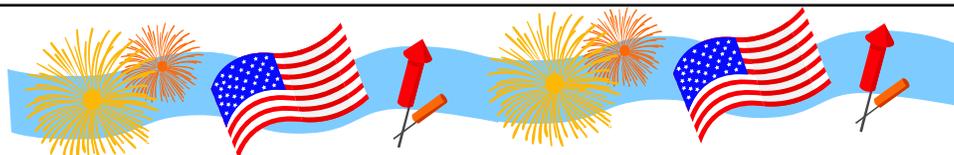


THE VILLAGE CRIER

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The Village buildings will be open on the 4th of July from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

RESERVED PARKING in the village parking lot off Corunna Ave. and south of the church
for Village Workers and MEMBERS of the Friends of the Village.



A few years ago, William and Charlene Vaneckhoutte of New Lothrop donated the windmill from their farm to the village. It has taken several years and many hands to restore the windmill to working condition. The windmill is an unusual combination of two different companies. The base or tower portion was made by Aermotor and the top portion was made by Flint and Walling of Kendallville, Indiana. It is a 1924 Star Model. The base is 30 feet high while the wheel with 15 vanes measures 8 feet across. The primary function of a windmill was to pump water. At this time, this one does not. The windmill has been placed in the farm area of the Hopson-Hornak log home.

Volunteers involved in this project were: Dick Waters, Al Horton, Scott Wightman (pictured in the bucket adjusting the blades), Keith Bailey (who operated and donated the use of his crane), Russ Wing and Mike Chunko (who did some welding), Dennis Braid (who brought the cherry picker to use), Scott Johnson, and Dick LaBrie of Lone Oak Restoration in Metamora.



Belfry from the Octagon School

Thank you volunteers for helping with these projects.

Douglas and Pauline Reynolds have donated the belfry from the Octagon School to the village. It was designed and built in 1850 by the Rev. George Reynolds who also served as the first teacher. The bell that once hung in the belfry was removed in the 1960's and has served for many years as the "touchdown" bell at the Corunna High School football games. The belfry has been placed in the North yard of the Christ Evangelical German Lutheran Church. It gives the appearance of a Gazebo. The belfry was brought to the village by John Hebekeuser, the contractor doing the renovation on the old school building. Keith Bailey used his crane to set it in place. Donations toward the restoration and landscaping of this historic structure would be welcome.