

KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, December 2, at the town hall, with the president, Jeff Finke, presiding. Others present included council members Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jerry Kay; town superintendent, Mike Noy; assistant fire chief, Larry Baldwin; and representatives from Territorial Engineers, Van Janovic, Don Bizby and Rich Zeigler.

Van Janovic expressed his appreciation to the town council for the opportunity to work with the town on the storm drain project. All parties are pleased with the completion and smooth process that went along with the project. Don Bizby and Rich Zeigler also thanked the town council and presented Superintendent Mike Noy with paper and CD copies of the as-builts for the project. Geiger Excavating will be back in the spring to finish up the landscaping and clean-up for the project.

Ordinance 12022010 "An Ordinance Changing the Time for Elections for the Town of Kewanna" was introduced by title. A motion to suspend the rules and proceed with a second reading was unanimously passed. The ordinance was read a second time by title. A motion was made to proceed with a third reading and the ordinance was subsequently passed. This ordinance will move town elections to the same year as a general election year which will save the town money as it will not have to have off-year elections.

Pay requests No. 6 and 7 to Geiger Excavating and a final pay request from Territorial Engineering were approved for payment.

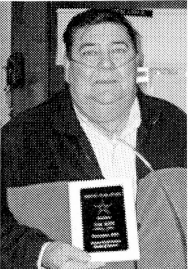
A contract for a curbside recycling grant was signed. A special meeting will be held December 14 to open bids for the collection and disposal of recyclable materials. An executive session was set for December 14 also to discuss personnel issues.

The clerk requested permission to rent a larger bank safe deposit box. The request was approved. The clerk and the council members will have access to the box.

A year-end meeting was set for 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, at the town hall. A resolution determining meeting times and dates for next year will be considered.

Claims against the town, water and sewerage works were approved for payment. Monthly reports were submitted by the marshal, fire department and superintendent.

The marshal's monthly report noted six traffic warnings, two accident reports, 42 calls answered, two vehicle checks and 1,389 miles patrolled. The fire department report revealed six town responses,



Tom Mate of Kewanna recently received a "Shining Star Award" from the Rochester and Lake Manitowish Chamber of Commerce. This is the second time he has received this award. Tom, a local businessman, is head of the Kewanna Fall Festival.

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two fire and four medical, and 11 township responses, eight fire and three medical. That along with two mutual aids and other activities involved a total of 301 man-hours.

The superintendent reported that the new air valve has been installed at the Joe Hoff lift station. B. L. Anderson was in town to work on the water tower control panel, as well as the panels at the well houses. The town was getting false alarms from the well houses to the main panel. Surge protectors were installed on all of the wiring in the panels and there have been no false alarms since. The pump at the No. 1 lift station was pulled and cleaned. The drive way at the old well house was fixed as it was dug up to repair a water line leak. The town's fire hydrants were flushed and pressure readings taken. Water valve lids where black topping was recently completed were checked to be sure they could be gotten into, if needed. The Christmas decorations were put up. The anti-siphon vacuum breaker for the water line that goes to the fluoride tank at the new well house was replaced. The unit malfunctioned causing water to run all over the floor. A new floor drain was installed in the garage to a catch basin at the corner of Aurora and Toner streets. Concrete was poured around the water lines where they come into the town garage. The left front fender was removed from the wrecked red pick-up truck and the bumper was pulled out so the hood will now open. A Christmas wreath was installed at the town hall. The water works pumped a total of 1,282,700 gallons of water during November.

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)

The News in Brief

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host its monthly Christian men's breakfast Saturday, December 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the church annex. All men are welcome to attend the biscuits and sausage gravy event.

The Fulton County Courthouse, County Office Building and the County Extension office will close at noon Friday, December 17, for the employee Christmas party.

The Fulton County Health Department will be open Wednesday, December 22, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. for immunizations, including flu shots. The office is closing early for the Christmas holiday.

Shirley Willard will be at the Fulton County Museum Christmas open house from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 11, to autograph the Rochester pictorial history book. The book contains 230 photos of people, places and events in Rochester from the 1960s to the present and sells for \$21.99. If you already own a copy, you can take it to be signed.

The James F. Talbot VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Christmas party for the youth of the community Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. All children from infants to age 11 are welcome to attend.

Hope Hospice will once again sponsor a memorial Christmas tree at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester. This year, a memorial tree will also be set up at McKinney House in Logansport. For a contribution of \$10 or more, a personalized Christmas ornament will be hung on the trees in honor or in memory of a loved one or special person. Forms are available at First Federal and the hospice office at 1476 W. 18th St. in Rochester or McKinney House in Logansport. Call 674-224-4673 for more information.

