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MILFORD SESQUICENTENNIAL LOGO — The above logo, submitted by Joann Boyer of r 2 Syracuse, was accepted Monday night by the Milford Lions Club as the official Milford Sesquicentennial Logo. She will receive a \$100 Savings Bond for her effort. There were seven submitted.

It highlights the old mill that at one time was situated on Turkey Creek at the south edge of Town, at a point where the Billy E. Little farm is located. Little claims the old barn on his farm was that mill. The logo also shows a farmer with a single furrow plow walking behind a single horse, not uncommon when Milford became a town in 1836.

### Delta Kappa holds meeting

The November 23 meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma was conducted in a Culver restaurant. The business meeting was lead by Norma Rush, president. A program on "Gifted and

Talented" was presented by Connie Bailey, coordinator for the gifted and talented classes at Wawasee Community Schools.

The next meeting will be March 22 in Teel's Restaurant, Mentone.

Shown in the photo is Robert Sloop, president of Wawasee Kiwanis, and Pat Gaume.

### Helping Hands elects new officers

The Milford Helping Hands 4-H Club held its November meeting at Lisa Mikel's house on December 14.

After the meeting was called to order and Lisa Mikel gave a demonstration on quick cinnamon swirls, the club elected officers for the 1986-4-H year. The officers are as follows:

President — Rhonda Wilson

Vice president — Lisa Mikel  
Secretary — Renee Beer  
Treasurer — Moni Lange  
Reporter — Annette Wilson  
Health and safety — Krista Brumbaugh  
Devotions — Rita Beer  
Song leaders — Erika Lange and Jennifer Seemeyer  
Recreation — Jill Seemeyer and Anna Myers  
Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at Rhonda and Annette Wilson's house in January.

### Table Industrial Park action

## Last week's board meeting 'didn't happen'

By GLEN LONG  
Staff Writer

The Syracuse Town Board met in special session last night to act upon the request it had received to install water and sewer service into the industrial park planned by the Syracuse-Wawasee Area Development Company. However, before that was discussed, Joe Morganthaler

requested the special meeting last week be declared void because he and Jim Hughes were not properly notified of the meeting.

At the meeting last week the board, with Morganthaler absent, voted three to one to agree to stipulations placed on the BZA approval of a Miller's Merry Manor facility being built in Syracuse. Since the board now declared that meeting had been called illegally due to improper notification, Board President Carl Myrick's one vote against agreement stands up.

After Morganthaler declared he was against agreeing with the conditions, speaking at length about his position on the board and stating several times that he "doesn't like having things stuffed up his nose," the board, this time with Steve Butt absent, did declare the previous meeting null and void.

Myrick explained that Steve Snyder, local attorney, had asked for the previous meeting and had agreed to contact board members. Apparently Morganthaler and Hughes were not reached. Hughes was present, having been told of the meeting by Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Lewis, his daughter.

In response to Lewis asking who is responsible for notifying board members of meetings, Bob Reed, town attorney, said, "The president of the town board is responsible for calling town meetings." No one questioned whether Myrick could pass that responsibility to Snyder.

Bob Westfall, representing SWADCO, took the verbal slams of Morganthaler about the previous meeting silently and graciously. He just smiled and said that had been a Miller's Merry Manor project and he was at the meeting as an invited guest last week. He didn't even bristle when Morganthaler made some reference to "kickbacks."

An official at Miller's Merry Manor was not prepared to make a statement when contacted this morning until he can contact appropriate people in Syracuse.

Attorney Reed said he will notify Steve Snyder and inform him of the voided meeting. No comments were made about how

the Miller's Merry Manor project is affected.

### On Industrial Park

In his speech, Morganthaler had informed Westfall he would have voted yes on the industrial park project, but in view of the previous meeting being called without his knowledge he now needed more time to consider it. He said, "I don't want to do anything on the industrial park at this time."

Westfall spoke of the history of the park project and said the town has to assume some sort of burden for progress. He said SWADCO now has about \$11,000 and will have added revenues from sale of the industrial park acreage. He said, "Our main objective was to bring tax base to the town of Syracuse."

After discussion on the industrial park project and various member comments about their positions on how far the town should go, Westfall asked what he should do next.

Morganthaler answered, "I wouldn't even pay a bill tonight. Give me a little time to think."

Board member Hess asked Joe Dock, utilities superintendent, to report on a recent meeting with the Indiana State Board of Health. He said Syracuse has attained a priority position of 12 for funding of the planned sewer upgrade project. This is an improvement of one. Funding is now scheduled in the July, August, September, 1986, time frame.

Dock reviewed for the board the street and sewer projects planned for 1986. Hughes reported he had reviewed money availability with the clerk-treasurer. He said he agreed with Morganthaler that there is always a possibility of new money needs coming up, but if the board waits for them they are just as much to blame as if they spend all the money. He commented, "We need to plan some industrial development in town. Industries won't come here just because we have two lakes."

He added, "How we can do the most people the most good is our problem to solve."

