



HEBRON, INDIANA

A Community Working Together Since 1890

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

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Rebuilding Together Hebron helps Hebron again in 2009!

Saturday, April 25th, was a fantastic day for 5 homes and their owners in Hebron and almost 100 volunteers as the Rebuilding Together Hebron group set out to help them fix their homes.

Air Force, will be returning home to a completely landscaped yard, a new basement room for him, a redesigned and safer deck, better lighting, and other things to make his home life easier. In



Our Volunteers and Board for 2009

This year was especially a great year as we were awarded grants from both Sears, as a part of their Heroes At Home project, for \$6,000, and from Lowe's to help those in need. Lowe's gave us \$4,000 to help. Every year, the generosity of many make this project happen and succeed. A list of some of the donors who make this project happen are: Dr. Peter Blank, NITCO/NETNITCO, NIPSCO, Russ' Print Shop, DeMotte State Bank, the Hebron United Methodist Church, Lake Park Clinic, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 1st Source Bank, RV Property Enhancements, Porter Hospital, R&R American U-Lock, Chris PCs, Premier Waste, and, as we said, Lowe's and Sears. The traffic stop they did downtown raised over \$600 to help support the project. Every year, the board thanks those donors over and over because without them, these projects don't get done.

This year, there was a wealth of varying projects. At one home, the Heroes At Home house, the young man, who is in the

Gas Light, 1 homeowner received an entirely new floor for 2 rooms, new fixtures, and had her deck redesigned for her safety and comfort. In the Lowe's home, 2 unsafe trees were removed, her entire basement was fixed up and sealed, her outside of her house received fresh coats of paint. At another home, an unsafe yard condition was totally revamped and improved, windows were replaced to save her money, her basement was fixed up, and she got a safer sidewalk. Finally, at the house on Wilson Street, new concrete was poured to keep water out of her home, new doors to save her money, a new kitchen was completed, and her garage was fixed up and painted.

The Board Members are: Jim Banning, Melicia Banning, Noreen Berdine, Jo Marie Burton (Secretary/Treasurer), Mark Daniel, Brent Harting (President), Les Osburn, Steve Sibbrell, Mike Spicer, Chris Stalbaum, and Tom Witt.

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Calendar for May 8

Coming up

- **Tornado Siren testing - Tuesday, May 5 at 11 a.m.**
- **Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, at 7 pm**

See our calendar online for more events at www.visithebron.org



Main Street Construction

Summer/construction...

Walsh & Kelly started laying asphalt from Jackson St. to south of Sigler St. They will be here next week to continue with the asphalt and then start the curb work.

Dyer is currently working on placing topsoil on the section they did last year. After they finish that, they will begin working on the pipe structures at the intersection of SR 2 & SR 8 (Sigler St.).

H.I.S. will be finishing up removing the contaminated material. They found some old gas tanks in this area, therefore it has slowed their progress.

This schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen problems or weather.

Once again to get to the businesses on the east side of Main St. go to the alley access off of SR 8.

Hebron Chamber News/ Meet The Chamber Night

The Hebron Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the businesses who helped sponsor and/or attend our 2nd "Meet the Chamber Night" on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. This event allowed the Hebron businesses a chance to network and discuss topics pertinent to our town's growth.

Our guest speakers covered many topics and stressed future projects for Hebron. Our first guest speaker was Lorelei Weimer, Executive Director of the Porter County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission. She explained the results of Roger Brook's Destinations Development Inc. community branding, product development, and marketing study for Porter County. She specifically discussed the action steps for the town of Hebron to become a visitor's destination and thus bring more economic development to the town. She will be working with the Hebron Redevelopment Commission, town board, etc. in developing a Branding Committee that we help determine how the town can become a fishing and recreation link with the Kankakee River.

Our next guest speaker was Shawn Ensign, President of the Hebron Redevelopment Commission (HRC). He explained how the HRC will use the \$25,000 Way Sign Grant to replace our present "Welcome to Hebron" signage. Also, he discussed how they will be developing the empty lot by the intersection of Route 8 and Main Street with an information kiosk and clock tower.

Next, Dan Armstrong, the INDOT supervisor for the Town of Hebron Major Moves Project, along with his support staff of Dan Gastineu and Tom Konieczny, and INDOT's District Director, Mike McPhillips discussed the road work project. They explained the problems that have added to the increase of time for the Major Moves

Project to be completed. They plan to be finished with the final phases by November 15, 2009. Right now, they are working on the Main Street from Jackson to Alyea Street. When that is completed, they will continue work from the intersection of Main Street and Route 8 east approximately 2 blocks (where the old railroad tracks crossed Route 8). Progress and completion is all dependent upon the weather and what they discover as they dig out the present road and sidewalks. INDOT brought the plans for the project for the attendees to review and answered questions.

