

VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Steve Anderson called the meeting to order on November 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, and Nancy Moore. Lynnette Maske was absent. Clerk Ann Curry, Treasurer Edie Fairchild and Attorney Don Behle were also present. Visitors present were Samantha Detmers, Marlene Lanterman and Mona Maas.

Motion by Peggy Lee, second by Lyle Fout to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to approve the October 3, 2011 Executive Session minute. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Lyle Fout to accept the treasurer's report and authorize expenditures. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Brian Hinds to approve employee reimbursements. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to replace the lights on the Village of Elkhart sign at a cost of less than \$50.00. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Nancy Moore, second by Lyle Fout to donate \$250.00 to NAG. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. One absent. Motion carried.

Steve received a request to put a clothes collection container in the village parking lot. The funds are used to fund at Risk Children. Steve will be getting more information on this, but didn't see any problem with a container being put there.

Steve has gotten the new flag pole ropes and the flags will be put up soon.

Marlene Lanterman has done a great job with all the flowers in the village. They all look great. The landscaping at the Library really looks nice.

Elkhart Small Main Street will donate \$125.00 to help fund the Heritage Corner project. NAG will also donate \$125.00 to the project if the Village doesn't receive any money from Bomke's office.

The bench in front of Bird Song needs to be fixed. Steve will have Travis look at it and see what he can do.

The new sirens are up but they are not operational yet. We are waiting on the electrical work to be done.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Lyle Fout to give Edie a 3% pay increase. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

POLICE

There were 20 traffic stops and 1 suspicious vehicle.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Lyle received numerous complaints about the water quality during the tank repainting. It should be back on line tomorrow. The tank was in bad shape. We will start flushing the tank twice a year. It has new valves installed and looks great.

One resident that complained about the water quality said he didn't have any water for 2 hours. He was told to change his filters to make sure they weren't clogged.

STREETS/ALLEYS

There was a complaint from a resident that people were parking on his property. The streets of Elkhart belong to the village and residents can not forbid people from parking on the street by their property.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

A door in the village hall will be replaced and also the door on the water tower building will be replaced.

VILLAGE PARKS

There were 88 kids that Trick or Treated at the Village Hall. It was a good turnout and the decorations looked great.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Fry property has made some head way but the house itself still needs attention.

FINANCE

Dave and Nancy will be working on the Levy ordinance to pass in December.

Dave has been working on the management letter from the auditors; we now have pledge security documents on file.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON

The Historical Society will be hosting dinner lectures on November 11 and 14, 2011. December 3, 2012 will be their Christmas Program.

The Heritage Corner will have a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Paul Beaver will be the guest of Honor. There will be a reception following the ribbon cutting.

Santa will be at the Village Hall on Saturday December 3, 2011.

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Nancy Moore to pay \$100.00 for Santa. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCE

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to Approve Ordinance #2011-07: an Ordinance Approving an Agreement Between the Village of Elkhart and Prairie Ventures, Inc. for the Acquisition of Right-of-Way Easements. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, and Nancy Moore. Lynnette Maske absent. Ordinance passed.

Motion by Brian Hinds, second by Dave Barker to Approve Ordinance #2011-08: an Ordinance Approving an Agreement Between the Village of Elkhart and Prairie Ventures, Inc. for the Acquisition of Right-of-Way Easements. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, and Nancy Moore. Lynnette Maske absent. Ordinance passed.

Motion by Lyle Fout, second by Nancy Moore to Approve Ordinance #2011-09: an Ordinance for the Village of Elkhart Snow Emergency Declaration. Those voting yea: Dave Barker, Lyle Fout, Brian Hinds, Peggy Lee, and Nancy Moore. Lynnette Maske absent. Ordinance passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Barker, second by Nancy Moore to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

If anyone wants to reserve the park pavilion or apply for a building permit, they are to contact Ann Curry at 737-4982.

