

The town's name was derived from the name of Chief Paschal Fish's 13-year-old daughter; it is a name of Greek derivation meaning "giving" or "generous." Chief Fish said that if they did this, a tornado would never touch down in Eudora. There has not been a tornado there to this day!

A circular saw and a corn cracker worth \$2,200 were soon purchased for the new town. The first house built by the settlers was a one-story log cabin, 18' x 20', which was shared by all of the inhabitants during the first summer, of 1857. The first sawmill was set up in the same year, and by fall, the first post office was operating and converted into a money order office the next year. The first hotel was probably The America House on Main Street, or near the 5th and 6th Street area.

The first baby born in the new town was a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Epple, soon after their arrival; she was named Eudora. The first marriage occurred between Mrs. George Harboldt and Freid Deichmann in the spring of 1858. The first death was in the fall of 1857 when J. Loederlie died. The captain of the original Townsiders, Hartig, lived until 1902, when he was killed by a Santa Fe train; his wife had died the previous year.

The first public building was a frame town hall and school house built in 1860 and used as a polling place, dance hall and community room. It was sited at 6th and Main Streets and later moved to 7th and Main Streets. There was a jail under it in the mid-1860s; it was used as the city hall until 1955 and is now a private residence. In 1859, the town's first election selected Fred Faerber as mayor and councilmembers were also elected. In March of that year the council commissioned the Chicago Secretary of the Immigrant Company to furnish a city seal with a white man and an Indian shaking hands. In 1886, Eudora's first newspaper, The Eudora News, was published, and in 1894, Charles Pilla, who also served as mayor and postmaster, helped organize the Eudora State Bank.

Eudora's first picnic was recorded in 1901. In 1927, the Central Protective Association, also known as the Cattlemens Association, reorganized from its antihorse theft roots to become the City Picnic Association. The city's annual picnic traditionally held on the third weekend of July, features carnival rides, games, parades, dancing and food.

This tradition of community celebration continues on October 5th of this year, when the city will have a genuine cake and ice cream birthday party. Eudora High School culinary arts students will be showing their talents in a cake decorating contest. Guests will have an opportunity to sample buffalo burgers. A recognition ceremony will feature community volunteer organizations. On the following day, Eudora Fest will feature arts, crafts, and food booths, along with a kid's homegrown carnival, contests, music and entertainment. The main event, however, will be the unveiling of the Eudora Statue—a historic statue of Chief Paschal Fish and his daughter, Eudora. The statue, sculpted by internationally known local sculptor Jim Brothers, will be placed in the city's historic downtown park with a historic kiosk.

Madam Speaker, I know that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring the city of Eudora on its 150th anniversary, as we commemorate its rich his-

tory and outstanding way of life for all Eudorans. I am proud to represent this community and its people within the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on several measures that came before the House on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 because of illness.

Had I been present I would have voted "no" on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 677, a resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008; "no" on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 678, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl; "aye" on a motion to recommit H.J. Res. 52, a resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, to committee; "aye" on final passage of H.J. Res. 52, a motion making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008; "aye" on an amendment by Mr. WILSON of South Carolina to H.R. 2693, the Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act; and "no" on final passage of H.R. 2693, the Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE SAINT'S MONICA AND LUKE PARISH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and sincerity that I take this time to recognize a milestone that will be taking place in the city of Gary, IN, on Sunday, September 30, 2007. This date will mark the 25th anniversary of Saints Monica and Luke Parish, and also will mark the 90th anniversary of Saint Luke Parish and the 80th anniversary of Saint Monica Parish. This celebration, honoring the people and the history of these parishes, will take place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary.

The official dedication of Saint Luke Parish, by then-Bishop Aldering, took place on September 30, 1917, the year my father arrived in Gary. The previous July, Saint Luke's first pastor, Father Frank Gribba was appointed, and it was through his leadership that the first auditorium, or chapel, was constructed. This modest structure was the beginning of what would eventually become Saints Monica and Luke Parish. It housed seating for 550 people, as well as four classrooms, which formed the original Saint Luke's school. An important part of the history of Saint Luke is that the school was staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1917–1969. During this time, under the leadership of Father Wilfred P. Mannion, the church's current building was constructed. The new location officially opened on October 16, 1955.

