Lake Papakeechee just in time for July 4 activities and will return to Notre Dame next week to begin her junior year of studies with a major in anthropology and a minor in sustainability, the capacity of the eco-system to endure and continue to remain diverse over time. Ultimately, she would like to become an attorney



MAKING HER ROUNDS Hannah Becker drives the PPA boat on her rounds to test water at 50 GPS locations on Lake Papakeechee. The boat, normally used to add chemicals to the lake for weed control, is a small pontoon powered by a paddle wheel.



TESTING CLARITY Lowering a secchi disc until she cannot see it any more, Hannah Becker runs a turbidity test for water clarity. The rope is marked off at each meter and at 1/10th of a meter at the end to determine depth.

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that specializes in environmental policy and law.

She explains, "The sociological part of the grant investigates the actions and attitudes of lake residents since they ultimately decide by their actions how healthy the lake will be."

Syracuse Public Library Adult reading program begins

Everyone is a winner when they read books from the Syracuse Public Library and sign-up in the Go Green for my Community adult reading program.

Some of the staff at the library are also making unique bookmarks from wallpaper samples and paper pieces for the program. Adults will be able to choose a bookmark when



BOOKMARKS Sharon Leamon is shown in the workroom making bookmarks for the upcoming adult reading program. Leamon has been the paper engineer at the library for many years and has designed crafts in the children's department prior to now helping with adult projects. Sharon practices most of her crafting on her granddaughter Addison for whom she babysits. (Photo provided)

they sign-up to read books for the other prizes.

Go Green will include five full weeks of reading with three grand prize winners names being drawn Oct. 1. The winners will each have a \$25 donation made in their name to a local charity of their choice. One of the grand prize winners will be the top reader with the highest number of books read during the Go Green program.

More than 30 books will be given away, along with reusable, custom-designed bags. Any patron who checks out books, audiobooks or e-books from the Syracuse Library is eligible to enter the Go Green for my Community adult reading program.

Book Club To Read "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" Requests are being taken for copies of the 2010 book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

Lacks' family didn't know that the cancer cells taken from their mother were the same cells that are grown for medical research in laboratories around the world. The book

follows the history of Henrietta Lacks and later her family's reaction that the research cells, known as HeLa cells, have been used in multi-million dollars of research.

Rebecca Skloot spent 10 years researching the book. In it she reveals a history of experimentation on African-Americans, the emerging history of bio-ethics and the legal debate of tissue ownership.

Place a hold for a copy of the book through the Evergreen system or call the Syracuse library at (574) 457-3022.

Historic Activity From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, members of the Potawatomi, Lima family, will be around the corner at the Syracuse Community Center.

The Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum is bringing informational activities about the life of Chief Five Medals. This is a free outdoor event. The Syracuse library has books about local Indian groups, including the Potawatomi, who lived and passed through the area.

Cruzin' Cuse



MANY WILL remember Jeanne Gardiner from her time living, working and contributing to our community. She now lives in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she is a minister with Unity Church by the Sea. While she was here, Judy Schmahl Eppich arranged a lunch with some local friends at the Channel Marker Restaurant.

Shown from the left are Judy, Mavis Vanderveer, Jeanne, Janet Hays and Mary Jane Knudsen, all of Syracuse. Hopefully, Cruzin' will have more information on Jeanne next week, too, but had to share this shot. Looks like they had a great time, doesn't it? ☺

THIS EVENT should be fun and interesting. Director Karen Kelsheimer shared:

Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum will welcome 18th century Potawatomi Chief Five Medals to the Syracuse Community Center's Celebration Hall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. Chief Five Medals, played by historical re-enactor Dan Lima of Indiana, will give a 45-minute presentation about the lifestyle of the Potawatomi tribe and its history in the Syracuse-Wawasee area.

Other members of the Lima family will also attend in period dress and help with the presentation. After the talk, questions from the audience will be entertained. This event is free to the public but donations are appreciated.

For more information, contact the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum via e-mail, director@syracusemuseum.org; phone, (574) 457-3599; or stop at the museum during its regular business hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Syracuse Community Center, 1013 North Long Drive. ☺

JO BUTLER called to say that the St. Andrew's United Methodist Thrift Shop will be having a bag sale this Friday and Saturday during regular hours. The shop provides the bags, and you can stuff as much into one as you can for a very low set price. Jo did mention that the bags are bigger this year, making them all the better to shop with. ☺

LAKE AREA Band is performing a free concert from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Wawasee High School. It is a celebration of the band's 25th anniversary. Quite the accomplishment, isn't it? If you haven't heard them yet this year or just want another round of great music, head to this event. Congratulations! ☺

ON ANOTHER musical note, Adrienne Frailey, the Milford singer-songwriter, will be performing once again from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Syracuse Artisans and Farmer's Market this Saturday. The market is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Veterans Memorial at Crosson Mill Park. Cruzin' will have some more news on the mills in Syracuse soon as a follow up to the article in the Aug. 7 edition of The Mail-Journal on the old millrace, so stay tuned. ☺

SYRACUSE PARKS Department also has another new program on the way, Acting for Beginners: Stage, TV and Film. It will be presented from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 9 and 16 for those age 16 and more. The class will explore scripted and improv based exercises to help explore characters and their relationships. A final showcase will round out the series. No experience is necessary.

Instructor Jessica Hardy is a graduate of Second City Conservatory, Chicago, as well as an independent filmmaker. Register by Sept. 9 at the Syracuse Community Center, (574) 457-3440. That's where the classes will be held. Cruzin' has experienced a bit of Hardy's improvisational exercises herself and would highly recommend the classes. ☺

SATURDAY WILL be a big day for the friends and family of Karen Curry and for Karen herself. Many know Karen as a long-time area resident and waitress. Karen has muscular dystrophy and had some tests recently that were not covered by her insurance. So a benefit is being held Saturday to help with her medical expenses.



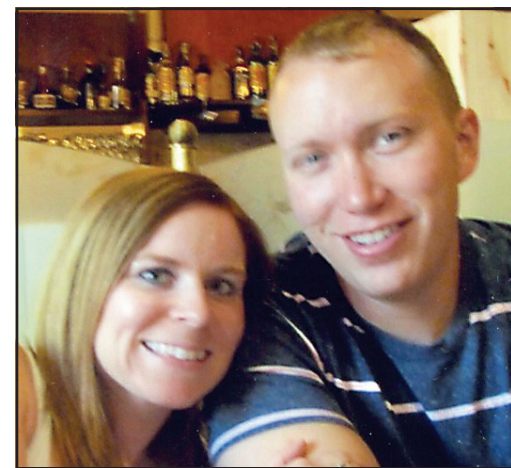
Starting at 11 a.m., a motorcycle ride will leave from US 6 and SR 15, between Milford and New Paris, circle through Warsaw and end at noon at Syracuse's Lakeside Park, where everyone is invited for fun, food and activities. Those with questions should call Colette Myers, (574) 457-9000, or Sheila Charlton, (574) 275-9049. As a caring community, Syracuse always turns out for events like this, so please stop by to have some fun and give a hands up.



HATS OFF to everyone who participated in Koscisko United Way's Day of Caring last Wednesday. Quite a few area homes got a face-lift from the day-long experience. Workers came from all over the county, donating their time and talents. In the photo is Darren Bailey working on Main Street in Cuse. He was with a group from DePuy. ☺

SYRACUSE EAGLES is holding its annual membership picnic beginning at noon Saturday at the Eagles Lodge. There will be fun, games, food, live music and karaoke entertainment for Aerie and Auxiliary members and their families. If you have any questions, give the Aerie a buzz at (574) 457-4913.

You should know that the Eagles is located on Kern Road across from Wawasee High School. Other Eagles events this weekend include the always on Friday night fish fry and its monthly Auxiliary breakfast, which is all-you-can-eat eggs to order, omelets, bacon, sausage, pancakes and biscuits and gravy. Makes you hungry, doesn't it?



KATHY AND Bill Lantz had an outstanding trip in July to Italy to see their daughter and son-in-law, Meghan and Jeff Sindelar, shown above. He is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, stationed about an hour from Venice. Kathy shared a couple of her pictures with us, and boy is Cruzin' wanting to go to Italy! Kathy works at KeyBank, of course, and Bill teaches first grade at Syracuse Elementary.

Both Meghan and Jeff graduated from Wawasee High School in 2004. He's been in the Air Force nine years while Meghan graduated from Kent State in design and fashion. The couple married last October. Meghan is following in Dad's footsteps and will be student teaching this fall at Aviano Air Force Base. Yes, the same base where Jennifer Longenbaugh is stationed as mentioned a couple of weeks ago. Kathy said they got to see lots of special, non-touristy things, because Meghan is a great explorer, and they are absorbing the culture by living off-base in a nearby village.

Here's some more news on the Lantz family, son Chris, a WHS grad in 2003, is associate pastor at the First Methodist Church in Columbus, while his wife, Andrea, is pastor at Petersville United Methodist Church near Columbus. She took the place of current Calvary UMC Pastor Jerry Turner. Is this not a coincidence? Below are Bill Lantz, left, and Meghan looking out over a canal in Venice. Kathy is a good photographer, isn't she?