The State Budget Agency reported last week that Indiana collected \$49 million more in sales and individual income tax in November than was most recently projected, but collections were still \$2 million less than the amount projected when the budget was passed in June of 2009. In October, tax collections were \$81 million short of what was originally estimated.

Welding classes will be held beginning in February in Winamac for students with no previous experience. There will be two class sessions totaling eight days each. Classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. at Winamac High School. The fee is \$180 and will include a welding packet. To register or for more information the dates, call the Purdue Extension office, 574-

Deduction filing deadline nears

While Indiana's real property owners have until the end of the year to file for property tax deductions, the Fulton county auditor is urging individuals to file as soon as possible.

"With the holiday season and winter weather approaching, property owners should file deduction applications as soon as they are able," said Auditor Judy Reed.

Deduction applications must be completed and dated by December 31, 2010 and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5, 2011 for the taxpayer to receive the eligible deductions on their 2011 property tax bills.

Deduction applications are available at the county auditor's office or they may be downloaded from the Department of Local Government Finance website, <http://www.in.gov/dlgsf/2344.htm>.

In addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements for the desired deduction(s), the applicant for the deduction must own or be buying the property under contract on the date the application is filed in order to receive the deduction.

Persons filing for deductions on annually assessed mobile homes are still required to apply for the deduction during the 12 months before March 31 of each year.

Specific questions about property tax deduction eligibility should be directed to the county auditor. The telephone number is 574-223-2912 and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fulton County Courthouse Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 8 to 4
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A new exhibit scheduled to open at Conner Prairie next summer will depict Morgan's Raid, the only Civil War military activity to take place in Indiana. Morgan's Raid covered 1,000 miles through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio and was the longest sustained cavalry raid of the Civil War.

The 40th annual Twelve Mile Christmas pageant will take place this weekend from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Twelve Mile Park. Visitors can drive or walk through the park at their leisure. The event is free but donations will be accepted and will go to a local organization or a needy family in the community.

The Emergency Management Advisory Board will not meet as scheduled Friday, December 17.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, at the library

Birthday party for Jesus at Church of Christ

Children in the community, ages three through the fifth grade, are welcome to celebrate Jesus' birth Saturday, December 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kewanna Church of Christ. The celebration will include a Bible lesson, crafts, games, singing, lunch and a birthday cake. For more information, call the church at 574-653-2496 or Martha Sheridan at 574-942-2202.

Christmas display

Jerry and Shirley Werner invite everyone to enjoy their outdoor Christmas display which will be lit from 6 to 10 p.m. each evening beginning December 11 through January 1. The Werners live at 10957 W 950 S, southwest of Kewanna. Vehicles may pull in the back drive on 1100 W and made a circle in the barn lot to view the back displays.

Emmas in need of Christmas presents

Emmas Mission Center in Logansport is in need of new, warm clothing for Christmas presents for the shelter residents. Clothing suggestions include sweaters, sweatshirts and pants and flannel shirts for men and women.

The items can be taken to the mission at 805 Spencer Street in Logansport. Ask for Jason, Diane or Linda.

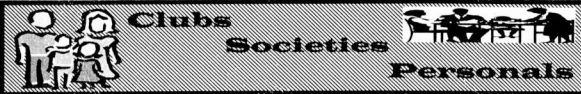
Red Cross blood collection day, December 28

The American Red Cross will conduct another blood drive Tuesday, December 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. Ninth St., Rochester, in Classrooms A & B.

Persons who donate blood from December 6 - 31 will be entered into a weekly region-wide drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card. In addition, all donors from December 20 through January 31 will receive a coupon for a free donut from Dunkin' Donuts.

Planning ahead is one way to take the stress out of holiday gift giving. And, when you plan to give the gift of life through the American Red Cross, you can make the most of your donation experience by following a few simple tips.

Getting a good night's sleep, having a good breakfast or lunch, and drinking extra water and fluids can help ensure a successful blood donation. Donors are also advised to avoid eating fatty foods, and to eat plenty of food rich in iron and Vitamin C in the days leading up to the donation. Wearing comfortable clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow is also recommended. Donating blood is simple and takes about an hour from the time you arrive until the time you leave.



Christmas Open House at Museum
 The Fulton County Museum will hold its annual Christmas Open House on Sat., Dec. 11 from noon to 6 p.m.
 Trees are decorated throughout the museum and refreshments will be available.
 Shitley Willard will be on hand to autograph the "Rochester" A pictorial history during this time. So if you have a book already or still need to purchase one and would like it autographed this is an excellent time to do so. The museum gift shop is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items include books, board game "Heading to Indiana", lots of stocking stuffers & ornaments, etc.
 Farmers Market vendors will be set up from 9 a.m. to noon that weekend as well. They have been setting up every Saturday for the winter market at the museum from 9 a.m. to noon. Items include baked goods, vegetables, jams, noodles, and other craft type items.