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the December newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011

Please email your article to jcjkkutz@frontier.com

If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,

Please call (899-5306) or e-mail the information.

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Our son recently spent 6 months in Afghanistan, and many friends and family members received handmade cards from him, one day I happened to notice the stamp on the back of the card said "Operation Write Home" with the name of the person who had made the card. Curiosity got the best of me so I Googled (www.operationwritehome.org) it and decided that I wanted to be a part of this organization. For those without a computer to research it let me explain briefly what they do; blank message handmade cards are boxed and sent to our military all over the globe so they can in turn send a special card back to their families and friends - most of them do not have access to Hallmark, etc. to purchase a card so this is the next best thing! I have already made over 100 cards and have lots of time to be creative and make more, which now brings me to why I am sharing this information with you. I am in need of some new fresh designs to make the cards, what I would like to ask - if you have rubber stamps that I may borrow to create card fronts I would really appreciate it (anything from Birthday to Christmas)? And please know that I will take very good care of them and will return them after I have stamped the designs. If you have any questions, please contact me either by cell (217) 737-1448 or email at clreeley@yahoo.com. Thanks, Cherri Reeley

KidzBeat

KidzBeat after school program for kids ages K-5th grade.
Wednesdays from 3:45 to 5:15pm at the Elkhart Christian Church.
Please join us for crafts, skits, singing, snacks and lots of fun!



Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society

What: "Get acquainted with LCGHS Genealogical Research Library" presented by Gary Freese
Installation of officers will be held during the evening

When: Nov. 21, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: 114 N. Chicago St. in downtown Lincoln

Welcome: Public

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

We have several research and historical informational cd's available for Holiday gifts, Don't forget our collection of books. We also have collectable plates for sale. Our hours are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tues. - Fri. & 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month. Phone# 732-3200

AUXILIARY NEWS

Your dues should be paid as soon as possible for this year. Only 14 to go and all will be paid. If you have not sent yours in as yet, please do so by the middle of December to keep our unit in good standing. Thanks and here is hoping you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Gwen Rosenfeld, Treasurer and Membership chair.



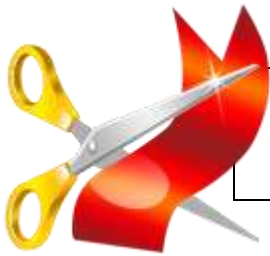
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Upcoming classes for the Dragonfly Art Studio

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**Help Us Celebrate The
New "Heritage Corner"**

The Lincoln/Logan County Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to help with the official ribbon cut and dedication` of Elkhart's Lincoln Heritage and Village of Elkhart signs display area on Monday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m. The new display area, "Heritage Corner," is located directly across from the Village Hall. Noted Illinois historian Paul Beaver will be the guest of honor. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall following the ceremony. Please join the Village Board and others in celebrating this new addition to historic downtown Elkhart!

The project has received funds and in-kind donations from Phoenix Consulting Engineers, Ace Hardware, RP Lumber, Hundman Lumber, Lowe's, Village of Elkhart, Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County, Whitmore's Concrete, Elkhart Historical Society, Hi-Tek Redneck DJ Service, Elkhart Small Main Street group, Growing Grounds (Bloomington), Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Elkhart's Needs And Goals (NAG) group, and Main Street Lincoln. Individuals helping with the project include Lucille Brewer, Suzie Brooks, Jim Carter, Travis Goodwin, Marlene Lanterman, Paul and Peggy Lee, Sally Litterly, Vern and Mona Maas, and many others.

The Lincoln Heritage signs were in storage due to the lack of funds required to design and install an adequate display area for them. The Lincoln Heritage signs are part of the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Program and were designed during the 2009 celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday to celebrate and capture the legacy of Abraham Lincoln's involvement in Logan County.

The Elkhart sign will recount the history of Elkhart, its historical significance and information regarding the geology of Elkhart Hill. Funding to complete the Elkhart Sign for the display is still needed and donations are being solicited. For information on how you can help, contact Peggy Lee, 217-947-2046.

