

# HEBRON, INDIANA

A Community Working Together  
Since 1890

*Sit down and take a minute to find out what Hebron is made up of*

Hebron, Indiana  
46341

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## Hebron's 2008-2011 Government is Sworn In

On January 1st at 12 noon, the Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer took their oaths of office at the Community Center. There were about 30 friends, family, and residents in attendance for the oath and the reception that followed.

The Council and Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood were sworn in by Judge William Alexa, who was formerly our State Senator from 1998 until 2002, when he took the bench as Judge of Superior Court 2 of Porter County. While in the Indiana State Senate, Judge Alexa served on several committees; the most important of which was on the five member State Budget Committee - some of the other committees were: Senate Finance; Senate Judiciary; Senate Corrections and Criminal Code; and, Senate Public Policy Committee.

He was a long-time member of the Commission on the Judiciary. Vice-Chair on the Governor's Commission on Gambling (Evan Bayh), and Chair of the Criminal Law Study Commission (under Frank

O'Bannon). So, it was quite an honor having him in attendance. While Senator for Hebron, Bill helped us located funds to do many improvements in Hebron; including the Stagecoach Renovation, the Water Line Replacement, and he tirelessly campaigned for our Main Street Renovation, of which we see the fruits of now. His picture is on page 7.

After the oaths, there was a reception with sandwiches, cake, and refreshments provided by Terri Ensign and Lisa Grogan and it was all very good. Attorney Ted Fitzgerald and I ate too much while getting a chance to sit with Judge Alexa.

The Town then conducted a short meeting to approve all of the appointments, the Salary Ordinance, and the new web site contract.

It was a great celebration and fun to attend for everyone. No one left hungry, I can tell you that.

*Pictures of the event are on page 7*

## Hebron Park News

The Josh Olenik Memorial Winter Sports Ice Rink is now open! In case you didn't know, we have a 120x90 foot ice rink located just in front of the Town's Water Tank up by Dr. Blank's office on Professional Drive.

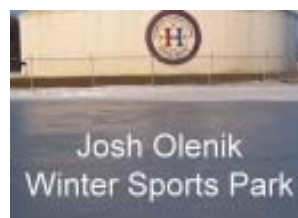
The rink is only 6-8" deep, but safety is always the Park Board's top concern. The ice was certified as safe by

the Public Works Department in late January. Signs are there to indicate when the rink is open or closed.

If you need skates, you can borrow them from Jack Hansen by calling him at 996-2789. He also asks that if you have skates to donate, he'd love to have them for kids to use.

Also, the Park Board's regu-

lar meeting has been moved up 1 day to February 13th at 7 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn (downtown Hebron).



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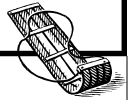
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### Coming up

- **Tuesday, February 5th, 11 am — Tornado Siren Testing**
- **Tuesday, February 12th, BZA/Planning Commission/Stormwater Meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center**
- **Wednesday, February 13th, 7 p.m., Park Board Meeting at the Stagecoach Inn downtown**
- **Tuesday, February 19th, 7 pm, Town Council Meeting**

[www.visithebron.org](http://www.visithebron.org)



## Hebron gets a redesigned web site

### Strange weather strikes Hebron in January

From 65 degrees on January 8th, to -8 degrees on the 25th, January had it all for you. The 65 degree temperature on the 8th was a record that beat the previous 60 degrees in 1965. What followed was one of the worst downpours we've ever seen. If it weren't for the new detention pond behind the Community Center, we would have had extensive flooding. The pond reached a level higher than the inflow, which is amazing. We took pictures of it that you can see on page 5. The pond did exactly as it was designed to do - it slowed the water going into the creek so that the businesses on Norbeh didn't flood out like they used to. All in all, it was an unusual January.



At the January 1st Town Council meeting, the Council approved a contract with Chris PCs, LLC for the redesign and maintenance of the Town's official web-site; [www.visithebron.org](http://www.visithebron.org).

The motivation for the redesign was to make the site more useful for the businesses and residents, with even more information than ever.

