



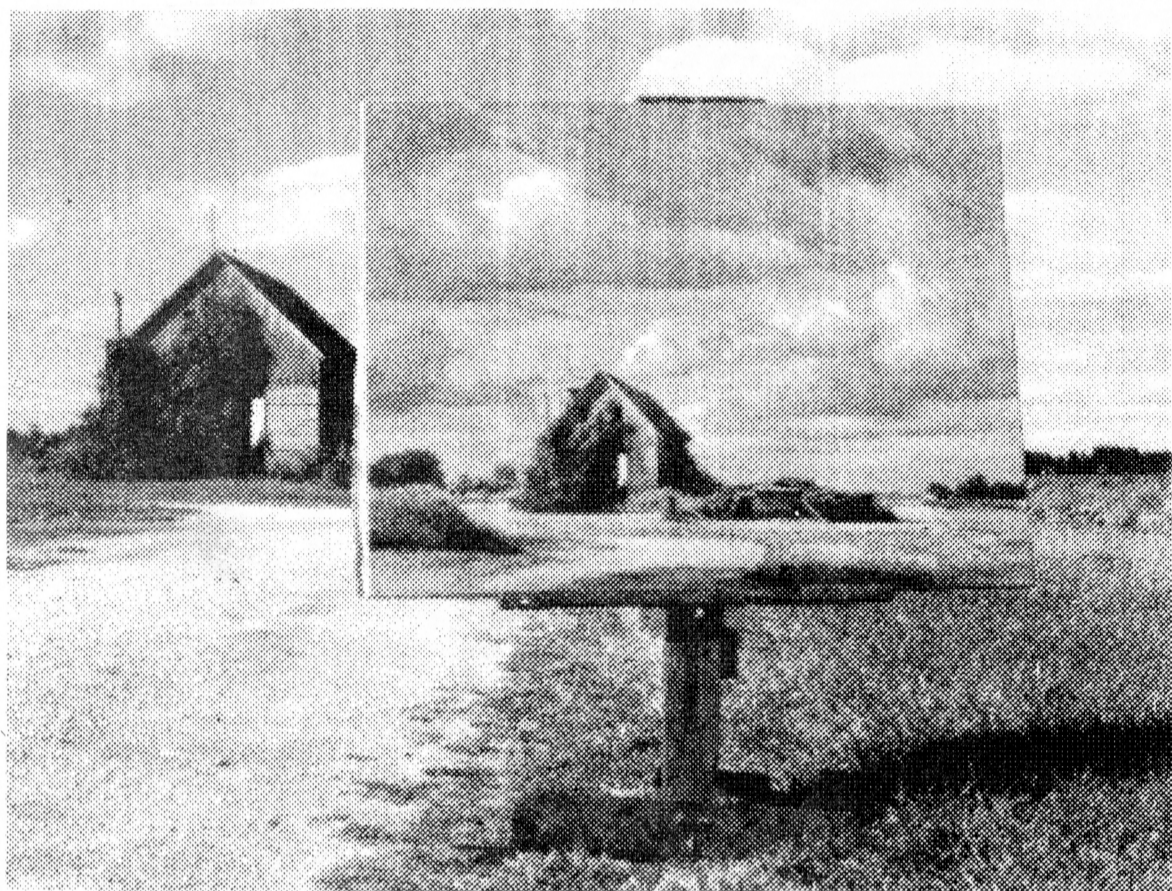
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Annual art show October 22 and 23

Local artist Diane Tesler will host her annual art show Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, at her Works in Progress Studio, 101 E. Main St., Kewanna. The show, entitled *Formations 2011*, is the 13th such event in her evolving art space. The show will be open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. both days and will include live acoustic music. A "Well Stories" video pertaining to artesian wells will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The event showcases Diane's latest works along with those of Wade Bussert, Braxton Eikenberry, Diane Lebo, Lindsey Kozubik, Pearl Tesler, Gail Karas, Lori Roberts, Billy and Li Cooper, Cyndi Fisher, Shari Hurd, Jeff Skersick, Jackie Welsh, Don Kegarise, Gary Wyatt, Gretchen Copen, Gib Foster, Clare and John Hoinville, Susan Mahoney, Kay Westhues, Nick Brown, Linda Leasure, Kate Flanagan, Mike Kenny, Leonor Papai, Helen Burroughs, Jim Scott and the late James S. Russell.

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Morning for ladies at Mahseh Center

The Mahseh Center at Lake Bruce will present another morning for ladies Friday, October 14.

All women in the community are welcome to attend starting with coffee, tea and fellowship at 9 a.m. The message for the morning is entitled "You O Lord are my Refuge" and will be presented at 9:45, followed by discussion.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Those attending should pre-register by calling the Mahseh Center at 574-653-3277 and leaving a message or email Debbie Wingerter at wingerterb@aol.com.

The only cost is \$5 for lunch and this may be paid on site.

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The News In Brief

Upcoming Red Cross blood collection dates include today (Thursday), October 6, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Akron United Methodist Church fellowship hall; Friday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rochester Wal-Mart; and Tuesday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rochester. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you donate.

The Akron Area Arts League will present its annual arts award to Ann Allen at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, in the Akron Community Center. Ann is an Akron native who is a journalist, author and creative writer. Entertainer Henry C. Ryder will present Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley in first person as he was in the year of 1911. The event is open to the public. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 574-893-4120 by October 10.

The Haunted Woods Trail will be held Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 and October 21 and 22 at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds four miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. The haunted tours will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. or until the crowd is all transported by tractor-pulled trams to the woods, rain or moonlight. The cost is \$5 for adults, ages 12 and up; \$2 for children ages 6-11; and free for those age five and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Food will be available at the museum. All proceeds go to support the museum.

Jury selection began Tuesday for the murder trial of James A. Carr. Carr is accused of killing Roy Allen Shaffer on November

4, 2006, northwest of Kewanna. He was convicted of the murder in April of 2009, but the Indiana Supreme Court overturned the conviction last year ruling that a videotaped statement was not admissible as evidence.

The Caston School Corporation invites all veterans in Fulton and Cass counties to its annual Veterans Day convocation Friday, Nov. 11. A breakfast will be served between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. for the veterans with the ceremony commencing at 9:25 a.m. Veterans who plan to attend should RSVP by Friday, Oct. 21 by contacting the school at 574-857-3505. Veterans are asked to provide their full name, branch and years of service and how many guests they plan to bring.