Our "Heritage Corner" will be an important historical display for the community, historians and visitors to the Village. The Lincoln Heritage Wayside signs are a group of sites offering the interpretation of Lincoln and his connection to Logan County. A list and map of Lincoln Heritage signs is included in Logan County tourism literature as important locations to visit for those interested in Lincoln's legacy in Illinois.

**Join us as we celebrate a great addition to our already history rich
and tourist friendly community!**

**Elkhart Historical Society's
2012 Calendar**

The Elkhart Historical Society's 2012 calendar commemorates the remaining sections of Edwards' Trace. The year 2012 marks the 200th year anniversary of the War of 1812 and the first time the ancient trail was identified as "Edwards' Christmas giving. A Historical Society annual membership dues. Calendars calling 217-947-2238 or by using the form site.



anniversary of the War of 1812 and the first time the Trace." The calendar will be available in time for membership includes a free calendar with the and memberships can be individually ordered by found on the www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org web site.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Faith Doerr, Abby Howard and Olivia Letterle from the Mt. Pulaski Jr. High 6th grade speech team for winning first place in the IESA State Drama Contest. Good job to all of you and everyone who competed in the contest!

News from PASE

PASE is hosting over 60 vendors at Mount Pulaski Grade School on Saturday, November 19, 2011, for Christmas on Vinegar Hill. In addition, PASE will be having a cookie walk in the cafeteria beginning at 8:00 am. Tantalize your taste buds by filling a plate full of home-made goodies/cookies of your choosing which you purchase by the weight of the plate. Also, lunch will be served in the cafeteria featuring walking tacos, sloppy joes, and hot dogs. Stop by MPGS to get some goodies, enjoy some lunch, and check the names off of your holiday shopping list from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. All proceeds from the cookie walk and luncheon get generated directly back to our students for classroom needs and goals. Thanks again for your continued support of the MPGS students!

PASE is continually looking for new members. If you are a parent or community member who would like to directly and positively impact the learning environment of students at MPGS, we welcome you to attend our next meeting on Monday, December 12, 2010, at 6:00 pm in MPGS library.

Submitted by:

Heather Fricke, PASE Secretary

hifricke98@gmail.com

Humane Society of Logan County Pet of the week



Hi! We are Maria and Theresa. We are 16 month old brown and white Chihuahuas who are living in the Humane Society of Logan County shelter. We both had two puppies who have been adopted, and we are now looking for forever homes for ourselves. We have been together since birth, so it would be wonderful if we could go to the same home. We are playful and loving, and of course, housebroken. We are spayed, up to date with all of our shots and micro-chipped. Come see us. We promise you will like us. Come to the shelter or call 737-4042 to meet us.

Elkhart Historical Society's

Candlelight Chapel Service Tickets Available



Reservations are now being taken for the annual Christmas Candlelight Service held at the St. John the Baptist Chapel in the Elkhart cemetery. The program will be Saturday, Dec. 3, with services at 2:00, 4:00, 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Christmas Traditions" and the featured music will be a mix of traditional instruments and vocals.

To obtain tickets, call 217-947-2238 starting Nov. 7. Once your reservation is confirmed by phone, then print and fill out the online printable form at www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org and mail your check with your reservation form. Reservation forms are also available at Horsefeathers. The cost is \$10 per person. Seats cannot be held without payment.

Restaurants will be providing special dining options on Saturday, December 3.

The Wild Hare Café is offering roast pork tenderloin or roast turkey breast. Both entrees include mashed potatoes and gravy, sage bread stuffing, baby carrots and peas, cranberry and orange sauce, dinner roll, your choice of apple crisp or lemon mousse, and beverage. The price is \$22.50 and includes tax and gratuity. You are welcome to bring your own wine or beer to enjoy with your meal. You can make your dinner reservation(s) for the Wild Hare Café dinner when you call to obtain tickets for the Chapel program at 217-947-2238.