Based upon input from you, the site will include even more videos of events from around town, more pictures and stories about Hebron, and an easier way to access the information that people want to know.

The Town Council wanted more interactivity for the public and better access to information, and that's what the new site offers. Minutes from all the meetings are being added this month to bring the site truly up-to-date.

Chris Stalbaum, of Chris PCs, is the lead designer of the new site and he has spent the past 6 months

working on designs with the Town to come up with this web site. Board members from the Redevelopment Commission were instrumental in helping shape the look and feel of the web site.

We hope that more people use the site to keep informed. On there, you'll find an up-to-date monthly calendar of Town events, copies of these newsletters, Park information, Police and Fire information, and much more.

Check it out at:  
[www.visithebron.org](http://www.visithebron.org)

### Meet your Hebron Merchant — Gloria Plesac, Salon 618 North

For 30 years, Gloria Plesac has been making Hebron prettier. Remember the Hairitage Salon at 101 E. Sigler? That was Gloria who started that. She started out working part-time for her sister-in-law in Glen Park at her salon until Shirley Fox, a friend, called her and told her to check Hebron out. She did and fell in love with the town immediately. Thus, a hair dynasty was begun. After 2 years, Butch and Barney Iliff contacted her about renting in the old men's clothing store place downtown (where First Trust Mortgage is now). She remodeled the place and moved in. One year after the Osby's fire downtown, her and Laurie Anderson were working in the shop when they felt what they thought was an earthquake and then the ceiling fell in almost on them! The shell of Osby's old building, which was left after the fire had collapsed, taking the business next door and Gloria's place

out with it. She then moved into the back of the furniture store downtown after an extremely quick renovation by Lisa and Ronnie Rich and Lisa's father, Gino Berdic, whom she says saved her business with their fast work. A year later, they were back to the old clothing store that had been rebuilt. Earl Osby then called her and said he had a perfect place for her on the north side if she was interested. She's now been at their current location for the past 13 years and loves it.

Salon 618 is a full-service salon; cutting, styling, permanents, color, highlights, waxing, and tanning. They have gift certificates available. They offer a complete range of Redken, Paul Mitchell, and a new line of Pureology products. Gloria employs 10 people; mixed full and part-time at Salon 618 North and says she really enjoys the people she

works with.

Gloria and her husband, Joseph, have 3 sons; Joe, Dan, and Ron. Joe works at Mittal Steel (where Joseph retired from), Dan is a retired Baseball Pitcher, finishing his 21 year career with the Phillies after having played for the Cubs for a few years, and Ron works for Lakeshore Floors. She has 7 grandchildren, including a set of twins, ranging from 6 to 15. Her entire family is still in the Crown Point area, so she gets to see the grandchildren and her children often, which she enjoys. She loves the soccer, basketball, and little league games the kids are in.

Gloria has always been a generous contributor to Hebron, sponsoring Little League and Soccer Teams.

Gloria said the best thing is that she hoped she would make it here; 30 years later, we believe she can say that.

### Salon 618 North

618 N. Main Street

996-5501

Tues-Fri 9-7 Sat 8-2

Other hours by appt

Walk-ins welcome



Gloria Plesac, Owner

**"In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends." John Churton Collins.**



## A Community Working Together is made up of people like this Ray Bales

Ray Bales is somebody you probably already know. Anytime you see a volunteer group helping someone in Hebron, Ray's not far away. If you're looking for what Hebron is, he's it. He's a generous, knowledgeable, and friendly person. Ray has served Hebron's people for so long that the list had to be condensed to fit into this article.

Ray was born here to Earnest and Lora Bales. He has 1 brother; Don of Don Bales Equipment in Lowell, and 2 sisters; Mary Max of Hebron, and Ruth Babiak of Hebron. Ray graduated from Hebron High School in 1963, spent 2 years in the Army from 1966-1968; working in the motor pool doing mechanic and administrative work, and has worked for Don Bales Equipment for 38 years since as a Parts Manager.

