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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, November 4, at the town hall with the president, Jeff Finke, presiding. Others present included town council members, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; town marshal, Dennis Price; and town superintendent, Mike Molitor.

Molitor submitted his report, noting that he had been contacted by the USDA for an annual review and was informed they would allow the council to decide whether a ladder guard is needed on the water tower ladder. At this time, the council decided to wait until it becomes a requirement.

The superintendent's monthly report noted that E&B Paving has finished resurfacing the streets and Geiger is making repairs to the roadsides. The crop at the sewage treatment plant has been invested. Problems were encountered while trying to lower the water level in the lagoons to provide winter storage room. The end-gun on the irrigator had to be pulled and cleaned. There was a leak in the riser pipe coming out of the ground to the center pivot. The pipe had to be replaced. The irrigator then began shutting down due to cold temperatures. It was determined that there were loose wires in the probe. The irrigator then began shutting down due to low pressure. The contact tank was pumped down because weeds were getting around the pump head. After all repairs were made, pumping was completed for the season and the irrigator shut down for the winter. The leaf machine was made ready for pick-up of leaves. Meetings were held with ISO and USDA. ISO went through all of the paper work and flushed a couple of fire hydrants. Town employees will try to flush all hydrants yet this year before it gets too cold. The USDA also went through all the paper work for the water works.

The only thing they requested was that a ladder cover be installed on the water tower. Repairs were made to the lift station servicing the Joe Hott residence. Unused equipment at the sewage treatment plant was sold. The two east bays at the town garage were cleaned out so work could begin on the concrete to allow the ambulance to fit in the east bay. The water works pumped a total of 1,135,300 gallons of water during October.

Marshal Price submitted his report, noting that he and deputies Winter and Salmons have some state mandates to finish. The location of classes may change after the first of the year. The monthly report revealed four traffic warnings, two accident reports, 42 calls answered and 1,731 miles patrolled. The department participated in a range day at the Sandbar Gun Ranch on

Soup and sandwich luncheon, November 12

The Kewanna United Methodist Women will host their annual soup and sandwich luncheon and bake sale Friday, November 12, in the church annex at 111 E. Pearl St., Kewanna.

The bake sale will open at 8 a.m. and will include homemade noodles. Homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee and tea will be available for your morning coffee break or breakfast.

Sandwiches, soups and desserts will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is urged to attend and enjoy the homemade cuisine while visiting with friends and neighbors.

A few "slightly used" items will also be available for sale.

Proceeds from the event will help the women meet their mission obligations.

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October 14.

The monthly fire report was distributed after the meeting. The department responded to five town calls, all medical, and 15 township calls, 13 fire and two medical. The department also provided six mutual aids and participated in one investigation.

The council has been inquiring about changing the town's election to coincide with county elections. An ordinance will be drawn up to accomplish this.

A public hearing was conducted, as advertised, for additional appropriations from the Public Safety Fund in the amount of \$7,000. The additional expenditure was approved.

The Pit Stop Portable Toilets Co. has contacted the town by letter requesting an agreement to allow them to dump into the town's sewer system. Because the town currently holds contracts with two other companies for dumping on an emergency basis, the request was denied.

At the request of the IRS, the town will pay federal withholding taxes via electronic transfer beginning January 1, 2011.

The council decided to not purchase a new pickup truck to replace the red truck that was recently damaged in an accident. Instead, the town will purchase the truck back at the salvage value and keep it as an "in town" truck only, in fact it can be repaired.

A resident on South Logan Street requested the removal of a tree she thought belonged to the town. It was determined that the tree is in the state highway right-of-way and the town cannot cut it down.

Claims against the town, water and sewer works were okayed for payment prior to adjournment.

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Kewanna Town Council meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall, 7 p.m.
(The Town of Kewanna is an Equal Opportunity Employer)

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The News In Brief

VFW Post #1343 of Rochester will be hosting its second annual breakfast benefiting the United Ministries of Fulton County Sunday, Nov. 14, from 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, hash brown, coffee and juice. The meal is a free will donation.

All Fulton County government offices will be closed today (Thursday, Nov. 11) in observance of Veterans Day.

Dora Jones, Alton, will present a program about the orphan train when the Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society holds its annual meeting/luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 16. The event will be held at 12 noon at the Streamliner Restaurant in Rochester. Officers and plans for 2011 will be on the agenda. Those not wishing to attend the luncheon are welcome to attend the program at 1 p.m.

The Paluski County Public Library, Winamac, is offering a hands-on computer class for those with little or no computer skills from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Sat., Nov. 13. The class is free of charge but space is limited. Call 574-946-3432 to sign up.

Indiana State Park passes for 2011 are now available online. Passes are \$36 for state residents and \$18 for those age 65 and older. The passes allow entrance into any state park or reservoir from one vehicle with Indiana license plates throughout 2011. Go to www.IndStParks.com to purchase the pass.

Fulton County Crimestoppers has updated its telephone line to a 24/7 service. To report a crime, call 574-223-7867 or 866-646-7867 at any time.

The Fulton County Fair Association is accepting applications for anyone interested in serving on the fair board. Application forms are available at the Fulton County Extension Office at the fairgrounds and are due November 18.

Fulton County Sheriff Walker Conley reports that his department opened 30 new criminal case investigations during October; served 26 warrants and arrested eight others; wrote 18 traffic tickets and 25 warnings; received 736 calls from the public; investigated 10 damage, one injury and 19 deer accidents; served 431 civil papers; booked inmates 101 times and released inmates 107 times; and used 1,967 gallons of fuel while patrolling 27,192 miles.

According to the Census Bureau, homeownership in the U.S. remained at a ten-year low for the July-September quarter. The percentage of households that own their own home

Benefit spaghetti supper, Nov. 20

A benefit spaghetti and meatball supper will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 20, at the Elks Lodge in Rochester. The event is sponsored by the Fulton/Paluski Chapter of Thrivent, Financial for Lutherans (matching funds). Proceeds will go to Kristen Hurst who is recovering from injuries received in an auto accident. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and \$8 at the door.

