

July 2022



We're thrilled to be participating in the **CreatING Places** program, and we're confident our community will help us raise our goal of \$30,000. If so, we can receive a matching grant from **IHCDA** (the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority).

If we reach our goal by 5:00 PM, September 15, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, turning that \$30,000 into \$60,000!

If you give \$1,000, it becomes \$2,000!
\$10 becomes \$20!
\$5,000 becomes \$10,000!

How to Donate

Use the button below to be taken to our online donor page with IHCDA. There, you can donate using your credit card.

If you prefer, you can write a check (to Memorial Swinging Bridge Project) and send it to us at P.O. Box 14, Winamac IN 46996. Please write "CreatING Places" or "Challenge Grant" on the memo line.

[Visit Our CreatING Places Funding Page](#)

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LETTER FROM A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

A copy of the following letter was found in documents donated to the Pulaski County Historical Society by Zera Hansell Howe. The letter is presented as it was written.

Camp near Harpers Ferrie, October 5th, 1862

My Dear Aunt,

I hav sat down to drop you a few lines in answer to your of 28 of last month which came to hand yesterday and you dont know how glad I was to receive it. It does me good to hear from you all.

You wanted to know If I could give you aney information of E (?) Wilkinson. I cannot giv aney more than I hav riten here to fore. I went all ove the Batel field and I could not find the remains of him aney where as to who Baried the dead I dont know aney of there names onley those that I took with myself and when we got out on the field there was a square of men that they call her in the army Pianeers whose business it is to Burie the dead after a Batel. And they had a great meney buried when we got to the field. We did not find aney of Company A's men but from what I could ascertain he was not in slaying they described to me that was where company A fought and they was both sargents which was Wm Alens(?) & Noal Aley. It might a ben that Elijah was wounded before he was taken and if he was Proibly he is in there hands yet they hav some of our Regiment at Linet (?) Burg that is wounded and I heard again that there was some at Gordensville perhaps he is at one or the other places and meby he be a tendent on the wounded if he is not hurt himself. Our surgeon just came from Richmond a few days ago he ses that there is a good meney of our army that is there a great memey is a starving to death he was made a prisoner of war for awhile but not aney lenth of time he reports that they Prisoners is Treated hard and dont get much to eat he sed by hard barging one day he got the over seere of the Prison to bring him some soup whilst he was sturing it up he stured up two ded mise that had got in to the soup and he sad that it was just haf enough to feel the hair from the tails and legs he throwed loap mice bowl and all on the flower and he sed that the officer came and gav them a good cursing for it he sed that was the way the boys was treeted generally.

Anut Liza you dont hav aney idia how much hard suffering I have had to endure in the last three weeks all most night and day I had to go trying to make the Wounded Comfortable it all way falles to my lot to do the wounded up after the batel for one week I had nerely 300 wounds to address and you can guess how much time I had to sit down and mighty little help I had I got relieved last Thursday and then I came to the Redgement I suppose that you would lik to know what kind of a place I buried John in it is in a small grove of timber I dug a Grave about 3 ½ feet deep and layed him in it and ten I got some plank and sat up bey the side of him and took one and covered him with it and then I took and lay the durt over him this I done my self some of the seventh Ind Boys helped me cary him to his grave they helped me to dig the Grave and lay him in and then I done the rest my self. You may all think that it was Pretly hard for a Brother to Burie a Brother But it is more Satisfaction To me and perhaps to all Inquiring friends for to know that he is dead and Buried than to not know wher he is I know where he now lays and I can rest at piece and know his fait.

Aunt I never saw a Pretyer smile on aney Bodies Countenance in my life than was on his he smiled as if the God of heaven had visit him in affecton

Captain sed to giv his love to you all & Father's familie to I have no War news to wright at this time for you can hear more of what is a going on than I can tell you you git the papers and regular

Aunt Liza I would like to see you all very much and eat peaches and apels and sagho Molasses with you and talk of things that I have Witness since I came to War

Aunt I think that you Folks out at home might send a poor boy in Maryland a can of nice Molasses I have not seen Samuel Waln For a long time the last time I saw him he was Fat and Looked well George Tincher he is well and (---) and all the rest of the Boys is well and so am I my self and Hope that these fiew lines may Find you all well I must close Giv my love to Grand Father and Grand Mother and all the rest of inquiring Friends Pleas Wright soon and often so no more but still Remain your dear Nephew until Death

David Hansell to Aunt Elizabeth J. Wilkinson and all the rest of the connetions and Friends

Note: David Hansell, writer of the letter, came home from the war, became a physician and died in 1934 in Parke Co., IN. John Hansell, the bother mentioned in the letter, is buried at Antietam National Cemetery.