Ray joined the Jaycees in 1973. The Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) was an incredible group for Heb-

ron. They did volunteer work throughout Hebron, they raised funds for the needy at many different fundraisers, and they worked selflessly for many years for Hebron. In fact, the Hebron Jaycees were rated the #1 Jaycee Organization of the year for the nation once. Ray was always helping with their bingo night fundraisers, building the big wheel and running that. Ray was a member of the Jaycees until retiring in 1987. He has received the JCI Senator designation, which means he worked hard enough for others to receive a lifetime achievement award. Of all of his lifetime achievements, Ray said he was most proud of what the Jaycees did for the people of Hebron and how much fun they had working together to help Hebron.

Ray was also a very active member of our 4th of July



Committee (which the Jaycees also were instrumental in helping with). He ran the bingo for 3 years and helped out throughout the events everywhere.

Politically, Ray has been involved in everything we have to offer. He was a BZA member for 10 years, a Planning Commission member for 5 years, a member of the Town Council for 4 years, serving as President for 2 years of that. While on the Town Council, they conducted a water study that improved our drinking water and up-sized the capacity of Sewer Treatment Plant.

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Important Dates coming up this month:

**Tuesday, February 12th**

BZA, Planning Commission, and Stormwater Meetings at the Community Center, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 19th**

Town Council regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center

Have a community event that you'd like listed on our website? It's simple, go to:

[www.visithebron.org](http://www.visithebron.org)

Click on the Calendar link and you'll find a form that you can fill out online. Simple.

Don't have an internet connection? Call the Clerk's office at 996-4641 and ask for your event to be listed.



Have an idea for an article? Contact us at

[hrcinfo@visithebron.org](mailto:hrcinfo@visithebron.org)



Our schools' rating by [www.greatschools.net](http://www.greatschools.net)

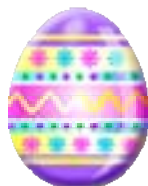


## Future Issue Highlights

**Brookwood Addition**



**Easter Egg Hunt**



**Main Street 2008 improvements**



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together.



Visit us on the web:  
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#### Hebron Fire Department

109 N. Washington St.  
Hebron, In 46341  
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## In Their Own Words - Kelly Teel, Council Vice President

I was born in Moline Illinois, the Quad Cities, which is on the Illinois and Iowa border. Moline isn't such a small town any more but it was then! It was sad and made me feel old when a few years ago they tore down the Hospital I was born in! I loved growing up in a smaller community and that is what made me want to come to a Town like Hebron. I think it was the perfect choice.

I attended Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam Wisconsin and then the University of Iowa, Iowa City. Eventually transferring to DePaul in Chicago is what led me east and then eventually to Indiana.

I spent eight years with Office Max, Inc. as a Customer Service Manager and Human Resources Director and eight years with Lee Publications newspapers, The Daily Southtown and Star Newspaper as a Regional Manager of Home Circulation. I loved working and hope that I can apply the knowledge and experience I gained during those years to my current positions for the Town of Hebron.

I now work seasonally at Kingma's Greenhouses in Demotte. They are a great family run business and my seasonal work there is hardly like work at all. I have always loved gardening, plants, and flowers, so I enjoy it very much.

I have been married to my husband Ken for eleven years. Ken is a Service Advisor for Harbor Chevrolet in Michigan City. We have three wonderful boys; John, James and Joe. John is a student at Hebron Elementary School and James is a student at Kids Kingdom Pre- School.

We moved to Hebron because it is a Town with a bright future and wonderful neighbors. I have always had a passion for getting involved in the community and participating in local activities. We have been members of the Hebron com-

munity for six years now and I have been pleased to serve as an assistant Cub Scout Leader, volunteer for the Indiana Historic Cemetery Preservation Project and campaign volunteer for local leader. I was recently asked to serve as Secretary for my Church's Primary and I am happy to add that to my responsibilities for my community.