A full dinner buffet, catered by Central Illinois Event Catering, will be served at the Elkhart Village Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The menu includes roasted beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cream sauce, creamy roasted chicken tortellini, Parmesan mashed potatoes, Riviera vegetable blend, salad, a bread station, and beverage. The buffet also includes a luscious mini dessert buffet – why have only one dessert when you can have them all! The price is \$20.00 per person and includes tax and gratuity. You can make your reservation(s) for the Central Illinois Event Catering dinner buffet when you call to obtain tickets for the Chapel program at 217-947-2238.

[Whole desserts and baked goods are also available for the holidays from Central Illinois Event Catering – call 217-314-9125 or email SusanShaw@ciecatering.com for more information on ordering whole desserts and baked goods.]

Hudson's Talk of the Town restaurant will be offering a special dinner on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. The menu will be 8 oz. choice steak, twice-baked potato, vegetable medley, dinner roll and full salad bar. All reservations must be made by Nov. 28. No prepayment is required. Call 217-947-2770 for information and reservations.

The Bluestem Bake Shop at 107 Governor's Oglesby Street will be open on Dec. 3 with their usual range of delicious baked goods and deli items.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012 AND CALENDAR ORDER FORM

The 2012 Calendar commemorates Edwards' Trace, and its role in the settling of Illinois. The Calendar should be available by December 1, in time for Christmas giving. For you collectors, there are a limited number of copies of 20 years of calendars. Horsefeathers will help with the distribution of paid calendars.

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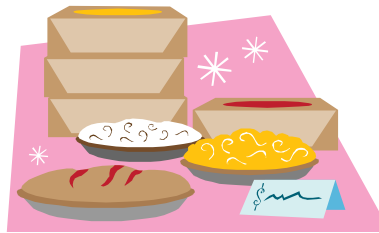
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Elkhart Needs and Goals Annual Bake Sale



**Saturday
December 3rd
8am – 11am
Elkhart Village Hall**

Santa will be there from 9-11



Village of Elkhart Word Search

Courtesy of Gwen Rosenfeld

This puzzle is the last of the series; hope you all enjoyed doing them and learning something about the village. Remember, this month's prize is a \$10.00 gift certificate from Talk of the Town for the first one returned and with the most correct before December 1 to me @ 405 south Gillett. I would like to also thank Dana Hudson from TOTT for sponsoring the prizes each month. The amount of letters is (0) and the number of lines is how many words. Also if you see that you need the same word twice, it is in the puzzle twice. (2 times). Congrats to last month's winner, Billie Bock

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WINTER HOLIDAYS IN ELKHART

1. Winter has the best of ____ (8).
2. Holidays are for ____ (6) and friends.
3. Remember to ____ (5) them with someone who is alone.
4. We will all get some extra ____ (6) during this time.
5. Don't ____ (3) in front of the TV; Enjoy your family.
6. ____ (15) we will all be feasting on turkey with all the trimmings.
7. Don't forget to count your ____ (8).
8. And say a ____ (6) of ____ (6) for all you have.
9. Visit with Santa at the ____ (11).
10. Later, the sound of music will be heard in the ____ (15).
11. Historic note: on Christmas Day 1776, ____ (10) crossed the Delaware.
12. Stay young at heart, you're never too old for a ride on the ____ (4) nor to play in the ____ (4).
13. This time of year, we are all ____ (5) and spice and try to be extra nice.
14. See you in church on Christmas ____ (3) singing our favorites; ____ (11) and Little ____ (4) of Bethlehem.
15. And the next day we go again to celebrate the birth of ____ (5) who was born this day in ____ (9) where the three wise ____ (3) bought their gifts.
16. Hopefully, we will all have a ____ (5) Christmas on the ground as ____ (10) leaves the North ____ (4) early, and isn't he handsome in his red ____ (4).
17. Oh, the joy in the eyes of a ____ (5) on ____ (12).
18. Gifts are under the ____ (4), but our biggest gift of all is being with our ____ (9) and to be ____ (4) for the holidays.
19. A ____ (6) on the door and a bowl of ____ (6) on the table.

