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We would like to thank the community for its outpouring of love and support we have received since the passing of a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, Doug Wilson. We were so appreciative of your prayers, cards, calls, food, love and support.

Also, many thanks to Pastor Nelda Seger and others who had a role in the beautiful service.

We are also appreciative of the great care Doug received from all of his caregivers. To Jon and Dan Frain, our thanks for all their help in making the arrangements and for providing such comfort during this difficult time.

Finally, it is so wonderful to live in such a caring and thoughtful community. May God bless all of you as he has blessed us with such wonderful, supportive family and friends.

Sincerely, Kathy Wilson Hilary & David Parker & family Haley & Kevin McCombs & family **Grant Wilson** 

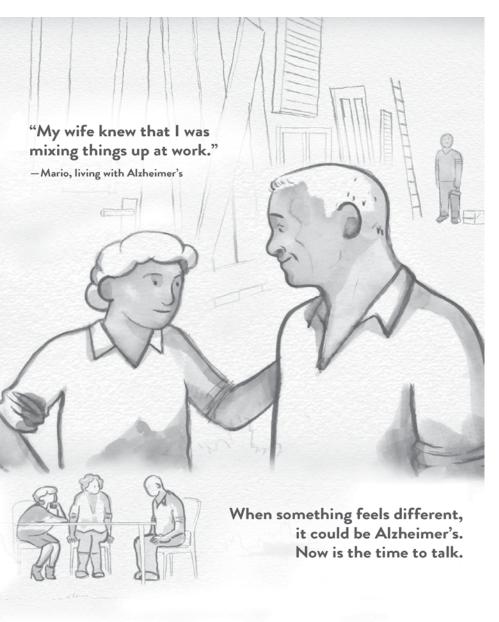
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**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** for general labor. Please apply in person at S & S Precast, 440 Fitz Industrial Pkwy., Winamac. M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m. .....

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A former U.S. senator, he is considered the founder of Earth Day.

#### Abhay Kumar

Poet, diplomat and writer, he wrote "Earth Anthem," widely considered to be the official Earth Day song.

#### Rachel Carson

Writer of 1962's Silent Spring, a book describing the impact of pesticides on the environment, she

be the founder of the modern environmental movement.

#### Wangari Maathai

Environmental activist and founder of the Green Belt Movement in Africa, she helped to plant over 30 million trees.

#### Chico Mendes

A conservationist, he ignited international support for rainforest preservation in Brazil is considered by many to before being killed.



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Source: National Geographic



#### **Earth Day** Milestones



1970

First Earth Day celebration takes place in the U.S.



1990

Earth Day Canada is established, and a worldwide campaign mobilizes 200 million people in 141 countries to observe Earth Day.



2009

The United Nations recognizes Earth Day as International Mother Earth Day.



2020

Earth Day celebrates its 50th anniversary.





per year was lost by Greenland between 1993 and 2019, while Antarctica lost about 148 billion tons annually.

Source: NASA



15 billion trees are cut down worldwide each year.

Source: National Geographic

450 years

is the potential breakdown period for a plastic bottle.

Source: National Geographic

#### 30% increase

in the acidity of surface ocean waters has been recorded since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

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>1 billion people recognize Earth Day each year.

Source: Earth Day Network

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#### Saturday, April 17

- Post breakfast, 7-10 a.m., Italian beef 4-7 p.m., and the All American raffle at 7 p.m., VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35, Winamac.
- Buyer **pickup of items won** in the Walsh online Hibid auction by Olson Auctions Inc., 10 a.m.-noon, 6226 S. 750 W., Kewanna.

#### Sunday, April 18

• **Public auction**, 11 a.m., 119 S. Chicago St., Royal Center, by Rogers Auctions.

#### Monday, April 19

 Deadline to make your lunch reservation for the week of May 10 at Pulaski County Human Services. Call 574-946-6500.

#### Tuesday, April 20

- Knox-Winamac Community Health Center free walk-in COVID-19 testing and by appointment only COVID-19 vaccines, 10 a.m.-noon, 510 Main St., Medaryville, and 1-3 p.m., James and Bill St., Francesville. Call 574-772-6030 for an appointment.
- The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will be **testing** the county emergency siren system at 10 a.m.
- Pulaski County Tribe **member meeting**, 6 p.m., Gilsinger Meeting House in Pulaski, to discuss current and future projects.