Erica Coffing of Rochester is the featured artist of the month at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester. Erica is an Akron Area Arts League member and a graduate of Indiana University who expresses herself freely in her art work. Included in this solo show are oils, graphite, charcoal and several types of prints. Abstracts and portraits are her main subject. The show will continue through Oct. 21 during regular library hours.

Woodlawn Hospital and Hope Hospice are offering an ongoing bereavement support group open to the public and free of charge. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Fulton County Public Library, Rochester. The next meeting will be Oct. 11 and will feature a presentation from Four County Counseling on the topic of children and grief. No registration is required. For more information, contact Jason See, 574-224-1236 or Anne Beattie at 574-224-4673.

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Send In Your News

Fish/Chicken supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken supper from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 8, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The cost of the meal is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. The meal will include dessert.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken. Carry-outs will be available.

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Ham & bean supper at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church will serve its annual ham and bean supper Saturday, October 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost of the meal is a free will donation. The church basement, where the meal is served, is handicap accessible on the east side of the building. The church is located at 11941 W and 75 N, Lake Bruce.

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The Cass County Family YMCA is accepting books to be sold at a book sale this fall. The Y will take all books from children's to adults, no matter how old. All money raised from the book sale will go to the youth programming at the Y.

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Annual chicken pie and ham loaf supper, Oct. 27

The Star City United Methodist Women will host its annual chicken pie and ham loaf supper and bazaar Thursday, October 27, at the church. The bazaar opens at 4 p.m. with homemade cookies, noodles, baked goods, stuffed peppers and crafts. The supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

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4th annual golf scramble

The 4th annual Winamac Coil Spring golf scramble will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 15, at the Mystic Hills Golf Course, Culver. The cost of the event is \$30 per person and includes green fees, cart rental, dinner and golf. Those planning to play should contact Sandy Sutton at WCS at 574-653-2186.

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Kewanna-Union Township Public Library Hours

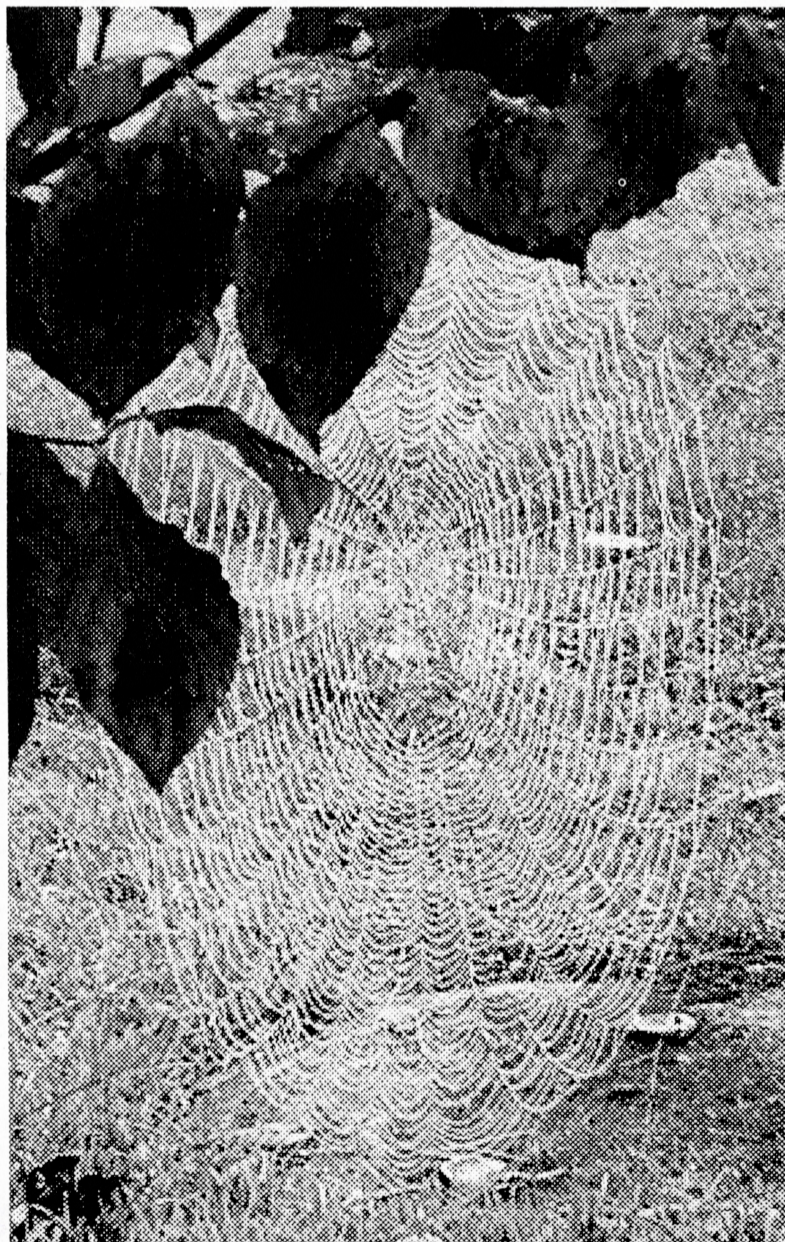
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Foggy beauty - Local resident Mary Personett thought someone had placed an early Christmas decoration in her tree last week, but it was the work of Mother Nature and a spider that

decorated her landscape. The spider web appeared over night and was a beautiful sight when it was washed in foggy dew and early morning sunlight.

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Clubs Societies Personals



LaFollettes celebrating 50th anniversary

Thomas J. and Barbara J. LaFollette, Lake Bruce, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. LaFollette and the former Barbara J. Eikenberry were married October 9, 1961. They have three children, Karina (Terry) Bohac, Buddy LaFollette, and Chris (Nita) LaFollette. They also have seven grandchildren, Michelle, Shelby, Mike, Rebecca, Nick, Elizabeth and Thomas and one great-grandson, Elijah. The couple is planning a trip to Branson, Missouri, in October

and to the Smokies in November in celebration of the event.