The benefit was originally scheduled as a fish and chicken fry on Oct. 22, which had to be canceled when Ernie Hirs's trailer burned. Tickets purchased for the fish and chicken benefit will be honored at the spaghetti and meatball supper.

A silent auction will be held alongside the supper. Items to be auctioned include a new set of golf clubs; Pacer tickets; a Silver Hawk suite for one night; a Harley Davidson quilt; cordless microphone set; a signed Indiana Pacer James Posey jersey; and much more.

For information and tickets, call Virga Smith at 574-223-6159.

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Failed acreage reporting

Area farmers are reminded of the rules pertaining to failed crop acres. A report of failed acres, due to natural disaster conditions, must be filed with the FSA county committee before disposition of the crop and producers must be able to establish that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period.

Form CCC-876, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. The Notice of Loss must be filed in the FSA office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

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To Reserve the Fire Dept. Community Room

Call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 evenings

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remains at 66.9 percent. The last time the rate was lower was in 1999, when the rate was 66.7 percent.

The State Budget Agency reported last week that Indiana took in \$6 million less in tax revenue in October compared to a year ago. This amount was also less than had been projected.

The Cass County Extension Homemakers is hosting a craft show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the ass County 4-H Community Center. The event will feature homemade gifts, apple dumplings, holiday items, wood crafts, baked goods, breakfast and lunch.

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Food Pantry announces Thanksgiving schedule

Persons wishing to visit the Kewanna Community Food Pantry the week of Thanksgiving should do so on Wednesday rather than Thursday. Call 574-653-2201 or 574-653-9052 for an appointment.

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Christmas basket applications

Persons wishing to receive Christmas baskets must fill out an application. Applications will be accepted at the Food Pantry Office, 625 Pontiac St., Rochester, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18 and Saturday, November 20. To apply, you must provide a photo ID, proof of residency, working phone number and, if you are applying for toys for children, a copy of their birth certificate.

Food and toys for the Christmas baskets will be collected at the Fulton County 4-H fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday starting Monday, December 6. The last day to drop off food and toy donations will be Monday, December 13. The baskets will be delivered Saturday, December 18.

For more information, call 574-223-4802 and leave a message.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121

November Activities

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day balloon release 6 p.m. \$1 per balloon. Child supper at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 14 - Open Sunday at noon

Nov. 15 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 28 - Open at noon, free lunch

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Canton Sports Schedule

Fri., Nov. 12 - Girls JV basketball vs. Wabash at Caston, 6 p.m.; girls varsity basketball vs. Wabash at Caston, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 13 - Boys 5 AB basketball CHS tourney at Caston, 9 a.m. boys 6 AB basketball MWG tourney at North White, 10 a.m.; girls JV basketball vs. North Miami at Caston, 6 p.m.; girls varsity basketball vs. North Miami at Caston, 7:30 p.m.

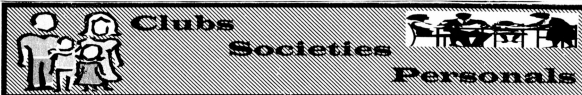
Mon., Nov. 15 - Boys 5 AB basketball vs. Mentone at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Tu., Nov. 16 - Boys 6 AB basketball and girls 6 AB basketball vs. Winamac at Caston, 8:30 p.m.

Thur., Nov. 18 - Boys 6 AB basketball vs. All Saints at Caston, 5 p.m.; JH boys basketball vs. Clinton Central at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys varsity basketball scrimmage at Manchester, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Rossville, 6 p.m.

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RECYCLING DATES:
THURS., NOV. 4TH;
THURS., NOV. 18TH



Make and take craft day

The Pulaski County Extension Homemakers will host their annual make and take craft day Saturday, November 13, at the Knights of Columbus building, Winamac. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and admission is free. There will be a nominal fee for crafts for this kid friendly event. Lunch will be available and the festivities will include free door prizes.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

61st Annual Christmas Gift & Hobby Show: Nov. 10-14 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Wed. & Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10 gen. adm., buy one ticket, get one free on Wednesday. Contact: HSI Show Productions (317) 876-9933 or www.christmasgiftandhobbyshow.com.

Hoosier Antiques Expo: Nov. 12-14 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7. Contact: Shawn Hastings Promotions (618) 635-2895 or www.hoosierantiqueshow.com.

Great Indy Pet Expo: Nov. 13-14 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$6 adults; \$5 seniors; \$3 children; 6-12; children 5 and younger free.

Contact: Cathy Erickson (515) 778-4762 or www.greatindyvetexpo@mac.com.

Midwest Reptile Show: Nov. 13 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 & younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599 or www.midwestreptile.com.

International Festival: Nov. 18-21 in the West Pavilion. School hours: Thurs. & Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; General Public hours: Fri. 2 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 6 p.m. Admission: \$9 at the door; children 8-12 \$6; \$7 advance tickets available at Kahn's Fine Wines & Spirits. Contact: (317) 236-6515 or www.familyevents.com.

Great Lakes and Midwest Region Cat Show: Nov. 20-21 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. to conclusion. Contact: Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573 or www.CFAMidwest.org.

911 Slug Fest - Firefighters vs. Police: Nov. 23 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m., buses begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 - \$85 available at all Ticketmaster locations and the Indiana State Fairgrounds Box Office. Contact: (317) 927-7601 or www.911slugfest.com.

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Nov. 26-28 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.

Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car

Sale: Nov. 28 in the West Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$7; children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Contact: Mid America Promotions (708) 863-4300 or www.supersundayindyo.com. ####

AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
Monday, November 15 - Pepper Steak, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, roll and milk

Wednesday - Chopped steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, pudding, oatmeal bread and milk

Friday - Ham, beans and cornbread, spinach, fruit crisp and milk

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CASTON

November 15 - 19
Breakfast

Monday - Sausage & cheese sandwich or egg & cheese sandwich and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza and milk

Wednesday - Sausage & cheese sandwich or egg & cheese sandwich and milk

Thursday - Scrambled eggs with cheese, sausage links and milk

Friday - Biscuits and gravy and milk

Lunch

Monday - Orange chicken, rice, oriental blend vegetables, apple stick and milk. Choice - salad bar and vegetable soup

Tuesday - Meatball sub, chips, corn on the cob, peaches and milk. Choice - salad bar and Bosco stick

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Wednesday - Baked ham and cheese, garlic toast, green beans, dirt pudding and milk. Choice - salad bar and chili dog
Thursday - Au gratin potatoes with ham, winter blend vegetables, pears, roll and milk. Choice - salad bar and cook's choice
Friday - Pizza, carrots, cookie, fruit cup and milk. Choice - salad bar and fried rice

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

November 15 - 19
Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk

Tuesday - Cheese breadstick, juice and milk

Wednesday - Biscuit and gravy, juice and milk

Thursday - French toast, juice and milk

Friday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, corn, peaches, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Corn dog, green beans, pears, cake and milk

Wednesday - Cheeseburger

Wednesday, baked potato, banana, cookie and milk
Thursday - Chicken fajita, lettuce, cheese, peach crisp and milk
Friday - Egg pattie, sausage patty, hash browns, apple slices, biscuit and milk

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

Tuesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, hash browns, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheese pizza, peas, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Mini corn dogs, California blend, donut, pears, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 1
Admissions - Charles Floyd, Akron
Dismissals - Patty Eastwood, Brigida Legg and son and Mary Woods, all of Rochester; Michelle Yocum and son, Akron
November 2
Admissions - Elsie Brodbelt, Plymouth, John Dupue, Argos; Maris McCowan, Rochester
Dismissals - Charles Floyd, Akron
Births - Christina Mundy, Rochester, a son
November 3
Admissions - Clyde Ward, Argos
Births - Tony and Emiley Glover, Knox, a son
November 4
Dismissals - Clyde Ward, Argos
November 5
Admissions - Leona Archer, Rochester
Dismissals - Elsie Brodbelt, Plymouth; John Dupue, Argos; Christina Mundy and son, Rochester; Emiley Glover and son, Knox
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DEATHS



CHARLES E. TROUTMAN

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 6, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Charles E. Troutman, 92, Rochester. Steve Stone officiated and burial, with military rites, was in the Barnett Cemetery. Mr. Troutman died at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born March 26, 1918, in Star City, he was the youngest son of the late Hal P. and Elizabeth (Barnett) Troutman. Charlie was raised on the family farm southwest of Kewanna and

graduated from Kewanna High School in 1937. He served in the infantry in the U.S. Army during World War II. His unit crossed the English Channel, coming ashore in France a few days after D-Day, and fought their way across Europe until the war ended.

Following his military service, he attended Ball State, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. He earned his Masters of Arts in education in 1952. He and a friend went to California and soon found a job teaching with the Los Angeles City School District. After 24 years of teaching in a junior high school, he retired in 1978.

Days of bachelorhood ended in 1973 when he married Betty Dangelo. They moved to a country home in south Indiana in 1978, starting a long retirement filled with days of "linkering" in his shop, creating all the inventive projects that came to mind. Many miles were put on their RVs as they traveled every year from Idaho to Indiana, visiting friends and sightseeing in every state in the union. In 2004, they decided to move back to Indiana where he enjoyed many days with his family. Charlie had a keen sense of humor and was a true loyal friend. He was a life member of the VFW.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Betty Troutman of Rochester; nephews, Terry Troutman (Dar) of Lake Bruce and Tim Troutman of Leisters Ford; nieces, Trudy Hany of Akron, Nancy Werner of Bloomington; Barbara Pell (Merle) of Noblesville and Margene Stone (Steve) of Monroe, Michigan; 13 great-nieces and nephews; 19 great-great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-nephews. He is also survived by step-sons, Jack Dangelo (Debby) of Corona Del Mar, California, and Jim Dangelo (Selma) of Torrance, California, and two grandsons. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonus, Omar, and Joe (his twin) Troutman; and a sister, Mary Troutman.

A visitation was held at the funeral home from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 6. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences and tributes may be made to the Troutman family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

VIRGINIA I. BUCINSKI

Virginia I. Bucinski, 87, Kewanna, died at 4:55 p.m. Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Born August 5, 1923 in Grass Creek, she was the daughter of the late Charles Hanson and Mary Myer Hanson. She was married July 4, 1941, in Kewanna to Leo J. Bucinski, who preceded her in death on September 5, 2000.

The Bucinskis lived their entire married life on a farm west of Kewanna in Harrison Township of Pulaski County where they raised their five children.

Virginia was a 1940 graduate of Star City High School and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna. She was a great sports fan, especially of the Chicago Cubs and any Indiana sports team. She also enjoyed fishing. But, her biggest love was her family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Janice K. Schulz and her husband Rudy, Joan M. Scheffer and Mary F. Wegner

and her husband, Joe, all of Kewanna; a son, Dr. Thomas J. Bucinski and his wife Brenda, Harrisburg, Illinois; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Bucinski, Kewanna; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bess Hauser Hughes, Monticello. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son, Joseph T. Bucinski; a brother, Bob Hanson; and two sisters, Ruth Shaffer and Jean Conn.

Private funeral services were

conducted at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, and burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Winamac. A visitation was held Monday, November 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice. Messages of sympathy may be sent to www.frainmortuary.com.

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Bonds (Schedule D)	745,904.452	Reserve for Losses	342,728.735
Stocks (Schedule D)	241,371.196	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	133,496.408
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	248,460.078
Real Estate (Schedule A)	53,720.849	Reserve for Taxes	4,339.135
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule D, A & E)	15,342.045	All Other Liabilities	47,563.641
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	150,845.347	TOTAL LIABILITIES	774,555.997
Other assets	67,979.060	Special Surplus Funds	0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,275,183.044	Capital Stock	0
		Grass Paid in and Contributed Surplus	0
		Unassigned Surplus	500,607.047
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Bonds (Schedule D)	41,231.331	Reserve for Losses	61,357
Stocks (Schedule D)	0	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	36,253
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	371,360
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0	Reserve for Taxes	22,806
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule D, A & E)	17,040.664	All Other Liabilities	15,008
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	502,435	TOTAL LIABILITIES	786,824
Other assets	224,252	Special Surplus Funds	0
TOTAL ASSETS	58,982,492	Capital Stock	5,000,000
		Grass Paid in and Contributed Surplus	56,480,000
		Unassigned Surplus	0
		Surplus as regards Policyholders	(3,215,602)
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	58,264,398

Signature: Steven E. Smith Signature: Douglas J. Hays

Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO
November 10, 1950
 Chester (Chet) Erimons, 50, proprietor of the State Road Café, died suddenly Sunday morning of a heart attack. He collapsed shortly after visiting Jack Vigus in the Pennsylvania Railroad control tower.