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 Call (574) 653-2201 or (574) 653-9052

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Hoosier Cup Gymnastics:
 Dec. 10 - 11 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10. Contact: Linda Barclay (317) 891-8260 or www.hoosiercup.info.
McMiracle on 38th Street:
 Dec. 12 in the Champions Pavilion. The program begins at 2 p.m. Contact: Reginald O. Jones (317) 923-5683 or www.mcmiracle.org.
Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show: Dec. 14 - 16 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Dick Sherman (843) 686-5640 or www.illinoisfarmshow.com.
Salvation Army Toy Shop: Dec. 16 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: by invitation only. Contact: Julia Sloope (317) 637-8551 or www.indyosocialservices.org.
Santa Claus to Town: Dec. 17 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Jenny Sosna (317) 258-3937.
YMCA/U.S. Marine Reserve Corps Toys for Tots Program: Dec. 18 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission: free for pre-registered families. Contact: Urban Mission YMCA (317) 713-8549 or www.loyalstots.com.
Midwest Reptile Show: Dec. 18 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1899 or www.midwestreptile.com.
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AREA FIVE MENU
Kewanna Fire Station
 Monday, Dec. 13 - Smoke sausage sandwich, red skin potatoes, peas, sliced apples and milk.
 Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, pineapple, wheat bread and milk.
 Friday, Dec. 17 - Sliced turkey sandwich with cheese, vegetable soup, cole slaw, hot peaches and nuts. +++
CASTON MENU
 December 13 - 17
Breakfast
 Monday - sausage and cheese sandwich or egg and cheese sandwich with milk.
 Tuesday - breakfast pizza and milk.
 Wednesday - sausage and cheese or egg and cheese sandwich and milk.
 Thursday - pancakes, sausage links and milk.
 Friday - biscuits and gravy and milk.

Monday - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, cookie and milk.
Choice - pulled pork
 Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, lettuce salad, peas and milk. Choice - pepperoni calzone
Wednesday - BBQ rib sandwich, seasoned broasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches and milk. Choice - salad bar or Italian sausage
Thursday - Stromboli sandwich, chips, corn, applesauce and milk. Choice - cook's choice
Friday - Plain or cheese hot dog, potatoes, carrots with dip, cookie and milk. Choice - breaded pork patty

EASTERN PULASKI MENU
 December 13 - 17
Elementary Breakfast
 Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
 Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
 Wednesday - Omelet, juice and milk
 Thursday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk
 Friday - cheese bread stick, juice and milk
Elementary Lunch
 Monday - Ravioli, peas, pears, cheese bread and milk

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Tuesday - cheese bread sticks, green beans and ham, applesauce, cookie and milk
Wednesday - Hamburger sandwich, pickle spear, peaches, cookie and milk
Thursday - Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, mixed fruit, hot roll and milk
Friday - Chicken nuggets, fries, fry bites, peanut butter sandwich and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Breaded chicken sandwich, carrots, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - nacho supreme, chips, corn on the cob, apple juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - corn dog, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - pepperoni pizza, asparagus, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - chicken nuggets, broccoli, donut, peaches and milk. Choice - salad bar. +++

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 26
Births - Dustin and Jenna Leon, Mentone, a daughter
November 29
Admissions - Alice Surface, Akron; Phyllis Hudkins, Rochester; Robert Edwards, Kewanna
Dismissals - Paul Rayl and Alice Surface, Akron; Walter Quier, Macy; Jenna Leon and daughter, Mentone
November 30
Admissions - Barbara Butcher, Rochester; Violet Smothers, Tippencanoe
December 1
Dismissals - Barbara Butcher, Rochester
December 2
Admissions - Dorothy Zartman and Gloria Eaton, Rochester
Dismissals - Robert Edwards, Kewanna
December 3
Admissions - Lena Giarre, Rochester
Dismissals - Colton Sheline, Rochester; Violet Smothers, Tippencanoe