Methodist Women prepare for annual luncheon

The Kewanna United Methodist Women made plans for its annual fall luncheon and bake sale when it met Monday evening in the church annex. The event will be held Friday, November 11. The group discussed the menu, pricing and preparation. The women will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 10, to set up and make vegetable soup.

It was decided to purchase another case of pecans if the

current price still holds. Pecan prices have been rising steadily the past year.

The meeting was opened with the repeating of the purpose and the secretary and treasurer's report.

The women will purchase another stove for the church kitchen and hope to have it in place in time for the luncheon and bake sale.

It was also decided to sponsor a "mitten tree" (or basket) to collect warm weather gear for residents of the homeless shelter in Logansport again this year. The group will also bring Christmas gifts for the residents of the shelter and girls home to its Christmas carry-in in December.

Carol Jo Hyatt gave devotions reading excerpts from "90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Barb Clyde. Barb Steigely received the door prize.

Prior to the business meeting, the group prepared prescription bottles to be sent to the mission field.

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Republican Women meet

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club met Monday evening, September 26, at Republican headquarters in Rochester.

The president, Pat Hoover, called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

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The minutes and financial reports were approved as presented.

Chad Hartzler from the central committee stated that city election signs have been distributed. Persons wanting additional signs should contact Bob Goodman. Chad also stated that the Lincoln Day dinner held in the Akron Community Center was a success.

The president reported that books purchased as memorials for Mary Edith McKee and Elaine Brown have been chosen. The book selected for Mary Edith is entitled "Indiana Gardener" and the book selected for Elaine is "The Trailblazers". Mrs. Hoover noted that the spell bowl team would consist of Rick Brown, Tim Harman, Bill Friend and Randy Head. The spell bowl was held Sept. 27.

Mrs. Hoover also reminded the group that the next meeting will include a meet the candidates event and election of officers for 2012. Those attending should bring a salad.

The speaker for the evening was Terry Lee of the Nickel Plate Trail. He gave an interesting presentation on the trail which encompasses a total of 41.9 miles. Trail organizers received a grant for the trail between Cassville and Peru in 2004, followed by a trail between Rochester and Peru which opened October 2, 2010. It is

estimated that over 50 million people use trails for health related reasons as well as other reasons.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, October 24, at Republican headquarters. Refreshments were served by Cindy Goodman.

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Master Gardener class scheduled

Another Master Gardener course has been scheduled beginning October 10. The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday for 12 sessions in the Everett Smith Building at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1009 West 3rd St., Rochester.

The fee for this training is \$110. Please mail a check or bring it to the Purdue Extension Office at 1009 W. 3rd St., Rochester, before September 30.

For more information, call the extension office at 574-223-3397 or go to their website at www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/fulton. You will find the link at the top of the page beneath the Spotlight on Fulton County section. You can download the letter, application and class schedule.

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ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 127,943,799
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 125,858,682
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ -447,204
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 31,000,667
Other assets	\$
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 284,355,944

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 50,247,603
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 5,039,869
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 77,370,547
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 597,887
All Other Liabilities	\$ 6,791,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 140,047,088
Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	\$ 3,250,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 59,993,824
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 81,065,032
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 144,308,856
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 284,355,944

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 Signature: _____

Mark Owen Davcy (Print Name) President
 Michael L. Gravelle (Print Name) Secretary

Hospital Notes

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

September 23
Births - Chad and Jodi Calvert, North Manchester, a daughter
September 26
Dismissals - Bridget Andrews, Culver; David Alderfer, Mentone; Jodi Calvert and daughter, North Manchester
Births - Kayla Simonds, Rochester, twin sons
September 27
Admissions - James Downhour, Rochester; Beverly Hile, Kewanna
September 28
Admissions - Dorothy Trantham and Genevieve Bryant, Rochester
September 29
Dismissals - Kayla Simonds, Rochester
September 30
Dismissals - David Goss, Rochester

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DEATHS.....

JAMES "JIM" DOWNHOUR, JR.

James "Jim" Downhour, Jr., 71, Rochester, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Monday, October 3, 2011, at his home.
Born October 12, 1939, in Cass County, he was the son of James Owen and Crystabelle Griffin Downhour. He was married October 29, 1960, in Winamac to Lynn Fagan who survives.
The former Kewanna resident graduated from Kewanna High School in 1957 and he served with the Indiana National Guard

for more than nine years.

Jim worked and retired from Dean Foods, Rochester, where he was a foreman. He also worked with his family on the family farm for many years. He enjoyed collecting guns, shooting, horseback riding with his grandchildren, riding motorcycles, reading and was an avid fan of Western movies.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Downhour of Rochester; children, Jacqueline "Jackie" Burkett and her husband, Gerry, Rochester, Teresa "Terry" Koebecke and her husband, Russell, Kewanna, Jamie Shidler and husband, Art, Rochester, and James "Jimmy" Downhour and his wife, Susie, Rochester; grandchildren, Roscoe "Rocky" Burkett and his wife, Jennifer, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Regan Newton and her husband, Billy, Rochester, Renee Schultz and her husband, Jesse, Port Orange, Florida, Ryan Burkett, Greeley, Colorado, Rylee Burkett, Fargo, North Dakota, Artie Shidler, North Manchester, Abby Shidler, Indianapolis, and Tyler, Trey, Tessa and Taylor Downhour, all of Rochester; and a brother, William "Bill" Downhour, Kokomo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Mattie Lee Koebecke.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 7, at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Jason See officiating. Burial will be in the Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences

may be sent to the family at zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.
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Museum gearing up for Haunted Woods Trail

The Fulton County Historical Society is gearing up for its annual Haunted Woods Trail October 14 and 15 and October 21 and 22. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. each evening. The cost is \$5 for adults ages 12 and up; \$2 for children ages 6 to 11; and free for those age five and under. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult - do not just drop them off. Displays change sometimes each night or from weekend to weekend depending on the volunteers available. There are as many as 70 volunteers a night to help with haunting the woods area at the south end of the museum's property. In the past there have been a headless horseman, witches, goblins, clowns, chain saws, coffins, hearses, etc. Each year the historical society tries to get more people involved to change things so that if you have attended before you will still be surprised around the next corner.

Persons interested in helping with the Haunted Woods are encouraged to contact the museum office at 574-223-4436 or go to their Website at www.fultoncountyhistory.org.