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IU Taps Skills of Wawasee Philanthropist Jane Jorgensen

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Torrent Engineering has found its niche

By **TIM ASHLEY**
Associate Editor

What possible connection could there be between rural Milford and the Winter Olympics? The answer is found a short drive west of town on the curvy Orm Road in a few simple buildings behind an old farmhouse.

Winter Olympics sites require large amounts of water to be moved up mountains through pumping systems in order for snow to be made. That's where Torrent Engineering and Equipment enters the picture. Founded in 2000, it is operated by 1977 Wawasee High School graduate Joe Cousins and his partner, Mark Meadows. They oversee a staff of a few other workers including administrative, office and shop personnel to form a workforce of 10.

"We work with anyone needing a pump station to move water at high pressure," Cousins said, including ski resorts, oil and gas companies, car manufacturers and more.

Using a not so common business model of forming partnerships with several companies and utilizing numerous sub contractors, Torrent has carved out a niche in the specialized work of building infrastructure and electronic control systems for water pumping systems. "It's like a wagon wheel and we are the hub," Cousins said, referring to a large network of technicians and manufacturers. "It's integration; a combination of design and manufacturing," Meadows added.

Cousins and Meadows followed different paths to become business partners in rural Milford. Cousins recalled making snow at Mount Wawasee while in high school and followed a career path in the ski industry through Colorado and then working for a Texas engineering fabricator.

Meadows, a native of New York, worked for a snow making engineering company in Rochester, N.Y. He and Cousins eventually worked together for the company in Texas, also a snow making company. When that company was sold, Torrent was founded.

"I grew up on the family farm here and the middle of the country seemed like a good location for the business," Cousins noted. Approval was given by Kosciusko County to start a business in an agricultural area. His parents, Dean and Margaret Cousins, still live on the farm but their land is rented for farming by others.

The buildings used by Torrent now were no longer needed for the farm so they were adapted for reuse. Locally, in addition to the design work, welding, fabrication and electrical work is done. Building of the pumps and motors is done elsewhere by sub contractors.

Customers are mainly private companies, but on a global scale. "We are all through the Pacific rim and New Zealand, China, Korea, South America, Russia (and others)," Cousins said. "We do work for all the big ski areas like Aspen, Vail (and others)."

Torrent designed the snow making system and supplied equipment for the 2010 Winter Olympics in



RURAL BUSINESS — Torrent Engineering and Equipment is located west of Milford in buildings located behind a farmhouse. The surrounding land is still farmed. (Photo by Tim Ashley)

Vancouver. It also designed and built pump stations to be used for the upcoming 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia.

In addition, Torrent is part of a consortium looking at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. Another current project involves a high end resort in China.

Designing huge water pumping systems is a slow process. It can take years to complete the entire process because of all the permits required and also because financing is often done in increments. For example, some projects recently completed were in the design stages more than 10 years ago.

Projects undertaken by Torrent involve a mixture of the new and old. Computers are used to generate three dimensional mod-

els of pumps to show how much stress they can endure while being shipped. But welders also use old-fashioned craftsmanship to fabricate custom made pieces. Being a specialized business, a lot of custom work is done at Torrent.

Like other businesses, certain times of the year are busier for Torrent. Later summer and fall are particularly busy as snow making systems are being constructed and analyzed for the winter ski season in America. The winter tends to be more of a down time, but then Southern Hemisphere countries begin installation and upgrades.

But overall through the 13 years of the business it has been profitable. Living proof rural Indiana can be more than corn and soybean farms.



FORKLIFT DRIVER — Jeff Beaman unloads freight from a semi trailer making a delivery to Torrent Engineering and Equipment near Milford. (Photo by Tim Ashley)



ON THE JOB — Ted Grumme welds a high pressure pipe spool for Torrent Engineering and Equipment. (Photo by Tim Ashley)



BOOSTER PUMP STATION — Torrent designed this vertical turbine booster pump station to be used at Rosa Khutor Resort in Sochi, Russia, site of the 2014 Winter Olympics. (Photo provided)



PUMP STATION BRAINS — Keith Wellbaum of Torrent Engineering and Equipment works with an industrial logic control system that will be the brains for a pump station. (Photo by Tim Ashley)



SNOW MAKER — Torrent Engineering and Equipment designed the pump station delivering water to this fan snow gun at the Golden Peak skiing race course at Vail Mountain Resort in Colorado. (Photo provided)

Community Corner

IU taps skills of Wawasee philanthropist

By JODI MAGALLANES
Staff Writer

Have you ever met a stranger?
After an acquaintance asked Syracuse resident Jane Jorgensen that question not so long ago, Jorgensen confessed she had to stop and think for a moment.

"I just love to put people together," she offered, by way of explanation. "A lot of times, that's all that they need. And I know a lot of people."

Indeed she does: and they all seem to be individuals who choose to spend time and resources supporting others and their communities. That extensive circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances, along with her own deep-seated motivation to do good, conspire to place the part-time Wawasee laker in demand as a fundraiser and board member.

In 2012 Jorgensen was invited to sit on the foundation board of her alma mater: an institution that holds a particularly dear place in her heart. The IU Foundation is a nonprofit organization that directs major fundraising efforts for all IU campuses and manages the university's billion-dollar endowment. Jorgensen has supported and been a cheerleader for a number of the high-quality opportunities provided to students and to the public as result of the IU Foundation's development leadership.

Until November, Jane and Jay Jorgensen were Fort Wayne residents who enjoyed Lake Wawasee only as a vacation spot. Jay's family is known for involvement with the former Essex Wire company and the former Jorgensen's gift store, as well as for their charitable work. Jane's father, Larry Anspaugh of Decatur, was a highly successful photographer. Her brother, director David Anspaugh, is

a household name to fans of Indiana basketball movies.

Both of Jane's parents modeled community volunteerism, she said, as well as reciprocity to the people and communities supporting them. She grew up with that example of generosity of time and talent, and found kindred spirits in the Jorgensens.

Jane and Jay direct a portion of the Ove W. Jorgensen Foundation, a family charity. A few years ago, Jane recalled being in the market for a project she could get behind and ending it the 2007 inauguration of IU President Michael McRobbie.

"I heard him say he wanted to make the cinema a state-of-the-art facility. I have a film and photography background through my family, so my ears perked right up." She requested and received more details about the idea. The family foundation subsequently contributed to the renovation's funding and bequeathed the Jorgensen Guest Filmmaker Lecture Series through an endowment that continues and brings a phenomenal caliber of guest speakers and filmmakers to Bloomington.

The Jorgensen Y in Fort Wayne and several other projects also bear witness to Jane's leadership in development and to the family's generosity. She formerly held a seat on the Y Metro Board and retains a seat on the board of Parkview Hospital Foundation, two steering committees and the IU Women's Council.

Having a combination of the time, the means and the personality to do philanthropic work is a blessing, Jane said. She administers that opportunity conscientiously, taking care to look for places where she can be effective, and weighing whether or not she can make a valuable contribution before committing to a project or organization.



FAVORITE VIEW Jane Jorgensen, Syracuse, is excited and honored to be asked to serve on the IU Foundation Board of Directors. She said the home she and husband, Jay, own on Lake Wawasee will continue to draw them back for relaxation time, however. (Photo provided)

"I consider it an honor and a privilege. I'm very lucky."

Jane and Jay have also passed along to their children both a skill for creating income and a passion for responsibly administering it. Ben, 29, has an entrepreneurial bent that has taken him to San Francisco and, recently, to Dallas and New York. Daughter Molly, 26, is currently exercising her muscles at nonprofit development.

In 2011, however, the family's life seemed to

take a turn away from the Fort Wayne area. The couple had previously sold their vacation home at James Lake and bought their Wawasee retreat: then, instead of commuting between Fort Wayne and Syracuse they sold their Fort Wayne home as well.

The strong IU connection has the Jorgensens making plans for a new second home in Bloomington. But Jane calls Wawasee her "aqua therapy" and plans to enjoy it regularly.

Clark Jones speaks on family history

The Milford Kiwanis met Friday at the Milford Community Center. The club began the meeting by singing "God Bless America" accompanied by Norma Roose on the piano, saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the Kiwanis pledge. Roose then offered prayer.

President Chuck Bird gave announcements and a report was given for the United Way Day of Caring held Aug. 14 in Milford. The Kiwanis club was responsible for providing a meal for all volunteers who came to Milford for Day of Caring. Linda Muselman and Bobbi Doll co-chaired the meal preparation.

Close to 70 volunteers were served a dinner of chicken cordon bleu. Donors for the event were: The Papers Inc., Phend and Brown, Camp Mack, New Market, Maple Leaf Farms, Milford Fire Department, Just-in-Time and Kosciusko County Visitors Center. Mark Baumgartner made the donor banner.

Dick Roose promoted the Kiwanis Guest Day which will be at 6:15 a.m. Sept. 20 at the Milford Community Center. Kiwanians are asked to invite members of the community who share the vision of the Milford Kiwanis,

which is to help children in the community, state and throughout the world. A hearty breakfast will be served and there will be a display of the different projects and programs.