D. Smith, who survives.
A 1969 graduate of Winamac Community High School, he worked as a quality engineer at the Brauer Corporation in Winamac for 36 years, a job he truly loved.
Tom was a devoted husband and father who loved his Mustang and his dog, Belle. He was a NASCAR and auto racing fan as well as a huge Colts fan. He enjoyed nature, riding his tandem bike with his wife and vacationing. He was also an assistant RC car leader for 4-H. Tom celebrated his life with family and friends at a surprise party on his 59th birthday in August.
Survivors include his wife, Kimberly D. Hoover, Star City; two sons, Garret O. Hoover and Kohl T. Hoover, Star City; a sister, Patsy Novitski and her husband Ed, Indianapolis; and a sister-in-law, Sue Hoover, Tampa, Florida.
He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Larry "Tex" Hoover and his best friend, Tony Meyer.
There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be sent to the family for Kohl's college expenses.
Fun Home in Winamac was in charge of arrangements.

nature, hunting and tinsing and was a member of the National Rifle Association. He also enjoyed cooking, but spending time with his family was most important to him.
Survivors include his mother, Penny Wells and her husband, William "Butch" of El Mirage, Arizona; his father, Randy Ogle, Kewanna; his fiancé, Kayla Escobar, Rochester, and their children, Lillian "Beans", Isaiah "Teak", and Jacob "Mouth"; his paternal grandparents, Dick and Darlene Ogle, Rochester; a nephew, Demetri Ogle White, Phoenix, Arizona; two cousins, Shelley Schilling and Cearra Castleman, both of Kokomo; an uncle, Neal Easterday, Rochester; and an aunt and uncle, Dobbie Kirk and her husband, Charles, Rochester; as well as numerous other aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by a brother, Chance W. Ogle, on October 29, 2002.
A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2010, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends visited with the family prior to the services. Interment will be in the Fulton Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtccol.com.

Mikesell, 75, North Manchester. The former Kewanna resident died Monday, November 29, 2010 at Fort Wayne V.A. Medical Center.



MARY AILEEN "BENNY" MAYNARD

Mary Aileen "Benny" Maynard, 77, Rochester, passed away at 9:29 a.m. Sunday, December 5, 2010, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.
Born March 2, 1933 in Lundale, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late John and Pearl (Shillings) Chapman. She married William L. Maynard March 27, 1958 and he preceded her in death on April 13, 1993.
A graduate of Man High School in Man, West Virginia, she was a graphic artist who formerly

worked at E. R. Moore and Motorola in Chicago. She retired from Riley's Graphic Arts in Elgin, Illinois. Her hobbies included remodeling homes and making "living dolls".
Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Pearl Maynard of Kewanna; and four brothers, Cecil Chapman and his wife Eva of Seattle, Washington, Harold Chapman and his wife Beulah of Chicago, James Chapman and his wife Sharon of Kewanna and John Chapman and his wife Pat of Carpentersville, Illinois.
She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Sam Maynard El Hasen; sisters, Pauline and Dolores Chapman; and brothers, Samuel "Bekkie" and Clyde Chapman.
Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010 at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Jason See officiating. Burial will be in the Bruce Lako Cemetery.
A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 9, at the funeral home.
Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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To Reserve the Fire Dept. Community Room Call Bev Baldwin at 574-635-2622 evenings
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DEATHS.....

THOMAS O. HOOVER
Thomas O. Hoover, 8046 South 400 East, Star City, passed away at 8:55 p.m. Friday, November 26, 2010 in Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.
He was born August 6, 1951 in Logansport to William Owen Hoover, and Emma Ine Ringen Hoover. He was married December 17, 1982 in Kewanna to the love of his life, Kimberly

CASSIDY WAYNE OGLE
Cassidy Wayne Ogle, 29, 6303 South 400 West, Kewanna, passed away Monday, November 29, 2010 at his residence. He was born May 13, 1981 in Rochester to Randy and Penny Easterday Ogle and was a lifetime resident of Fulton County.
A 1999 graduate of Rochester High School, he was a concrete finisher with Ogle Concrete. An outdoorsman, he enjoyed



MARVIN A. MIKESELL
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, Kewanna, for Marvin A.

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SIXTY YEARS AGO
December 15, 1950

Rev. Charles Roberts, pastor of the Grace Creek EUB Church, reports a very large attendance for the morning and afternoon services at their recent homecoming and church rededication. There were several out-of-town visitors.

Cars driven by Everett Jester, 52, Kewanna, and Donald Doering, 22, Rt. 2, Akron, collided at 4th and Main in Rochester Friday afternoon. Both drivers and the two passengers in the Jester auto escaped injury.

Edgar J. Rans, Kewanna, was hit coming and going last Friday morning in an accident two miles north of Logansport. Rans, who was headed south, was hit in the side by a car coming from a crossroad. His car came to a stop in the southbound lane but icy road conditions caused cars approaching to have a chain reaction accident which also involved the Rans vehicle. An estimated \$2,100 worth of damage was done to the four cars involved in the pile up.

