

KEVIN: HERE ARE THE FIRST QUARTER STORIES FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH:

1. CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HIRE GREG MILLER AS ITS NEW CLINTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIRECTOR.
2. THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REJECT ALL 11 OBJECTIONS MADE BY THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM THEIR DECEMBER 15 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE AMENDED LUPAC/WIND ORDINANCE.
3. THE LONG AWAITED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED HANGAR PROJECT AT THE FRANKFORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IS NOW AFTER THE FRANKFORT/CLINTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH THE HAMSTRA GROUP OF WHEATFIELD.
4. FORMER FRANKFORT CITY, LIGHT AND POWER SUPERINTENDENT STEVE MILLER DIDN'T STAY RETIRED VERY LONG. AFTER ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FRANKFORT UTILITY THE PREVIOUS MONTH, MILLER HAS BEEN APPROVED AS OPERATIONS MANAGER OF RENSSALAER'S ELECTRIC UTILITY. HE WILL START THIS NEW POSITION ON JANUARY 23.
5. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OF CLINTON COUNTY COALITION MEMBERS KATHY MARTIN AND LORRA ARCHIBALD MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE CLINTON COUNTY FAIR COUNCIL ABOUT BEING ABLE TO HAVE A SMOKE FREE FAIR FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, THEIR PRESENTATION MADE A POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON THE FAIR COUNCIL.
6. THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SEPARATE WATER SUPERINTENDENT JOHN SOLENBERG FROM THE FRANKFORT UTILITIES.
7. KIRKLIN FIRE CHIEF MARK CLEMENTS IS STEPPING DOWN AFTER 14 YEARS AS KIRKLIN FIRE CHIEF. MIKE GOFF WILL TAKE OVER AS THE NEW CHIEF.
8. CLINTON COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSIE MICHAEL CONFIRMED THE \$80,000 GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED TO PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE DEBT ON THE BUILDING THAT HOUSES THE CLUB WILL BE PAID OFF THANKS MAINLY TO A \$40,000 MATCHING GRANT FROM CHUCK GALPIN.
9. MAYOR CHRIS McBARNES AND STREET SUPERINTENDENT JASON FORSYTHE SPENT A DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE IN INDIANAPOLIS TESTIFYING TO STATE LEGISLATORS ABOUT ROADS ISSUES IN THE CITY OF FRANKFORT.
10. FRANKFORT POLICE OFFICER COREY CRONK HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2016 OFFICER OF THE YEAR WHILE DEPUTY CHIEF SCOTT SHOEMAKER WAS AWARDED WITH THE MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY.
11. THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD HAS BEEN WORKING ON A POSSIBLE RATE INCREASE FOR ITS ELECTRICAL SERVICE. CHAIRMAN MIKE KELLEY SAYS IT WILL BE AWHILE BEFORE IT IS IMPLEMENTED.
12. EXPERIENCED HUMAN RESOURCES VETERAN JACK DODD WILL BECOME THE FIRST HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR IN THE CITY'S HISTORY WHEN HE JOINS THE CITY TEAM ON FEBRUARY 13.

13. THE ROSSVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT FOR LANCER AND BEEBE, LLC FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ON THE SCHOOL'S \$20 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT.
14. WITH THE ANNEXATION THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA, THE BOARD OF WORKS AND CITY OF FRANKFORT ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SOME OF THOSE COUNTY ROADS INTO CITY STREETS AND RENAMING THEM.
15. THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT TO GET AN ASSESSMENT ON A COUPLE OF THEIR FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.
16. IN AN EFFORT TO HELP TACKLE THE HOUSING CRISIS IN FRANKFORT, THE FRANKFORT CITY COUNCIL, WITH THE HELP OF THE FARMERS BANK, HAS ESTABLISHED THE SENIOR HOME AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM.
17. IU HEALTH HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WHEN IT TAKES OVER THE FRANKFORT HOSPITAL ON JUNE 1, THE OBSTETRICS SERVICES WILL BE MODIFIED AND THE MATERNITY WARD WILL NO LONGER DELIVER BABIES LOCALLY.
18. A 73-UNIT, 60,000 SQUARE FOOT, FOUR-STORY BUILDING HOUSING STUDIO, ONE AND TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND EXECUTIVE SUITES CALLED NICKEL PLATE FLATS IS SET TO BE DEVELOPED BY IRON MEN PROPERTIES OF THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF FRANKFORT'S DOWNTOWN SQUARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF JACKSON AND WASHINGTON STREETS. THE NEW COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE SPRING OF 2018.
19. TODD CORRIE WAS CHOSEN AS THE CITY'S FIRST GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE FRANKFORT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES. TO TAKE THIS POSITION, CORRIE RESIGNS HIS POSITION FROM THE FRANKFORT CITY COUNCIL.
20. UTILIZING INFORMATION FROM THE FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORT STATISTICS ALLONG WITH THEIR OWN POPULATION DATA AND INTERNAL RESEARCH, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOME SAFETY AND SECURITY RANKED FRANKFORT NUMBER 50 ON THE SAFEST CITIES LIST IN INDIANA FOR 2017.