The guest speaker was Clark Jones, a member of Kiwanis. He spoke about the genealogy of his mother's family which another member of the family has been working on. His mother's ancestor, James Clarke, came from County Cork, Ireland, at the height of the potato famine in 1849. Shortly after arriving in Baltimore, Md., he took his first oath of citizenship.

He and his brothers worked in the mines to save enough money to bring their mother and siblings to the US. The entire family migrated to St. Louis, Mo., in the 1850s where the men worked on the railroad and the women worked as domestics. This was the only work that could be found.

Father John Joseph Hogan, also a native of Ireland, had a plan to buy land and move Irish immigrants there where they could raise crops, cattle and hogs. The location was Northwest Ripley County, Mo. Forty families moved there and their area be-

came known as the Irish Wilderness. The Clarke family was one of the original pioneer families.

The St. Louis Diocese of the Catholic Church loaned the settlers money to purchase the land. Father Hogan and the families also gave money to purchase the land, which sold for \$1.25 per acre. They built a church, school and approximately 40 cabins. The area was predominately Protestant.

When the Civil War started, settlers found themselves at odds with their neighbors, whose sympathies were with the south and slavery. Like many other states at the time, there was a division of loyalty and those who did not support the Union Forces or tried to stay neutral were shot. The Confederate Forces operated the same way.

Marauders from the south and Kansas Jayhawkers stole anything they wanted from the settlers. Livestock, food and other necessities were taken and homes and barns burnt to the ground. It was reported that Ripley County suffered more than any other county in Missouri and maybe even the country.

A family story tells of how James and his neighbor decided to sell their cattle to the Union Army before they got stolen by

the marauders. They received a check signed by President Lincoln. When the marauders found out, they caught the neighbor, but James hid out in a briar patch for several days and went undiscovered.

All the Irish settlers disappeared from the area during the war and by 1863, there were no remnants left of the settlement. The Census shows James living in Ripley County. The household consisted of James, two brothers, a sister and her husband, James McGlaughlin, in 1875. They had a total of 13 children with eight surviving to adulthood.

They moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo., in 1896. The last surviving child died in 1980. In closing, Jones stated that he was grateful his ancestor was well hidden in the briar patch or he wouldn't be here telling this story.

President Bird closed the meeting with the following quote: "Most of the shadows in this life are from standing in our own sunlight."

The next meeting of the Milford Kiwanis will be at 6:30 a.m. Friday at the Milford Community Building. Becky Alles will be speaking about her job as Van Buren Township trustee. The public is welcome.

Bridge Results

Thursday Mixed Bridge Club

The Thursday Mixed Bridge Club met at the Frog, Thursday, August 15 with six tables. Winners were Charlotte Blaugher, Marietta Showalter, Carol Pringle, Joyce Metz, Dan Shoemaker, Barbara Johnson and Sandy Titsworth.

North Webster Bridge Club

The North Webster Bridge group met at the Senior Primelife Enrichment Center in the North Webster Community Center on Aug. 13 and 15. Tuesday winners were Dot Hite, first, and Andy Overmyer, second. Winners Thursday were Richard Blank, first, and Jan Hodson, second.

Tuesday Couples Bridge

Couples bridge was held Aug. 13 at the Tippecanoe Lake Country Club. Winners were Jim and Kathy Siegfried, first; Tom Anderson and Sara Smith, second; Dick and Mary Prescott, third; and Jim and Elaine Loser, fourth.

Wednesday Ladies Bridge

Ladies bridge was held Aug. 14 at the Tippecanoe Lake Country Club. Winners were Dotty Murphy, first; Sara Smith, second; and Ven Endsley, third. Hostess was Eleanor Weyand.

South Shore Ladies Bridge

South Shore Ladies Bridge winners for Aug. 13 were Evvie Herman, first; Ven Endsley, second; and Barb McAfee, third.

Reed speaks on ideas for upcoming auction

President Jean Cowan gavelled the Lakeland Kiwanis meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. and 22 members stood to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" and the pledge to the flag. Following the Kiwanis Creed, Pastor Dennis Judy read the prayer list for the week and Sherm Bryant offered prayer.

Interclub chairman Phil Mock has a visit to Goshen Kiwanis planned for this week and several agreed to go. Mike Williams is suggesting a survey be taken of the local community that was presented at a recent State Kiwanis Convention. This would involve gathering information from citizens, business owners, etc. as to what could be done to improve the town and community.

Lt. Gov. Jon Roberts said more information will be coming about a visit to the area from a high ranking Kiwanis president that only happens every five years. Garet Becker reported a search is underway for a new K-Kids advisor and also that he and wife Lisa are tending the raised garden plot at the North Webster Elementary School. The crops and owners are doing well.

The annual picnic at the park for the club is planned for 6 p.m. Sept. 12. It will be a potluck carry-in with homemade ice cream furnished and topped off with a ride on the Dixie. The annual fall celebration will be at Quaker Haven Sept. 23 with awards and new officers installed.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Matt Roberts who celebrated his 31st birthday with a ride on a war bird airplane at the recent air show at Warsaw. The 50/50 was awarded to Bill Charlton and the Happy Pumpkin

was passed to each one for dollars and happy memories of the week.

Carol McGee introduced Michelle Reed as the program speaker for the day. Reed has been contracted to use her expertise on fundraising and fresh ideas on the upcoming auction at the North Webster Community Center. She wants to continue to build on past successes of the evening and add new ideas for the auction.

She said they have some awesome contributors that donate prizes like a car, pontoon, RV trailer, etc., a great dinner and silent auction and willing volunteers to help put it on "To Keep the Lights On." She reported that 1,629 tickets were sold last year with 900 people attending the auction night. They possibly may add entertainment and some way to get kids involved.

The door was opened for questions about possibly opening up more of the building for use, future status of the former teen center area that was closed, more programs for youth, the library, pickleball, the new volleyball court which is doing well, a shuffleboard court that needs players, and other topics that made for a good discussion. Reed was questioned on her own life and told of living in several states before moving back to this area to be closer to her mother and two nephews.

Next weeks speaker will be Aaron Roventine of the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department. Everyone is welcome to attend at 6:30 a.m. Mondays at the North Webster Community Center or at noon Thursdays at the North Webster American Legion with the satellite club.

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Aug. 26 Aug. 30
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TUESDAY Bart Watersports
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North Webster News

Heart Of The Lakes



DIRECTOR BARB Hetrick shared, Senior Primelife Enrichment Center was host to Music at the Center on Tuesday, Aug. 13. The annual event was to benefit the North Webster Food Pantry. Thanks to the 108 people who attended, we collected a trunk full of food and over \$200 in cash. The free, picnic-style dinner was furnished by the staff of Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse, with Cindy Niles as their representative. As usual, the meal was delicious and enjoyed by all.

"This year we had two wonderful groups who entertained us for the evening. The Prairie Fire duo, Bill Rhodes and Mike Beezley, played guitar and sang a variety of gospel and 'old favorite' songs. Then, Tim Bushong accompanied his daughter on guitar and Hannah sang some beautiful old tunes from the '30s to the '50s. We always have this event on the second Tuesday of August, so mark your calendars now. The programs are outstanding!" In the photo are from the left, Tim Bushong, Hannah Bushong, Cindy Niles from Miller's Merry Manor, Bill Rhodes and Mike Beezley of Prairie Fire. In the middle row are SPEC board members Doug Bowser, Martin Koher, Kay Dabler, Carolyn Barrett, Vicki Johnson, Marian Signorelli and Patrick Perry while in the back are more SPEC board members, Jerry Rhodes, Ken Fawley, Wayne Johnson, Marilyn Baney and Larry Kinsey.

Also at SPEC, on Thursday Sept. 12, Eastlund Funeral Home will provide a free dinner at 6 p.m. and program for all those interested in learning what is involved with pre-planning a funeral. Call Barb at (574) 834-1600, extension 4 or e-mail bhetric@yahoo.com to sign up for an informative evening.

IF YOU live on or near Lake Tippecanoe, here is some important news. On behalf of the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners (LTPO), please be aware of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Public Meeting. After much delay, the IDNR will be conducting a public meeting to discuss the elimination of Sunset Clause for the Eco Zone on Lake Tippecanoe. The IDNR will conduct the hearing in the North Webster Community Center's party room located at 301 N. Main St., 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and make comments.

There's more: those who are unable to attend may access the following link to make comments: <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. At this web page, locate the row entitled Tippecanoe Eco Zone and in the right column click on "Comment on this rule." Written comments may also be addressed as follows: Doug Keller, Aquatic Habitat Coordinator, Indiana DNR, 402 W Washington St. Room W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Daniel Drook provided the information.

MUSIC IN the Park, the free concerts in North Webster Town Park, are coming to a close. The final two will be held this Friday with James Clayton performing and the Friday of Labor Day weekend with Sean Hoffman and the Gold Mine Pickers. The fun always starts at 7 p.m. and please bring your own seating. Hasn't the park board provided us with some great talent this year?

ANOTHER FREE concert will take place from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. this Saturday at Wawasee High School. The Lake Area Community Band is putting on its 25th anniversary concert. If you missed them in the park this summer or want to hear more, plan to attend.