George Hendrickson, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been elected recording secretary of Alpha Phi Omega Boy Scout fraternity at Indiana University. George is a senior at IU.

Betty Louise Knicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knicker, Kewanna, and Harold T. Hickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hickle, Kewanna, are planning a Christmas holiday wedding to be held December 24 in the home of the bride's parents with Rev. Joseph Dux officiating.

John Urbin of Guy Urbin Auto Co. in Kewanna reports that well over 500 people attended the premier showing of the 1951 Chevrolet last Saturday. He also stated that viewers consumed seven pounds of coffee and 36 dozen donuts.

Trucks driven by Earl Bowton of Lake Bruce and Everett McVay collided at 8:45 a.m. last Saturday at the east edge of Grass Creek.

The Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Elmer Seidel with 36 present for a Christmas party. Contests were held with prizes going to Mrs. Louis Welsh and Mrs. Charles Corsaut.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 15, 1955

Two persons were injured Sunday about 9:45 a.m. in a two-car accident just west of Kewanna on the old Winamac road. Marie Ellen Heeter, 12, Star City, a passenger in a 1955 Ford driven by her father, Eli Heeter, was taken to Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester for treatment of a fractured left leg and Sophia J. Bauman, 54, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was treated by a Kewanna physician for a severe head injury.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Brookston for Kay Louise Wynkoop, age 7. Her death occurred in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, following surgery. She was the daughter of Robert and Pauline Wynkoop. The family resided here while Mr. Wynkoop operated the drug store.

Twenty-six relatives and friends surprised Mrs. Ida Hizer

in her home Sunday in honor of her birthday. After a carry-in dinner, the time was spent socially. She received several nice gifts.

Mrs. Harry Kreamer entertained Monday evening in honor of her husband's birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Kubicki of Plymouth, John Harris, Mary Crump and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kreamer and family.

Word has been received by John Lisey Sr. of Kewanna that his granddaughter, Charlene Lisey, six-year-old daughter of John Lisey Jr. of Philadelphia, had her left arm amputated at Thanksgiving. The amputation was due to a tumor of the bone.

John Eynheart of Chicago and Tom Eynheart and Dorothy Kaley of South Bend spent Sunday in the Oscar Eynheart home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Fisher and sons, Mrs. Lee Ingram, Mrs. Luther Bussert, Mrs. John Agnew, Mrs. Dale Felts and Mrs. Howard Hickle attended the funeral of Kay Wynkoop in Brookston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumber, Robert and Richard, and Mrs. Lela Tomlinson attended a Christmas concert at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis Monday evening. The concert was presented by a choral group made up of nurses and student nurses, all in uniform. Pat Kumber is a student nurse at the hospital.

Kent Cook celebrated his sixth birthday at a party Saturday afternoon. Guests included Jackie Urbin, Ricky Weller, Larry Baldwin, Johnny Vigus, Carl Lee Evans, Johnny Agnew, Jimmy Ley, Herbie Zellars and Bobby Best.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
December 15, 1960

Final rites were held Wednesday in the Harrison Funeral Home for Ensl B. DeVault, 87. His death occurred Monday in the Huffman nursing home in Logansport. He was a retired attorney and had practiced law here for several years until his retirement in 1957.

Donald R. Smith, Three Oaks, Michigan, arrived December 12 to take over operation of The Observer.

Susan Donathen, Kewanna, entered Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox Sunday for an appendectomy.

Saw mill tools and equipment were taken from the Robert Young farm, Rt. 3, Logansport. Owners of the stolen material are Francis Stevens of Letters Ford and Earl Hamm of Kewanna.

Martha Ann Cook was honored at a birthday dinner at the home of Polly Clark in Rochester Monday, December 12. Guests were Florence Baldwin, Barbara Weller, Virginia Agnew, Willeta Wilson and Doris Vigus.

The following college students will spend their vacations at home - Bill Harris, Jerry Hiland, Sandra Miller, Pat Friedrich and Richard Fields of Ball State; Bill and Barry Wenz, Jim Hiland, Bob Lord and Steve Ley of Purdue; and Albert Brooks of Valparaiso University.

Maurna Masterson was hostess at a surprise dinner party in honor of Betty Lyon who is moving to California. Attending were the girls in the seventh grade class, except for Susan Donathen, who could not attend because of illness.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 16, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeWitt, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Elizabeth Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chizum of Kewanna are the grandparents.

The Kewanna Indians won its fifth straight basketball game Saturday defeating Tyner, 85-42. Scoring in double figures for the Indians were Jim Talbot with 18, Steve Byfield with 16 and Ken Robbins with 14.