20. ___(5) is here! I hear his ___(6) and you know he did not need a ___(3) to find your house, nor did he need a ___(3) to get in.
21. Ah, the fragrance of the ___(9), and holiday ___(5) is everywhere.
22. Why do boys get ___(4) most of their lives and girls get ___(6) most of theirs!
23. Did you remember our ___(8) overseas with a prayer?
24. And also a gift for the ___(4) and don't forget a gift for your favorite ___(3).
24. Pray for your country, the ___(4) of the free.
25. ___(5) Christmas to all and to all a ___(9).
26. January 1, 2012; time; 12:01, ___ year(4).
27. So have yourself a Happy and ___(10) New Year.

Last month's answers

1. bird 2. stem 3. a-z 4. blue 5. richardson 6. peters 7. d&t 8. elkhart grain 9. wild hare cafe 10. illini bank
11. postoffice 12. talk of the town 13. fertilizer 14. hinds bus service 15. state farm 16. board 17. waterworks
18. cook accounting 19. yard 20. diana 21. blue monday 22. country 23. oil 24. house 25. rb 26. barber
27. town 28. grill 29. corner tavern 30. laundramat 31. ward 32. shell 33. texaco 34. marathon 35. lees
36. pool 37. svenson cafe 38. J&K 39. stahls appliance 40. skating rink 41. davis 42. telephone office 43. ford
44. steller hardware 45. movie 46. lucas and sons 47. Taylor 48. kentucky house 49. del monica 50. team
51. lot 52. farmer

Hudson's Talk of the Town

Seriously, is it November, already? ToTT has been serving an evening meal and it has been very successful. Thanks to all of you for coming in and making our business a success. Some of our specials in the evening the last month was Pork Pony Shoes, Taco Salads, Cheese Burger and Chili, just to name a few. You never know what the cook might put on special. We still have chicken every Wednesday and fish every Friday. Don't forget that you can get a 16 OZ Ribeye or Shrimp with your choice of potato and a salad every night of the week.

November and December are very busy for all of us. We have one date that is already booked for a private party. That is December the 15th. ToTT will be hosting the LCBR Christmas Dinner. If you would like to book your Christmas dinner at TOTT, just call 217-947-2770 and ask for Curt or Dana. We also cater small parties. Some of the favorite choices for catering are the Fried Chicken, Italian Beef, and pulled pork. You get to choose the fixin's!

On December 3rd, TOTT will be preparing a steak dinner. We picked the 3rd to have a steak dinner, because it coincides with the Candlelight Services at the Chapel. Please make your reservations by November 28, 2011. As always, there is no need to prepay at TOTT. The steak will be an 8 oz and will be served with a vegetable medley, twice baked potato, a dinner roll, plus the salad bar.

Just in case you don't remember, our hours are 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. We serve breakfast from 8 to 10:30am Monday thru Friday. We serve lunch from 11 to 1:30 Monday thru Saturday. We serve dinner from 5:00 to 8:30 Monday thru Friday. Monday thru Friday we have a lunch special. It includes meat, potatoes and the salad bar for only \$6.20. If you haven't checked out the salad bar in a while, you might want to do so. It is not only lettuce and dressings, we have two or 3 vegetable salads on the bar every Wednesday and Friday night and most days, too.

Can't wait to see you at the TALK. Remember: Come to the TALK; Don't be the TALK!!

Hometown Realty

Buyers, where are you? According to Move, Inc. Only 2 percent of 1000 adults surveyed said they plan to purchase a new home in the next 12 months. Many of the people surveyed feel that job security is part of the reason that they are not going ahead with a purchase. The millennial generation (younger adults) are spending more on their first house. They see a house as a purchase that will make them happy and not just an investment. They are pickier than the older generation and spend a bigger percentage of their income than older adults.