ONE OF Newsie's favorite events, the Cemetery Walk, is 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. It is sponsored by the North Webster Community Public Library. Guided tours of the North

Webster Cemetery begin at the library in the North Webster Community Center. Enactors are stationed throughout the cemetery portraying local people interred there. It presents a unique and engaging way to learn about local history. You can either walk with a guide or ride a golf cart if you have difficulty walking. Refreshments and entertainment are available at the library while you wait for the tour to begin. This is a free event. For more information, contact Beth Smith, (574) 834-7122, extension 205 or email, bsmith@nweb.lib.in.us. Can you believe its almost that time of year already?



Kosciusko United Way's Day of Caring made a big impact in the northeastern part of the county in 2013. This is just part of a group from DuPuy in Warsaw that were volunteering in North Webster to help do maintenance and fixing up on several area homes. Shown painting a porch roof in North Webster are Troy Roth, left, and Vickie Thompson. Isn't this a terrific community project for all the groups involved who volunteered their time and work? United Way does a great job of coordinating this every year!

REMEMBER TO ride the Dixie while you still can this year! Regular tours are available through Labor Day weekend. Charters can be booked further into the fall season by calling (888) 80-DIXIE or (888) 803-4943. It's a great way to see Webster Lake, learn something about its history and sights and just kick back and relax.

OUR OWN Camp Crosley is offering a Family Camp from Friday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 2 over the Labor Day long weekend. Leave your chores and cell phones behind, pack up your swimsuits and camp chairs and head for Little Tippy. You can get away from your neighbors or bring them along for fun and exciting Camp Crosley activities. It will be a holiday weekend like no other. Make memories with the kids while you can. For more information, get in touch with Andrea Hindman, (574) 834-2331 or info@campcrosley.org. You'll be glad you did.

ANOTHER NOT so subtle reminder to get your tickets for the North Webster Community Center Heart of the Community Charity Auction to be held 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. They are at the NWCC and several businesses around town.

HERE'S NEWS! The Heart of the Harvest Fall Festival put on annually by the North Webster-Tippecanoe Township Chamber of Commerce has secured the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show to give three performances between 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Mermaid Festival Grounds. Of course, there will be more activities going on including two of the always popular cake walks. More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now.

Enjoy this summer shot taken of the flower garden near the Dixie in North Webster Town Park!



Former Syracuse resident's book receives high praise from Mayo

By AMANDA MCFARLAND Staff Writer

When former Syracuse resident, Ronald Stoll, submitted his recent book, *Wellness: The Good, the Bad and the Opportunity* to the Mayo Clinic for review, he did not expect them to call it the most comprehensive wellness model they have seen.

But, they did. In his book, Stoll talks about the OmniWELL Model, now a registered trademark. Inspiration came after he had two strokes. Recovering from the second was a much better experience, he said, attributing this to the employees' sense of engagement at the second hospital.

"I came out of the second stroke better than when I went into it because of the engagement," he said.

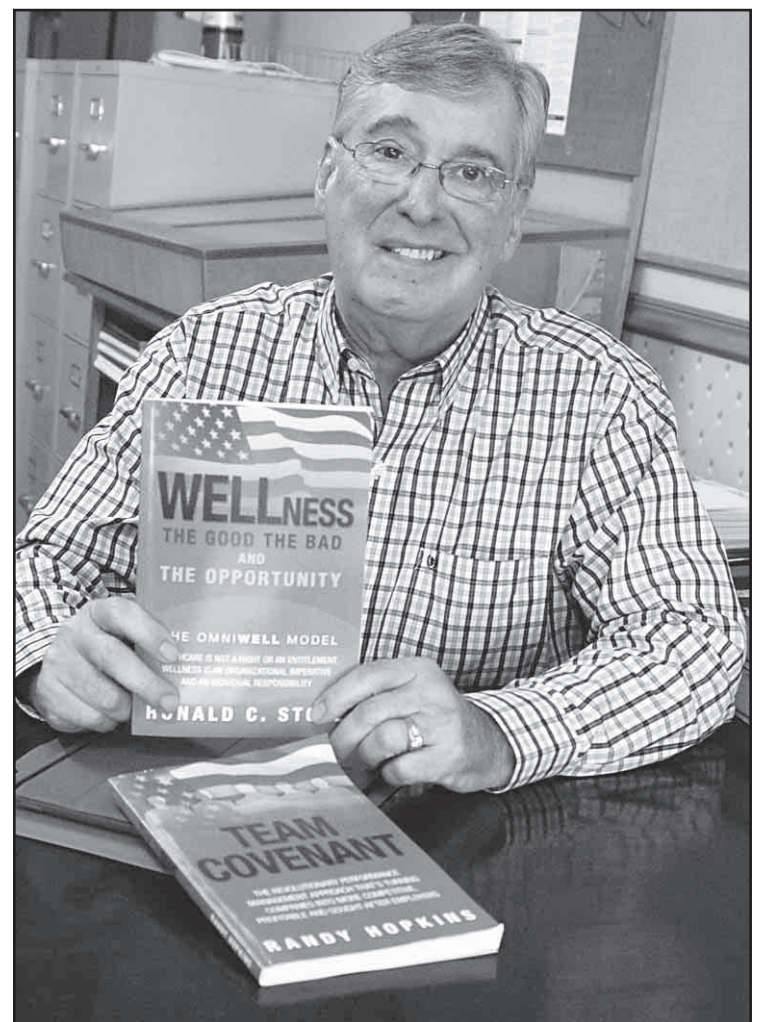
This is where the OmniWELL model comes in, Stoll said.

Stoll calls OmniWELL a holistic model, not referring to alternative medicine, but to the idea of wellness being all-encompassing. He asserts the current model leaves employers, employees, health care providers and even insurance companies feeling frustrated because of high costs associated with health care and because of limits placed on them.

Stoll also touched on the idea companies and individuals end up spending more on health care than on anything else. Starbucks spends more annually on employee insurance than on coffee, he said, citing one example.

Stoll proposes a holistic view of wellness encompasses all of the above areas and includes a team development strategy based on what he called a covenant of expectations; non-solicitous financial wellness that meets requirements; incentives for healthy lifestyle choices; career wellness; and organizational wellness. The idea is to give everyone involved a higher sense of well-being, allowing them to be better engaged, both with one another and with health care recipients.

Stoll is not the only person



WRITE ALL ABOUT IT — Former Syracuse resident Ronald Stoll, now a Florida resident, recently wrote a book outlining what he calls the OmniWELL model for health care. OmniWELL is a registered trademark. Stoll submitted his ideas to the Mayo Clinic and received very positive feedback. (Photo by Amanda McFarland)

responsible for the OmniWELL model. An entire team has worked to develop and promote it. Applications are in the works for computers and mobile devices. They have also received reviews, including from the Mayo Clinic, which called the OmniWELL model one of the most comprehensive models they have seen.

A partner of Stoll's, Randy Hopkins, has also written a book, *Team Covenant*, which Stoll said should be read first. The two books are now being marketed with similar covers and are available through any bookstore, Stoll

said.

This is actually Stoll's second book. His first was titled, *The Career Transition System*.

Born in Elkhart, Stoll grew up visiting Lake Wawasee and later moved to the area. He has built several houses around the lake. He also founded the Lake Area Community Band. Stoll, described himself as, sort of, kind of retired, now travels the country, doing team development and speaking engagements to promote the OmniWELL model.

Stoll and his wife, Judy, now live in Florida.

North Webster Library — Presents free final class in herb series

The growing season is winding down as gardens ripen with the bounty of the summer. If you've been following the North Webster Community Public Library's resident *Herb Lady* (aka Janette Stackhouse), it will soon be time to harvest those herbs you've been growing all season.

In her *Hooked on Herbs* class series, beginning in May, the Herb Lady has taught how to plant, grow, and use fresh herbs. Now in her final installment 10:30 a.m. Saturday, she will show how to harvest and preserve herbs for enjoyment throughout the winter. The class is free. You can also follow the Herb Lady on the library's Facebook page where she frequently posts about all the delicious ways you can use herbs.