Volunteers provide their own costumes/props to help scare or help by being a tram rider, tour guide, etc. This is a family oriented event. Groups will purchase tickets at the museum and will then be taken back to the woods on trams for a walking tour. Be prepared to be scared, loaded on the trams again and

returned to the museum. Inside the museum there will be hot drinks and food available for sale. Proceeds from this event go towards the museum's operating expenses.

Other upcoming events at the museum include the Fulton County Historical Power Association's annual toy show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 23 and a fish and chicken fry by Ernie Hiatt Saturday, November 12, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., with proceeds going to the historical society.
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Seminar scheduled at Mahseh Center

The Mahseh Center at Lake Bruce (1516 N. Lakeshore Drive) will present a seminar entitled "Frances Schaeffer and the Life of the Mind" Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5. The seminar will start at 8 p.m. Friday and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The cost of the seminar is \$15 and includes lunch on Saturday. Overnight accommodations are available for \$35 per person. To register, call 574-653-3277 and leave a message or email rwingenter@mehseh.org.

Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984) was a pastor with an uncanny ability to present Christianity as intellectually relevant to modern man. He artfully demonstrated to a generation that was falling away from the Christian faith that the Bible gave answers to the big questions of life. He taught that God is really there and He is not silent. He has spoken to us through the Bible and through history. Faith in Jesus is not a "leap of faith" but rather the logical result of examining the world. As such, Schaeffer invigorated the "life of the mind" and the importance it plays in living the Christian life.

With his wife, Edith, he founded a haven for those seeking "honest answers to honest questions" in a village in Switzerland naming it "L'Abri". French for shelter. During the last several years of his life he lectured widely and wrote over 20 books on various aspects of faith, church and culture. He is viewed as having had a tremendous influence on evangelism and the evangelical church in America. He is probably best known for his book and video series, "How Shall We Then Live".
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CASTON MENU October 10 - 14 Breakfast

Mon., Tues. and Thurs. - Sausage & cheese, or ham & cheese, or cereal & toast, or toaster pastry, juice and milk

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday - Biscuits & gravy or sausage or ham sandwich with cheese or cereal & milk or toaster pastry, juice and milk

Lunch

Monday - Turkey Manhattan, peas & carrots, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Soft tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce and tomato, sherbet, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Toasted cheese sandwich, chili soup, crackers, cake and milk

Thursday - Corn dog, corn, pineapple, cookie and milk

Friday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, cooked carrots, gelatin with fruit and milk
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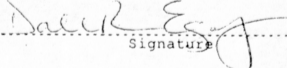

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Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 1,019,135,432
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 4,349,320,474
Other assets	\$ 3,803,263,326
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 106,988,005,370
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 18,540,887,245
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 6,006,747,663
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 9,234,864,078
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 188,027,465
All Other Liabilities	\$ 11,795,386,860
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Special Surplus Funds	\$ 40,661,626,071
Capital Stock	\$ 10,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surpluses	\$ 0
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 20,550,465,988
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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO October 12, 1951

Agnes W. Gardens of Dominion Gardens, Alexandria, Virginia, retired Friday after nearly 32 years in government service. She plans to return to Kewanna and devote her time to raising fruit trees and rabbits and pursue other hobbies. She is a sister to Mrs. Walter Wilson and Hugh Wilson. Though her service began with the Department of the Army (then the War Department) and ended with the Army, Miss Wilson had considerable service with other branches of the government.

White attending the new Key Theatre in Kewanna Monday evening, Mrs. Zella Smith had two bushels of apples and an Army blanket stolen from her jeep which was parked east and across the street from Montz Pure Oil Station. Night marshal, Roy Blasusser, is investigating.

The Kewanna branch of Topps Garment Factory is expanding and now employs 23 women and plans to double that amount. The expansion will be in the annex of the building where two lines of machines have been installed.

Lila Myers entertained at a bridal shower Friday evening, October 5, for Mary Ellen Mooney Rush. She was assisted by Phyllis Johnston and Elaine Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Fisher entertained their evening bridge club recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell of Athens, Greece, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie attended a locker meeting and luncheon at the Travelers Hotel in Knox October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nickels and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bucks of here were among those who attended a picnic Sunday at Dykeman Park, Logansport, sponsored by their West Union Sunday school class.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO October 11, 1956

Catherine Hurlburt and Robert Wright were married Sunday forenoon at the home of Justice of the Peace Alt in Athens. A wedding supper was held in the evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Hurlburt. Lake Bruce.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Engle and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hurlburt. The newlyweds will reside in Frankfort where he is employed with a contractor.

Ted Van Meter, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Meter, met with a freak accident Saturday forenoon. He was lying on the ground near the barn when the wind blew a 16-foot ladder, which was leaning against the barn, down on him. It hit his right cheek bone and caused two blood clots.

Larry J. Mersch, 27, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and Alvin Barnett, 28, Rochester, both escaped injury Friday when the car Mersch was driving went out of control on Old Ft. Wayne Road and hit a utility pole.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Duyne were the honored guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeWitt and Frank Van Duyne, on a trip to Chicago September 29. The event was in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

LeRoy Mullins, who has recovered from lockjaw, has returned to school.

FIFTY YEARS AGO October 12, 1961

Neil Douglass, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Douglass, Rt. 3, Kewanna, had the misfortune of falling from the rear of a truck Friday and breaking his right elbow. He was taken to Woodlawn Hospital where his elbow was placed in a cast.

Lawrence Perry, Jr., 18, has enlisted in the Navy and after passing his physical in Chicago on Friday was sent to the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, for boot training. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Perry of Harrison Township, Pulaski County, accompanied him to Chicago.

One of the new students at Valparaiso Technical Institute for the fall semester is Spencer Shull of Kewanna. He has enrolled in the department of electrical engineering technology.

Lela Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler and Nancy Walters visited Dick Kumler at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago Sunday.

The WSCS of the Grass Creek EUB Church met Tuesday evening with the ladies of the West Union Church as guests. Helen Huffman gave devotions, followed with prayer by Ersu Sommers. Kenneth Overmyer presented the lesson after which a trio, Dorothy Huffman, Donna Hill and Doris Hill, sang several selections.