If you are thinking of putting off your home purchase some of the things you might consider are the fact that home prices have decreased in the last 3 years and interest rates are at an all-time low for the purchase of a home. Take into consideration that if you purchased a home for \$100,000 in 2008 at 5% interest, you would be paying \$537 for principal and interest on your loan. However, if you purchased a house for 100,000 today and the interest rates are only 3.75% for a 30 year loan; your payment would be \$463.00. That is almost \$75.00 per month less. Will it get better? That is a big question. In 2008, I would never have guessed that interest rates would continue to go down.

There have been so many changes in the market that if you are looking at buying a house, please go see a REALTOR. There is no charge for a buyer to have a REALTOR help with the purchase of a home. You might think that the only REALTOR you can have show you a house is the one whose sign is in the yard. That is not the case. Call your REALTOR that represents you and takes care of all your needs. They will make the appointments and look out for you, the buyer's best interest. The sign in the yard is the name of the REALTOR that is representing the seller and looking out for their best interest.

So, what are you waiting for? Give Lois Olson (217) 306-2205 or Dana Hudson (217) 750-1368 a text or a call if you are looking for a REALTOR. Let Hometown Realty make YOUR dreams reality!!

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Hear Ye!!! Hear Ye!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Larry McCray and my wife is Farrah. Farrah and I are the two that drive all through Elkhart every morning around 5:30 am in the red PT Cruiser delivering the newspapers to our Elkhart customers. We deliver the Lincoln Courier and the Springfield State Journal Register.

I wanted to let our Courier and State Journal Register customers know that Farrah and I appreciate all their patronage and for their warm comments welcoming us in as a new paper delivery couple. You may be surprised at how many skunks, deer, and fox are out walking the streets of Elkhart at 5:00 in the morning!

I also wanted to let everyone else know about a special going on right now with the Lincoln Courier. The Lincoln Courier is offering 3 months service for only \$25.50. The Lincoln Courier is delivered Monday – Saturday. There is no Courier on Sundays, so Courier customers get a Sunday State Journal Register. Currently, if you were to purchase a \$1 daily Courier at a gas station and a \$3 Sunday State Journal Register you would pay up to \$108.00 for 3 months for the same service that you can get on special for \$25.50. It's just a thought that I wanted to throw out there with the holidays coming up with the coupons and specials that are going on. Feel free to call the Courier at 217 732-2101.

Again, thank you to all of our loyal customers that have been with us from the beginning! Remember, watch for those skunks in the early morning and Happy Holidays!

Larry and Farrah McCray

Church



News

Eikhart United Methodist Church November 2011

Church

The Ad council met at the church on November 8th at 6 p.m. Some of the topics discussed pertained to new church officers for 2012 and plans for Advent. Several offices will see new faces in 2012. Nancy Moore will serve as Financial Secretary; Bill Fairchild will serve as Board Chairman and David Barker will serve as Vice Chairman and continue as Treasurer. Deanne Barker and Vi Cook will represent our church on the SPRC committee. With the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th it was decided that we would meet on Saturday, November 26th at 2 p.m. for the Hanging of the Greens to be followed with fellowship and a potluck.

After some discussion, it was decided that in lieu of poinsettias for Christmas, we would use the "memorials", and/ or "in honor of" donations to support the Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry and the Bishop's project: "Imagine No More Malaria". There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer on Sunday, November 27th.

UMW

Kay Hanner hosted our October 17th UMW meeting with six members present, Janet Hickey gave the program, "Finding Peace Through Action". The World Thank Boxes were collected and our "End of the Year" contributions were discussed and approved. These should qualify us as a Rainbow Unit with the Sangamon River District.

Bev Albert will host the December 12th meeting and Viola Cook will give the program.