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Keep in mind that the events that occur between July 17 and September 17 will be a part of our challenge grant. As long as we reach our goal of \$30,000, IHCD will match that with an additional \$30,000!



First Prize \$1,000!
River Ball Race
Sunday 07/24 6:00 PM Winamac Town Park
1st Prize \$1,000 2nd Prize \$200 3rd Prize \$100
Balls will drop and will float to the finish line at the Swinging Bridge
All proceeds benefit **Memorial Swinging Bridge Project**
Tickets available from committee members or at Winamac VFW
Need not be present to win **Tickets \$20** For info call Greg Henry 574-242-1031
Rain Date 07/31 License #002892

Sunday, July 24

You don't need to be present to win, but it's a fun (and quick) evening!



Taco Bout It Street Party!
\$25 entry: 2 drink tickets & 2 food tickets
Market Street from Jacks to Celebration Station
Kyle Hurd Band
Margaritas
Fundraiser for the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project
Donkey Races
Dragon Drives
Food & drinks by One Eyed Jacks 21 & Over Event
Corn Hole
Saturday, July 30
6:00 until we drop!

Saturday, July 30

BUY A TABLE for \$500! Receive 2 drink and 2 food tickets each for 8 people, reserved seating, and recognition!



Pork Chop Dinner
Saturday August 6
 Broasted Chop, Cheesy Potatoes
 Green Beans, Roll & Cookie
 Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 or until gone.
 \$14 for all; \$7 for extra chop if available
 Serving at the Winamac VFW
 Dine In or Carry Out
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Saturday, August 6

This is one of the best meals in town.



PADDLES UP!
PADDLE AUCTION PARTY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 3:00 UNTIL FINISHED
\$10 per Paddle (that's your ticket in - there is a limited number)
 You may purchase extra paddles at the door as long as they last.
CONTACT LARA FULGHAM larafulgham@gmail.com **574-696-0880**
 At the Winamac VFW, to benefit the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project
 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips available for sale License #002802

Saturday, August 27

Bring your quarters! And consider **donating an auction item**. See our **Facebook Event discussion** page for information.



Memorial Swinging Bridge Project
4-Person Golf Scramble
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Saturday, September 10

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Horse Races at the Winamac VFW
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cents from his savings account in honor of veterans.



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A Sunday afternoon in the summertime will find families enjoying the park and the bridge.



This is from last year's River Ball Race. Next month, you can see how it went down this year!



A night-time view of the model bridge outside the Winamac VFW. (This was a June evening.)



The photos above were submitted by Marsha Norris. Beautiful bridge over a beautiful river on a beautiful summer day.



August 2022



We remain in our challenge grant through IHCD until September 15. We have met our goal of \$30,000 already, and when the challenge period ends, on September 15, IHCD will give us the matching \$30,000.

While donations will no longer be matched, any contribution made will help get us to the finish line!

We are less than 10% away from making our goal of \$300,000. The best thing that could happen is that we make this goal by the end of this year!

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Upper Tippecanoe River

From Indiana Outfitters Website

The Tippecanoe River is considered the river of lakes. It is fed and nourished by eighty-eight natural lakes including some of the state's largest. It has a drainage area of approximately 1,900 square miles owing to the many small tributaries. Many lakes and swamps are the source of the tributaries, providing a more or less continuous flow of water. Each lake acts as a settling basin which reduces the amount of silt carried.

The gentle, 166 mile river is bordered for much of its length by green fields and forest as it meanders down from Tippecanoe Lake in Kosciusko County. This is the deepest lake in the state. There is good fishing and hunting to be found along the river's banks and in the many cold springs that bubble out of the high bluffs and banks. Several small green islands add to the natural beauty of the Tippecanoe River.

The water is amazingly clear and is generally muddy only after a storm. The Tippecanoe has an unusual profile in that its fall in the lower course greatly exceeds the fall in the upper course. This has resulted from the glacial drift material through which the river flows in the upper course.