#### Thursday, April 22 **EARTH DAY**

• Knox-Winamac Community Health Center free walk-in COVID-19 testing and by appointment only COVID-19 vaccines, 10 a.m.-noon, 708 E. Talmer Ave., North Judson. Call 574-772-6030 for an appointment.

#### Friday, April 23

- **Deadline** to submit your bid for the mowing of Denham Cemetery. Contact Deloris Locke at 219-843-3762.
- Winamac VFW Post 1728 is serving fish and shrimp, 4-7 p.m., 1066 S. U.S. 35.

#### Saturday, April 24

• Steak fry, 4-7 p.m., All American raffle drawing, 7 p.m., plus entertainment from Mike Almon and Mike Metzger, VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35, Winamac.

#### Sunday, April 25

• Gun auction, noon, Rogers Auction House, 119 S. Chicago St., Royal Center, by auctioneer Terry Rogers.

#### Friday, April 30

- Healey's Home Center **greenhouse**, 800 N. U.S. 35, Winamac, will be stocked and open.
- VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35, Winamac, serving **frog legs**, 4-7 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 1

• **Kentucky Derby party**, 5 p.m., VFW Post 1728, 1066 S. U.S. 35, Winamac, with snacks, race and hat judging.

#### Saturday, May 3

**Community Calendar** 

• Pulaski County Human Services Senior Centers and nutrition program **reopen** today! If you are over 60 years old and interested in a hot lunch and activities, call 574-946-6500.

#### Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 15

ARMED FORCES DAY

Monday, May 31
MEMORIAL DAY

#### Tuesday, May 18

• The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will be **testing** the county emergency siren system at 7 p.m.

#### **Notices**

- Pulaski County **Human Services Food Pantry hours** are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday by curbside pickup. Call 574-946-6500 to schedule pickup or come to 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, and ring the bell
- Eastern Pulaski Elementary School **Kindergarten Registration** is going on now. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 1. Call 574-946-3955 to enroll.
- Contact Pulaski County Human Services at 574-946-6500 to take part in the Energy Assistance, rent or other assistance programs. Applications are available.
   Memorial Day is May 31 and the VFW Flag Fund
- is in need of help. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to the VFW Flag Fund. Call 574-946-6733 for more information.

   If your age group is open for receiving the COVID-19
- vaccine but you are not comfortable registering yourself online, call the **local information hotline** at 574-946-2592 and help is available.

   Purdue Extension Pulaski County is offering a
- variety of classes, including basic or intermediate Excel, basic or intermediate Word, Publisher and more. Call 574-946-3412 to register or for more information.
- Winamac Nazarene Church **Neighbor to Neighbor Compassionate Ministries** food pantry is open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Monday, at 514 E. 13th St., Winamac, west of the PMH ER entrance. Bring a box or laundry basket, wear a mask and wait in your vehicle. The phone number is 574-946-7637.
- Register your child to receive **one free book a month** from birth to their fifth birthday from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by signing up online at www. imaginationlibrary.com. Call the Pulaski County Public Library at 574-946-3432 with any questions. Want to help support at a local level? Mail your donation check to Arrowhead RC&D, PO Box 196, Winamac, IN 46996.
- Find out if your child qualifies for the high-quality pre-K program **On My Way Pre-K** by calling 1-800-299-1627 or visiting www.onmywayprek.org.

- The **Community Baptist Youth Center** is open every Monday at 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 716 S. Monticello St., Winamac, for teens to get together in a safe environment with friends for some fun.
- Contact the Pulaski County Health Department at 574-946-6080 or email akeller@pulaskicounty.in.gov for information on receiving your free Narcan kit, while supplies last
- Kewanna-Union Township Public Library has **new lobby hours**. Computer access and print services are available. New hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7.
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- **REACT is looking for new volunteers.** Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Pulaski Memorial Hospital boardroom at 7 p.m. For more information call Blake Newman at 574-242-0091 or Les Barton at 574-946-7539.
- The **Friends of Tippecanoe River State Park** group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the state park.
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# Two local residents want to see seed library grow

Submitted by Tina Stacy

Often times in Pulaski County, residents start planning their gardens with the first brown leaf that falls from the tree. This comes from the deep history of living off the land; and although farming is more mechanized and less people are canning and gardening, many residents can name neighbors they know who still plant large gardens for the summer or can their own food. This winter, however, a different kind of planning was starting to take shape with two local residents.