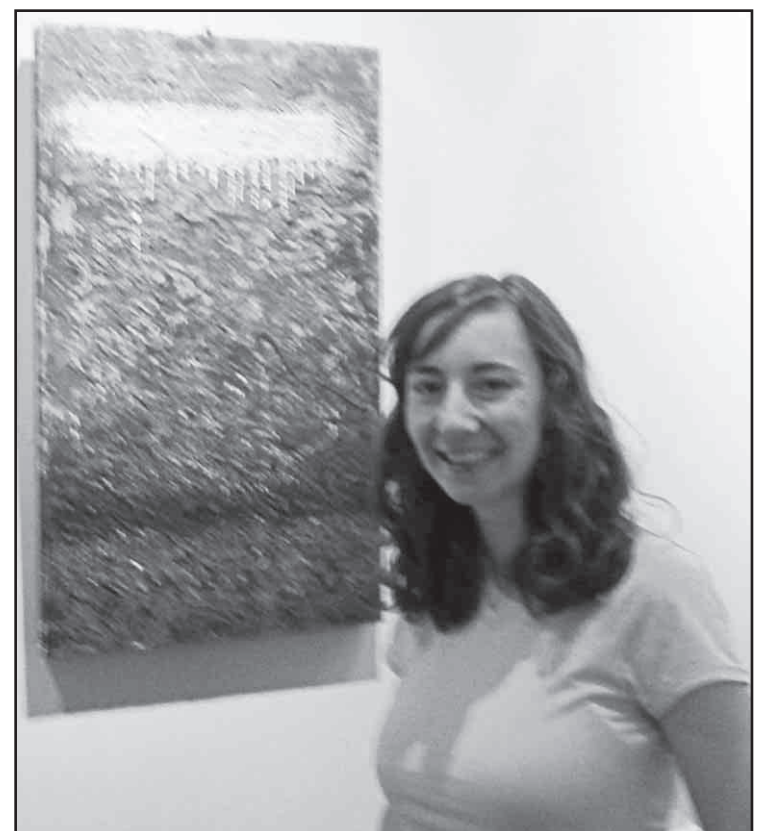
Adult Programs

While horticulturists are investigating the best way to harvest herbs, Voyager Book Club will be investigating crimes as they meet 10 a.m. Monday, to discuss the various Sue Grafton crime novels they've read. If you like detective novels, grab one written by the popular crime novelist Grafton and join. The more who come, the livelier the discussion. Next month, Voyager Book Club will be reading and discussing autobiographies.

The foodies will be sharing their favorite dishes during Revolving Recipe Round-Up 6 p.m. Tuesday. Prepare your favorite dish, whatever it may be, bring the recipe, and share it with others. It should prove to be an interesting and delicious culinary collection. The library provides the table service and free coffee and water. If you like to collect recipes, try different foods, and meet new friends, Revolving Recipe Round-Up meets the fourth Tuesday every month.

Family Movie Night

Bring your favorite beverages and munch on free popcorn during family movie time 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29. Youth services department will be showing an animated action comedy about a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit into his tribe's tradition of dragon slayers. He encounters a dragon that challenges him and his fellow Vikings to view the world differently. The movie



ARTIST ON DISPLAY — Desiree List, Leesburg, exhibits her *Encaustic on Panel* collection in the North Webster Community Public Library's art gallery throughout August. List is a senior at Ball State University where she is studying art education. She recently returned from Italy where she toured art galleries around the country and painted there as well. (Photo provided)

is rated PG and is 98 minutes long. Free tickets are available one hour prior to show time until gone.

DVD Department

Make anytime movie time by checking out movies from the DVD department. The library has more than 4,500 DVDs and 800 video cassettes to choose

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IT'S JAWSOME! Recently, as part of the teen summer reading program, Milford Public Library had a special guest visitor. Bruce, the remote-controlled shark, swam through the stacks. Teens played shark bingo, made necklaces with shark teeth and enjoyed a watermelon shark filled with fruit and gummy fish. Are you interested in learning more about sharks? Come in and check out the new Eyewitness DVD Sharks. (Photo provided)

Milford Public Library

Learn to knit at the library

The Afternoon Knitting Club will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Milford Public Library. This is a great group of ladies who would love to have you join them. Bring your project or if you don't know how to knit and want to learn, they will teach you. This group meets ev-

ery other Friday in the library meeting room.

Dial A Story

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Website

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Church

Zion pastor describes evangelization struggle

By DANI MOLNAR Staff Writer

Zion Comunidad Cristiana is growing in Syracuse.

Right now, we used to be 80 members, but this year, three families moved. Abigail Cervantes, pastor at Zion Comunidad Cristiana along with her husband, Ruben Cervantes Sr., said. The people are working hard to share the Gospel, but it's hard. Some of the people who become saved, their life is hard, because it changes the culture. It's like a lifestyle, but it's a religion.

Cervantes explained that, in her eyes, Catholicism weighs heavily on the Mexican culture.

There's something true about that because they are getting remonstrations from Mexican Catholics, concurred Tim Matinova, professor of theology and the executive director of the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. These Catholics will feel like your practice is more American.

Often times, for new converts to her church, she finds that it is difficult for them to learn that statues aren't necessary for prayer. It's also hard for families to understand a member's new religion because it is so different from the culture they were raised in.

It's hard when the people become Christian, most of the people suffer for their faith in Jesus.

Cervantes explained her own trials in conversion.

I received Jesus in Mexico, Cervantes said.

She explained how she went to Bible school in the mountains to obtain her pastoral degree and how the students evangelized during their time in school. One night, while evangelizing, Cervantes and a friend went to buy a pop at the store.

When we went there, my friend and me, there was a bunch of people with machetes, and they spoke dialect so they had an interpreter, and they said, Go away, we

don't want your religion here, or we're going to kill you. I wanted to be a martyr and my friend said no. So I ran.

Cervantes ran to get help while the group closed in on her friend.

He said, If you're going to kill me, okay, but just give me time to explain, we just want to preach about Jesus, the Son of God, and then they started to understand.

While not all families struggle with the acceptance of new religion, many of the families Cervantes has dealt with experience trying times.

Cervantes described the story of a woman, whose mother was wealthy and offered her entire inheritance to her daughter, but took the offer back after her daughter became a Protestant; and another story about a woman who tried to forgive her husband's sins because of his new faith, and her family's discontent. She explained that sometimes the people have such a difficult time with their conversion, families and friends that they

go back to their former religion. A former member claimed to return to Catholicism for no other reason than because there was no statues in the church. When he returned to Mexico later, he mailed a special cross for Cervantes' office.

Now we have a cross for the people who come for the first time (in the sanctuary), because their parents teach them to see something you can worship.

Cervantes has been lucky, she believes, because her family has accepted her new faith.

We are blessed, my whole family, because God is showing his mercy and we'll just respond to his call.

Last Sunday, five adults were baptized at Lake Wawasee for the Zion Comunidad Cristiana, amounting to a total of 43 adult baptisms since the church opened in 2007.

Zion Comunidad Cristiana is located at 71691 CR 33, Syracuse, along with Faith Fellowship Church.

For more information, call (574) 457-3800.

On the other side

By DANI MOLNAR Staff Writer

Tim Matinova, professor of theology and the executive director of the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame explained the controversy between Mexican Catholics and the up and coming Protestant movement in Mexico. He stated that misconceptions sometimes arise on the part of the new Protestants.

The way you'll hear this, in some of these Spanish-speaking churches, is that somehow Catholics are not Christian, Matinova explained. There, people

are convinced that Well, if you're Catholic, you're going to hell, and we have the true religion and we're going to save your soul. And it's offensive to Catholics to say that Catholics aren't Christian.

The belief stems from recent conflict in the state of Chiapas, where Protestants have been persecuted for more than a few years by rebels, expelled and even killed for their beliefs. While such persecution is not prevalent in the United States, families still living in Mexico fear for their newly converted Protestant members whether they live in Mexico or the United

States. The attacks also cause Protestants to feel persecuted. Whether they actually are or not, the fear exists.

To convert to one of these other religions can cause them to feel that they're really being treated with disdain, Matinova explained.

Since rebel forces in Mexico oppose Protestant evangelism, and those rebels are Catholic, converts often feel that the conflict is religious war, rather than cultural.

Statues of saints are common

in Catholic churches as well as the Mexican culture, and that becomes a sticky point as well.

Some of the Mexican Protestant churches will teach those things are superstitious, they're not in the Bible you shouldn't do (those pieties). On the Catholic side, they say you'll have to strip yourself of the culture (to become Protestant).

For Mexicans who convert to Protestant Christianity, there is a struggle between following Protestant teaching and not abandoning Mexican culture.

Correction

In the Aug. 14 edition of The Mail-Journal, it was noted the dates for the Ark Christian Preschool's pre-kindergarten classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, however, it was brought to our attention the actual days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for

these classes. It was also requested to note the Ark Christian Preschool is located in the North Webster United Methodist Church, 7822 E. Epworth Forest Road. We regret the error and apologize for any inconvenience or confusion it may have caused.

NWUMC hosts supper

North Webster United Methodist Church will host its monthly free community supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

Dinner for the night will be a sub sandwich and salad bar. Two kinds of meatballs will be offered.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the North Webster United Methodist Church at (574) 834-2871. North Webster United Methodist Church is located at 7822 E. Epworth Forest Road.

Community dinner to be held

Milford First Brethren Church will host its monthly free community supper from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Donations will be accepted but are not necessary. Please enter through the southeast

doors of the church, which lead directly into the gym where the meal will be served.

Milford First Brethren Church is located at 110 W. Catherine St.

For more information, call (574) 658-3141.

Bible study to be held in Nappanee

The Living Gospel Church will host a bible study for women beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Teaching, discussion groups and fellowship are included in the timely study of the Book of Exodus entitled Lessons in Leadership.

Classes will be provided for

children ages two to five and a nursery is available for infants.

For more information, contact the church at (574) 773-7110 or call Judy Kitson at (260) 894-4203.

Living Gospel Church is located at 302 W. Walnut St., Nappanee.

Movie night features unsung heroines

Grace Lutheran will host a movie night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, featuring Pray the Devil Back to Hell, a gripping documentary about a group of heroic, visionary women who were instrumental in bringing peace to Liberia. The New York Times described this movie as uplifting, disheartening, inspiring, enraging the mind reels while watching the documentary.