The Oddfellows Lodge has been improved with the installation of drapes at both the lodge hall and dining room windows. The Kewanna Rebekahs sponsored a turkey and carry-in supper Monday evening for the families. There were about 50 in attendance.

The Bruce Lake Community Circle will meet in the church basement for its annual family night carry-in supper and Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. December 16. Mrs. William Pickens and Mrs. Frank Hudkins will be in charge of the gift exchange. The dining room committee includes Mrs. Fred Stungley, Mrs. Beryl Eber and Mrs. Clayton Brown.

A bridal shower was held Sunday afternoon, December 4, at the home of Mrs. Theo Urbin for Miss Barbara Troutman, bride-elect of Merle Pell of Brazil, IN.

Richard Craffis, Kewanna, a junior at Taylor University, has been named vice president of Alpha Phi Iota, a pre-medical and pre-dental club at the college. A pre-med student, Rich is also a dorm counselor, program chairman of T-Club and a member of the cross country and track teams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craffis, Kewanna.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
December 11, 1980

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church for Frances Bucinski, 90, Kewanna. Mrs. Bucinski died Saturday at a hospital in Venice, Florida. Survivors include two sons, Leo, of Rt. 3, Kewanna, and Walter of Chicago; and two daughters, Gussie Grobman, Rt. 5,

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ASSETS OF COMPANY				LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS				
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	211,724,425	Reserve for Losses	\$	78,659,179	Special Surplus Funds	\$	556,301
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	0	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	14,680,886	Capital Stock	\$	3,500,000
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	80,075,179	Good Paid-up and Contributed Surplus	\$	119,644,173
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0	Reserve for Taxes	\$	2,193,700	Unassigned Surplus	\$	(13,876,280)
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	18,472,344	All Other Liabilities	\$	11,669,374	Surplus on reprints Policyholders	\$	109,824,194
Agency Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	53,813,902	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	187,218,327	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	297,042,521
Other assets	\$	297,042,521						
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	297,042,521						

Signature: *Shuart Blain Parker* (President) and *Steven Alan Bennett* (Secretary)

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ASSETS OF COMPANY				LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS				
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	741,992,728	Reserve for Losses	\$	702,142,521	Special Surplus Funds	\$	10,040,752
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	127,814,000	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	95,888,422	Capital Stock	\$	3,500,000
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	85,181,178	Good Paid-up and Contributed Surplus	\$	99,941,000
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0	Reserve for Taxes	\$	13,190,825	Unassigned Surplus	\$	292,781,453
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	5,657,643	All Other Liabilities	\$	26,123,948	Surplus on reprints Policyholders	\$	407,061,240
Agency Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	14,406,362	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	922,658,494	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	1,329,122,134
Other assets	\$	390,661,131						
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,329,122,134						

Signature: *Thomas A. Botichio* (President) and *David M. Greenbaum* (Secretary)

"LOOKING BACK"

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Winamac, and Stella Scagleone, Chicago.

The Kewanna Indians won a thrilling game, 51-49, over visiting Huntington Catholic Friday evening at Culver on a 32-foot desperation shot by Ryan Hall. The excitement turned to despair Saturday evening, however, as the Indians fell to host, Marion Bennett, 83-36.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hall, Kewanna, will be guests of honor at an open house Sunday in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. The open house will be hosted by their children, Lisa Plantz of near Leiters Ford; Mark, Kewanna; and Rodney, Ryan and Gary, all at home.

Wilma DeWitt, Kewanna, has been named a correspondent for Co-Ed Magazine for the 1980-81 school year. Wilma is a senior at Kewanna and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene DeWitt.

Tina Renate Montz, daughter of Victor and Renate Montz, was featured as the senior class Who's Who for Kewanna High School.

A son, Ryan Edgar Baker, was born Saturday morning, December 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker, Rt. 2, Kewanna, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces. The mother is the former Denise Kline of Leiters Ford, Mrs. Jesse Vice of Rt. 3, Rochester, is the maternal grandmother and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker, Rt. 1, Kewanna. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burrough of Rt. 3, Rochester, are the maternal great-grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker of Royal Center are the paternal great-grandparents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 13, 1990

Fifteen-month-old Lacey and six-year-old Ashley Barge are this week's "Tomorrow's Leaders". They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barge, Kewanna. Mrs. Barge is the former Julie Markley, Ashley is a kindergarten student at Winamac Elementary.

Kewanna post office employees, retirees and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas

party Friday, December 7, at the Elks Lodge in Rochester. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gulliland, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zartman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rentscher, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cessna, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kegarse.