The Tippecanoe River is a haven for warblers, redheaded woodpeckers, bobwhites and wild ducks. This quiet river surrounded by nature is enjoyed by sportsmen and others attracted by its environment. Also of interest are the many aquatic grasses which are unique to the Tippecanoe.

The river's energy was harnessed early to turn mill wheels which were used to grind wheat. Today man still harnesses its energy to provide electricity. Two large dams were built in the mid 1920's along and below Monticello and have created Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman. These lakes, although designed for the creation of electricity, are use extensively for recreation. The river passes by the Potawatomi Village where the Indians in 1832 signed away for the last time their rights to Indiana soil. The Indians' great defeat to General William Henry Harrison in 1811 is marked by the Battleground Memorial.



Follow the link for specific information about the river, for example, from Monterey to Tippecanoe River State Park, from the Park to the Winamac Access Site, and from Winamac to Pulaski.

Read more **HERE**.

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Strut Your Stuff at a Paddle Party Auction!

If you are a crafter or a small business owner, consider donating a sample of your products to this auction. You'll have an audience of 200+ and they will be grateful to learn about you! August 27, 3:00 til ? Supports Memorial Swinging Bridge Project
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Paddle Party Auction!

Piggy banks all over town are sad!

Once full of quarters, they will soon be drained of everything! Sad, empty vessels!
But their owners? They'll be yelling Whee! Whee! Whee!
All the way home with their new-found treasures!

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Another River Ball Race in the books!



A view of the street with one of the events - the Star City Lions Ball Toss - in the background. Such fun, for our first and only street fair! Taco Bout It!



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Memorial is Featured in the following online inventories:

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September 2022



This e-newsletter is being mailed on September 15. Today is the end of our IHEDA Challenge Grant period. Soon, we will receive \$30,000 from IHEDA's Patronicity program, CreatING Places! This amount is already figured into the total of "over \$300,000"!!

From all of us to all of you, THANK YOU! From the bottoms of our hearts!

We aren't quite finished. Due to some changes made in the placement of the equipment to control the lights and a few minor issues, we still have a bit more to raise.

We have events scheduled through the end of the year and we will see them through, with our ultimate goal to be finished with fundraising by December 2022.

THIS MONTH WE FEATURE:



**Raymond J. (RJ) Link Eagle Scout Project
Winamac Park Entry Stone Pillars
At Main Street & Riverside Drive**

RJ planned the project for the west entry,
the entry that leads to the Memorial Swinging Bridge.



A skillful marketing plan was developed to inform the community and request contributions.

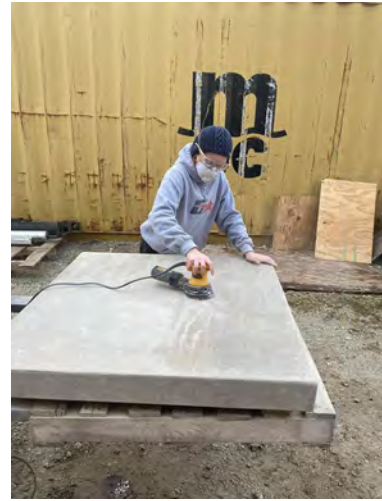


Graphics like this helped RJ gather the products he needed to complete his project.

The design and marketing of his Facebook page came from Brad Conn of Concepts Marketing Services.



The limestone caps were carefully sanded and cleaned.



This was the first hole...



In the background, you can see elements of the historic west side of the Winamac Town Park.



RJ had help for the second...



Eagle scout pillar project takes form at town park



Ground has broken on RJ Link's Eagle Scout project to add two pillars to the entrance of the Winamac Town Park near Frain Mortuary. Significant progress on the foundational layers of brick could be seen on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The entire community waited and watched as the project took shape.



The bricks were purchased from a masonry company in Chesterton, Indiana. They were purchased using funds from private donors sought by RJ specifically for this project.

JSI provided laser cut services for the plaque. Chambers Masonry completed the brickwork.