This award-winning movie is made up archival images and includes scenes of violence, which may not be suitable for younger viewers. This movie night is free to attend, and popcorn and beverage will be provided. A free will donation will be collected for those that would like to contribute.

Grace Lutheran is located

at 203 E. Main St. in Syracuse. Grace Lutheran offers worship services on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (with Holy Communion on every Sunday), Sunday school, Worship Wednesdays, Bible Study Quilt Ministry, vacation bible school along with community programs and events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The mission statement of Grace is: Gathered by the grace of God and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we welcome all people to learn and grow in faith. As disciples of Jesus Christ we share the Gospel and serve those in need.

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Mavis Vanderveer gets hole in one

10 YEARS AGO, AUG. 20, 2003

Buster and Heather Clevenger of Syracuse, are the parents of a son, Caleb Robert, born at 3:53 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. He weighed 9 pounds, 7.3 ounces and was 20½ inches in length. Caleb Robert has a brother, Kyle Dalton, 9; and two sisters, Caitlin Jennae, 6, and Keyanna Danielle, 3.

There are new officers and retiring officers for the Wawasee Property Owners Association. Those retiring from the Association are Ed Rice and Arlene Berkey. Rice completed his third term and Berkey completed her second term. Those joining the association are Sally Gindling, who was elected to her first three-year term, and Carolyn Anderson was elected to her second three-year term.

A new building inspector, Dennis Meyer of Elkhart, was hired by the Syracuse Town Council by a 4-to-1 vote. The other candidates seeking the position were Condy Dahm of Goshen, Eric Pifer of Syracuse, and Chuck Siwi of Cromwell. Meyer is retiring from his current position as a county employee with the Elkhart Dunlap and Goshen Department of Building and Grounds Maintenance.

20 YEARS AGO, AUG. 25, 1993

Rob and Pam Northup of Syracuse, are the parents of a son, Brandon Phillip, born at 6:48 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 1993, in Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. He weighed 8 pounds, 11.2 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length. Brandon Phillip is the couple's first child.

Christopher W. Solina, son of Steve and Connie Solina of Syracuse, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist. The specialist is a fighting vehicle driver, stationed at Conn Barracks, Schweinfurt, Germany. His wife, Deborah, is the daughter of Luis and Diana Belis of El Paso, Texas. Solina is a graduate of Wawasee High School.

Mavis Vanderveer of Syracuse, may want to have the number 13 as her lucky number. It was Friday, August 13 on the 13th hole at Wawasee Golf Course, that she hit a hole in one with an eight iron. Vanderveer, who is a retired school teacher and started the girls' golf program at Wawasee High School, was out playing a round of golf with friend, Esther Stahley when the experience of a lifetime occurred.

40 YEARS AGO, AUG. 22, 1973

Members of the Wawasee Property

Owners Association elected six directors - including the first woman director in the organization's 25 years of existence. Chosen to fill vacancies on the organizations board, recently expanded from 9 to 12 members, were Mrs. William Tully, G.W. Burnell, George Poole and William Salin. Mrs. Tully is the first woman to be elected to the board. Re-elected for new three year terms were Wiley (Bill) Spurgeon, Jr., and M.D. Umbaugh. Holdover directors are Irwin Deister, Karl Freese, Harry Alfrey, George Hetler, Meyer Maidenberg and Ronald Silveus.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Storey of Syracuse, became the parents of their second child, a daughter, Julia Ann, born August 15 at 8:43 p.m. Julie tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Julie will be welcomed home by her three year old brother, Judd.

William Cable of Syracuse, won the chicken barbecue contest held at the state fair. This contest is open to anyone in the state except previous winners. In 1970, the Cables' son, Edwin, won the junior division championship and in 1972 Cables' wife, Miriam won the state championship in the senior division. This year, Mrs. Cable was a judge for the junior division. Mr. Cable used an electric rotisserie and his own

recipe for barbecue sauce made basically of poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. He added other spices to the recipe for basting the chicken.

50 YEARS AGO, AUG. 22, 1963

Michael Lynn Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Jones of Syracuse, was on the Ball State Teachers college campus this week, for a two-day period of freshman orientation and fall quarter enrollment. Jones, a 1963 graduate of Syracuse high school, plans to major in business at Ball State. While in high school he participated in sports and was a recipient of the athletic award for outstanding work for four years.

Twenty-four members and guests of the Twilighters Bunco club of Syracuse held their annual dinner-party, with a bountiful family style dinner at Foo and Faye's and a showing of Gypsy at the Enchanted Hills playhouse. Gifts went to Mrs. Bill Eyer in observance of her birthday; Mrs. Richard Maresh, birthday and anniversary; Mrs. Joe Hughes, anniversary and Mrs. Delbert-Whitehead, anniversary.

Mrs. Owen Cobbum, Syracuse, the former Freda Gail Robinson, was guest of honor at a bridal shower in the Earl Darr home. The show-

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
Listed below is a complete list of taxpayers of Kosciusko County whose application for Tax Abatement in an economic revitalization area was approved for 2013 pay 2014 taxes.

Taxing Unit	Personal Property Name	Amount
Claypool	0029200519001 Symmetry Medical USA	\$731,000.00
Claypool	0012027121045 Louis Dreyfus	\$16,434,130.00
Plain	0298201020023 Biomet Manufacturing Corp.	\$10,037,820.00
Plain	0298207161073 Precision Medical Technologies	\$107,410.00
Plain	0298214005086 NG Instruments	\$152,370.00
Warsaw/Plain	028821810324 Riepen Limited Partnership	\$244,710.00
Warsaw/Plain	0288215000005 Symmetry Medical USA	\$1,497,970.00
Milford	020202030010101 CTB Inc.	\$121,750.00
Piercetown	0100216012005 Paragon Medical	\$4,909,190.00
Syracuse	008209101012 Jasper Plastics Solution	\$98,930.00
Syracuse	008201810324 Patrick Industries Inc.	\$197,080.00
Syracuse	0088216012000 Precision Automotive	\$8,930.00
Wayne	0038218001000 R R Donnelley	\$1,790,580.00
Wayne	0038210031026 Custom Engineered Wheels Inc.	\$773,010.00
Wayne	0038211131034 Midwest Rake Company LLC	\$577,710.00
Warsaw	0048200500 Dalton Corp.	\$1,432,360.00
Warsaw	0048204022300 Depuy	\$4,857,610.00
Warsaw	0048212201014 The Flexaust Company Inc.	\$184,780.00
Warsaw	0048220010015 The Flexaust Company Inc.	\$299,550.00
Warsaw	0048204235024 Whimet	\$260,600.00
Warsaw	0048206231001 Wildman Business Group LLC	\$90,000.00
Warsaw	0048204265035 Zimmer Inc.	\$20,239,190.00
Warsaw	0048204265086 Zimmer Production	\$10,984,170.00
Warsaw	0048204265037 Zimmer US Inc.	\$74,980.00
Mentone/Harrison	0148213005000 MidWest Spring Mfg.	\$177,330.00
Van Buren	0278713000001 Maple Leaf Farms	\$1,455,220.00
		\$77218,380.00