Infant Sable Roudeshush was pictured with four preceding generations, her father Kerry Roudeshush of Fort Wayne; her grandmother, Caro (Railey) Johnson of Indianapolis; her great-grandmother, Mattie Railey of here; and her great-great-grandmother, Rosa MacLain, also of Kewanna.

The Kewanna Fire Department recently added three new members, James Hines, Rev. Bryan Ton and Steve Handschu.

Seven members of the local fire department recently received their state certification as second class firefighters. They are Fred Bauman, Jay Cunningham, Dan Barge, Larry Baldwin, Chuck Baldwin, Larry Kimble and Church Lewark. ***

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



This photo is from the pictorial history of Rochester in the chapter "Cars Trains and Airplanes." The last passenger train left Rochester on January 6, 1970, from the Erie Depot. There was only one passenger on the train: Mike Yates, a Culver Military student. The depot now belongs to Wilson Elevator. The track was laid c. 1880 and was double tracked in 1912-14. Erie Lackawanna went bankrupt in 1976 and much of the track was removed in 1980.

The author, Shirley Willard, will be at the Christmas Open House to sign autographs and sell books at the Fulton County Museum this Saturday Dec. 11 from 1 to 6 p.m. The book has

230 photos and sells for \$22. People who have already purchased books are welcome to bring them to be photographed free too.

The museum will also feature music played by local people on the baby grand piano that was at the Colonial Hotel. Free refreshments and lots of Christmas lights and decora-

tions can be enjoyed. The museum gift shop has many items made by local people for sale.

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ASSETS OF COMPANY	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 45,868,616
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Collateral Loans (Schedule C)	\$ 0
Cash and Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 32,421,114
Agents balances or Uncollected premiums	\$ 43,554,210
Other Assets	\$ 54,164,281
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 179,008,521
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 0
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 0
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 0
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 12,924
All Other Liabilities	\$ 120,498,974
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 120,511,898
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 0
Capital Stock	\$ 4,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 33,713,721
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 17,782,962
Surplus as regards to Policyholders	\$ 55,496,623
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 179,008,521
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ASSETS OF COMPANY	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 291,609,005
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 30,627,659
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 17,845,488
Agents balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 7,843,114
Other Assets	\$ 13,856,984
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 361,212,150
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 138,290,540
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 36,937,595
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 65,069,995
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 2,216,538
All Other Liabilities	\$ 22,296,572
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 262,811,240
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 2,500,000
Capital Stock	\$ 35,990,272
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 59,910,638
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 98,450,910
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 361,212,150
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Every Tuesday the PCPL in Winamac offers Toddler Time from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and After School Superstars or Family Movie Night at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call 574-946-3432.

Every Wednesday the PCPL in Winamac offers Toddler Time from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and a Pokémon League at 4:00 p.m. For more information please call 574-946-3432.

Every Thursday the PCPL in Winamac offers Family Game Night from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 574-946-3432.

The PCPL in Medaryville has Toddler Time every other Friday at 2:00 p.m. and After School Superstars or Home-School Lesson at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 219-843-3021.

Every Saturday the PCPL in Winamac offers a Story Hour from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Medaryville 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call 946-3432 (Winamac) and 219-843-3021 (Medaryville).

The 3rd Wednesday of every month the PCPL in Winamac

offers a Home-School lesson at 2:00 p.m. For more information please call 574-946-3432.

Christmas Carols w/ David Norris on Tuesday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m. For more information please call 574-946-3432.

Missisa Poor will be here to demonstrate how to make Handmade Bookmarks on Wednesday, December 15th at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 574-946-3432.

John Saas will be here to talk about his trip to Africa on Monday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m. For more information please call 574-946-3432.

Christmas Carols w/ David Norris will be back to do an encore on Tuesday, December 21st at 3:00 p.m. For more information, call 574-946-3432.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Bill Hertler



the least bit timid) - had fluffy, medium length fur that just happened to be... well... black.

When I lifted her in my arms, she ruzzled into my sweater and it was love at first purr (for me at least). After a quick call to confer with my husband about the slight discrepancies between the black and the kitten I'd found, I went out to my car to get the box.

Gertrude is not what we planned. In fact, in some ways, she is exactly the opposite. Life can be like that: the more you grapple for control, the more unpredictable it becomes.

I learned this the hard way. When I was expecting my first child, I remembered - as an eldest child myself - always wanting an older brother. So, I hoped for a boy; I got a girl. Once I had a daughter, I longed to give her a sister. Instead I delivered three (consecutive) brothers.