Both organized Democrats and organized labor received a terrific setback at the polls on Tuesday when the Republicans reaped a heavy victory. Every government unit in Fulton County went Republican with the exception of Union and Auburnmahee townships. Judd Crabill was elected trustee in Union Township. Advisory board members elected to serve were Dr. Paul Heinsen, Clyde Mosher and Ellis McNabb. The election gave Union Township its first Democratic trustee and advisory board in many years.

Bob Urbin was operated on Monday, November 6, at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His right leg was amputated half way between the knee and ankle due to cancer.

After 44 years, the State Board of Health is going to put "thumbs down" on the location of the Kewanna Water Works' wells. Instead of making repairs on the old well, the town board is seeking a location for the drilling of new wells for the town's water supply.

Marvin Dale Marie of Winamac and Mildred Marie Easterday, Kewanna, were united in marriage Saturday evening at the Grass Creek EUB Church. The double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Charles J. Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell attended the couple.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
November 10, 1955
 Professor Bromley Smith, a former resident of here, died at a nursing home in Knox at noon Tuesday. He was the father of Mrs. Louis Welsh who lived here a few years ago. Mr. Welsh was the agriculture teacher. Smith wrote a long article for The

Observer on the history and origin of Kewanna.

Sp/2 George Hendrickson, Kewanna, left Monday morning for Fort Benning, Georgia, after spending several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Hendrickson. Hendrickson recently returned from Korea where he spent several months.

Members of the Pleasant Hill EUB Church women's group gave a farewell party Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. E. Frank Highly at her home at Lake Bruce. Mrs. Highly is moving Saturday to Battle Ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Scales of Grass Creek are the parents of a daughter born at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

Betty Jo Baldwin was in Akron Tuesday and appeared before the Lion's Club in a dance number.

FORTY YEARS AGO
November 12, 1970
 Floyd E. Mollenpupp of Kewanna was one of three scout leaders honored with the District Statuette Award at the Three Rivers Council's annual recognition dinner held Wednesday, November 4, at the Geneva Center north of Rochester. The award is given to recognize scout leaders for their service to boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris D. Lease, Rt. 2, Kewanna, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 15, with an open house in their home. The couple was married November

17, 1945, in Gary at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hershney.

Fifteen couples from the Swingin' Dudes square dance club and their families held a barn warming and potluck dinner Sunday, November 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman near Kewanna. Following the meal, Bob Masteller, president, presented over a business meeting. Following the meeting, the rest of the afternoon was spent dancing with Jim Tibbets of Mentone calling.

The Kewanna Rebekah Lodge No. 140 held its annual friends night Wednesday, November 4, at the IOOF hall in Kewanna. Refreshments were served by the committee of Mary Young, Margaret Kistler, Hazel Overmyer and Pearl Shrader.

Daniel Pesaresi, president of Winamac Coil Spring, Inc., Kewanna, was named a director of the Spring Manufacturers Institute at the organization's annual meeting held November 8 - 10 at The Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Kewanna School was closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day. However, the significance of the day was accented by a program in the school auditorium on Tuesday. The program concluded with the presentation of a United States flag to the school from the Talbot family - Simon, Ruth, Landa and Nancy - in memory of Jim Talbot who gave his life for his country in August of 1969 in Vietnam. Jim was a 1966 graduate of Kewanna High School where he acquired 13 varsity letters, three in track; three in cross country; four in baseball; and three in basketball.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
 Bruce Baker of here was elected Fulton County sheriff last

November 13, 1980
 The Kewanna town board agreed to expand the town hall meeting room when it met November 6. Area V will pay for the cost of the work so a sink and stove can be added for the senior citizens who use the room for a meal site.

Karen Woolington was featured in Teepee Talk's "Senior Who's Who".

The Grass Creek Ladies Aid was busy last week making noodles to sell as a fund raising project. Helping to make the "oodles of noodles" were Florence Thomas, Lulu Field, Mary Minthorn, Lela Wells, Geraldine Cobbs, Doris Hill, Mary Reecher, Irene Rouch and Dorothy Fultz.

Twenty-four relatives and friends helped Dougie Sutton celebrate his birthday Saturday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Sutton at Leiters Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Jon Gast and Angela of here and Brent Wagener of Rochester were among the guests.

Rick Newcomer returned to the States the first of the week to spend some time here with relatives and friends. Rick is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
November 8, 1990
 Bruce Baker of here was elected Fulton County sheriff last

Tuesday. He captured 13 of the county's 17 precincts, garnering 3,948 votes to Robert Bryant's 2,923.

Services were held at 11 a.m. this morning (Thursday) at the Foster and Good Funeral Home in Rochester for Ray F. Myers, 72, of Lake Manitoa. Rev. Sam Overmyer officiated and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. Myers is survived by his wife, the former Madeline McLochin; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Grube, Rt. 4, Rochester, and three grandsons, Jeff, Gary and Shawn Grube.