Town marshal Eldon Sherbondy has turned in his report for July, August and September. He patrolled 4,123 miles; spent 506 hours on foot; found 12 doors unlocked; made three traffic arrests; issued four traffic warnings and five verbal warnings; investigated three accidents; and directed traffic for two funerals.

Twenty members of the MYF of the Kewanna Methodist Church enjoyed a hayride Saturday evening after which they held a wiener roast at the home of Ronnie Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker are the sponsors.

Mrs. Don Foglesong was hostess to the Birthday Club Saturday evening. A turkey dinner was served at 6 p.m. after which euchre was enjoyed. Mrs. Oscar Enyeart was a guest. The dinner celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Warren Gillespie.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO October 13, 1966

Mrs. Mary J. Cherry, 91, died at 1 a.m. Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Bassler, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Services were held Saturday at the Harrison Funeral Home, Kewanna, and burial was in the Metea Baptist Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinney, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born at Woodlawn Hospital.

Lon Showley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Showley, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has enrolled at the Indiana University School of Law. He is a graduate of Butler University where he was a member of the varsity

basketball team. He is also a Caston High School graduate.

S/Sgt. Terrell Livengood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livengood, Kewanna, has arrived in Thailand. He expects to be there one year with a recognizance group.

Mrs. Emma Foglesong entertained the Birthday Club for dinner Saturday evening in celebration of the birthdays of Mrs. Ida Hogan and Mrs. Maggie Gillespie. Mrs. Ruth Sparks and Mrs. Inez Kestle were guests.

Corp. Robert Metzger, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Metzger, recently returned from Vietnam where he served for nine months. He was a supper guest in the Metzger home Sunday evening.

Sally and J Masteller spent the weekend in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Ted Hollis are the parents of a daughter born Sept. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Friedrich are the maternal grandparents. Mrs. Hollis and daughter are spending two months with her parents while Sgt. Hollis is on duty in England.

THIRTY YEARS AGO October 8, 1981

Steve MacLain recently completed boot camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and is now undergoing AIT schooling. His family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence MacLain, Delores, Carol and Jeff, were in Kentucky for "Family Day" last weekend where they were able to visit with Steve.

The U.S. has cut its oil imports from more than 8 million barrels a day to less than 6 million barrels a day since the beginning of 1980.

The Kewanna unit of the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service met Sunday with 21 members present. Dr. Anderson, new director for the service, met

with the group.

Joey Cunningham, Kewanna, was a patient at Pulaski Memorial Hospital for a few days last week.

Kewanna fifth graders Jeff Johnston and Mark Bitterling were recognized for outstanding academic achievement for the first six weeks of school.

Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman and Freddie were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Zuck and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman Sr. of here, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Aryseri of Winamac and Jerry Zuck of Roselawn.

TWENTY YEARS AGO October 10, 1991

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery for Melvin D. Fisher, 73, Rt. 1, Kewanna. Rev. Keith Smitley officiated. Mr. Fisher died Monday at the Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

Louise Masteller hosted the October meeting of the Gay October meeting of the Gay United Methodist Church Tuesday evening in the home of Cathy Masteller. Cathy conducted a tour of her home which she and her husband have restored/remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven McColley and son Matthew of New Palestine and Pat Marchino of Fort Wayne were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Mildred McColley.

Sandy Fike entertained at a birthday party Saturday evening for her husband, Mike, in the couple's new home near Kokomo. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker of here. The Fikes are former residents of Lake Bruce.

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Radon Awareness Week, Oct. 17-24

October 17-24 is Federal Radon Action Week according to the Surgeon General. Health agencies throughout the United States have joined forces to promote awareness of the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control, and National Cancer Institute all agree that radon is a national health problem and encourage radon testing during the October awareness drive.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas. In fact, a recent study by Harvard University ranks radon as America's #1 in-home hazard. By taking simple steps to test your home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided.

Radon gas is not isolated to certain geographical areas or home styles. Radon problems have been detected in homes in every county of the U.S. It caused more American fatalities last year than carbon monoxide, fires and handguns combined. If a home hasn't been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action. Contact your state radon office for information on locating qualified test kits or qualified radon testers.

Learn more about the Federal Radon Action Plan at www.RadonPlan.org.

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writing activities, painting, acting, and reading.

Family Movie Night: Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., visit the library to watch an exciting movie! Selected titles are advertised prior to viewing, in the Kids Section, and are rated G or PG. A signed parental approval form is necessary for PG movies.

Pokémon League: Join kids, youth, and parents from the area as they play an exciting card game based on Pokémon! The league meets each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. No experience is necessary, but come prepared to have a good time!

Game Night: Do you enjoy board games such as Monopoly, Checkers, or Candy Land? If so, we hope to see you at game night! Game Night is held every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Teen Activity Board: Teens gather to offer suggestions and help to make P.C.P.L. a fun and exciting place for teens. They also brainstorm ideas for upcoming events and programs. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Medaryville Children's Programs are held every other Friday, Toddler Time is at 2:00 p.m. Adventure Alley or Home School Program is held at 4:00 p.m.

Toddler Time: Every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., also 5:30 p.m. (New Time!) on Wednesday evening.

Every Saturday the PCPL in Winamac and Medaryville offers a Story Hour from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 946-3432 (Winamac) and 219-843-3021 (Medaryville).

Every Monday the PCPL in Winamac offers Genealogy help from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 946-3432.

The 3rd Saturday of every month the PCPL in Medaryville has a book club that meets at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-843-3021.

Did you know? There are tutor rooms available for small group meetings, tutoring, or quiet studying? These rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Learn how to treasure hunt an exciting new way. Introduction to Geocaching will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 574-946-3432.

Learn to make a Hardanger Christmas Ornament using a Norwegian counted thread technique. The class is free but limited to 5 people. Pre-registration is required. Supplies are provided. Please join us on Thursday, October 13th at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register for this class please call the library at 574-946-3432.

Microsoft Word class will be on Friday, October 21st from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac. The class is free of charge, but space is limited. For more information, or to sign up for the class, please call the library at 574-946-3432.

During the last year we have appreciated your patronage and want to thank you for your loyalty and support. Visit the libraries during a Patron Appreciation Day Winamac: October 21st 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. & October 22nd 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Medaryville: October 29th 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Make-up and Beauty Tips from Mary Kay on Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call the library at 574-946-3432.

From Winamac to Warsaw (Poland) Visit Count Casimir Pulaski's homeland with Sherman Gumz as he searches for history, ancestors and the old home place in a country drastically changed by time. Please join us on Monday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 574-946-3432.

Join Indiana Wild at the Pulaski County Public Library on Thursday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. As we learn more about "Creatures of the Night!" Several nocturnal animals will be discussed and we will even get to see a real, live, Egyptian Fruit Bat! For more information, please call the library at 574-946-3432.

Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. a special Halloween screening of 2010's "Nightmare on Elm Street" will be given at the Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac. This film is rated R and adults are welcome to attend.

A Military Mixer Night will be held for current service members and their families on Tuesday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. A light meal will be served to guests, free of charge.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 17th to reserve your space.

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Pumpkinliner fall event, Oct. 22 & 23

Tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual Pumpkinliner Family fall event to be held Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23.

Children and their families will have the opportunity to ride the train to Pumpkin Patch where they will enjoy a hayride to the pumpkin patch. At the patch, children 11 years of age and under can select the pumpkin of their choice.

The Pumpkinliner will depart from Grand Central Station in Connersville at 10:01 a.m., 12:31 p.m.; 2:31 p.m.; and 4:31 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for ages two and up. The fare includes the round trip train ride, hayride and pumpkin selection for children ages 11 and under.

The purchase of advance tickets is strongly recommended and they can be purchased by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad at 765-825-2054.

Pulaski County Public Library

Home School Program: Children and youth who participate in home schooling are invited to the monthly home school program. Various topics include research methods, geography, science experiments, and language arts. Programs are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Adventure Alley Program: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m., kids of all ages are welcome to participate in Adventure Alley. Activities include a wide variety of crafts, creative

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Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	6,829,413		
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	0		
Other assets	\$	1,651,858		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	31,944,730		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS				
Reserve for Losses	\$	4,567,661		
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	1,470,612		
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	0		
Reserve for Taxes	\$	8,309		
All Other Liabilities	\$	1,025,178		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	7,071,760		
Special Surplus Funds	\$	0		
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Stocks (Schedule D)	\$				
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$				
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$				
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	20,447,935			
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	79,101,766			
Other assets	\$	4,298,655			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	191,798,575			
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS					
Reserve for Losses	\$	29,224,282			
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	11,030,584			
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	11,919,102			
Reserve for Taxes	\$	847,760			
All Other Liabilities	\$	70,231,164			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	123,252,892			
Special Surplus Funds	\$				
Capital Stock	\$	6,000,000			
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	24,895,749			
Unassigned Surplus	\$	37,649,934			
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	68,545,693			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	191,798,575			
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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



The evolution - of Bigfoot

The legend of Bigfoot has existed for generations. The hairy, smelly creature has been sighted mainly in the northwestern United States and Canada, but his territory must be expanding because a documentary filmmaking crew from a national cable television channel recently expressed interest in coming to my remote corner of the universe to attempt to find Sasquatch. It seems someone in a nearby town discovered footprints showing evidence of a bipedal with elongated walkers ambling through the mud.

Bigfoot (or Sasquatch if you live north of the border) was so named for his large undertaking. Reported footprints measure from 14 to 24 inches. In human terms that's a heck of a big Nike.

My dad wears size eight-and-a-half shoes. My husband 10-and-a-half. In the last two months, my teenage son's feet morphed from single digits to a size 11-and-a-half. I don't need a film crew to show me where Bigfoot lives. He's alive and well and hunkered comfortably in my family room.

In addition to his namesake mammoth feet, Bigfoot is reported to be a large, hairy, ape-like creature standing anywhere from six to 12 feet tall.

Bigfoot fans also mention a foul odor emanating from the beast - or perhaps from his feet. No one's gotten close enough to determine for sure.

Large and hairy can describe many a teenage boy. And, anyone who's come within sniffing distance of a high school locker room knows all about foul odors. My son hasn't yet hit the 12-foot mark, but if his feet are any indication, a growth spurt is in his future.

He isn't alone. Like the legend of Bigfoot, humans have been spurting for generations. According to the Center for Disease Control, Homo sapiens are indeed growing taller. In the last 150 years, the average height of the average human has increased four inches.

Experts believe Bigfoot is omnivorous, largely nocturnal and often inactive during the cold winter months. They forget to mention he sleeps past noon on Saturdays, has a penchant for midnight snacks and a propensity for video gaming. Those opposable thumbs sure can come in handy.

Bigfoot proponents differ in their opinions as to whether the big guy is an ape or early human being. At my house it is hard to tell some days, but I'm leaning toward the human being theory. Some days.

Bigfoot enthusiasts point to footprints as their largest piece of physical evidence. I have vast experience with footprints - in the bathroom, the kitchen, the bedroom and even sometimes on the walls. Don't ask.

Followers of Bigfoot have spotted the creature on thousands of occasions. Still, scientists discount its existence, saying climate and food supply issues would make survival in reported habitats unlikely. These scientists chock up the Bigfoot phenomenon to legend, folklore, misidentification and - at worst - a hoax. Besides, they point out, where is the real physical evidence of a large creature living in the wild - hair, bones and even Bigfoot dung?

They have a point. A big animal is bound to leave a big trail - including big doo-doo.

Bottom line: if Bigfoot is real, how does he find such big hiding places? Does he have a family? Has anyone ever spotted a Littlefoot? Why hasn't anyone

brought our famous footed friend out of the woods and into the open by producing a high quality photo or video of this larger-than-life rural legend?

Good questions, for sure. But I have something even closer to home affecting each of us. Why are humans growing taller? What is the purpose of our feet getting larger? Is it true our bodies are becoming more hairy? And smelly? All these questions indicate something is most certainly underfoot. Something big.

I have a hypothesis regarding the answer. Could it be we are evolving - into Bigfoot?

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at pertmn@qwest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

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Caston Athletic Schedule

Friday, Oct. 7 - Varsity boys football at Winamac, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8 - JH girls volleyball MWC tourney at Winamac or Frontier, 10 a.m.; JV/varsity volleyball at LaVille, 10 a.m.; varsity boys soccer sectional at Caston, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 10 - JH girls volleyball with North White at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JV/varsity volleyball with Wabash at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JV football with Winamac at Caston, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Cross country sectional at Culver Military, 5 p.m.; JV/varsity volleyball with Pioneer at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13 - varsity boys soccer regional at Caston, 5 p.m.; JH girls volleyball with Cass at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JV/varsity volleyball at Whitko, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 - Varsity football with Tri-County at Caston, 7 p.m.

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Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	20,189
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	0
Other assets	\$	1,760,410
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	28,378,579

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Losses	\$	0
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	0
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	0
Reserve for Taxes	\$	0
All Other Liabilities	\$	346,479
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	346,479
Special Surplus Funds	\$	0
Capital Stock	\$	3,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	18,620,722
Unassigned Surplus	\$	6,411,378
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	28,032,100
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	28,378,579

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Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	60,960,603
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	0
Other assets	\$	374,117,239
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	492,741,805

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Losses	\$	29,981,924
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	2,668,682
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	10,372,459
Reserve for Taxes	\$	24,600,663
All Other Liabilities	\$	131,811,474
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	199,435,192
Special Surplus Funds	\$	3,000,000
Capital Stock	\$	43,820,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	246,486,613
Unassigned Surplus	\$	0
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COUNTY GENERAL
 Superior Court, mileage.....\$168.00
 Purdue Extension Service mileage.....\$722.48
 Public Defender, Conflict attorney fees.....\$10,000.00
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 Mileage.....\$1,125.00
 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

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 October 10 - 14

Elementary Breakfast
 Monday - Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk
 Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
 Wednesday - Cheese breadstick, juice and milk
 Thursday - Omelet, juice and milk
 Friday - fall vacation, no school

Elementary Lunch
 Monday - Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, applesauce, cookie and milk
 Tuesday - Beef Spanish rice, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk
 Wednesday - Pork tenderloin, lettuce salad, orange, cookie and milk
 Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, apple juice, hot roll and milk
 Friday - Fall vacation, no school

Middle/High School Lunch
 Monday - Chicken strips,

California blend, pears, cinnamon bread and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Hot dog sandwich, seasoned fries, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - BBQ pork sandwich, corn, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, biscuit, apricots and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Fall vacation, no school
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Indiana State Fairgrounds
 Upcoming Events

North American Flyball Association CanAm Classic Dog Tournament: Oct. 7 - 9 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Fri - Sun. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: North American Flyball Association (810) 650-2093 or www.flyball.org.

13th Annual Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show: Oct. 7 - 9 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$5 (ticket good all three days); children under 16 free. Contact: Van Wimmer (540) 384-6047 or www.toteshows.com.

Brew Bracket: Oct. 8 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$35; \$7 for designated drivers (must be 21 to enter). Contact: Ryan Coyle (317) 753-1225.

Celebrate Science Indiana: Oct. 8 in the South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: www.celebratescienceindiana.org.

Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale: Oct. 14 - 15 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 1 - 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Steve Cross (574) 825-4610 or www.hoosierclassicyearlingsale.com.

Midwest Reptile Show: Oct. 16 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free.

Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599 or www.midwestreptile.com.

National FFA Convention: Oct. 19 - 22 in the Ag/Hort Building, Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Champions Pavilion, Exposition Hall, Farm Bureau Building, Northwest Pavilion, Grand Hall, Pepsi Coliseum, Pioneer Our Land Pavilion and West Pavilion. Contact: Jim Armbruster (317) 802-4334 or www.ffa.org.

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: Oct. 21 - 23 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Dan Master (405) 340-1333 or www.indy1500.com.

followed by Maggie Daily in second place with a time of 24:56. Marli Leazenby placed 4th in 26:14; Andrea Mangelsdorf, 7th in 31:43; and Jordan Moss, 8th in 34:00.

Seth Cousins finished second in the boys event with a time of 18:42. Zach Smith ran 7th with a 20:43; Andrew Smith, 8th in 20:54; Matt Moss, 11th in 21:56; Taylor Grounds, 13th in 23:33; and Dalton Daily, 15th in 24:01.

The varsity teams competed in an invitational at Winamac Saturday with the girls placing fourth and the boys, third.

Kara Smith led the Lady Comets with a 16th place finish in 22:55. Maggie Daily leadenized 23rd in 24:57; Marli Leazenby, 30th in 26:45; Andrea Mangelsdorf, 33rd in 29:55; and Jordan Moss, 34th in 32:53.

Seth Cousins finished in 10th place for the boys with a time of 18:18. Zach Smith was 19th in 19:44; Graham Redweik, 20th in 19:53; Andrew Smith, 25th in 20:14; Matt Moss, 28th in 20:32; and Dalton Daily, 41st in 23:02.

The cross country teams will compete in the conference meet at West Central tonight (Thursday).

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 Charles Rude, Interim Director

Welcome to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. Be sure to stop in and update your library card now that we are on the Evergreen system. We have added many new DVDs to our collection. Come check one out today.

Upcoming events at the library include:

- Oct. 11 - Friends meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - Board meeting at 6 p.m.

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Sports Shorts

Cross Country

The Lady Comet cross country team won a dual meet at North White last Thursday. Kara Smith placed first with a time of 23:44

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Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 18,285,385
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 32,160,183
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 15,191,349
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 62,710,690
Other assets	\$ 28,242,777
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 449,913,104

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 119,153,011
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 36,711,003
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 0
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 4,929,333
All Other Liabilities	\$ 106,772,286
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 267,565,633

Special Surplus Funds \$ 2,981,655
 Capital Stock \$ 2,500,000
 Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus \$ 41,400,000
 Unassigned Surplus \$ 135,465,816
 Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 182,347,471
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ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 249,067,522
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 10,226,405
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 10,047,940
Other assets	\$ 149,775,717
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 419,117,584

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 109,160,200
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 23,208,428
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 14,224,590
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 1,577,831
All Other Liabilities	\$ 178,775,442
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 326,946,491

Special Surplus Funds \$ 1,780,623
 Capital Stock \$ 1,800,000
 Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus \$ 74,640,053
 Unassigned Surplus \$ 13,950,417
 Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 92,171,093
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 419,117,584

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 (Print Name) (Print Name)
 President Assistant Secretary



Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Tim Cogdill of Macy and his friend, Red Howard, came by Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, to tackle a long-delayed job and visit with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. The guys loaded up a lot of stuff that had been stored in the garage that needed to be recycled. Ruth was so happy to clean out the junk. Tim and Red joined Ruth for coffee and a visit after loading up the pick-up truck. It always feels good to clean up junk after many years of accumulation.

Carol Broda and Barb LaFollette traveled to Carmel Friday afternoon, Sept. 30. They spent the night as houseguests of Carol's daughter and her family, Carri and George Sinnis, Loukas, Landon, Logan and Lawson. Friday evening, the group attended the Carmel vs. Warren Central high school football game. Loukas is a member of the Carmel team. Carmel lost the game by one point. The following day, the group attended the Carmel elementary and junior high football games in which, Landon, Logan and Lawson were playing. Their teams won their events.

My calendar says it is October. The leaves are changing colors, harvesting has begun, the first frost has hit and basketball season has yet to begin. But the Christmas holiday season seems to have started. The first of the holiday movies started showing on television Oct. 1 and Christmas decorations have been appearing in stores for several weeks.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Saturday morning.

Stopping by for a short visit was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Betty Leazenby had several visitors Saturday. Joining her for a wonderful afternoon were her sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Jon Gast; her brother, Don Carr of Lakeville, Pennsylvania, who has been staying with her; and her son, Gary Leazenby of Carol Stream, Illinois. Everyone had a fun time catching up on all the family's happenings and being entertained by Betty's organ "recital."

Jerry and Kay Brown enjoyed dining at the Edgewater Grill in Culver Saturday evening. Joining them for the meal, a family visit and a double celebration were their children and their spouses, Sue and Mike McKinney and Angie and Tom Smith of Rochester and Mark and Mick Brown; their son, Mike Brown, and his friend and her son, Lynn Hall and Bryce; and their granddaughter, Jessica Brown of Star City. Stopping by their table later in the evening to visit were their grandson and his wife, Jason and Britni Brown of Indianapolis. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Jerry and Jessica's birthdays.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were among those who attended a benefit at the Rochester VFW post Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2. The event was a soup cook-off with the proceeds going towards the fight against breast cancer. Beth Larson won first place with her chicken taco soup and added her prize money to the donations.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a visitor Sunday. Coming over in the evening for a family chat was their daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester. They had a nice time chatting while enjoying the fare that Janet had brought for supper.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Andrew

Bangel, Oct. 9; Jeff Hunter, Harold Johnston, Martha Stoudt and Ann Zartman, Oct. 10; Cindy Bowyer and Denise Robson, Oct. 11; Hunter Doty, Elijah Rans and Rob Troutman, Oct. 12; Christi Doty and Allison Foerg, Oct. 13; Joshua Miller, Kenneth Troutman and Eric Zuck, Oct. 14; and Susan Downhour, Chris LaFollette and C.J. Yocum, Oct. 15.

There are seven couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Thomas, Oct. 9; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Baker, Oct. 10; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Easterday, Oct. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Chew, Oct. 12; Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Garner, Oct. 13; and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Leininger, Oct. 15.

(I am constantly updating the birthday and anniversary lists. If I have missed any just give me a call or send in a note. Also, if you would like me to call you for news, let me know, I am in the process of expanding my calling list within the 653 landline exchange and 817 mobile phone exchange.)

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Conversion Program is saving FCS customers \$13.6 million annually

Farm lender is encouraging customers to take advantage of favorable fixed interest rate environment

Thanks to a program which allows farmers and rural residents to convert their existing loans to lower interest rates, almost 15,000 Farm Credit Services of Mid-America customers have saved significant interest dollars in 2011. That's the number of customers who took advantage of FCS's Conversion Program, converting \$2.72 billion in loans to lower interest rates, and slicing an average of .50 percent off their interest costs. Estimated customer savings is \$13.6 million annually.

"More than 50 percent of our conversion activity has occurred in August," said Bill Johnson, president and chief executive officer stating that interest rates

have once again dropped to near all-time lows. "This month alone, staff has converted almost 7,500 customer loans," he said.

That represents \$1.37 billion in loan volume saving customers an estimated \$6.8 million annually.

The Loan Conversion Option gives customers the ability to quickly and easily change the interest rates on their Farm Credit loans during the term of those loans. The option consists of an amendment to the loan agreement which authorizes Farm Credit to change the loan term or type of loan product being used for a very small processing fee.

Conversion does not require refinancing, with its associated costs and services, such as new financials, appraisals, and title searches. There is also no need to re-qualify for the loan. The value-added conversion option gives Farm Credit customers the advantages of the ability to lock in rates for longer or shorter periods of time, too.

To assist customers in taking advantage of fixed-rate long-term financing while rates are near record lows, Farm Credit staff are performing an intensive customer analysis, identifying and contacting those who would

benefit by using their Loan Conversion Option.

"Conversions not only offer the probability of significant savings, but they can provide added security in knowing that a customer can fix an interest rate for the life of the loan," said Johnson. "It is impossible to predict how low rates could go or at what point they'll move up, but taking advantage of converting to a fixed rate product goes a long way in insuring against future uncertainty," he said.

In a related move, earlier this year Farm Credit rolled back interest rates resulting in an additional \$43 million annual interest expense savings to customers. "On February 1, 2011 customers saw interest rates on current loans lowered by .35 percent," said Johnson. "This move and the fact that we offer programs like conversions are two more ways Farm Credit continues to offer value to the

marketplace, reflecting our commitment to agriculture and our customer-members."

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Seminar Offered

Coaching for Financial Success Seminar offered November 3, 2011, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Purdue Extension, Fulton County is offering a one day training session for human service agencies and organizations that provide financial counseling and advice to their clientele. The goal of the program is to help staff with these agencies and organizations better serve their clientele with financial management assistance.

Topics covered include understanding and assessing your clientele's financial management needs, developing financial goals, understanding the reality of borrowing, and balancing your budget. Resource material and tools will be provided to those attending the workshop.

This one day training will cost a low fee of \$25! This includes all materials both electronic and hardcopy, light breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Space is limited so please register one week prior to the date of the session.

If you are unable to attend the workshop in your community, the program will be offered in other Southeastern Indiana counties. Contact your local Purdue Extension office for other dates and locations in your area.

For more information please contact the Mary Jo Robinson at 812-723-7107 or Reba Colley at 812-256-4591

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