Winamac resident Kyle Sefchek and Monterey resident Kaity Stacy started discussing the idea of starting a seed bank that could be accessed by all county residents, and because of that talk the Pulaski County Seed Library was born.

A seed library or seed bank is no new idea. There is a world seed bank in Greenland that stores seeds essential to the world's survival in case of a large event, and many local residents often save their own seed for the next harvest. However, Sefchek thought



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the idea would work because, "Most of Pulaski County is in a food desert, and it's also a great way to bring the community together. We have lost touch with a lot of important information about gardening and how we fit in with our surrounding environment."

A food desert is a location labeled by the USDA, and an area qualifies when residents in an area have to drive more than 1 mile to access fresh produce. And while it is true that there are residents in the county that are quite removed from the nearest grocery store, most people live relatively close to a library; so, the pair thought that using the county libraries would be a good fit and give people easy access to the ability to grow their own food. Many of the local libraries in northern Indiana offer specialty services. Culver-Union Township library offers members the opportunity to check out fishing poles to fish in Lake Maxincuckee, and Pulaski County libraries offer free day passes to the Tippecanoe River State Park, so a seed library location seemed like a viable fit.

Also, many residents in the area that are serious gardeners are often forced to order seeds from long distances to find a plant that will suit their needs. For instance, several residents in Monterey like to can their own salsa and tomato sauce. They have gone to great lengths to find a tomato with fewer seeds. This plant from Poland does very well in the area. With the ability to save and share these seeds, residents that have had difficulty locating the breed can find themselves with an opportunity to make better salsa and sauce than someone can buy in the store while sharing their find with others who may be interested. But a local service like this also has benefits for the natural land.

While working out the kinks of how the project would go, Sefchek and Stacy decided that they shouldn't limit what kind of seeds the library holds because of Stacy's love of native plants. Stacy has spent most of her life collecting wild plants from around the area and transplanting them to places that have become forlorn. According to her, "Because I struggled as a gardener for quite a while, I thought I might get luckier with native plants. So, I just started by transplanting some daylilies that were growing wild and got hooked."

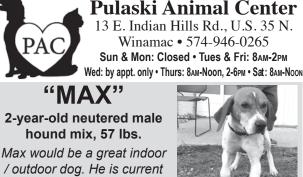
Finally, after several months of planning, the seed library came together this month, just in time for spring planting.

Monterey-Tippecanoe head librarian Renita Pothoff was excited to have the library start in Monterey. Pothoff stated, 'Since we live in a rural area, this is the type of service people can use, and it launched just at the right time to make it something that people might drop by to check out."

The Pulaski County Seed Library is open in Monterey to all residents. Visitors can stop by to sign out seeds and will just need to present their ID. There is no cost, and residents are not required to return seeds in the fall.

However, in order for this to be a sustainable bank, Sefchek and Stacy are hoping that residents feel compelled to drop off seed donations as well.

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A seed library is currently located at the Monterey-Tippecanoe Township Public Library.

Stacy said, "I know as a young gardener I often feel worried that I don't know what I am doing, so we have instructions to help people learn how to save seed."

Sefchek was key in developing easy instructions for any gardener to begin saving their own seed because of his horticulture background.

This seed library is a rare jewel that can become the pride of the county. The closest thing like it is near Brown County, and many in the area are already showing interest.

The group would like to encourage enough donations to fully stock three of the county libraries. Donations can be dropped off at the Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac, Francesville-Salem Township Library, or the Monterey-Tippecanoe Township branch. There is a quick slip for residents to fill out with all donations, and Sefchek and Stacy will ensure they are packaged

The plan is to see how things go through fall and then they are hoping to have full seed libraries at all Pulaski County library branches.

If anyone has any questions, they are welcome to contact Renita Pothoff at 574-542-2171.

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