Eagle scout project at town park reaches completion



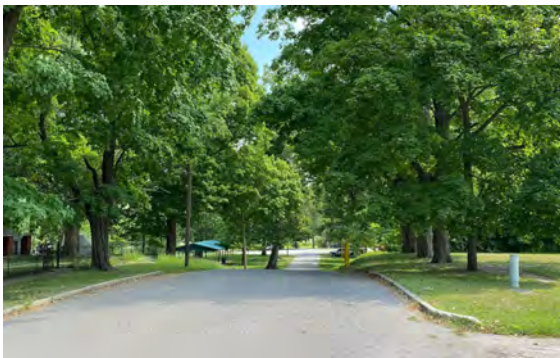
RJ Link's Eagle Scout Project to add two identical brick pillars on either side of the entrance of the Winamac town park has reached completion. The pillars are located at the park's entrance near Frain's Mortuary, and are capped with limestone tops. Along with welcoming guests into the town park, the metal plaques will also remind visitors for many years to come that the pillars were Link's project.

Pulaski County Journal
January 26, 2022

The project was completed in January 2022. But for RJ, there was one more step. His project had to go through the Eagle Scout Board of Review. His project passed the review process in March 2022.



RJ's proud family and Boy Scout Troop celebrated as he received the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout. The ceremony took place in May 2022.



Before....



After....

The first "after" photograph was taken as the project was completed, in a leafless period of time. But in it, RJ stands proudly in the center of the road between his two pillars.



For RJ's story, visit his Facebook page [HERE](#).

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Light Up Our Legacy!

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sponsored by Winamac Kiwanis

Saturday, September 24, 7:00 - 10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus



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Welcome to the Holiday Vendor Fair



This Saturday, October 15, at the Community Building in the Winamac Town Park. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

We'll have loads of vendors at the holiday fair! Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Winamac Corner Deli.

This is our LAST in-person event! Come join the fun and get a jump on your holiday shopping! No matter the holiday!

Military History Moment



C.L. Guild Post, Grand Army of the Republic of Medaryville, 1911

World War 1 Organize for Last Battle

*Medaryville Herald 11
April 1957*

Last Saturday, April 6--
-40 years after World
War 1 was declared---a
group of those veterans
met at the VFW Post
headquarters
in Winamac to discuss
the matter of recognition
and grant of a pension
for all World War 1
veterans and their
widows and orphans and
organized a barracks in a
concerted drive with
other of their buddies to
urge upon Congress the
need for passing such
legislation.

Another meeting will be
held Monday, April 15th,
8:00 o'clock p.m., at the
VFW Post headquarters
in Winamac and all War
1 veterans are urged to
attend. Even as they
joined hands to win the
first World War, so will

World War 1 Vets Elect Slate To Push for Pension Benefits

The Medaryville Herald Thursday April 25, 1957

On April 15th veterans of World War 1 met again at the V.F.W. post headquarters in Winamac and organized in their fight for their separate recognition of service in 1917-1918. It is now forty years since they went into the service of their country to fight the first American War on foreign soil for the principles of freedom and democracy. Since their return in 1919 to re-establish themselves in civil life they have been given very little recognition in the form of allowances for their service. They have, however, continued their fight for democracy and were instrumental in obtaining privileges and right for future generations of veterans, particularly the World War 11 and Korean veterans, in the form of the recognition of the G. I. Bill of Rights. They themselves did not gain anything through this Bill and now, at an average of 62 years, they feel the need of compensation for themselves and have organized for the purpose of asking for recognition of their own rights and for a pension for all honorably discharged World War 1 veterans after the age of 60 years in the amount of \$100.00 per month.

In their organizing last Monday night they were issued a charter in the name of Pulaski County Barracks No. 883, Department of Indiana, Winamac, Veterans of World War 1 of the U.S.A., Inc.

The Officers serving for the year 1957 are as follows:
Commander, Hugh C. Baker, Winamac; Sr. Vice Commander, Chauncey M. Felker, Winamac; Jr. Vice Commander, Roy W. Ballard, Medaryville; Quartermaster, Donald C. Boulden, Winamac; Adjutant, Harry G. Lund, Medaryville; Sgt.-at-Arms, Cloyd E. Jenkins, Francesville; Chaplain, William Mohr, Winamac; Judge Advocate, Clifford E. Olson, Medaryville;

they have to join themselves together and win this--their last battle--to gain their well-earned rights and privileges.