Carol Wentzel of Michigan City and Chris Holmquist of Crown Point were married recently at the Barker Mansion in Michigan City. The bride is a graduate of Kewanna High School and Valparaiso University and is employed at Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Hammond. The groom is a computer systems engineer for NIPSCO.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Charness, Winamac, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brogdon, Kewanna, announced the engagement of their children, Melissa Charness and M. Scott Brogdon, both of Winamac. The bride-elect graduated from Winamac Community High School in 1986 and International Business College, Fort Wayne, in 1987. She is employed at Winamac

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Stocks (Schedule D)					38,988,692
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)					0
Real Estate (Schedule A)					0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)					45,788,817
Agents' Balances or Unallocated Premiums					67,824,241
Other Assets					0
TOTAL ASSETS					308,869,578
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS			(Dollars: \$)		
Reserve for Losses					91,194,258
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses					27,354,537
Reserve for Unallocated Premiums					0
Reserve for Taxes					0
Reserve for Trusts					8,176,478
All Other Liabilities					0
TOTAL LIABILITIES					126,725,273
Special Surplus Funds					0
Capital Stock					4,200,000
Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus					65,117,601
Unassigned Surplus					112,826,652
Surplus as regards Policyholders					187,144,253
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS					308,869,578

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Bonds (Schedule D)					11,416,320
Stocks (Schedule D)					0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)					0
Real Estate (Schedule A)					0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)					35,121,149
Agents' Balances or Unallocated Premiums					911,577
Other Assets					0
TOTAL ASSETS					47,449,046
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS			(Dollars: \$)		
Reserve for Losses					15,375,816
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses					4,991,334
Reserve for Unallocated Premiums					0
Reserve for Taxes					152,183
All Other Liabilities					0
TOTAL LIABILITIES					23,104,381
Special Surplus Funds					0
Capital Stock					2,560,932
Gross Paid-in and Contributed Surplus					65,341,052
Unassigned Surplus					43,557,919
Surplus as regards Policyholders					24,344,665
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS					47,449,046

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"LOOKING BACK"

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 Coil Spring. Brogan is also a graduate of Winamac Community High School and Vincennes University and is employed at Winamac Coil Spring.

The Kawanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department held its annual open house recently at which time it announced the winners of its poster contest. Winners in the pre-school through first grade division were Brad Beals, Mark Kimble and Jeff Hott. Winners in the 7-12 age group were Christy and Teresa Hott who tied for third; Leroy Rupp, first, and Lance Rupp, second.

The Kawanna Church of Christ hosted a Pumpkin Patch Party Halloween night. The aim of the program was to provide an alternative to the traditional Halloween celebration. A costume contest was held with Traci Powell receiving the most original costume award, Lance Rupp was judged the most unique; and Jackie Rohrbacher, the cutest. The church would like to thank Millie Good, Joan Smith and Violet Troutman for the decorations and all the hard work they put into making the program a success.

TEN YEARS AGO
 November 9, 2000

Fulton County Republicans fared well in Tuesday's general election, taking all but one office. Denise Bonnell was the lone Democrat winner, defeating her Republican opponent Sherry Porterfield by nearly 300 votes. The county had a near record turn out of voters with 8,503 of its 14,016 registered voters going to the polls for a 60.67 percent turn out.

Local resident Richard Powell regained a seat on the board of county commissioners in Tuesday's election. Powell won over Ron Jana who had defeated him in the 1996 election.

Joe Good was the winner of four football game raffled off by the Fulton County Republican central committee. The drawing was held Nov. 4 at the fall Republican rally held at the 4-H fairgrounds in Rochester.

James Spencer Russell, 85, Kawanna, died at 2:37 a.m. Saturday, November 4, at Palaski Health Care Center in Winamac. Frain Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. There will be no visitation and no funeral.

Tracey Cunningham, Kawanna, was one of the participants in the recent Special Olympics state games. He earned first, second and third place medals in the swimming competition.

Sen. Head: Support troops, spread 'Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes' through card drive

State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport) is encouraging residents to join Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman's fifth annual holiday season mail campaign for troops called "Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes."

"When you make your holiday card list this year, please remember Indiana servicemen and women who will be spending the holidays far away from families and friends — some in very harsh environments," Head said.

Skillman's office is collecting cards and will send them to Indiana troops around the world. Those who want to participate

should send cards and letters to Skillman's Statehouse office by Friday, Nov. 19, to the following address:

Office of Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman
 c/o Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes
 200 W. Washington St., Suite 333
 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

Hoosiers can also send an electronic note to lg@lg.in.gov. Head said Skillman's office received a record 35,629 cards for troops during the 2009 holiday season, topping the previous year's total by about 15,000. In the four-year history of this campaign, approximately 92,000 cards have been donated and delivered from virtually every county in Indiana.

Sets of cards have come from schools, social clubs, church groups, scouting organizations and families who made it their mission to send as many as possible. In the past, cards have included pictures drawn by children, jokes, scripture and even updates on the Indianapolis Colts. Head said messages on the cards should be light-hearted and encouraging. Artwork — especially drawn by children — is appreciated.

"Military officials advise it is best to avoid glitter and confetti when sending our troops holiday cards," Head said. "Also, as much as folks might be tempted, our cards should not include candy, money or other holiday surprises."

Head said the holiday card campaign is an important way for Hoosiers to say "thank you" for the continued efforts of local troops. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Indiana has deployed more than 14,800 National Guard members

to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"During the holidays, perhaps more than any other time of year, Hoosiers appreciate the heroism of our troops and the sacrifices they make by being away from family and friends," Head said. "My hope is area residents, congregations, veterans and civic organizations join Lt. Gov. Skillman and me in this worthwhile effort to express our state's gratitude and good wishes."

November Is American Diabetes Month

One in 10 U.S. adults has diabetes, a condition that does not allow the body to transform food into energy. Although records of the disease go back 2,000 years, diabetes can often be prevented, it continues to grow. This is why the American Diabetes Association is asking consumers to take action this month and be informed about the disease and prevention. Simple steps like learning about nutrition can help prevent or improve the condition, say ADA experts. Understanding nutrition labels and looking for new products is one important step.

"Today more than ever, food manufacturers are researching and creating new products that are in line with meeting the needs of their consumers," says Ramin Chaffari, vice president research & development for Wells, the largest family-owned and operated ice cream manufacturer in the country. "One trend that consumers are demanding is product offerings that provide low-sugar, low-carb alternatives to their favorite brands."

Consuming sugar and carbohydrates increases the levels of insulin — the hormone responsible for converting food into energy — and fluctuating

insulin levels make people more hungry. Choosing the right products can provide consistent energy throughout the day and prevent overeating.