Saint Monica Parish, established in Gary in 1927, was the result of the efforts of four African American Catholic women: Lillian Bolden, Louise Agnes Smith, Josefa Streeter, and Eugenia Williams. Because African Americans were not welcome in the existing Catholic churches in Gary at the time, these inspirational leaders and beacons of change petitioned then-Bishop John Francis Noll to establish a church for them. This request was granted, and Saint Monica Parish was born. In 1928, Father H. James Conway became Saint Monica's first pastor. Father Conway would serve the Catholic community in Gary for many years, eventually being named pastor at Saint Luke in 1959. During his tenure, in 1945, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament began instructing students at Saint Monica School, which focused on academic excellence and Christian service, and would become one of the premier educational facilities in the City of Gary. Another leader of Saint Monica's was Father Joseph M. Barry, an oblate from Boston who was very close to our family, as was another of the congregation's leaders, Myrtle King. Father William Martin, an assistant to Father Conway, took over as pastor at Saint Monica in 1968 and would eventually become the first pastor at Saints Monica and Luke Parish upon the parishes' merger in 1982.

Throughout the years, the parishioners of both Saint Luke and Saint Monica were a magnificent example of the Christian community in northwest Indiana. When the two churches merged in 1982 to become what is now Saints Monica and Luke Parish, their outstanding service to the community continued. Through the diligent efforts of its members, service to those in need has become one of the parish's identifying trademarks. Saints Monica and Luke operates a food pantry that serves families once a month, as well as the Saints Monica and Luke Soup Kitchen, which opened its doors in April 1993 and has served a hot meal to those in need every Friday since.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the church's current and dedicated Pastor, Father Pat Gaza, and the entire congregation at Saints Monica and Luke Parish on their 25th anniversary, as well as the preceding parishes. Throughout the years, the clergy and members of Saints Monica and Luke have dedicated themselves to providing spiritual guidance through their faith, as well as unconditional service to their community. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our deepest admiration.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JEAN O'CONNOR-SNYDER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to the memory of Jean O'Connor-Snyder.

A long-time resident of Tuscaloosa, Jean devoted much of her business and civic career to her beloved alma mater, which honored her

with the establishment of 2 endowed scholarships in her name: the Jean O'Connor Leadership Scholarship and the Jean O'Connor-Snyder Endowed Scholarship.

She served as director of events and protocol and assistant director of development for the University of Alabama for over 9 years. She also served as director of community relations, employee development and special events for Bromberg Jewelers, assistant vice president of SouthTrust Bank, and executive director of the Alabama Jewelers Association. In 1993, she moved to Montgomery to be the executive assistant to the First Lady, mansion administrator, and chief of protocol for the Alabama Governor's office. In 1995, she returned to her private consulting business where she specialized in events management, public relations, and professional development training.

Jean was a president of the Tuscaloosa chapter of the University of Alabama National Alumni Association, and the National Alumni Association awarded her with the Distinguished Alumna Award in 1997. She was the volunteer coordinator with the University of Alabama Visual Program and former president of the Life Learning Initiative at Shelton State Community College. She served as the consultant who coordinated the first two Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame Galas for Shelton State Community College.

Her dedication did not stop there. Jean served as a deacon and Stephen Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, president of Tuscaloosa International Friends, board member to Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center, and the Chi Omega/House Corporation. She was a member of Rotary International Tuscaloosa Chapter, 2007 Leadership Scholarship Capstone Council, and received the Alabama Alumni Association's Award of Achievement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. Jean will be missed by her family—her 6 children, Frances O'Connor Morgan, William F. O'Connor, Jr., John Talty O'Connor, Julia Bradford O'Connor, Michael Brady O'Connor, and Patrick Shepherd O'Connor; her stepdaughter, Sharon Pilsch; nine grandchildren, Rosalyn Morgan Devine, Katherine Elizabeth O'Connor Heath, Anna Bradford O'Connor Norris, John Franklin Morgan III, Elizabeth Brady Morgan, Kelsey Cooper O'Connor, Kerri Cathleen O'Connor, Rosalind Brady O'Connor, and Victor Bradford O'Connor; 2 step-grandchildren, Erin Pilsch and Turner Pilsch; and several great-grandchildren—as well as the many countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO DEFEND EMPLOYERS' RIGHT TO EMPLOYEE VERIFICATION