Morganthaler moved to take

the industrial park project under further advisement until the next regular meeting on December 17. This was seconded by Hess and approved unanimously.

### Other Business

Myrick read a letter from the Wawasee High School Board of Trustees expressing concern for safety of students walking to school. Hughes agreed to serve as contact to discuss school concerns with school officials and report back on their request for a sidewalk along the road to the high school and a 10 ft. high fence around the junkyard on Boston St.

Lewis presented the claims approved last week again for approval since that meeting was voided.

## Armed robbery in Leesburg

The proprietor of Leesburg Liquors Inc. in downtown Leesburg was threatened with a six inch blade knife Monday and robbed of \$560 from the cash register.

The robber was described as a white male, about 5 ft. 8 inches tall, 155 pounds, wearing a navy blue hooded sweatshirt and a blue bandana over his face. It was estimated he was between 25 and 28 years old. The type of vehicle used to depart the scene was not known. It was possibly a late 60s or early 70s Buick Ventura or blue Nova.

The thief has not been apprehended and the investigation is continuing.

### Winter bird feeding with suet

The best cold-weather bird foods is suet and it will invite birds to your feeder that may never stop by. Many birds love suet and it's a valuable addition to any bird feeding program.

Suet is dense beef fat and can provide birds with the extra energy needed to stay warm in the winter. You can usually find suet in a supermarket or a butcher shop.

## North Webster public beach now a reality

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in November as the site of North Webster Public Beach, for a cost of \$190,000.

The money used in the purchase was raised by North Webster residents, businesses and interested persons. It was a matter of formalities that the purchase was made by the town, which received the money as a donation from the International Palace of Sports who also received the \$100,000 matching federal grant.

### The Plans

Work will begin this winter with the placement of material in connection with the creation of a swimming area, once the lake freezes over. The beach area will cover 100 feet of the 400-foot lake frontage at the park. Other work to take place will be the removal of four small cottages and the relocation of the Nellessen home to across the street behind the parking area.

This location will then be landscaped into a picnic and playground area with the mature trees being left on the site providing shaded area.

There will be a restroom and shower building to the north of the current picnic/concession pavilion for those using the beach area. The pavilion, which is handicapped equipped in the areas of restrooms, doorways and counter space, will be used as a covered picnic and snack bar area. This building will have a 4,500 square-foot deck added onto the lake side of the building and extend over the lake for fishing and sunning or picnicking.

The deck will be designed with usable railing by the handicapped as well as a handicapped boarding area for boating.

A unique part of the park is it will be totally handicapped accessible and is believed to be the only park of that nature in Northern Indiana.

Parking for the beach is on the west side of Dixie Drive with spaces already designated as handicapped parking.

The plans also call for the Dixie Boat to remain docked at the site,

next to the swimming area, with no interference between the operation of the famed paddle boat and those using the beach facilities.

### Total Cost

The estimated total cost of this project is \$208,640. This includes the purchase; archaeological reconnaissance; preparation of the site plan, appraisal fees; construction of the beach, seawall, deck and landscaping; purchase of equipment such as picnic tables and benches; and contingencies.

The \$20,000 remaining from the \$200,000 received through local donations and pledges and the matching federal grant will be used towards the construction of

the beach. Donations are still being accepted towards construction of facilities at the park.

The North Webster Park Board, an entity of the town board, does have funds allocated within the North Webster Town budget for use on this park. Members of the park board are Dixie Pryor, park board president; Karlyn Metcalf, Nedra Bone, Lois Lundy and Dave Carey.

Started in 1980

The inception of a park for North Webster began in 1980 with plans shifting towards a public beach following a 1983 questionnaire by the North Webster/Tipppecanoe Township Chamber of Commerce which showed 80 percent of those responding requested a public beach. A search for possible sites was started with an agreement between the park board and the Nellessens being reached.

The park board was able to receive a matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for \$100,000. A permit from the Department of the Army, Louisville District, Corps of Engineers, was received in March 1984 allowing the necessary work to be done. Both groups easily approved the site location and plans.

The approval of a \$100,000 matching grant launched a long fundraising drive by the park board members and interested citizens. The International Palace of Sports Foundation became involved when it committed itself to obtain the matching \$100,000 through the public, turning the funds over to the town when raised.

In October 1984, the option was secured on the land with a payment of monies collected, by the IPS foundation, in the amount of \$13,483.32, to Nellessens.

Mrs. Pryor reported in May 1985 the fund drive was \$38,119 away from reaching the goal and the Nellessens had stated they would donate \$10,000 after the property was purchased.

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### GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Kyla Charlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Charlton, is shown in the Statue of Liberty costume which made her the grand prize winner in the Halloween Fun Night costume contest sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Lakeland, North Webster, on October 30.

Youth Services Chairman Everett Sowers announced that 50 children participated in the costume contest. Other first prize winners were as follows:

Marc Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Roberts, pre-school; Andrew Vester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vester, kindergarten; Jeremy Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Plummer, first and second grades; and Daniel Vandiver II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vandiver, grades three through six.

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