"Read product labels and pick treats that combine the desired taste with a good nutritional profile," Chaffari says. "Many brands can help you indulge in a smart way: Blue Bunny Ice Cream, for example, won the Diabetic Living Seal of Approval for its Premium Light Vanilla and No Sugar Added Reduced Fat Chocolate ice cream varieties. These products provide an

option not only for those managing a restricted diet but also for anyone who is looking for options that are a healthier alternative to full fat ice cream." Learning to choose snacks like light ice cream, low-fat cheese and dark chocolate are simple but important steps. Below are a few additional ADA tips that can help you start making changes during American Diabetes Month:

- Watch saturated fats: These fats are usually solid at room temperature and are found in animal fats, dairy, coconut and palm oils, and hydrogenated vegetable fats such as vegetable shortening. In most cases, lowering saturated fat contents will reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes.
- Eat often: Eating food to five small meals during the day decreases blood glucose and cholesterol levels. These benefits stem from the continuous absorption of food. Also, eating several small meals a day may decrease your hunger and reduce the number of calories you eat.
- Note folic acid: Folic acid, or folate, is a B vitamin found in green, leafy vegetables. It plays an important role in several chemical processes in the body and helps prevent heart disease.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



In pursuit of slumber

For most of my adult life I've sought after, coveted and yearned for more of it. I've tried numerous tactics, attempted various maneuvers, but always came up short. Seems no matter what I do or how hard I try, I can never get enough sleep.

Like most things in life, I blame this on my kids. On sure, there's been some scheduling issues on my end; my husband and I had the intelligence to spread our offspring out in such a manner that we were either pregnant or with a baby or toddler in the house for 14 consecutive years. I know what you're thinking: What were they thinking?

What can I say? Hindsight is 20/20. The glass is half full. Don't count your chickens (Or would that be sheep?) before they are hatched; and sleep is never, ever over-rated.

Everyone understands you don't sleep well during pregnancy. I can't speak for my husband, but I found the watermelon-like protrusion to be a sleep-inhibitor. Well-intentioned people told me it was the world's way of getting me ready for the baby. What a bunch of hokey. Nothing can get you ready for the real thing. By the time the baby comes and the sleep you got during pregnancy seems Rip Van Winkle-ish.

There are people who will tell you their baby slept through the night starting at 3-days old; I hate them (the parents, not the babies). My babies never slept through the night. They still don't; we'll get to that later.

I'm forced to take responsibility for my state of affairs. It wasn't so much that my babies weren't good sleepers; I was an easy-walker. I segued from rapid eye movement to wide-eyed status at the slightest hiccup or gurgle. I couldn't help myself. If my babies so much as peeped or pooped, I had to get up out of bed to make sure they remained warm, dry and well-fed.

I inadvertently booby-trapped (bad choice of words, sorry) any chance they had of being a baby who slept through the night. This continued for 14 years. Fourteen years. Stop now, repeat the phrase and let the words sink in. Pause, and realize that 14 years ago Justin Bieber was 2-years-old (and probably sleeping through the night, unlike any offspring of mine). Bill Clinton was serving his first term as President, O.J. Simpson was in court with his civil trial. Box office hits included Fargo and Jerry Maguire. Beanie babies were the latest fad. Remember when? Fourteen years is a long time. Even more so when you are not sleeping.

You can imagine my excitement when my last child graduated from the toddler years. (Sigh of relief coupled with sigh of disbelief here.) Everyone in the house was over the age of 3, potty trained, speaking in full sentences and sleeping through the night. All true, except the last part.

There's a downside to spreading your kids throughout an entire decade: once the youngest leaves the toddler years, the eldest has grown into what is commonly known as a teenager.

Teenagers prevent parents from sleeping through the night as surely as babies cry for their blankets. With teenagers, however, the equation shifts. It isn't about waking up in the middle of the night; it's about never going to bed in the first place.

To a teenager, midnight is just the beginning. And, while I may think I am going to go to bed before they do, I habitually find my eyes open and my rapid eye movement halted when they call to tell me they're running late (ring, ring), arrive home (door slam), make pizza at midnight (smoke alarm) or watch a late night movie (volume).

Who am I to complain? I realize it's all in the name of parenting. I signed up for this gig 19 years ago; I've already survived two decades without sleep. If I'm doing my math right, I only have another 10 years to go before my youngest exits the teen years. (I think I can. I think I can. I think I can.)

If the stars align, I might even have grandkids by then. I only hope they come over to spend the night occasionally. I should be so lucky.

Who needs sleep anyway?

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Nicholas Hughes

This weekend, on November 13, we are celebrating National Gaming Day here at the Kewanna Public Library. It is an all-day event. Come in with

your kids and play various board and card games with them. Feel free to bring your own games in or use some of ours. We will have chess/checkers. Candyland. Scrabble, along with many other non-traditional games, such as Flux. This event will also coincide with our usual Magic: The Gathering competition.

Thanksgiving Story Hour will be held here from 1 to 3 pm on November 20th. As before, crafts, games, and stories will be shared in this event for parents and children. Tied to this event, we are collecting food and items for the Kewanna food pantry.

Not-so-coincidentally, we are also running a fine-painting plan. For each item you have overdue fines on, you can bring in a can to forgive those fines. Or bring in one out of the goodness of your heart. Lists of needed items are available at the library front desk. All proceeds will support the local area.

As will all people, I have my faults. And for a librarian, one of them is pretty big. I tend to clump non-fiction books into three basic areas: History, stuff that may eventually help me do a project or achieve a goal, and everything else. It is the weakest of all my areas of expertise. This is a sin in

"Libraryland". Sinner or not, I have done my best here. So, let me give you an idea of the new and interesting from our non-fiction new books.

— **A Hard Day's Write:** The story behind every song written by The Beatles. This book explains the question of why each song was written and where the inspiration came from.

— **Our Gods Wear Spandex:** Everyone remembers comic books from our youth. Christopher Knowles relates the history comics from its roots to the modern day.

— **Punch:** This book explains the history and provides recipes on the original mixed drink.

— **Death of a Pirate:** June 21, 1966, a pirate radio operator was killed in the English countryside. Delving into the outlaw radio stations that survived in the coastal waters of Great Britain, Adrian Johns tells a story of rebellion in an already remarkable decade.

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Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	\$	15,786,638
Agency Balances or Unallocated Surplus	\$	6,627,560
Other assets	\$	4,165,190
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	74,026,744

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	\$	31,950,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	31,950,292
Special Surplus Funds	\$	15
Capital Stock	\$	3,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	7,500,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$	31,625,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	74,026,744

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Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	2,146,431,165
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	625,661,203
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	3,665,030
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	\$	113,074,186
Agency Balances or Unallocated Surplus	\$	366,591,121
Other assets	\$	276,192,060
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	3,533,574,907

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Losses	\$	818,321,661
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	152,461,865
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	665,587,554
Reserve for Taxes	\$	12,263,185
All Other Liabilities	\$	328,751,409
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,975,385,954
Special Surplus Funds	\$	9,613,480
Capital Stock	\$	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	0
Unassigned Surplus	\$	1,548,275,833
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	3,533,574,907

Philip T. Nelson (PRINT NAME) _____ James M. Jacobs (PRINT NAME) _____
President Secretary

Public Notice

NOTICE FOR BID FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF BABCOCK OVERSEER TITLE CASE NO. 8-2010

The Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, will be receiving sealed bids for the Reconstruction of the Babcock Overseer Title being a County Drain until 10:00 A.M. E.S.T. on November 23, 2010 at the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth Street, Suite 021, Rochester, Indiana. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. E.S.T. Any bids received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.

This project consists of the placement of tile runs located in Richland Township, Fulton County, Indiana. Said project will have a total net length of approximately 4,200 feet.

1. Lump Sum bids will be received on said project as provided in the instructions to bidders. All bids shall be in full accordance with the bidding documents consisting of the Notice, Instructions to Bidders, Plans, Profiles, and Specifications, including any amendments, additions or deletions which may be made. All of the above will be filed in the office of the County Surveyor, Fulton County Office Building, Copies are available to contractors at no charge.

3. All proposals or bids shall be addressed to the Fulton County Surveyor, Fulton County Office Building, 28 E. Ninth Street, Suite 021, Rochester, Indiana in a sealed envelope marked "Babcock Overseer". The bid shall be in the amount of \$75,000.00 or more shall be properly and completely executed on the State Board of Accounts Form 36 furnished with the bid. The bidder shall furnish a financial statement as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts when the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more.

4. When the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more, the bidder shall deposit with his proposal a Certified Check made payable to the Fulton County Drainage Board or a Bidder Bond made payable to said Board in the sum of five percent (5%) of the total aggregate bid. Said bidder shall execute a contract in accordance with his bid if accepted by the Board and failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of said five percent (5%) Certified Check or Bidder Bond and also if the successful bidder's aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more he shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond within ten (10) days of notification of acceptance of said bid in the amount of the aggregate bid payable to said Drainage Board. Said bond shall be provided by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Indiana. Final release from said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and payment of all expenses and damages, excluding therefrom including payment to all subcontractors, labor and material.

5. No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids for a period of fifteen (15) days after the date set for the opening of said bids.

6. The Fulton County Drainage Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana by: Roger D. Rose, Chairman; Sherry S. Fulton, Vice Chairman; Stanley Masgrue, Member; Donald Todd, Fulton County Surveyor

Pub. 11-11-10, 11-18, 2010

NOTICE TO FRESHLOMERS OF MILL OREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the term of office of the director representing Area Three presently represented by William (Bill) Friedrich will expire on the date of the ensuing annual meeting of the District in January, 2011. Nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board, resulting from such expiration, are hereby invited. Any person serving Area Three shall be elected for a term of four years.

Each nomination must be submitted to the office of the District at 1452 E. 100 S, Suite G, Rochester, IN 46975. Nominations must be received by December, 2010, and must be signed by at least five freshloomers from the area to be represented by the nominee. Each nominee must have knowledge and experience in the department maintaining the lands of the District. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Mill Creek Conservancy District Bidding, Fred Secrest, Pub. 11-11-2010

NOTICE OF BID FOR PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JOHN M. MILLER TITLE CASE NO. 7-2010

Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, will be receiving sealed bids for the Partial Reconstruction of the John M Miller Title being a County Drain until 10:00 A.M. E.S.T. on Monday, November 29, 2010 at the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth Street-Suite 021, Rochester, Indiana. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. E.S.T. Any bids received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.

1. This project consists of placement of the runs located in Rochester Township, Fulton County, Indiana. Said project will have a total net length of approximately 5150 feet.

2. Lump Sum bids will be received on said project as provided in the instructions to bidders. All bids shall be in full accordance with the bidding documents consisting of the Notice, Instructions to Bidders, Plans, Profiles, and Specifications, including any amendments, additions or deletions which may be made. All of the above will be filed in the office of the County Surveyor, Fulton County Office Building, Copies are available to contractors at no charge.

3. All proposals or bids shall be addressed to the Fulton County Surveyor, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth Street, Suite 021, Rochester, Indiana, in a sealed envelope marked "John M Miller Title". Bids of \$75,000.00 or more shall be properly and completely executed on the State Board of Accounts Form 36 furnished with the bid. The bidder shall furnish a financial statement as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts when the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more.

4. When the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more, the bidder shall deposit with his proposal a Certified Check made payable to the Fulton County Drainage Board, or a Bidder Bond made payable to said Board in the sum of five percent (5%) of the total aggregate bid. Said bidder shall execute a contract in accordance with his bid if accepted by the Board and failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of said five percent (5%) Certified Check or Bidder Bond and also if the successful bidder's aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more he shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond within ten (10) days of notification of acceptance of said bid in the amount of the aggregate bid payable to said Drainage Board. Said bond shall be provided by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Indiana. Final release from said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and payment of all expenses and damages, excluding therefrom including payment to all subcontractors, labor and material.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Kewanna, Indiana on the 16th day of November 2010, at 6:30 p.m. for the following additional appropriations:

- GENERAL Communications \$1,600.00
Holiday Commission \$1,600.00
Total County General \$1,600.00
SPECIAL AGT Special Agent EMS \$73,503.00
Total Special Agent \$73,503.00
RAINY DAY FUND Commissioners, Landfill Site Closure \$50,000.00
Total Rainy Day Fund \$50,000.00
C.E.D.T. FUND Fedco, Consulting Fees \$124,478.00
Total C.E.D.T. Fund \$124,478.00
Total proposed appropriations \$149,601.00
The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

JUDITH A. REED Fulton County Auditor

Pub. 11-11-2010

ADVERTISING CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2010

- Kroger Co. 37.31; A Christopher 139.94; Rochester Telephone Co. 208.81; Smith Office 161.00; 132.88 Streamliner 256.66; United States Post Office 163.88; ...

JUDITH A. REED Fulton County Auditor

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar

Prenatal Class

The next prenatal "mum-class" is Nov 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-964-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date, and telephone number. These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital.

Prenatal classes are offered seven times a year; four sets of Thursday evening classes and three sets of all day Saturday classes.

Auxiliary Christmas Open House

The Auxiliary's Christmas Open House will be Thursday, Nov 18 beginning at 8 am in the Hospital Board Room (near the Specialists' Clinic). If you may pick them up during the Auxiliary Christmas Open House Nov 18 from 10 am to 1 pm ONLY. All money earned from this event will go towards the purchase of a new digital mammography machine.

Breastfeeding Class

The new Breastfeeding Class is scheduled for 10 am to 1:30 pm Saturday, Nov 20, at the Hospital at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The purpose of Breastfeeding Class is to inform you of the benefits of breastfeeding for you and the baby, how to get started, how to maintain your milk supply and how to solve problems that might arise.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-964-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. They will want to know your doctor's name, your due date, and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at PMH. There will be a \$6 charge if you deliver at another hospital. These classes are taught by a Board Certified Lactation Consultant or Lactation Counselor on staff at PMH.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2010 5:30 PM. The Drop in Clinic is completely free and no appointments are needed. Julia Decker, RN, RNC, and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant will staff the clinic.

IURC APPROVES NIPSCO NATURAL GAS RATE SETTLEMENT

Ruling results in overall rate decrease. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved a settlement agreement reached by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and other key customer stakeholders to resolve NIPSCO's pending natural gas rate case.

The settlement was agreed upon on August 24 and was also signed and agreed upon by the NIPSCO Industrial Group, the NIPSCO Marketer Group and Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana.

The settlement slightly decreases overall rates for all NIPSCO natural gas customer classes while providing continued strong support for low-income customer assistance, energy efficiency and conservation programs.

The newly approved gas base rates should be implemented in the November billing cycle and will be reflected in the gas delivery portion of customer bills.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Monday, Nov. 1, Ruth Cogdill welcomed her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy, and her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter of Bluffton. Jane and Jim were home on a seven-day mini-vacation as they are temporarily living in Austin, Texas. The four had a wonderful visit sharing lots of pictures and catching up on all the family news. They also enjoyed carry-outs from the Kibitzer for lunch. Jane had enjoyed trick-or-treating with her children and grandchildren in Ft. Wayne over the weekend.

Pauline Brawn and Julie were in South Bend, Tuesday, Nov. 2. Between medical appointments, they finished the last of their Christmas shopping.

Jessica Teeter of Ft. Wayne hosted a small family gathering Tuesday. Among those joining her for supper were Jessica's parents, Jim and Jane Teeter, who were returning to Texas the following day.

Florence Hogan had a surprise visitor one day last week. Stopping by for a delightful and unexpected family chat was her

granddaughter, Kristin Federer of Seattle, Washington.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Thursday, Nov. 4. Coming over for a visit in the morning was their son, Bruce Scales of Fallon.

Linda Ligocki of Winamac surprised her mother, Ruth Cogdill, Thursday when she came for a afternoon visit. It was great to catch up on all the family news. Linda was leaving later that evening for Indianapolis and then was heading for the West Coast Friday morning.

Well, we knew it would find us eventually; there was just no getting away from it. Snow made its appearance for the first time this season Friday morning, Nov. 5. Most people seem to agree, it does not need to return until Dec. 24, melt off Dec. 26 and not come back.

Jerry and Kay Brown had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with them for a few days to do some deer hunting was their son, Kerry Brown of Connerville.

Phil Newcomer and John Dice of Terre Haute were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Shirley Bussert. Wade Bussert was also a supper guest.

Linda Garner spent Saturday, Nov. 6, with a few ladies in her family. She met her daughter and granddaughters, Missy Young, Kayvin and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile, for a trip to Logansport. They had a fun time doing some Christmas shopping.

Tom and Barb LaFollette spent Saturday in Logansport. Joining them for the day were their daughter and grandson, Karina Bohac and Nick, and their great-grandson, Eli Lopez. They ran some errands, did some shopping and enjoyed lunch together.

Ben Colley had company over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for an overnight visit was her son, Eric Colley of Bartlett, Illinois.

Pauline and Don Scales had visitors Sunday, Nov. 7. Stopping by for a chat and bringing along some goodies were their daughters, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester and Linda Garner.

Helen Whiteman had a few callers Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat was her daughter, Sherri Lett. In the evening, Helen's son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski came over for a visit.

Renee and Eric Colley enjoyed dining at the Kibitzer Sunday afternoon.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had company Sunday. Joining them for some pizza and popcorn and

an afternoon of watching movies were Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Kaye Cunningham, Kara Sanders and Molly Ann Stoudt, Nov. 14; Autumn Mikesell and Stacy Ritter, Nov. 15; Bridgette Bonnell, Justin Bontempo, Patti Bontempo and Brianna Young, Nov. 16; Hanna Adams, Nick Bohac and Caleb Fenstermaker, Nov. 17; Roger Flint, Bonnie Kumlser, Susy Meyer and Dottie Sommers, Nov. 18; and Paul Fraser, Jack Graham, Jordyn Hounscell, Jamie Moss, Noah Parker, Emma Short, Luke J. Sutton, Zach Szmarra and Theresa Urban, Nov. 20.

Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Haltermar will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Nov. 14 and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Donathen will be celebrating theirs Nov. 20.

NIPSCO PROJECTS WINTER HEATING BILLS TO REMAIN LOW

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07 GMC envoy Denali 4x4, 5.3 V8, leather, sunroof, nav., chrome wheels, 6 CD, 34,000 miles.....	\$25,995
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