Officers for 2012 remain the same. Kay, President; Janet Hickey and Bev Albert co-Vice President; Vi Cook, Secretary/Treasurer; Earline Miller, Social Action; Billie Bock, Spiritual Growth ; Eva Halladay, Secretary of Program Resources and Nominations.

DECEMBER 10TH IS RECYCLING The Christian Church will be in charge. Let's hope for a sunny December day!!!

Prayer Concerns: Lucille Brewer, Gwen Rosenfeld, Imo McCray, Donald McMillan, Janet Hickey, Gladys Pankey, Marcus Tobias, Mary Lou Pankey, Cindy Edwards Davis, Barb Miller (broken shoulder) and Julia Delaney.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

2nd Sarah Maudlin

11th Harold and Mary Pankey Anniversary

11th David and Deanne Barker Anniversary

16th Mary Lou Pankey

16th Carolyn Sue Brooks

Mount Pulaski Grade School November Students of the Month



6th grade -
EMMA SCHOTH
daughter of Gene Schoth and Deborah Shannon of Mt. Pulaski



7th grade -
ALEXIS BYRNE
daughter of Chad Byrne of Mt. Pulaski
and Brandy Byrne of Mt. Pulaski



8th grade -
EMILY REHDER
daughter of Greg and Jennifer Rehder of Cornland

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 School Board
Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
October 17, 2011

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. Joe Olson was absent.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second Todd Cyrulik to executive session for employment, evaluation of personnel and bus transportation contract. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Beccue , second Mike Toohey to executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:58 p.m..

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Kathy Boward to accept executive session minutes as reviewed in executive session. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Jeff Beccue to accept Michel Emrick's resignation as the grade school secretary. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Todd Cyrulik to accept Angela Likin's resignation as the grade school teacher's aide. Roll call vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Mike Toohey to approve consent agenda items, a) approve September 19th & October 3rd, 2011 school board minutes and b) approve payment of bills.

All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Reports

The annual test score report will be given in November. The PSAT-ACT test at the high school will be reviewed as well as the ISAT results at Mt. Pulaski grade school. A copy of the school and district report card was available at Monday's meeting.

Tom Sapp, (Baumann and Associates) was here Friday, October 14th to conduct our annual school district audit. Results will be reviewed at the November meeting.

The "Consolidation Commission" will be having meeting around the state to receive input on the governor's consolidation proposal. Phil Shelton will be attending a meeting at Heartland Community College on 10/24.

Unfinished Business

There was further discussion on students riding the bus to and from athletic contests. The expectation is that students will ride the bus to and from extra-curricular contests. The parents will need to work with the principals and coaches for exceptions.

New Business

There is promise of movement in the energy grant area and the school maintenance grants.

The ISBE is opening their grant application for a second round of energy efficiency grants. Mt. Pulaski #23 is 335 on the priority list.

The school maintenance grant is \$50,000 matching grant per project. The high school gym bleachers are a logical choice for this project.

Guidelines have been established by the IHSA for athletes returning to practice or games after a concussion. This would be a good item to insert in the athletic rules in the student handbook.

In June, the federal government issues new rules for the school lunch program. The recommendation is to raise student lunch prices 10 cents effective October 31, 2011. The new student lunch price is \$1.85 elementary, \$2.35 high school. The adult lunch price changes to \$3.00. Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to increase lunch prices by 10 cents for students. The new prices are \$1.85 for elementary; \$2.35 for high school; and \$3.00 for adults; effective October 31, 2011. All ayes. No nays. Motion passes.

Quotes were received to upgrade the two exhaust fans in the old gym at the high school.

The fans will help in removing dampness in the old gym floor which is a problem. The preliminary cost of the replacement is quoted at \$8,046 for E.L. Pruitt Co. and \$1,180 for B & B Electric.

Items of Information

October Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Darian Payne

7th Grade Madeline Moody

8th Grade Brian Batchelder

The High School Senior of the Month is Alexandra Conley

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Beccue, second by Diane Deppe. Voice Vote. All ayes. No nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary