

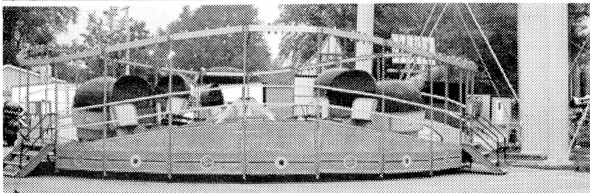


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## Kewanna Fall Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday

The 2011 version of the Kewanna Fall Festival will take center stage in Kewanna this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 23-25.

Corporate sponsors include Community State Bank, Kewanna Metal Specialties and Winamac Coil Spring.

The carnival rides, games, food, arts and crafts vendors will open at 4 p.m. Friday and run through 10 p.m. Free carnival rides will be offered from 4:30 to 8 p.m. thanks to various businesses. There will also be two free circus performances Friday, one at 4 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. The Friday night activities also include an antique tractor show from 5 to 10 p.m. at the park. The mush ball tournament will start at 8:30 p.m. at the local park. A hot dog eating contest will take place at 6 p.m. and a kiss the pig contest at 6:30 p.m., both on the main stage. The Nightshift Band will perform at 6 and 7 p.m. and Mario Manzini, escape artist, will present his "Tribute to Houdini" at 8:30 p.m.

The James F. Talbot VFW Post will serve a biscuit and gravy breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday morning. The mush ball tournament will continue beginning at 8 a.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual bench press classic and the three-on-three basketball competition will take place at 9:30 a.m. The antique tractor show will continue from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library will have a book sale at the library from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a peddle tractor pull at 10 a.m. at the park. Carnival rides and the food, arts and crafts vendors will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with various free rides offered from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circus performances will be at 10:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Kewanna HEART will serve port-a-pit chicken from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ball park. The parade will make its way through town beginning at 1 p.m. Free entertainment will take the stage at 2 p.m.; 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. A Kewanna Can Dance performance will take place at 3 p.m. at the ball park. The Little Chiefs run and Pow-wow run will take place at 4 p.m. followed by the Chief Kewanna 5 K run and two-mile walk. An auction will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the main stage. Hit-N-Run classic rock & roll music will perform from 8 to 10 p.m. at the park. Pro wrestling is set for 9 p.m.

The VFW will again be serving

Carnival rides for this year's Kewanna Fall Festival began arriving Tuesday. The festival will feature more rides and bigger rides than previous years. Various rides will be free

at specified times. Pick up a festival brochure for information on the free rides. The festival will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 23, 24 and 25.

## Royalty contest Thursday evening

This year's royalty contest to choose a queen, little sweetheart and princess to reign over the Kewanna Fall Festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church (not the library as listed in the festival brochures). The contest will be celebrating the 1950s with a theme of "At the Hop".

Contestants for queen include Jessica Bruce, Lauren Evers, Catherine Seiler and Miranda Widman. Vieing for little sweetheart are Allison Jones, Haley Jones, Destiny Ray, Maddison Smith and Lainey Stevens. Rolanda Reichard and Natasha Messer are the princess contestants.



**Jessica Lynn Bruce**  
Sponsor: **Miss Pamela's Bridal Parents: Jolyn Roush and Jim Bruce**

Jessica Lynn Bruce is 18 years old and is a senior at Rochester High School. She enjoys reading, painting and drawing, taking care of animals, listening to music and hanging out with friends.

Jessica participates in many clubs at RHS including the art club and the Students

Supporting Our Troops club. She is a member of the RHS varsity soccer team where she has received several honors. Jessica received all As and Bs last semester, as well as being recognized by the school as an outstanding art student. She also was awarded a scholastic silver key (second place) for a painting she did in art.

Jessica is a proud American. She recently enlisted in the United States Air Force and will be leaving for military basic training upon graduating in December.



**Lauren Elizabeth Evers**  
Sponsor: **Crop Fertility Specialists, Inc.**  
Parents: **Brian and Kandace Evers**

Lauren Elizabeth Evers is the 15-year-old daughter of Brian and Kandace Evers. She is an 11-year member of Girl Scout Troop #3614 and has assisted with her sister, Amanda's, Daisy Troop for one year. Lauren is also a seven-year member of the Union Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club where she has held the office of secretary for four consecutive years. Lauren is also a seven-year member of the Fulton County Hoppers and a three-year member of Fulton County Junior Leaders where she is also a Junior Leader rabbit committee member. Lauren is now a member of the Rochester High School Mantons and student council as well as a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ youth group and worship team which involves singing at church.

Lauren's hard work does not go unrewarded. She has received several 4-H awards and was named the Jr. Leader Silent

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## The News in Brief

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host a carry-in dinner following Sunday morning worship to thank Rev. Denise Davault Gilbert and her family and welcome home Rev. Todd Wilson and his family. Rev. Gilbert has been serving as interim pastor and the Wilsons are returning home from the mission field in the Ukraine.

Upcoming Red Cross blood collection dates include 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.

Since 1996, the Fulton County Community Foundation has granted over \$187,000 worth of unrestricted grant funds to Kewanna and Union Township projects. Some of these projects include digitizing of the Kewanna-Union Township library card catalog; Toner Park renovations; Union Township Park playground renovations; the downtown tree project; the Kewanna Fall Festival; and most recently, a circulation desk for the library addition. Yard signs have been placed at various grant locations highlighting a few of these projects. More information about the Community Foundation can be found at [www.nicf.org](http://www.nicf.org) or on Facebook at Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

Everyone is invited to attend a performance by pianist Anthony Beer, South Bend, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 6<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets in Rochester. Anthony was raised in Milford, the son of Levi and Katherine Beer. He started piano at the age of three and studied at Goshen College, IUSB and at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He teaches privately in the South Bend area and is the accompanist for the Wesley United Methodist Church in Niles, Michigan. Refreshments will be served and free will donations will be accepted.

A Port-a-Pit chicken and pork meal will be served Saturday, Sept. 24, during the Kewanna Fall Festival. The tickets are \$6.50 and the meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Kewanna Youth League concession stand. All proceeds will benefit the Northern Indiana Community Foundation's Union Township Fund. For tickets, contact Jim or Bev at 574-653-2854.

The Cass County Family YMCA is accepting books to be sold at

## Kiss the pig contest at festival

A kiss the pig contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, the opening night of the 2011 Kewanna Fall Festival.

"Contestants" are Brittney Baldwin and Ashley Bowyer of Community State Bank; Sandy Cohagen, Kewanna Metal Specialties; Sandy Sutton, Winamac Coil Spring; Marilyn Hoff, R-Mar and Maintenance Doctor; Rhonda Hoff, Fulton County Massage Therapy Clinic; and Diane Mate, Luke's Products & Auction.

The winner will be selected by \$1 per vote with the proceeds going to Kewanna H.E.A.R.T.

## Escape artist at festival

Escape artist Mario Manzini will appear at this year's Kewanna Fall Festival, Sept. 23-25. He will demonstrate his escape artistry at 8:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and during all six performances of the free circus. His "Tribute to Houdini" show will be previewed Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. prior to the royalty contest.

Manzini will be restrained with handcuffs and a straight jacket and hoisted 100 feet in the air. The rope he hangs from will be set on fire as he works to free himself.

## Fish/Chicken supper at Grass Creek

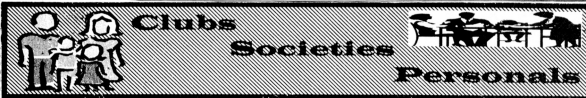
The Grass Creek Lions will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken supper from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 8, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The cost of the meal is \$9.50 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. The meal will include dessert. Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken. Carry-outs will be available.

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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.

Ground was broken last Friday, Sept. 16, for a new Wal-Mart Super Center in Rochester. Construction is expected to be completed by April of next year with store opening about four months later.

Indiana's unemployment rate went up in August, but is still below the national average. The state's jobless rate was 8.7 percent in July, rising to 8.7 percent in August. The rate one year ago was 10 percent.



### 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 sessions will be presented by Extension Educators, Purdue University professors and others in the horticulture industry. The classes will cover these topics: soils, pesticide safety, diseases and insects, vegetable gardening, lawn care, plant nutrition, trees and shrubs, weed identification and control, and indoor gardening.

This non-credit course offers intensified training in a broad range of gardening topics. Once you have completed the training and certification, you will be on the ground floor of the Master Gardener project in Fulton County.

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](http://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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### 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](mailto:wingerterb@aol.com).

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

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### CASTON MENU September 26 - 30 Breakfast

**Monday - Thursday - Sausage & cheese or ham & cheese or cereal & toast or toaster pastry, juice and milk**

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

**Monday - Cheeseburger sandwich, French fries, corn, peas and milk**

**Tuesday - Spaghetti, garlic toast, peas & carrots, Mandarin oranges and milk**

**Wednesday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce and milk**

**Thursday - Corn dog, corn,**

pineapple, cookie and milk  
**Friday - Ravoli, green beans, bread stick, raspberry cup and milk**

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### EASTERN PULASKI Elementary Breakfast September 26 - 30

**Monday - Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk**

**Tuesday - Donut, yogurt, juice and milk**

**Wednesday - Cinnamon toast with egg patty, juice and milk**

**Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk**

**Friday - Omelet, juice and milk**

**Monday - Cheese pizza, green beans, peas, cookie and milk**

**Tuesday - Chicken sandwich, peas, peaches, cookie and milk**

**Wednesday - Turkey & cheese sandwich, celery & carrot sticks and dip, orange juice, cookie and milk**

**Thursday - Taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk**

**Friday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, applesauce, cheese bread and milk**

**Middle/High School Lunch**  
**Monday - Tenderloin sandwich, cauliflower, peaches, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar**

**Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, apple juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar**

**Wednesday - Chicken tenders, carrot chips, peas, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar**

**Thursday - Meatball sandwich, potato triangles, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar**

**Friday - Grilled chicken sandwich, broccoli, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar**

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### Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

**Indiana Yearling Sale:** Sept. 23 - 24 in the West Pavilion. Admission: free. Contact: Kevin Mack (765) 621-8050 or [www.indianastandardbred.com](http://www.indianastandardbred.com)  
**Stewarts Flea Market:** Sept. 23

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- 25 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or [www.stewartpromotions.com](http://www.stewartpromotions.com).

**Great Train Expo:** Sept. 24 - 25 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 7 and younger free. Contact: [www.trainexpo.com](http://www.trainexpo.com).

**Indianapolis Antique Advertising Show:** Sept. 24 - 25 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Doug Moore (317) 694-0253 or [www.indyadshow.com](http://www.indyadshow.com).

**Indy Antique Toy Show:** Sept. 25 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sun. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$20 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; \$7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Donna Weir (217) 821-7289 or [www.indyadshow.com](http://www.indyadshow.com).

**Life Centers Walk and Run for Life:** Sept. 25 in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Dow AgroSciences Celebration Park. Hours: 8 to 7 p.m. Admission: \$25 for walkers and runners 18 and older; walker under 18 free. Contact: Life Centers (317) 280-2635 or [www.lifecenters.org](http://www.lifecenters.org).  
**Fall Boat Show:** Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 in the West Pavilion. Hours:

Fri. 4 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7; seniors (60+) \$6; children 12 and younger free. Contact: [www.renfprouductions.com](http://www.renfprouductions.com).  
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### James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 September Activities

Sept. 23 - 25 = Kewanna Fall Festival, come see us at the festival

Sept. 25 - Open Sunday, noon to ??

Sept. 27 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
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### Foundation accepting grant applications

For the 15th year, the Fulton County Community Foundation is accepting grant requests.

Grants are open to charitable organizations and applications can be found at the Community Foundation office at 715 Main St., Rochester, or online at [nicf.org](http://nicf.org).

If you have questions about applying for a grant, contact Corinne Becknell Lucas at 574-223-2227 or 1-877-432-8423. Applications are due in the foundation office on September 30, 2011.

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Stocks (Schedule D)		825,246,469
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)		0
Real Estate (Schedule A)		44,508,908
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)		72,717,986
Agency Deposits or Unrestricted Premiums		51,971,538
Other assets		1,929,317,615
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,929,317,615</b>
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Losses		168,459,576
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses		38,338,674
Reserve for Unearned Premiums		143,922,964
Reserve for Taxes		5,726,535
All Other Liabilities		539,620,444
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>895,968,197</b>
Special Surplus Funds		0
Capital Stock		0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus		0
Unassigned Surplus		1,033,349,418
Surplus as regards Policyholders		1,033,349,418
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>		<b>1,929,317,615</b>

Signature: Robert P. Restrepo, Jr. (Fulton County) President  
Signature: James A. Yano (Fulton County) Secretary

# Hospital Notes

## WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

September 10  
 Births - Christina Turpin, Winamac, a daughter; Dustin and Sara Fowler, Rochester, a daughter  
 September 11  
 Births - Jenifer Baker, Rochester, a daughter  
 September 12  
 Admissions - Beverly Hile, Kewanna; Robert Brown and Patricia Gallagher, Rochester; Wanda Hiers, Akron  
 Dismissals - Christina Turpin and daughter, Winamac; Evelyn Tracy, Argos; Johnie Parmax and Sara Fowler and daughter, Rochester  
 Births - Crystal Hubbard, Rochester, a daughter  
 September 13  
 Admissions - Dianna Snowberger, Rochester; Vicki Dills, Akron; Cleties Wagoner, Culver  
 Dismissals - Patricia Gallagher, Rochester  
 September 14  
 Admissions - Wanda Miller, Plymouth; Betty Anderson and Jerry Barnes, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Beverly Hile, Kewanna; Robert Brown, Rochester  
 September 15  
 Dismissals - Harold Reffitt, Macy; Jenifer Baker and daughter and Crystal Hubbard and daughter, Rochester  
 September 16  
 Admissions - Robert Langley, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Wanda Hiers, Akron; Cleties Wagoner, Culver  
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## DEATHS.....



### HELEN MEREDITH (BUDD) WHITEMAN

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 19, 2011, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Helen Meredith (Budd) Whiteman, 97, Kewanna, Ind. Rev. Todd Wilson officiated and burial was in McKinley Memorial Gardens, Winamac. Mrs. Whiteman passed away at 8:50 a.m. Friday, September 16, at her residence.  
 Born April 22, 1914 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late Merrill and Jane (Thomas) Budd. She was married August 10, 1939 to Herbert B. Whiteman. He preceded her in death on April 10, 1988.  
 She was a 1931 graduate of Winamac High School and a 1932 graduate of the South Bend College of Commerce.  
 Helen worked for the Pulaski County Soil Conservation office, Pulaski County Recorder's office, the NFO office in Rochester, and she retired from Dave Sirken Distributors, Rochester. She was also a homemaker and enjoyed

gardening and crocheting. She was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and the Kewanna United Methodist Women. She was also a former member of various Winamac and Kewanna home economics clubs and Bunco clubs.

Survivors include her children, Kenton L. Whiteman (Bev) of Kewanna, Karen Sue Rice (Cherry Worl) of Indianapolis, Sherri J. Lett of Kewanna, Dr. Cindy J. Parker (Dr. David) of Marion, Virginia, and Kevin H. Whiteman (Monica) of Pulaski; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by grandsons, Duane Whiteman, Dale Whiteman, Christopher Parker, Benjamin Parker and Nathaniel Parker and a sister, Della Carroll.

A visitation was held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Online condolences and tributes may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).  
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Hello everyone, welcome to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. There is a lot going on at the library that we thought I would like to address the new addition. It's not finished yet, but it's getting closer every day. We are getting very excited about it and can't wait until we move in. We've bought a lot of new material to help fill it up and are putting more out every day. Please come in and check us out. We're sure you'll find something you like. If you don't have an Evergreen card yet we will gladly issue you one. Evergreen is a state-wide library system. Any library that has an Evergreen library will accept your card. Also, you can set up an account online with Evergreen and see what you have out, when it's due, and renew it if you like. You can also see what we have in our library collection. If we don't have what you want in our collection and you find it in another library you can tell them to send it to us and you can pick it up from here.

As you all know, the Kewanna Fall Festival is coming up and we will be hosting our second annual book sale Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Also, on the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a game day from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and story time starts at 12 noon and ends at 2 p.m. The theme for this month's story time is "Fall" and we welcome all ages to attend.

The next library board meeting is on Monday, September 26, at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend you are welcome to do so.

OK, so let's recap all of those dates and events here:

- Sept. 23 - book sale from 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 24 - book sale from 12 noon to 5 p.m.
- Sept. 24 - story time from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- Sept. 24 - game day from 12 noon to 3 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - board meeting at 6 p.m.

We're here at the library would really like to see you so come on in and check us out.

## Royalty Contest

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### Leader Award recipient for 2011.

Some of her other awards include Circle of the State with Song in 2009 and she received a second place in the solo and ensemble contest in 2010. She was also named Kewanna Fall Festival princess in 2008 and received second in the Kewanna's Got Talent contest last year.

Lauren's hobbies, besides singing, include reading, crafting, baking and spending time with her 4-H animals, friends and family. She is also enjoying having her foreign exchange student/sister, Dream, from Thailand with her this year. Lauren's short term goals include being the Kewanna Fall Festival queen as well as the Fulton County 4-H queen. She is unsure as to where she will study, but knows that her long-term goal is to become a registered nurse and work in a neonatal unit. She wants to be there to help God's little miracles.

captain. She was a finalist in the Miss Round Barn Festival 2011 queen contest and the Miss Fourth of July pageant at Akron.



**Miraenda Marie Widman**  
 Sponsor: R & R Farms  
 Parents: Rodney and RaeAnn Reichard

Miraenda is 18 years old and a senior at Tippecanoe Valley High School. She is planning to apply to IU Kokomo to go into physical therapy. In school, she has been in choir all four years and has gone to solo and ensemble contest for two years, winning a bronze and silver. Her freshman year, she was on the track team. This year, Miraenda is a peer advisor.

She is a 10-year member of 4-H where she has taken several projects to the fair. Her favorites were rabbits, poultry, floriculture, foods, photography, crafts and scrapbooking. She won best of breed New Zealand for several years, also winning the best in show one year. She went to the state fair with her floriculture projects twice and rabbit poster once. She has also shown rabbits at the state fair level, winning two best of breed trophies there. Last year, Miraenda was named Junior Leader Ambassador at the Fulton County 4-H Fair.

Miraenda competed in the Akron Fourth of July queen contest and was a member of the court, winning Miss Congeniality. She is a member of the Olive Bethel Church of God and has attended church camp for several years. She loves to sing and has even sung solos at church.



**Allison Rene Jones**  
 Sponsor: Braun Chevrolet Buick, Inc.  
 Parents: John and Nicole Wentzel

Allison is the ten-year-old daughter of John and Nicole Wentzel and the youngest of three children. She is a fifth grader at Culver Elementary School. Ally is a member of the Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club of Fulton County and Club 66 at Warsaw Christian Community Church. Ally was also a member of the Fulton State with Song choral program this year. She loves playing with animals, having three dogs, two cats, 21 chickens and one goat. In her

spare time, she loves to read and listen to music.

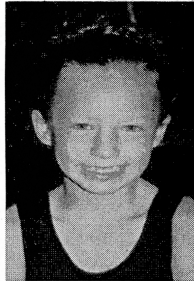
Ally has received many awards in her short life including two blue ribbons at the fair this year and one reserve grand champion award. She has been on the honor roll several times and was even named student of the month six times. Last year, she won first place in a school art contest.



**Haley Elizabeth Jones**  
 Sponsor: Gaerte Engines  
 Parents: Randy and Danielle Jones

Haley is nine years old and attends Riddle Elementary School in Rochester where she interests include swimming, riding her bike, camping, reading, drawing, racing radio-controlled cars, animals, and spending time with friends. She has been a Daisy Girl Scout troop member since first grade and a bowling team member since second grade. Haley is also a member of the Wal-Mart Warriors Relay for Life team where she has been quite active for the past three years. Haley has helped raise over \$20,000 in three years for the American Cancer Society.

Haley has been recognized for several things including an award for accumulating over 400 reading points in her first year. She has also had her picture in the newspaper for the best recycling poster. She wants to help animals and aspires to be a veterinarian.



**Maddison Faith Smith**  
 Sponsor: Hizer Farms  
 Parents: Charles and Janine Smith

Maddison Faith Smith was born June 9 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital to Chuck and Janine Smith, Kewanna. Maddison attends Caston Elementary School where she is enrolled in the second grade. Her teachers have all enjoyed her eagerness to learn and have noted her exemplary attitude and willingness to help out. Maddison has set a personal goal of receiving straight As throughout her elementary career, just like her big brother

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**SIXTY YEARS AGO**

September 28, 1951  
President Harry S. Truman has sent confirmation of the appointment of Joe Crabbill as postmaster at Kewanna to the Senate. Joe is presently stationed at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He expects to be discharged October 7, October 12 is the tentative date set for Crabbill to take over the postmaster's duties here. He worked for the Kewanna post office for about 18 months as clerk before being recalled to the Air Force as a reserve.

Mrs. Roy Deckard was called to Elkhart Monday due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary Games. Mrs. Games suffered a severe stroke Sunday night which left her completely paralyzed.

The Kewanna town board announced earlier this week that bids on a new tractor with a blade, mower and bucket have been received and the contract awarded to the Charles Van Meter Implement Company of here.

Nadine Fortna hosted a surprise slumber party in her home Sept. 21 in celebration of the birthday of Helen Hendrickson. Guests included Joan Talbott, Emily MacLain, Ruth Benjamin and Shirley Zartman.

Kenneth Cook went to Monticello Tuesday to attend an accountants meeting sponsored by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors.

The Kewanna Mothers Club will hold its first meeting after summer vacation Friday afternoon, Sept. 28, in the home of Mrs. Arthur Feidner. Mrs. Charles Henning and Mrs. Hugh Wilson will be the co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shadle of here and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Frick and sons of Lakeville accompanied Helen Louise Shadle to Bloomington recently where she enrolled in Indiana University as a senior.

Mrs. Carrie Farmer, a former Star City resident, recently moved into one of the Brennan apartments (corner of Main and Toner). Mrs. Farmer has been living in Florida for the past

three years.

**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

September 27, 1956  
The Opportunity Class of the Church of Christ held a party Thursday evening at the church. After a short devotional period, Alice Montz, president, conducted a business meeting.

Doris Kreamer, Larry Mason and Francis Hendrickson, all students at Ball State, spent the weekend here at the homes of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Rude attended an open house in South Bend Sunday afternoon honoring the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry DePoy.

Andy Dunsizer has sold his interest in the Andy and Ed second hand store to his partner, Ed Gotschalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lane and son have gone to San Diego, California, where Mr. Lane is serving with the Armed Forces.

Jerry Jones, a student at Purdue, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones.

Jimmy Lincoln of Winamac and Jackie Russell were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray.

George Hendrickson recently received his discharge from the Armed Forces and expects to go to South Bend the latter part of the week to resume his duties with the Bendix Corporation.

Mrs. Jesse Simms of Culver caught her right hand in a hand-fed printing press and severely mashed it recently. She was rushed to Memorial Hospital in South Bend where specialists were able to save all but the first joint of the middle finger. Mrs. Simms is the former Frances Leap of here. She learned linotype setting at the old Kewanna Herald and at present, she and her husband operate a small printing shop and feed store in Culver.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

September 28, 1961  
Mr. and Mrs. Darl Shidler, Rt. 1, Kewanna, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Darlene Louise, to Ronald Dean

Bird Miss Shidler is a graduate of Aubbenaubee High School and Vogue School of Beauty Culture in South Bend. Bird is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bird, Wallins Creek, Kentucky. He is employed by Zaferein Trucking Co., Chicago.

David Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hill, has been chosen president of the sophomore class at Indiana Central College.

Mrs. Carrie Myers was pleasantly surprised Monday evening when several ladies called to help her celebrate her 83rd birthday. Present were Mrs. Oscar Enyeart, Mrs. Justin Sparks, Mrs. Ralph Foglesong, Mrs. Tom Graffis, Mrs. Foster Enyeart, Mrs. Charles Gidley and Mrs. Don Foglesong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Downhour Jr. and daughter Jackie Sue had as their Monday evening guests Mr. and Mrs. James Downhour Sr. and Bill Downhour. They helped Mrs. Downhour Sr. celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Donathen, Mrs. Violet Trueman and Mrs. Fae Gulp attended Friends Night at the Twelve Mile Chapter of Eastern Star.

Richard Kumlter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumlter of here, is undergoing recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

**FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

September 29, 1966  
Beth Ann Reason will be installed as Worthy Advisor of Faith Chapter, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Friday evening at the Masonic Hall.

Winamac Coil Spring has purchased a new conveyor oven. The 28-foot oven can heat any type of spring at an average rate of 1,200 pounds per hour. The oven is gas-fired and will insure a more even heat on all springs. Due to its length, the company had to knock out one of its walls leading to the coiling department. Plans are now underway for the modernization of the tool room and addition of heavy duty punch presses.

Mrs. Ruth Urbin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumlter, Mrs. Lois Ewen and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook and Kip were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kumlter in Troy, Michigan, for the weekend and attended the wedding of Jane Kumlter to Harry Seager.

Daniel Walsh of Purdue spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Burl Eber, Mrs. Inez Kestle and Mrs. Lary Eber accompanied Lary Eber back to Fort Knox, Kentucky, after a weekend furlough.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**

September 24, 1981  
Dr. E. Jay Brandenberger of Fort Wayne has been selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1981. Dr. Brandenberger received his medical degree from Indiana University and is a family physician in Fort Wayne. He is married to the former Betty Graffis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis of here.

Kewanna Metal Specialties hosted an open house and dinner Friday evening commemorating its 20th anniversary and the completion of an expansion project which included the installation of an epoxy and vinyl coating division.

Barry Worl, acting superintendent and Fremont High School principal, was recently given a three-year contract as the new superintendent. Worl, a graduate of Kewanna High School, holds a bachelors degree from Purdue and masters and specialists degrees from Ball State. He is the son of former Kewanna resident Helen Worl, now residing in Valparaiso.

Roger Miller, Leiters Ford, who serves the town of Kewanna as deputy marshal, was found unconscious Sunday evening and taken to Woodlawn Hospital where he remained overnight. Miller said he had worked cutting wood all day and had nothing to eat. He began to feel weak about 7:45 p.m. and was found about 10:45 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bowyer, Kewanna, are the parents of twin sons born Sunday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The babies weighed 5 pounds and 8 ounces and 4 pounds and 10 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Talbott of here are the maternal grandparents.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

September 27, 2001  
Living up to its name, the Trail of Courage carried on last weekend despite the cancellation of many other events due to Tuesday's terrorist attacks in the eastern United States.

Robert and Millie Redweik of here and their daughter and grandchildren, Susan Wood, Kourtnee Kaillee and Michael of Jeffersonville, Ohio, recently traveled to Foley, Alabama, where they visited Millie's aunt, Elizabeth Arndt Swirn, and helped her celebrate her 99th birthday.

The James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121, Kewanna, reports that its flag was stolen sometime Monday night. The rope was cut and the flag removed from the pole by unknown culprits. As one auxiliary member put it, "The theft is a slap in the face to veterans who have served their country." Due to last week's terrorist attacks, the demand for

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**"Looking Back"**

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flags is high and merchants are not able to keep them in stock.

The Lake Bruce Breakfast Club met Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the home of Barb LaFollette. Gathering for lunch and an afternoon of visiting were Jane Adcock, Bunnie Brogdon, Virginia Curry, Shirley Elpers, Rita Foust, Ginny Hildebrandt, Arlene Huley, Nadine Moberly, Pat Porter, Barb Steigely and Maryellyn Tennent.

Dean Murling and Ed had callers Friday night. Arriving in the evening with supper, cake and ice cream were Dean's grandson, Bob Clyde, his friend, Barb Hickie and Herb McIntire. Dean's granddaughter and her husband, Gwen and Joe Hot, arrived later to help her celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Kathryn and John Huntington were in North Liberty early Saturday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Leland Donathon of North Liberty and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Sheridan for a visit. The ladies have gathered nearly every year for dinner since they were roommates in college.

**Caston Athletic Schedule**

Friday, Sept. 23 - varsity football with North White at Caston, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 24 - JH and varsity co-ed cross country at Culver Military, 9 a.m.; varsity boys soccer with Culver at Caston, 10 a.m.; JV football at North White, 10:30 a.m.; JH girls volleyball at Frontier, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 26 - varsity boys soccer at Winamac, 5 p.m.; JH and varsity co-ed cross country 5-way meet at Delphi, 5:15 p.m.; JV varsity volleyball at North Miami, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - varsity co-ed cross country invitational at Logansport, 5 p.m.; 6 AB girls volleyball at Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; JH girls volleyball with Pioneer at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH football at North White, 6 p.m.

Thursday - varsity co-ed cross country at North White, 4:30 p.m.; 6 AB girls volleyball with Columbia at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; JH co-ed soccer with Oregon-Davis at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

**JH/Varsity Cross country**

The Caston JH and varsity co-ed cross country teams competed in the Cass County meet at Logansport Monday evening. Leading the Comet boys cross country team was Seth Cousins who finished 9<sup>th</sup> in a time of 18:51. Others runners and their placings included: Kevin Stapinski, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19:22; Nate Cousins, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19:22; Matt Moss, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21:18

Dawson Oliver, 20<sup>th</sup>, 14:44  
Ben Moss, 21<sup>th</sup>, 14:48  
Damian Purtlebaugh, 39<sup>th</sup>, 18:39  
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**JH Cross country**

Sat., Sept. 17, JH Midwest Conference meet at Winamac

Girls:  
Adrianna Dague, 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:22  
Hannah Cousins, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:32  
Evelyn Byrum, 32<sup>nd</sup>  
Sidney Berry, 38<sup>th</sup>

Boys:  
Darrin Chew, 11<sup>th</sup> in 12:10  
Ben Moss, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Dawson Oliver, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Damian Purtlebaugh placed first in the abbreviated course.

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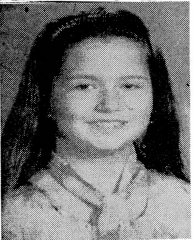
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Michael. Her favorite subjects are math and art.

Maddison is the youngest of four children. Taylor (16), Michael (14), and Christopher (11). She enjoys singing and dancing. Her favorite singer is Taylor Swift and she would like to follow in her footsteps to someday become a country music artist. Maddison also enjoys riding her horse, playing with her friends, swimming and bike riding. Maddison has also participated in Kewanna Youth League baseball since she was four years old. She can't wait until she is old enough to cheer the Caston Comets as a cheerleader.

Maddison is a member of the Caston Girl Scout Troop where she has helped collect clothes, toys and canned goods for those who are less fortunate. She has also volunteered at local retirement communities and nursing homes where she has visited residents and even sang Christmas carols during the holidays. She helped make Christmas ornaments that the scouts gave to the residents as gifts. Maddison attends the Kewanna United Methodist Church where she has been a member since she was only a few months old. She regularly attends Bible school, children's church and has helped with Vacation Bible School set up for the last couple of years.

Maddison loves living in Kewanna. She enjoys attending the library and is looking forward to the completion of the new section and all the benefits it will give her and the other kids in town. She thoroughly enjoys playing at the park in town with her siblings and friends and hopes to be able to represent her hometown with pride.



**Destiny Catherine Ray**  
Sponsor: Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes

**Parents: John and Lorna Ray**  
Destiny is the ten-year-old daughter of John and Lorna Ray and a four-year honor roll student at Caston Elementary. As an identified high-ability student, she has been chosen to be monitored for state funding. She is a very proud spelling bee champion, winning the title for the fourth grade last year.

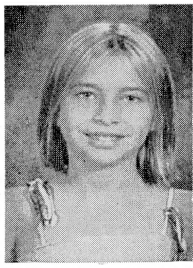
A fifth grader this year, Destiny plans to join the paper to be a voice in her school. She wants to stay involved helping to make a difference in her community. Destiny is active in Kewanna with her Christian youth group. She has played four years in the Kewanna Youth League, being chosen as an all star in 2011 and was a ball assistant.

A lover of animals and babies, Destiny aspires to be a pediatrician to care for both the healthy and the sick.

Destiny enjoys singing and bicycling, but most spending time with her family and friends.

find her singing. Not only is Lainy athletic, she is also a member of the Eastern Pulaski Express Choir in which she has participated for the past two years.

Other interests include horse back riding, arts and crafts, reading or just being with and caring for animals.

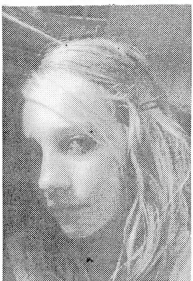


**Lainy Nichole Stevens**  
Sponsor: N.C.S.Welding Parents: Jessica Rice & Lance Stevens

Lainy is a fifth grader at Eastern Pulaski Elementary School. She was born December 21, 2000. The ten-year-old moved to Eastern Pulaski School in the fourth grade, but prior to that she attended Columbia and Riddle Elementary schools in Rochester.

Lainy has always been praised and acknowledged for her academic excellence. She has received several awards including a citizenship award, the Junior Great Books award and an award for being the most helpful student.

Lainy loves and has been very active in sports. She was a member of the Rochester swim team in 2009, a member of a Rochester softball team in 2010 and a Winamac cheerleader since 2010. She also tried her hand at softball this summer for a Winamac team. When she is not playing sports, you might



**Natasha Marie Messer**  
Sponsor: Dianna Willis, Mary Kay Consultant Parents: Troy and Jarnie Collins

Natasha was born October 27, 1998 in Knox Memorial Hospital, Knox, IN, and is 12 years old. Some of Natasha's hobbies include listening to music, hanging out with friends and family, playing with her dog Shiloh, reading books, skateboarding and photography.

Natasha has been involved in cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, Girl Scouts and 4-H for the past three years through Caston Elementary School. She also enjoys riding her bicycle and babysitting. Natasha is in the seventh grade and has attended Caston since kindergarten. She plans to graduate from Caston.

Her plans for college are to attend Ball State for veterinarian studies to work with dolphins. Natasha loves to travel and learn new things. She hopes to one day visit all 50 states, gaining knowledge and personal growth along the way.



**Rolanda Anne Reichard**  
Sponsor: R&R Farms Parents: Rodney and RaeAnn Reichard

Rolanda is 12 years old and attends Akron Elementary School where she is in the fifth grade. She has been in 4-H for two years. Some of her projects include rabbits, poultry, floriculture, gardening, consumer clothing, scrapbooking, foods and woodworking. She had the best over-all rabbit her first year and this year she went to the state fair with her consumer clothing project as well as her floriculture project. She has also shown her rabbits at the state fair. Last year she won best of breed in the Florida White division.

Rolanda attends the Olive Bethel Church of God. The last two summers she has gone to church camp at Yellow Creek where she has met new friends and learned more about God. Besides showing rabbits at the fair, she has also shown in open show where she has won several best-of-breeds in the Florida Whites and four class rabbits.

Rolanda has many favorite hobbies, but she absolutely loves to bake goodies!

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## "Slices of Life"

By: Jill Hertler



### There's an app for that

I come from a generation where an application was something you filled out when you wanted a job. TV (all five channels of it) was in 2D. Phones were untaskers and could hardly be described as smart.

Times have changed. At least they are changing at my house.

This week, we got our first smartphone - which, by logical inference, makes us a "smartfamily." Or, since the phone bugs to my husband, maybe he's the smart one. We're not sure, because he and I are still experiencing difficulties getting the touchscreen to recognize our fingers. It's more challenging than it sounds. Really.

But only if you are over the age of 35. Our kids were immediately adept with the touch aspect of the screen. Our youngest son grabbed the phone from my husband's untouchable fingers and had the gizmo whizzing and whirring faster than you can say "macintosh."

I realize my family is delayed when it comes to the IQ of our phones. Many people have been living with a phone that is smarter than them for years. We are not that clever.

For the few of you who are (like me) still living in the old millennium, one key aspect of a smartphone's intelligence is its ability to access and use applications. Applications ("apps" for those in the know) are computer programs designed to do a specific task. According to the smartphone iSuperstore, over 425,000 apps are available to ensure your phone is the smartest on the block. That's nothing short of spectacular.

Apps can be useful in many situations. For instance, they can tell you the weather conditions - indispensable when you don't have a window to look outside and see for yourself. There's an app to access sports scores and one to tell you how many calories were in the burrito you just ate. One of my favorites

creates office noise to give the impression you are awake while you take an afternoon nap at work - (Glee).

Besides those practical and functional apps, there are some that are just plain silly. Take, for instance, the app that allows you to drink a virtual glass of milk (or beer if you are old enough), or the one that turns your phone's screen into an animated mouth that lip syncs to your voice - a wasteful sort of way. I'd be remiss if I failed to mention the app simulating the sound of passing gas. The possibilities are endless, if not iCruddy.

Of the hundreds of thousands of apps available, hundreds of thousands of them are games. Some of the ones I found include Stupid Game, Stupid Monkeys and Stupid Zombies. There is also a popular game involving birds. The term "bird brain" is akin to being called stupid, but these virtual birds are not stupid. They are angry. I don't possess any firsthand knowledge about these apps, but I'm guessing these games come in handy when you encounter unencumbered free time and want to do something stupid with your smartphone. (That's iSarcasm, in case you didn't catch it.)

We are living in a 3D 4G world and in the last week my husband has not only learned to turn his phone on, he's become proficient at checking email and downloading apps. He's even asked us to call him iDad.

Meanwhile, I sit here with a dumplphone in my pocket. As much as I'd like to play a stupid game with stupid zombies, I'm not completely convinced it would be a smart use of my time. When someone invents a program that can get my sons to put the toilet seat down, then I'll pay attention. Do me a favor and drop a line when there's an app for that. I'll be forever iGrateful.

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The voters of Fulton County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2 that a general election will be held in the county on November 8, 2011, with the polls open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

In accordance with the list of candidates and the public questions certified to me by the Indiana election division or this county's election

board, and the certificates of candidate selection filed in the office of the circuit court clerk of this county, candidates for the following offices will be on the general election ballot. OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY VOTERS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

**2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**ROCHESTER MAYOR**  
 R-Mark L. Smiley, 420 W 8th St., PO Box 921  
 D-Rolland (Dick) Roe, 1460 Franklin St.  
**ROCHESTER CITY CLERK/TREASURER**  
 D-Shoda D. Beehler, 2126 Boulevard St.  
 R-Kathy Easterday, 824 Franklin St., Apt 1.  
**ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
 Dist 3 R-Burns Becht, 1601 Madison St.  
 R-Independ Joseph Shawn Spence, 1231 Franklin St.  
 Dist 4 D-Karen Sumpster, 1310 Jackson Blvd.  
 R-Martin J. Smith, 1100 Arthur St.  
 At-Large D-James H. Cheesman, 224 W 3rd St.  
 D-David R. Roe, 2132 Boulevard St.  
 R-Brian Goodman, 3255 Country Club Dr.  
**FULTON TOWN BOARD**  
 R-Maurice E. Sutton, 104 E Aitken, PO Box 116, Fulton, IN  
 R-Erik K. Henderson, 602 N. Miller St., PO Box 305, Fulton, IN  
 R-Timothy A. Strasser, 501 N. Wright St., PO Box 32, Fulton, IN  
 D-Rachel Moore, 408 N. Miller, PO Box 143, Fulton, IN  
 Dated, this 19th day of September, 2011.

Letty McKee  
 Circuit Court Clerk  
 Pub. 9-22-2011

COMPANY NAME: State Farm General Insurance Company  
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 PHONE: (309) 766-2991  
 FAX: 37-0815478  
 MAIL CODE: 25151  
 EMAIL: home\_acc-star-estatefilling.41000@statefarm.com

**ASSETS OF COMPANY**

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	4,375,882,075
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	130,857
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	413,779,453
Agents Balances or Unallocated Premiums	\$	303,114,516
Other assets	\$	201,101,852
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$	<b>5,294,008,693</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Losses	\$	780,090,658
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	370,459,352
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	840,960,768
Reserve for Taxes	\$	2,125,121
All Other Liabilities	\$	721,592,394
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$	<b>2,815,228,293</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$	0
Capital Stock	\$	10,000,000
Grass Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	687,500,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$	1,781,280,360
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	\$	<b>5,294,008,693</b>

Signature: Dale R. Egeberg (Vice President and Controller)  
 Signature: Traci Monson (Assistant Secretary-Treasurer)

**GARAGE SALE / Sat., Sept. 24 & Sun., Sept. 25 / 8 am till 6 p.m. / at the Jim James residence, 5250 S. - 550 W. Kewanna - 5 Families - Women's Clothing, misses to plus sizes; Maternity Clothes; Scrubs; Furniture; Elvis Presley Collectibles; Christmas and Craft Items; Dishes and Misc. Odds and Ends.**

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**Dan & Viv Pesaresi**

## Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Florence Hogan had a visitor Monday, Sept. 12. Arriving early in the day was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette. The ladies spent the day running errands.

Tim Cogdill of Macy visited with his mother, Ruth Cogdill, Wednesday, Sept. 13. Tim had spent that morning running errands for his mom. They had an enjoyable time catching up on all the family news. Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of working visitors Thursday, Sept. 15. Tackling several chores around the house were their daughters, Phyllis Kooztz of Rochester and Ellen Heiden of Columbia City. Everyone had a fun time looking at family pictures once the work was completed. Ellen remained overnight.

Pauline Brown and Julie were in South Bend Thursday. They did some shopping that helped make a dent in their Christmas lists.

Barb Gast had company Thursday. Stopping by in the evening for a family chat was her daughter Cora Lynn Clemans.

Florence Hogan had company during the middle of the week. Stopping by a couple of times were her granddaughter and her family, Wendy and Jonathan

Shock, Haley and Bella. The Shocks were taking a walk and made sure they passed by Florence's for a visit.

Kerry Brown of Lawrenceburg arrived Friday, Sept. 16, for a weekend visit with his parents, Jerry and Kay Brown. Kerry was in the area to attend a high school coaches' meeting in Howard County.

Tom and Linda Garner traveled to Valparaiso Friday. They had a wonderful time visiting with their daughter and her family, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zachary and Mackenzie.

Jon Gast and his brother-in-law, Don Carr, were near Rochester Saturday, Sept. 17. They were among those who attended the Trail of Courage event at the Fulton County Historical Museum.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Howard County Saturday. They were attending the funeral of their friend, Tom Miller of Sharpsville.

Kay, Jerry and Kerry Brown were in Logansport Saturday. They had a nice time dining at the Applebee's restaurant.

Renee Colley and Dick Fedorchak had a nice time Saturday. They enjoyed the exhibitors at the Trail of Courage event on the grounds of the Fulton County Historical Museum.

Rich and Jane Green had company Saturday. Arriving for a fun overnight visit was their great-granddaughter, Makhia Harding of Rochester.

Eddie Murling accompanied Jon Gast to Star City Sunday, Sept. 18. The guys had a nice time dining at the Oak Grove restaurant.

Virginia Agnew and Larry and Elaine Rans spent some time in Akron recently at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Joan Rans where they helped the couple celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. There were several other family members present also for the occasion.

Virginia Agnew was in Hebron Saturday visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Ed Tomerlin. In the afternoon, they all attended the wedding of Virginia's niece, Holly Snow, and James Talant at Aberdeen Place in Valparaiso. Later, they attended the couple's wedding reception, including dinner, in Chesterton. Virginia also got the chance to visit with Erin and Ashlyn Tomerlin and friend Jason. She was an overnight guest of her daughter and son-in-law and returned to her home here Sunday morning.

Barb and Tom LaFollette and their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick, met at the VFW post in Rochester Sunday. The family enjoyed attending the fundraising cheeseburger cook-off. The event raised money for Hope Hospice.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Debbie McGee and John Wegner, Sept. 25; Chad Lowry, Sept. 26; Jay Burkett, Mary Fisher, Nathan Miller, Dawn Nikolich, Jane Strong, Donny Weller and Hannah Wilson, Sept. 27; Heather Green, Jane Johnson, and Joshua Robson, Sept. 28; Jerry Brown, Jane Green and Carrie Wilson, Sept. 29; Abigail Troutman, Sept. 30; and Keith Troutman, Sherry Troutman, John Vigus and Steve Young, Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Birge will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Sept. 27.

## BRAUD CORPORATION ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP LINEUP

The Braun Corporation has announced an organizational shift that will enable it to better focus on mobility markets and customers with the creation of two new roles. Greg Cook will serve as Vice President of Commercial/International Sales & Marketing and Duane Galbreath will become Vice President of Consumer Sales & Marketing, effective October 3, 2011.

This marks a change in strategic direction for the sales and marketing units of Braun, a leading manufacturer of wheelchair accessible vehicles and wheelchair lifts. The separation into commercial/international and consumer/personal divisions will help the company keep pace with the growing markets.

"We're excited about the expanded leadership roles Greg and Duane will assume," said Nick Gutwein, Braun President. "Greg's highly successful background in leading Braun's sales and marketing efforts will help us leverage the rapid expansion of international mobility sales. Duane's trusted relationships with our dealer body will enhance the power of the Braun dealer network."

Cook previously served as the VP of Sales & Marketing from 2008, with an emphasis on enhancing Braun's dealer network and structure, international capabilities and line of wheelchair vans and wheelchair lifts. In his new role, Cook will oversee the lift, paratransit, and commercial wheelchair accessible vehicle product lines for the commercial and international markets.

Most recently, Galbreath served as Director of Financial Services and Business Development, with a focus on dealer development and

expansion. He will now lead the North American consumer sales and marketing team, overseeing the consumer wheelchair accessible vehicle and consumer wheelchair lift product lines, and maintain his role in dealer financial services.

### About The Braun Corporation

The Braun Corporation is the leading global manufacturer of wheelchair accessible vans and wheelchair lifts that enable people with physical disabilities to regain mobility and lead active and independent lives. The Indiana-based company was founded by Ralph Braun, who was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at a young age and was unable to walk by age 15. Ralph was motivated by his disability to invent the world's first electric scooter (the Tri-Wheeler) and wheelchair lift (the Lift-A-Way) in his parents' garage. Word spread and demand for the product increased, resulting in the birth of Save-A-Step Manufacturing, which ultimately became The Braun Corporation. Braun offers the most diverse line of vehicle platforms in the mobility industry, including the Dodge Grand Caravan, Chrysler Town & Country, Toyota Sienna, and Honda Odyssey. For more information, please visit [www.braunability.com](http://www.braunability.com) or [www.facebook.com/BraunAbility](http://www.facebook.com/BraunAbility). #####

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