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a resolution calling on Governor Rod Blagojevich to stop the state's upcoming prohibition on people from Illinois from using the

federal government's E-Verify web site to confirm immigration status for job applicants. The system is used in other states to quickly verify that new employees comply with U.S. law. Earlier this week, the Department of Justice, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, brought suit in federal court to strike down the Blagojevich prohibition.

The E-Verify system was created as part of the "Basic Pilot Program" authorized by Congress in 1996 to help employers easily check immigration status for job applicants. The program was offered to the entire country in 2001 by a unanimous vote of the House. Governor Blagojevich was a member of the House in 2001 during the time of that unanimous vote.

The E-Verify system provides employers access to a web site to check on the legal or illegal status of a job applicant, usually within one day. The system approves over 91 percent of such applications. If an applicant disagrees with an E-Verify opinion, he can contest the "Tentative Non-Confirmation" within one week at a Social Security or Department of Homeland Security office. Federal law prohibits an employer from taking action against an employee until this dispute is resolved.

If an employee is officially "Non-Confirmed", the employer can still offer a job after adjusting the immigration status of the applicant or notifying the Department of Homeland Security. Over 22,000 American employers use the E-Verify system that has processed almost three million requests. More than 800 employers join this system each week.

While the federal government offered Americans the right to check on the immigration status of job applicants using the E-Verify system, this right will be denied to the people of Illinois by this new state law. Signed by the Governor in August, the Illinois law will deny all Illinois employers the right to use the federal E-Verify system after January 1. The Illinois law only allows access to E-Verify at some future date after state officials finds the system is 99 percent accurate. No other state denies the rights of its employers to use this federal program. Furthermore, the Illinois law clearly violates the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and supporting the right of employers to verify the immigration status of prospective employees.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Yvette Cade is an inspiring survivor of domestic violence. The justice system failed her. In 2005, Yvette sought protection from her estranged husband. Already a victim of domestic violence, Yvette had a restraining order against her estranged husband, but it was set to expire. Yvette turned to the courts for help. She personally asked District Judge Richard Palumbo to extend the restraining order. Judge Palumbo said no; he refused to extend the order. Judge Palumbo went so far as to make

fun of Yvette for seeking a protective order. When Yvette, who represented herself without a lawyer, told Palumbo that she wanted "an immediate, absolute divorce," Judge Palumbo replied, "I'd like to be six-foot-five, but that's not what we do here." Judge Palumbo likened other domestic violence victims to buses that come along every 10 minutes. Judge Palumbo then dismissed Yvette's assault case against her estranged husband. Two weeks later, Yvette's fears of further abuse were realized when her estranged husband walked into her workplace, doused her with gasoline, struck a match, and set her on fire.

Yvette Cade survived the third-degree burns across sixty-percent of her body. She underwent several surgeries and still has more surgeries in her future. As a victim, survivor, and advocate, Yvette Cade is an inspiring voice for all domestic violence victims. She is a reminder of the staggering statistics on domestic violence victims in America and the injustices that victims face on an all too-often basis.

Yvette Cade triumphed over tragedy. To recognize her remarkable spirit and advocacy work on behalf of other victims, the Victims' Rights Caucus awarded Yvette the Eva Murillo "Unsung Hero" Award in April.

Domestic violence victims need a voice so that they too can become survivors. That is why I sponsored H. Res. 590 to declare October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is appropriate that this House pass this legislation unanimously.

With more awareness of domestic violence, more action can be taken. We owe it to good people like Yvette Cade. And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, I was not present for votes as I was in Little Rock, Arkansas attending the 50th Anniversary commemorating the integration of Little Rock Central High School by the Little Rock Nine.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 895, H.R. 1400, the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 896, H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 897, H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 898, H. Res. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 899, H. Res. 548, Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 900, H. Res. 642, Expressing sympathy and support