One of my greatest loves is for animals and since moving to the area, I have volunteered for Lake County Animal Control, Humane Society Calumet Area, Assisted Jasper County and Porter County shelters and worked with Safe Haven Pet Rescue of Demotte. It didn't take long to see there was a need for assistance for animals and volunteers in the immediate Hebron area. This need prompted me to start my own rescue organization to assist the Hebron area first. M.A.D.D.Cats (Making A Difference Dogs and Cats) can be found on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). I am happy to have been able to assist many animals and citizens in the area with either the adoption or placement of animals. M.A.D.D.Cats also offers food assistance to the needy as well as free behavior problem consultations.

I am excited to serve and help my community further in my new positions as Vice President of the Hebron Town Council, NIRPC representative, Park Board Liaison and Assistant Police Commissioner. We have some wonderful changes in store for the future of Hebron and I am thrilled to be a part of our continuing progress. Economic development and sustaining our businesses is very important to me and I encourage all of our citizens to volunteer and voice their opinions in order to maintain our direction for the future.

"Hebron, A Community Working Together" This is a wonderful motto and one I intend to live by.





**Our Life In Pictures**



This is the inflow pipe at the detention pond behind the Community Center (5 foot tall) after the water level had dropped at noon enough to see it again.

Welcome to the beautiful Misty Glen Lake. For a short time, it was prime waterfront property. With sunshine and highs near 63 degrees the day before, it was a strange January for sure when the storm blew in that night and dumped this on us.



The picture doesn't really capture the scale of seeing a 10 acre detention pond, 8 feet deep as it was at its' highest point during the storm and then seeing the water gone within 2 days.

**Ray Bales—Someone You Should Know (continued)**

He was also there to help oversee the 2nd phase of the Park Place Subdivision (Aspen Street and Boardwalk and the side streets on that side of town).

Ray has been a member of the Hebron Lions Club for 32 years, serving as President once. On the Lions Club, Ray has helped people put in wheelchair ramps, fundraising for the needy and ill, worked the Pancake Breakfasts and Pork Chop dinner fundraisers, and also been a member of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee awards 2 scholarships to Hebron High School Seniors each year; the John Blank Memorial Scholarship and the Lions Club Memorial Scholarship (each for \$500). Ray said again, the best thing about the Lions Club is that they get a chance to really help people on a personal level, where it really matters. They loan out medical equipment for people who cannot afford it to make their lives easier and he really enjoys doing that.

Ray's been a fixture on Monday Night bowling since 1969, but he recently retired from it and spends time at home doing woodworking now.

We hope we can keep him out of retirement from everything else just a bit longer. He's a great guy doing great things.

# Aerial Map of Town



# Our Life in Pictures



Councilman Kelly Teel receives the Oath of Office from Judge Alexa at the January 1st Ceremony



The 2008 Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer at their 1st Meeting.

## Hebron's 2008 Town Council



**President**  
**Don Ensign**



**Vice-President**  
**Kelly Teel**



**Councilman**  
**Pete Breuckman**



**Councilman**  
**Jeff Grogan**



**Councilman**  
**Joyce Kaczmariski**



Hebron's Clerk/Treasurer Terri Waywood



Judge Bill Alexa performs the Oath of Office for our new government.

## Town of Hebron Indiana Official Calendar of Events February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	2
3	4 Senior Activities; 8 a.m. Redevelopment Commission Meeting; 6 p.m.	5 Garbage & Re- cycling Pickup; 6 a.m. Tornado Siren Testing; 11 a.m.	6 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	7	8 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	9
10	11 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	12 Garbage & Re- cycling Pickup; 6 a.m. BZA Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Planning Comm. Meeting; 7 p.m. Stormwater Mgmt Meeting; 7:30 p.m.	13 Senior Activities; 8 a.m. Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Stagecoach Inn	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	16
17	18 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	19 Garbage & Re- cycling Pickup; 6 a.m. <b>Town Council Meeting; 7 p.m.</b>	20 Senior Activities; 8 a.m. Redevelopment Commission Meeting; 7 p.m.	21	22 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	23
24	25 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	26 Garbage & Re- cycling Pickup; 6 a.m.	27 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	28	29 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	<b>All meetings and activities are held at the Hebron Com- munity Center, 611 N. Main; unless otherwise noted</b>