Trustees, Fred Stock, Star City; Flem May, Winamac; Jesse McGinnis, Medaryville. Meeting nights were arranged to be held at 8:00 o'clock on the second Monday of every month at the V.F.W. post headquarters in Winamac. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 1957. All honorably discharged veterans of World War 1 are asked to attend the next meeting or get in touch with one of the above named officers and sign up. If you cannot come in, drop a line and they will call on you. This is a call to arms for the last battle of World War 1 veterans. Sign up and do your bit.

Return from the Mexican Border

Medaryville Advertiser Thursday March 15, 1917

After a service of nine months on the Mexican border, the Winamac militia company, better known as Company L, are home again. The First regiment, of which the Winamac company is a unit, were mustered out of the Federal service early Wednesday morning at Fort Benj. Harrison in Indianapolis, and their coach was attached to a Pennsylvania train at Indianapolis, arriving in Winamac at 3:45 p.m.

About two thousand of the the citizens of Winamac and surrounding communities, headed by the G.A.R, and the Winamac Band, met the train at the station and welcomed the boys home amid cheering and shouting. A big parade was formed and marched about the business district, **ending at the armory**, where the company deposited their equipment and were then marched to the Christian church and treated to a sumptuous dinner. The soldiers were all looking fine with the exception of John Agnew, who was walking with a cane, as a result of a sprained ankle.

Last night the citizens of Winamac gave the company a reception at the Gorrell Hall and the occasion was notable for much speech making.

Pop Quiz

We'd offer a prize if we could, but we can't, so we'll offer you the chance to become famous! (Maybe.)

If you have information about the Armory in Winamac, either continuing in the Keller block until closing down, or if the new building was actually built as noted in the article to the right, please contact us!

Winamac Had An Armory?

Pulaski County Democrat January 20, 1916

The militia company has moved its armory from the third story of the opera house block to the basement of the Keller block, under the Keller clothing store. The vibration caused by the men drilling made the third story room undesirable. The basement room has been fitted up in nice shape, with modern conveniences. The regular meetings on Wednesday nights have been well attended, and the drill sergeant from the regular army who is here conducts a school and squad drills on other nights. It is hoped that the guns, suits and other equipment will arrive before long.

Pulaski County Democrat May 25, 1916

Prospects are favorable for the erection of a real armory for the Winamac militia company within the near future. While the present armory in the basement of the Keller block is convenient as to location and is more or less commodious, it is too small for the purpose. So the matter has been taken up with F.M. Williams, who has in turn corresponded with Adjutant General Bridges of Indianapolis, and letters exchanged this week indicate that the desire for a larger building may be realized.

The idea is to erect a suitable structure of concrete blocks **on the former Ferd [sic] Kandler lot on Pearl Street between Monticello and Front streets**. Tentative plans provide a drill room 40x80 feet, with suitable

The location is now Pearl Street between Monticello and Riverside. Currently, fronting Monticello, are Tippy's to the north and the ISIS Theater to the south. Fronting Pearl are the Post Office, a home, and VPS Auto Body on the north, and a row of houses on the south.

Was the building ever built?

lockers and officers' quarters outside of that. Mr. Williams and First Lieutenant Capouch are at Culver this afternoon in conference with the adjutant general, who is there on other business. If an agreement is reached, it may be that the state official will come here with them, or later, for further inspection of the proposition.

EVENTS

Chamber of Commerce River Fest



Kathi Thompson and Cindy Hickle presented Fire Over the Bridge Chili for the Chamber of Commerce River Fest. We had a great time and were honored by winning the Most Creative chili!



Kudos to the team members who put together this pirate ship for the Electric Parade! Greg & Brenda Henry, Gavun Henry, Pam Houston, John Speicher and Damen Galbreath

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The Memorial Swinging Bridge Project participated in the 25 YEARS OF IMPACT CHALLENGE with the **Community Foundation of Pulaski County**. We submitted a list of 25 ways our community has benefited from CFPC support, and in return, we were blessed with a grant! THANK YOU, CFPC!

Shown, (Back) CFPC Office Manager/Program Assistant Kim Krause, Scott Brogdon, Missy Brogdon, Rana Parish, Greg Henry; (Front) Kathi Thompson, Cindy Hickle, Karen Fritz, Brenda Henry.