Finally, the Hebron Chamber of Commerce expressed our commitment to support our business community and our residents of Hebron. Presently, we sponsor The Hebron Chamber of Commerce Alice Komisarck Memorial Scholarship Fund, the 4th of July Fireworks and Parade, and Golf Outing. In past years, we have also been involved in the Town of Hebron Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and The Hebron Chamber of Commerce Easter Food Drive. This year the Chamber has expanded its efforts and will have its own website. This website is being designed by the Hebron High School Web Design Class taught by Dan Vandabunte. The website will include the history of Hebron, a map of the town, list of Chamber members, events occurring in the Hebron area, and many other points of interest. Also, each Chamber Member has received a decal to be displayed in their business denoting their chamber membership.

The Chamber members would again like to thank all of the businesses who donated



to the "Meet the Chamber Night." As the year progresses, the Chamber plans to continue developing ideas to help the businesses and residents of Hebron; we always welcome new members and ideas. Please consider becoming a member of the Hebron Chamber of Commerce. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at 219-996-5678.

Upcoming Events:

Regular Membership Meeting,
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at
Marti's Place, Guest Speaker:
Dan Vandabunte discussing the
Chamber Website

Hebron Chamber of Commerce,
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
at Sandy Pines Golf for the
Golf Outing (contact Sharon
Pass at 996-0206 for more de-
tails)

4th of July Fireworks

Friday, July 3, 2009 at dusk

4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 4, 2009

(Route to be determined)





Main Street Construction finds hidden treasure

On Tuesday, April 21st, the Main Street Widening Project found a hidden treasure on Main Street. When they dug up the sidewalk in front of Superior Furniture, they found a basement entry door and two huge windows facing Main Street. This storefront is quite the mystery in Hebron. You see, no one can seem to remember there ever being an entry to anything that was below grade on that side of the street. Pictures from the late 1800's and early 1900's do not show any stairs going down or lower entry to any business there.

The only person who seems to know anything about it is Charlotte DeKock, 92, a life-long resident of Hebron. She believes that it was the barber shop of her grandfather, Herman Doyle, and that it burned down in an accidental fire around 1930. She told the story of how the man who bought the business after her grandfather passed in 1928 accidentally left the stove burning when he left. The fire was a total loss then and nothing could be saved.

Today, Superior Furniture has been using it as storage and you could see modern items in there. Nothing of historical value, short of the location and entry itself could be found.

The State's contractors had known they would find this, as it was on building plans that they had with them. So, it was of no surprise to them. But, you can't tell those of us who've lived here forever that. We just can't seem to find anyone but Charlotte who knew it was even there.

When unearthed, the entry door and big shop window was readily apparent. In fact, it was interesting that only wood planks were holding the dirt and the weight of Main Street back from collapsing into the basement of the Furniture Store.

When we took pictures, the State's contractors were busy bricking in the entry and windows to be able to backfill dirt and keep moving. Inspection of the site did not reveal any remnants of any stairway to get down to the building, so the whole thing is still quite the mystery.

So, in Hebron, you just never know what you'll find when you dig it up. We all thought it was the neatest thing to find something we didn't know was there.

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Paul Grochowski is a big help every year at the Easter Egg Hunt



Have an idea for an article? Contact us at

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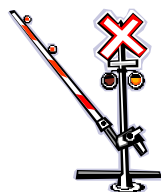
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First Hebron High School

Future Issue Highlights

Railroad Historical Society



Main Street Construction Updates



Soapbox Derby returns



The Town of Hebron is going thru some budget constraints and needs to make some changes. Due to cutbacks, the town board has made a very difficult decision to close the Police Dispatch Center. We will maintain the lobby from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. Monday thru Friday and Saturday from 8 A.M. till 12 P.M. for daily business and walk-ins. Sunday the lobby will be closed for walk-in traffic. The police officers will be available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week by simply calling 996-2111. We will also maintain our radio services for parades, Halloween and such. The Police Department will have a new business phone line 996-2747. This will coincide with the lobby hours of operation.

Starting June 1st 2009, when you have a problem that requires a police officer to respond, you will still call 996-2111. Porter County Dispatch will answer. Please give them all the required information. If you need to speak with a clerk at the Hebron Police Station call 996-2747, this person can help with questions and copies of reports etc. We also have, in front of the police station, a pay phone. If for some reason you need immediate help call 911. No coins are required. It can also be used as a regular pay phone for private calls and coins are required.