Real Property

Taxing Unit	Real Property Name	Amount	Years Remaining
Plain	0298705004066 Biomet		
Plain	56 E. Bell Dr. Warsaw, IN 46582	\$54,760.00	4 Years
Plain	0298723000001 Bradcan Real Estate		
Plain	975 Pound Dr. N. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$152,050.00	2 Years
Plain	0298720030022 GI Tape		
Plain	2128 N. Cessana Rd. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$31,230.00	0 Years
Plain	0298723003002 NGInstruments		
Franklin	5225 N. 100 E. Leesburg, IN 46538	\$261,320.00	4 Years
Franklin	0153713001025 North Central LP		
Plain	4640 S. 900 W. Mentone, IN 46992	\$264,040.00	2 Years
Plain	0298702000005 Maching Concepts		
Clay	157 EMS T36 Ln. Leesburg, IN 46538	\$86,560.00	2 Years
Clay	0016703000000 Louis Dreyfus		
Clay	7250 S. SR 15 Claypool, IN 46510	\$1,588,970.00	4 Years
Clay	0016703000070 Louis Dreyfus		
Van Buren	7250 S. SR 15 Claypool, IN 46510	\$321,250.00	4 Years
Van Buren	0278713001027 Maple Leaf Farms		
Wayne	PO Box 308 Milford, IN 46542	\$196,440.00	2 Years
Wayne	0038708002905 Custom Engineered Wheels Inc.		
Wayne	1851 N. Fox Farm Rd. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$13,760.00	3 Years
Wayne	0038702000970 Cass Holdings LLC		
Claypool	2666 S. Country Club Rd. Warsaw, IN 46581	\$4,400.00	7 Years
Claypool	0028723001003 Symmetry Medical		
Etna Green	111 N. Clay St. Claypool, IN 46510	\$46,110.00	7 Years
Etna Green	0128726002072 Winona Powder Coating		
Mentone/Harrison	9876 W. Old Road 30 Etna Green, IN 46524	\$1,937,600.00	2 Years
Milford	0148713001010 MidWest Spring Manufacturing		
Milford	1404 Joliet Rd., Unit C Romeoville, IL 60446	\$50,510.00	1 Year
Milford	0208703000000 CTB Inc.		
Milford	PO Box 2000 Milford, IN 46542	\$212,240.00	4 Years
Milford	0208726001021 LMA HUF		
Piercetown	802 N. Old Rd. 15 Milford, IN 46542	\$76,460.00	1 Year
Syracuse	0108726005004 Paragon		
Syracuse	8 Matchett Industrial Park Dr. Piercetown, IN 46562	\$363,440.00	2 Years
Syracuse	0088723001000 Syracuse Buildings		
Syracuse	501 Railroad Ave. Syracuse, IN 46567	\$25,650.00	5 Years
Syracuse	0088726007057 Precision Automotive		
Syracuse	401 W. Chicago St. Syracuse, IN 46567	\$360,870.00	5 Years
Syracuse	0088712004080 & 0088712006000 Patrick Industries Inc.		
Warsaw	107 W. Franklin St., PO Box 638 Elkhart, IN 46515	\$462,000.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048702035050 Flomar		
Warsaw	1510 Armstrong Rd. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$37,650.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048703003200 Flexaust Company Inc.		
Warsaw	PO Box 4275 Warsaw, IN 46581	\$84,550.00	7 Years
Warsaw	0048715003035 Flexaust Company Inc.		
Warsaw	1605 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46581	\$848,100.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048726000802 ICONACY Orthopedic Implants		
Warsaw	PO Box 1033 Warsaw, IN 46581	\$1,353,300.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048726014005 Martin's Supermarket		
Warsaw	PO Box 2709 South Bend, IN 46680	\$2,414,640.00	1 Year
Warsaw	0048704013024 R & B Investors Partnership		
Warsaw/Plain	800 S. Buffalo St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$237,550.00	1 Year
Warsaw	0288715001000 Symmetry Medical		
Warsaw	3724 N. SR 15 Warsaw, IN 46580	\$243,620.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048719056000 Whimet		
Warsaw	2100 N. Detroit St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$7,200.00	4 Years
Warsaw	0048708010809 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$23,000.00	1 Year
Warsaw	0048708010921 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$3,520.00	1 Year
Warsaw	0048714009004 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$500,760.00	2 Years
Warsaw	0048726001000 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$618,970.00	1 Year
Warsaw	0048726001000 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$542,390.00	3 Years
Warsaw	0048715007000 Zimmer		
Warsaw	1535 W. Center St. Warsaw, IN 46580	\$525,920.00	4 Years

Association serves

Continued from page 6 gan, NWCC board member; Mark Allen of MSKTD and the Lakeland Youth Center; grant writer Bob Murphy of Murphy Associates; Carol McMillen, LYC director; and Jeff Hile of MSKTD.

Members of the North Webster Musky Club spent much of Saturday, Aug. 9, teaching inner city youth to fish for musky on Webster Lake. The group of approximately 21 teens, ranging in age 15 to 19 years old, reside in Indianapolis and were spending two weeks at Camp Good News in North Webster. The Musky Club volunteered their time and boats to take kids on what turned out to be the first fishing venture for most.

20 YEARS AGO, AUG. 25, 1993

Lakeland Kiwanis Club met at the North Webster Church of God with 46 members and 5 guests present. Bill Sonderman, and avid toy train enthusiast and collector, talked about his hobby of collecting toy trains. He showed a video tape about toy trains. He also brought a toy train from his collection that was built in the 1930s.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. White of North Webster, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Sue White of North Webster and Muncie, to Matthew Douglas Kerlin of Albion and Muncie. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Douglas Kerlin of Ligonier. The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Wawasee High School and is a senior at Ball State University, majoring in secondary education. The bridegroom-elect is a 1988 graduate of Central Noble High School and is a junior at Ball State University majoring in geographic information systems. The couple will marry October 16 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse.

40 YEARS AGO, AUG. 22, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of North Webster, are the parents of their first child, Jennifer Alayne, born Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 3:34 p.m. in the Goshen hospital. Jennifer weighed six pounds, two ounces, and was 19 inches long at birth.

Mrs. Mary Wallace and Mrs. Thelma McCorkle of the Leesburg American Legion Unit conducted installa-

tion of officers for the Herbert Kuhn Unit in North Webster at their regular meeting. Installed were: Mrs. Elinore Enyeart, president; Mrs. Mervin (Helen) Wagoner, first vice president; Mrs. Alton (Margaret) Kruger, second vice president; Mrs. Robert (Betty) Busch, secretary; Mrs. Edith Kesterson, treasurer; Mrs. Ermal Vanator, chaplain; Mrs. Georgia Cormican, Sgt.-at-Arms; Mrs. Kay Lowe, historian; and Mrs. Georgia Cormican, Mrs. Iva Crouse and Mrs. Lillian Barker, executive board.

50 YEARS AGO, AUG. 22, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cretcher of North Webster announce the birth of a son, Charles Edward on July 12 at 9:05 p.m. at the Murphy Medical Center in Warsaw. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Cretcher of North Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Ned King of Syracuse.

Officials of the Webster Lake Conservation Association report that the annual fish fry was quite a success. It is estimated that 5,000 people or more were served. This

could not have been accomplished without the hard work and cooperation of the 56 members who volunteered their time. The fish fry was held in a large tent erected on parking lot at the Mid-Lakes shopping center. The Webster Lake Conservation association is led by the following officers: Y.C. McCoy, president; Earl Christman, vice president; Glen Bechtold, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Y.D. McCoy, gen. chr; and board officers of 18 directors.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF KOSCIUSKO SS:
IN THE KOSCIUSKO
SUPERIOR COURT I
CAUSE NUMBER 43D010308EUB032
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JEANETTE CAUSEY
Deceased
BERNADINE NICODEMUS
Personal Representative
Notice is hereby given that Bernadine Nicodemus was on the 8th day of August, 2013, appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Jeanette Causey, deceased, who died on the 3rd day of August, 2013.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months of the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Warsaw, Indiana, this 8th day of August, 2013.
ANN TORPY, Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wawasee High School Auditorium, 1 Warrior Path, Building 1, (Main Entrance Door #1), Syracuse, Indiana 46526.
The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on the environmental document and preliminary design plans for a new bridge to carry CR 29 over US 6, located in Elkhart County. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the accident frequency and severity at the intersection of US 6 and CR 29. Construction of the project will require approximately 10.9 acres of new permanent right-of-way. No displacement of residents or businesses will be involved with this project. Traffic on US 6 will be maintained during construction with shoulder restrictions anticipated during construction of the proposed bridge abutments; however, short term closures are anticipated during the bridge beam placement. Due to the closure of CR 29, the proposed maintenance of traffic would require local traffic to be detoured using the routes of SR 13 (CR 33) and CR 46.
Preliminary design plans, along with the environmental document are available for review at the following locations:
1. Hearing Examiner, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204-0226, Phone # (317) 234-0796
2. Planning & Programming Department, Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District office at, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, Phone # (866) 227-8555
3. Syracuse Public Library, 115 East Main Street, Syracuse, IN 46567, Phone # (574) 457-8022
The public hearing serves as the opportunity for the public to comment on both the Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document and to view and comment on the preliminary plans. All comments collected before, during and two weeks after the hearing will be taken into consideration. The tentative timetables for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed during the formal presentation. Public statements for the record will be taken after the presentation. Individuals interested in participating in the public statement session may sign the speaker's schedule prior to the presentation. The preliminary plans will be available for anyone interested in talking to the engineers about the project before and after the formal presentation. Please note these conversations will not be part of the official record. Any point of concern or suggestion must be submitted in writing during the comment period or as a statement on record at the public hearing.
With advance notice INDOT can make special accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or limited English speaking ability, and persons needing auxiliary aids for services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. If special accommodations are needed please call the Public Hearings office at (317) 232-6601, by Wednesday, August 21, 2013.
This notice is published in conformance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1)) states: "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program." 23 CFR 450.212(a)(7) states: "Public involvement procedures shall provide for periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all and revision of the process as necessary" approved by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation on August 16, 2012. INDOT, Mary Wright, Public Hearings Examiner, Phone # (317) 234-0796, Email: mwright@indot.IN.gov hspaxlp Au.14021

Business

Precision Wire expands in North Webster

KEDCo is always excited to share news and celebrate with local companies who are in the process of expanding and adding new jobs. One of our manufacturing strengths stated KEDCo President George Robertson is our niche market manufacturing companies. They succeed through entrepreneurial efforts and by producing a high quality product.

Precision Wire Services, headquartered in North Webster, recently expanded their facility and finished a second production line, allowing Precision Wire to create six new jobs and double their production capacity. This expansion is a 35% increase in staff as Precision Wire has grown from 17 to 23 full time employees.

Jodi Mikesell and Greg Snavelly own and operate Precision Wire Services. Snavelly opened

Precision Wire Services in 1982, with himself as the only employee. The company became incorporated in 1987, and employed five individuals.