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PHOTOS

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Winamac Kiwanis Club provides support with a Pancake Breakfast

The Winamac Kiwanis Club, Boy Scout Troop 229 and the Knights of Columbus came together to support the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project in its final days. From all of us to all of you, THANK YOU!



It's fall y'all!!

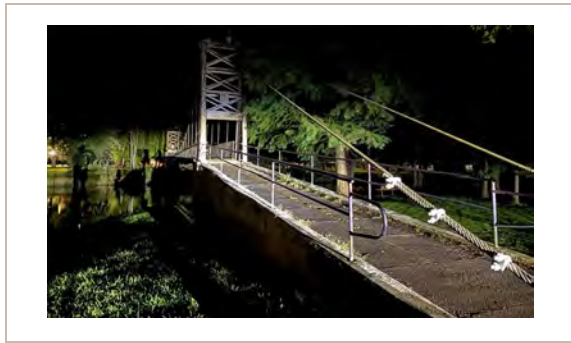
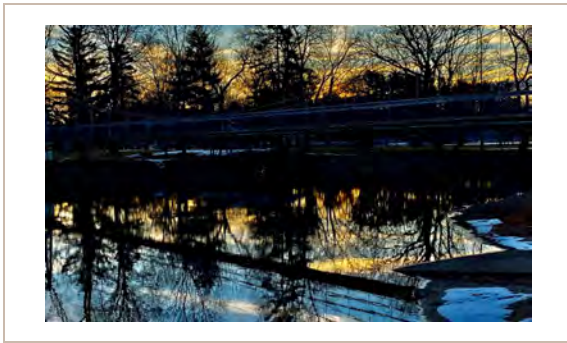


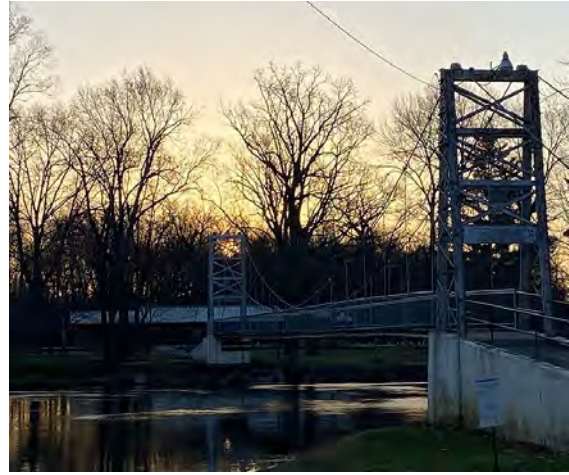
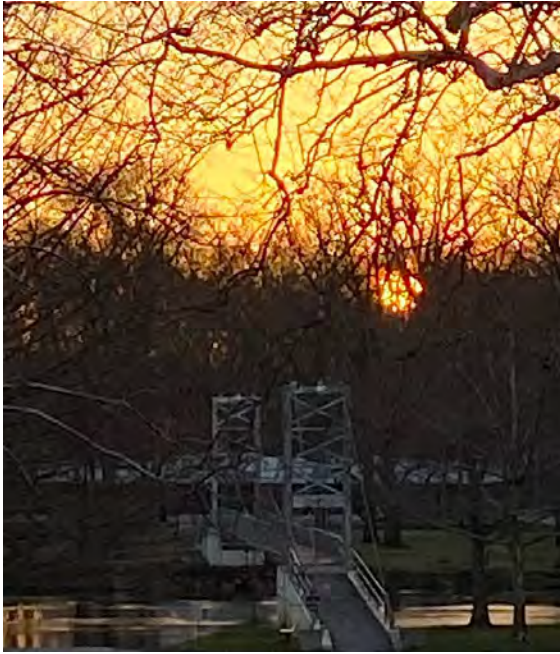
These photos are from last year, taken by great local photographer Kim Schramm.



IHCDA Challenge Grant (CreatINg Places) "Before" Photos

When we turn in a final report for the IHCDA Challenge Grant (CreatINg Places), we need to have before and after photos. Since the bridge will be illuminated at night, we needed nighttime photos. Here are a few. We hope you like them!





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Confusion: Who is Doing What



Renovation is the responsibility of the Town of Winamac, the owner of the bridge. The bridge is currently closed while repairs are underway. Repairs include stripping & repainting, concrete work, and resetting the decking.