When you call 911 from home or the pay phone it goes right to Porter County Dispatch and they will handle the call. The cars are all equipped with MDT's. The officers will be dispatched on those as well as the radio. This process has been very well thought out and should not cause you any disruption in services by the Police Department.

Phone numbers

Emergency 911

Need an Officer 996-2111

Purchase reports speak with clerk 996-2747

Thank you for your time and understanding in this difficult decision.

Any questions call 996-2747

Chief Steven Sibbrell

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great town it is together.



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Hebron, In 46341

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Hebron Library News

May is a busy time of the year for many people. The school year is nearly over, which brings programs, graduations, and parties. People work on their yards, gardens, and home improvement projects, too. Some start planning summer vacations. Even if you are too busy to read a novel, the library can provide you with lots of information to help you complete your busy schedule. We have books with recipes, party and shower ideas to help you with your social events. The gardening section can help you decide what, where and when to plant your trees, flowers and vegetables. The library has travel information for places to visit from Northwest Indiana to almost anywhere in the world.

No time or money to travel? Check out a DVD or book and take a virtual vacation. Stop by the library today and see if we have the information you need to help you with your projects!

Dates to Remember



May 5—All libraries in the Porter County Public Library System will be closed for Staff

In-Service Training Day.

May 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m.—

Novel Ideas Book Discussion

Group will review *The Glass*

Castle by Jeanette Walls. Copies of the book are available at the adult services desk prior to the program. FREE.

May 20, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Porter County Health Department Immunization Clinic.

Immunizations will be administered by appointment only. Call 465-3525 to schedule a time.

May 21, 4:00-5:00 p.m.—Magic Tree House (Grades 2-5). Students must read *Night of the Ninjas* from the Magic Tree House series to attend. Pick up a copy of the book at the youth services desk prior to the program, which features crafts, food, and activities from the book's time period. Cost is \$3.00, and pre-registration is required.

May 25—All libraries in the Porter County Public Library System will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.





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Our Life in Pictures



Our volunteers for the Sears Heroes at Home project.



Board members Jo Marie Burton, Noreen Berdine, and Melicia Banning



Board member Tom Witt and Board President Brent Harting



Our volunteers on the Lowe's Project



The Toth family shows up in force to tackle the Gas Light project





Our Life in Pictures



Dr. Lauren Harting with Mrs Hough at her project.



Cleaning up is tough work for Melicia and these helpers.



Mike Mantai and Don Clark work hard on the Lowe's Project basement



Becky Bakalyar mugs for the camera during a break.



The Sears Heroes At Home Project gets an entirely new basement bedroom addition.



Board member Jim Banning looks on as the new walls are going in.



The kids were very helpful in getting the projects done this year.



The location of the basement under the big window

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From the inside looking toward Main Street. This hasn't seen the light of day in how long?



Looking out the door toward Main Street.



Inside is being used for storage. Notice the charred brick on the wall.



Sealing up the holes before filling this back in.



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Town of Hebron Indiana - Official Calendar of Events

May 2009

Updated 4/30/2008

Visit our website calendars for the year at <http://www.visithebron.org/calendar.htm>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	2 Sewer Plant Gates open 8 a.m. for brush/limbs
3	4 Senior Activities; 8 a.m. Hebron Redevel- opment Meeting 6 p.m.	5 Garbage & Recycling Pickup; 6 a.m. Tornado Siren Testing - 11 a.m 7 pm American Le- gion Meeting	6 Senior Activi- ties; 8 a.m.	7 Park Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Stagecoach Inn	8 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	9 8 am Depart- ment Head Meeting
10	11 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	12 Garbage & Recycling Pickup; 6 a.m. 7 pm Hebron Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 Hebron Storm- water Meeting	13 Senior Activi- ties; 8 a.m.	14	15 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	16
17	18 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	19 Garbage & Recycling Pickup; 6 a.m. 7 pm Town Council Meet- ing	20 Senior Activi- ties; 8 a.m. 7 pm Hebron Redevelop- ment Com- mission Meet- ing	21	22 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	23
24	25 Memorial Day Offices are closed	26 Garbage & Recycling Pickup; 6 a.m.	27 Senior Activi- ties; 8 a.m.	28	29 Senior Activities; 8 a.m.	30
31	<i>All Activities are held at the Hebron Community Center, 611 N. Main Street, unless noted</i>					