Precision Wire specializes in custom wire design for specialty vehicles. Due to the unique wiring requirements of specialty vehicles, custom wiring harness systems must be produced and installed on a per customer basis. Each wiring system is custom designed and manufactured for the vehicle, which ranges from school buses, public transportation vehicles, converted buses and van conversions, and other specialty vehicles. Their products are sent to customers generally within a 300 mile radius; however orders have been shipped nationwide.

Mikesell and Snavelly did not have to wait long for new orders to fill their new production line.

In fact, Precision Wire is already operating at capacity once again. Snavelly noted, "Even in a down economy, people need transportation." Snavelly's persistence and faith in Precision Wire has certainly aided in the steady growth that the company has experienced over the past 31 years.

It is these kinds of stories, created by the Kosciusko County business community, which resulted in year-end actual numbers of 570 more people working in Kosciusko County over December of 2011. Kosciusko County was one of the few in Northern Indiana that ended the year with higher employment than the prior year. This new payroll of \$24.5 million increased economic activity throughout our County and is positive news for all our businesses and citizens.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 310 E. Main St., Warsaw. The political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body shall publish this notice twice in accordance with IC 5-3-3 with the first publication at least ten days before the date fixed for the public hearing and the second publication at least three days before the date fixed for the public hearing.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Warsaw Community Public Library, Kosciusko County, Indiana, that the proper officers of Warsaw Community Public Library will conduct a public hearing on the year 2014 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Warsaw Community Public Library not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Warsaw Community Public Library shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Warsaw Community Public Library will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date: Monday, September 9, 2013
Public Hearing Time: 4:00 P.M.
Public Hearing Location: 310 E. Main St., Warsaw
Adoption Meeting Date: Monday, October 21, 2013
Adoption Meeting Time: 4:00 P.M.
Adoption Meeting Location: 310 E. Main St., Warsaw
Estimated Civil Max Levy: \$1,595,131

Fund Name	Budget Estimate	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including Appeals & Levies Exempt From Maximum Levy Limitations)	Excessive Levy Appeals	Current Tax Levy
0101General	\$2,887,650	\$1,595,200	00	\$1,557,584
0180Debt Service	341,670	166,137	00	333,957
TOTALS	\$3,229,320	\$1,761,337	00	\$1,891,541

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 121 S. Main St., Milford. The political subdivision or appropriate fiscal body shall publish this notice twice in accordance with IC 5-3-3 with the first publication at least ten days before the date fixed for the public hearing and the second publication at least three days before the date fixed for the public hearing.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Milford Civil Town, Kosciusko County, Indiana, that the proper officers of Milford Civil Town will conduct a public hearing on the year 2014 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Milford Civil Town not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Milford Civil Town shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Milford Civil Town will meet to adopt the following budget:

Date of Public Hearing: 9/9/2013
Time of Public Hearing: 7:00 P.M.
Public Hearing Place: 121 S. Main St., Milford
Date of Adoption Meeting: 10/14/2013
Time of Adoption Meeting: 7:00 P.M.
Adoption Meeting Place: 121 S. Main St., Milford
Estimated Civil Max Levy: \$500,809

Fund Name	Budget Estimate	Maximum Estimated Funds To Be Raised (Including Appeals & Levies Exempt From Maximum Levy Limitations)	Excessive Levy Appeals	Current Tax Levy
Rainy Day	\$30,000			
General	727,943	\$339,000		\$296,801
Local Road & Street	30,000			
Motor Vehicle Highway	321,124	147,000		153,860
Cumulative Capital Imp. (Cig. Tax)	30,000			
Cumulative Capital Imp. (Rate)	100,000	21,416		21,500
Cumulative Capital Development	100,000	14,865		14,725
Cumulative Sewer	50,000	16,377		16,797
River Boat	30,000			
CEBIT	150,000			
Redevelopment General	150,000			
TOTAL	\$1,719,067	\$538,659		\$503,683



RETIRED TEACHERS BREAKFAST ☐ The Retired Teachers Breakfast Club has met for breakfast on the 1st day of school for almost 10 years. These teachers have a combined total of 390 years of teaching experience.

Shown in the front row, from left, are Janice Engelberth, Nancy Nelson, Julie Gunden, Sue Price, Lura Hoover and Dorothy Gall. Back row: Dorothy Haney, Ann Lohman, Carolyn Baker, Pat Mikel, Betty Sombronsky, Charlotte Morrill, Ann Clay and Melinda Roose.

Those present signed a birthday card for Anni Bender, who is not able to join them due to health reasons. Anni was one of the original organizers of the Retired Teacher Breakfast Club. (Photo provided)



CHAMPION DAIRY STEER ☐ Jared Templin, son of Terry and Karin Templin of Milford, received \$4,500 for his champion 4-H dairy steer at the Indiana State Fair. (Photo provided Photos by Lucy)



AVIATION MERIT BADGE ☐ Boy Scouts from both North Webster Troop 726 and Syracuse Troop 728 earned the Aviation Merit Badge at Smith Field in Fort Wayne on Saturday. Scouts learned how to control a plane, how air flow works to make a plane fly, how to perform a pre flight inspection, about various carriers in aviation and flew in a small plane. A few Scouts, under the supervision of a licensed pilot, were able to pilot the plane. The event was free to the Boy Scouts and organized by the Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority.

Shown in the front row, from left, are Joe Kelsheimer, Joey Sunday, Ethan Hays, Clay Kelsheimer and Mathew Wanger. Back row: Grey Grumme, Conner Grumme and EJ Kirkpatrick. (Photo provided)



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Milford Main Street



LAST WEDNESDAY, the United Way's Day of Caring cleaned up eight houses around Milford and many more county wide.

Volunteers Greg Ousley, Alex Sansford, Deb Carr, Sarah Hinkel, Dina Cruz, Lorraine Bradley and Dan Clevenger worked on Mim and Lew Speicher's house during the morning.

"I'm just amazed at what they do. I've done nothing but just sit and watch them do work that would've taken me months," Mim said.

She explained that her husband used to do all the yard work and keep it very nice. A few years ago, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and could no longer do the work. Although he is in remission now, he is still not stable enough to keep up on the tasks. Her family and friends help out, but Mim has also taken to yard work and household chores herself.

"My children have done this, but they (the volunteers) don't owe me a thing," Mim stated. "God sent them; that's all I know."

The workers all enjoyed lunch at the fire station served by members of the Kiwanis club with the help of a number of Milford area merchants.

WITH SCHOOL in session, the Milford Police Department would like to remind members of the community to be safe on the roadways. Town Marshal Rich Miotto reminds drivers to not go around school bus crossing arms and to keep an eye out for kids during school transition periods.

Miotto would also like to remind people to avoid scams. Never send money to anyone who calls regarding prize money. Last week, two members of the community reported scam alerts to the Milford Police Department



THE KAMMERER Family recently returned from a weekend of fun at Clearwater Beach, Fla. Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 4, they held a family reunion. There were barbecues, they went canoeing and kayaking at the Weeki Springs State Park and watched a live mermaid show, spent time on the Sponge Dock, home of the world's nest sponges.

On Saturday, 57 family members reported for a day of fun in the sun at the beach

Jodie Kammerer Roose of Milford declared the best part of the trip was when Chet, Ilene and Larry, the three remaining

children of Andy and Laura Kammerer, formerly of Leesburg, sat down to share memories and stories about the patriarch and matriarch of the family.

Andy and Laura had five children, 14 grandchildren and 31 grandchildren.

Twenty-two family members from Milford and Leesburg attended the reunion in Clearwater, mostly from the families of Earl Kammerer (deceased) and Larry Kammerer.

The photo shows the three siblings, Chet Kammerer, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Ilene Pulver, Fort Wayne; and Earl Kammerer, Leesburg.

THE MILFORD Utilities Department will begin reading water meters on Aug. 27.

The utilities department also will be seeing a new face from time to time. With Gary Bray retiring, the town has hired Nathan Acton, 18, as a part-time utility worker for the town of Milford. Acton graduated from homeschooling this year. He also just started a lawn mowing business and enjoys learning about small engines. He's a LEGO fanatic but with his new part time job and small business, he won't have as much time to enjoy the hobby.

IN LAST week's edition of Main Street, we somehow ended up with the Milford Public Library Friends of the Library newsletter. President Andrew Newman called in, concerned that some of the statements printed from the newsletter may have been confusing to members of the community not involved with the Friends of the Library program. Since the information is already out there, she hoped to better explain some of the facts presented.

She reiterated that the \$1,000 cost of the Milford Public Library's summer reading program is the friend's cost and not the library's. In total, the summer reading program is more than \$3,000 each summer. The money that comes from the Friends comes from the used books, CDs and DVDs, which are sold in the meeting room on the lower level of the library. The sale is ongoing and donations are accepted during regular business hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Additional revenue for the Milford Friends of the Library comes from their book sale events, the next of which falls on Saturday, Nov. 16. The library is looking for Fall Book Sale donations during this time and is always looking to accept donations regardless of special events at the library.

THE FIRST big event of the Milford school year was the Literacy Carnival. In an effort to promote reading and get kids hyped for the year, staff and volunteers held the carnival last Friday, with face painting, reading time and fun crafty activities to get kids into the school spirit. Deb Yankosky is shown painting Dalton Hickey's face for the carnival.