Illumination is the goal of the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project, a volunteer group whose sole purpose is to light the bridge to honor the veterans of Pulaski County. This work will start in the spring. Lights will be turned on during a dedication and celebration that will be held on the evening of July 3, 2023.



Our Donors

We keep track of all our donors in visible ways, but it occurred to us that we could do better. (We can always do better!)

Our donor webpage has always carried the names of people who give cash gifts. Another page shows the persons who donated for lights and yet another for memorials and honorariums. The Art Auction and IHEDA Challenge Grant gifts were also handled on separate pages. We did not have a page for in-kind giving, and those gifts have truly kept us moving forward.

Thus, **our donor page has been updated** to try to capture everyone, with links to the other pages where more specific information can be found.

We are truly amazed at the depth of giving from this community. THANK YOU again!

EVENTS

Kopka Auctions - Online HiBid Auction - kopkaauctions.hibid.com
Opens 6:00 PM Sunday 11/13/2022 & Closes 6:00 PM Sunday 11/20/2022

To Benefit the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project

Our final in-person event was held in October. This auction is our final on-line event. All monies raised in excess of need will be gifted to the Town of Winamac for a fund established specifically to provide maintenance for the lights.

Visit the website listed above for auction particulars. Call or text Jeremiah at 574.242.0356 with any questions or to schedule an in-person preview.

KOPKA
AUCTION SERVICE 

Light Up Our Legacy!

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022

But you don't have to wait until then.

This year for Giving Tuesday, we invite you to give to local organizations that support veterans. There are several!

Go to this website to make your Giving Tuesday contribution and show your gratitude to local veterans.

You can choose to give to this Project as well. We have met every goal, and we will continue to accept contributions until the day we close our bank account on July 31, 2023.

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Share the joy of giving with everyone in your family.

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Our Final In-Person Event: The Holiday Vendor Fair, held in October

An indoor event for that fickle fall weather, we had a nice day with a steady flow of customers. We hope the vendors enjoyed the day, and we appreciate their willingness to spend a day with us.



Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas



Hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, spiced cider)



Biscuits & gravy for breakfast and pulled pork (sandwich or nachos) for lunch



R+C Produce & Crafts, custom crafts made from 125-year-old barn



Mandy's Creations, tumblers, t-shirts, frisbies



Pearl Magic by Sheri, oyster openings & jewelry settings



Lake Bruce Creamery, handcrafted goat milk soap



Leaf & Linen, handmade earrings, hair bows, home decor



J.C. Honey Farm, honey, creamed honey, apple butter, lip balm



Joyce Thomas (sewing items) and Sue Kennedy (wood crafts)



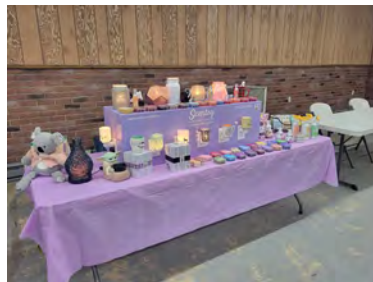
Country Cupboard, handmade jewelry



From My Bungalow, handcrafted cards & gifties



Pulaski County Historical Society, Bicentennial items



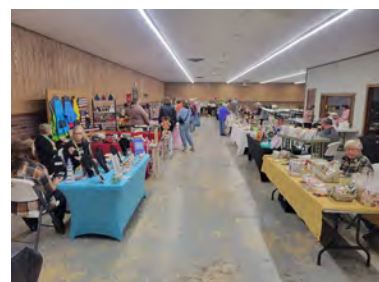
Scentsy, warmers & wax



The Bombin' Sisters, hot cocoa bombs



Missed photos:
Fourway Internet
Everdry Waterproofing



The Crafty Cows, custom laser
made & engraved products
(Somehow a photo was
missed - this is from their
Facebook site!)

A long aisle of vendors, ready
to go!

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The Memorial Swinging Bridge Project expresses its deep appreciation to the Winamac Kiwanis Club for organizing a pancake and sausage breakfast. The Kiwanis Club, with the support of the Knights of Columbus and Boy Scout Troop 229, gifted over \$1,800 to the project. Left to right: Theresa Calloway (Kiwanis), Alvin Parish, Kelly Gaumer (Kiwanis), Rana Parish, Kathi Thompson, Sally Schultz, Kim Daily (Kiwanis), Brenda Henry, Greg Henry, John Speicher. Behind the camera, Pam Houston.

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The two photos above show the bridge in the process of renovation, with some fall color in the background.



The two photos below were taken in November 2021. No renovations. Just a beautiful bridge in a beautiful season.

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MOVING FORWARD!

Knowing there will not be much to report until we get started in the spring, we will still try to keep you informed. We hope, in coming issues, to tell you more about the company that will be installing the lights. We will also keep you informed on the continued progress of bridge renovation (Town of Winamac responsibility) and light specifications that we are able to share.



On a fitting day, Veterans' Day, the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project signed a contract and gave a check for down payment to Mike Brubaker of Associated Controls + Design.

We are moving forward!



Mike Brubaker takes a look at the bridge in process of renovation.

SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Giving Tuesday was November 29!

Our GT webpage is still up, and it affords you the opportunity to give to our chosen charity: local organizations that provide services to Pulaski County veterans.

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Steven Choate from Associated Controls + Design was in town on the morning of November 30 to measure for lights. We're on our way! (The editor's favorite photo is the last one!)



Starting to measure on a dark morning in November.



Close up of measuring. This is Steven Choate.



It's always great to have a full photo, even on a dark morning!



Steven Choate again.



It's a little hard to see him on the deck.



He really gets into it!



Steven Choate, walking across the bridge - which doesn't have a deck!



No deck... work has been halted for a while by the Town. But the morning is becoming brighter!



A bright photo. The sun is now fully up. This is a favorite shot for many, even though the deck is not there!



Taking a look up the beautiful Tippecanoe River.



Steven Choate is on the far end.



Yes, on the far end. That's his head... he really gets into his work!

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The Isaac & Carrie Henry family traveled quite a distance on a very cold Sunday to take a photo in front of the bridge. Their gift, given during the IHCD's CreatING Places challenge grant period, doubled in value from \$1,500 to \$3,000. The donation was given in honor of grandparents and great-grandparents, Byron K. Henry and Joan M. (Skillen) Henry. From left to right: Malachi, Jonah, Carrie, Isaac, Ezra & Naomi Henry, with Greg & Brenda Henry from the Project.

We didn't only ask of you; we asked of ourselves.

The Memorial Swinging Bridge Project committee members remain committed. They give their time, their talents and their treasure.

One committee member has been giving to the project since before fundraising had even begun.

Memorial Swinging Bridge Project

Kathleen Thompson

From 2019 - 2022, over \$8,000



YOU CAN STILL GIVE!



We have met every goal, but you can still give if you choose. All funds raised in excess of need will go to the Town of Winamac to a fund specifically set up to maintain the lights. To make a contribution of any amount, use this QR code or go to our **Donation page**. To "buy a light," **go to this page**.



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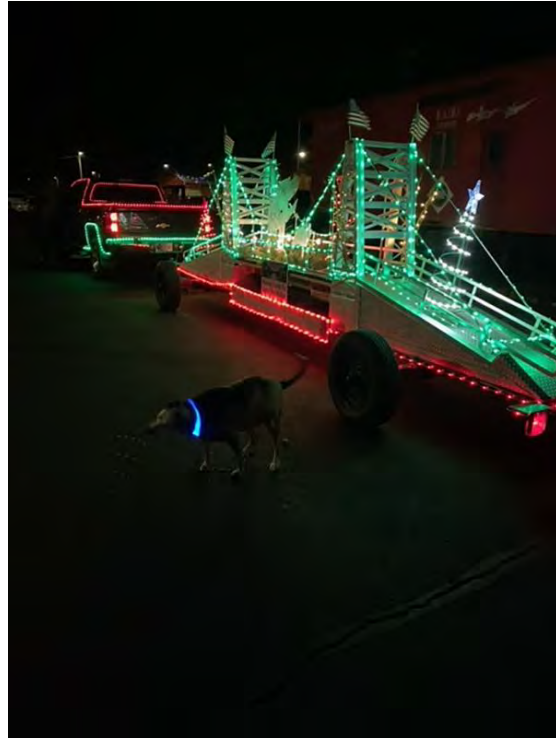
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