One could say I never got what I wanted. Truth is, I got exactly what was right. I can't imagine wanting anything different now.

To make a short story long, our family has a new black kitten named Gertrude. She's nothing like we envisioned, but that's okay because in lots of ways she's even better. After years and years of practice, I think I've finally realized that's what life and family (and improv) are all about.

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A new baby and the art of improv

It's been nearly a decade since we welcomed a new baby into our house. I'd forgotten how funny-hurvy life becomes with late night feedings, the baby crying, poo and pee in unlikely places and, of course, sleep deprivation.

After four kids and two decades on the job as parent, I've decided having a baby in our house is akin to a stand-up comedy routine; it involves a lot of improvisation and thinking on your feet. A new baby will take your ordinary and organized adult life and turn it into an unpredictable and rather messy affair.

In the last few days, our new baby (we named her Gertrude) has reminded us of this. Like all babies, she is cute, cuddly and hasn't yet learned to sleep through the night. Unlike our other babies, she won't enter kindergarten in five years. Gertrude is a kitten.

My husband and I decided to surprise our youngest son with the tiny feline as a gift for his ninth birthday. We rationally discussed the logic of a kitten and what it would bring to our lives. We explored specifics, so we'd recognize the perfect one when the time came.

"It has to have short hair," my husband said. He made a sweeping motion with his hand, gesturing toward the dog hairs (coming out of our yellow lab) permeating every crack, crevice, flat surface and piece of furniture within our house. I understood his logic.

We've been cat owners before. The one female we had was painfully shy and much too

timid. The male cats we've known possessed bolder personalities and were less likely to be afraid of living with a large yellow Labrador retriever. We reasoned a male cat would be best for our household.

"Gray would be a nice color, or calico," my husband continued. "We don't want a black cat."

I nodded in agreement, thinking about how all our furniture is light brown. Black cat hairs would stand out like a beacon.

And so it went, until we had a specific recipe for a new kitten down pat. Written in ink (blue, not black), The permanent link.

The next day I made a trip to the animal shelter, to take a preliminary look at the kittens. I brought along a box - with blanket and lid - just in case. You know.

I don't need to tell you how this turned out. I already let the cat out of the bag about our new kitten's name. You don't have to be a veterinarian linguist (yeah, I made that up) to realize Gertrude is clearly not male.

I don't need to add that one of the kittens available for adoption - crying in her cage, begging to be taken out and held (and not



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ASSETS OF COMPANY		LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 764,716,867	Reserve for Losses	\$ 862,988,463
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 707,516,316	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 169,021,309
Multiple Lines on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 84,382,320	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 298,141,192
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 48,038,055	Reserve for Taxes	\$ 10,179,890
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	\$ 192,398,653	All Other Liabilities	\$ 119,716,431
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 300,240,299	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,280,929,645
Other assets	\$ 2,117,299,160	Special Surplus Funds	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,117,299,160	Cash on Hand	\$ -
		Goodwill and Contributed Surplus	\$ 856,363,115
		Unassigned Surplus	\$ -
		Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 856,363,115
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 2,117,299,160

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ASSETS OF COMPANY		LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 332,473,722	Reserve for Losses	\$ 42,965,247
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 12,806,486	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 3,529,229
Multiple Lines on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ -	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 23,016,487
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ -	Reserve for Taxes	\$ 2,273,143
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	\$ 5,365,243	All Other Liabilities	\$ 7,364,288
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 16,458,767	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 59,147,414
Other assets	\$ 7,748,521	Special Surplus Funds	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 235,789,289	Cash on Hand	\$ 5,000,000
		Goodwill and Contributed Surplus	\$ 5,200,000
		Unassigned Surplus	\$ 125,943,375
		Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 136,647,375
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 235,789,289

Charles Podowski
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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

Nicholas Hughes

Our Christmas Storytime program will be on December 18, here at the Kewanna Union Township Public Library. Stories, crafts, and fun will be had for all. In preparation for this event, we are running a hat, scarf, and glove drive at the library. Bring in donations and, much as was done with our successful food drive, they will be given out to local families.

There will be gaming at the library this weekend. Magic tournament starts at noon, while our numerous card and board games will be available all day. Children in and play. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend.

Our grand announcement this week relates to our collection. First, the new Tom Clancy has arrived. Yes, that is the Tom Clancy and it pertains to his first novel in ten years. Normally, I would have already jumped at this, but I am still behind and need to finish the last three novels he wrote. So, as I write this, it is on our shelves. Come in and check it out. And if you finish it in less than two weeks, get a prize. The prize is a look of shock and awe from me.

Also, we have started adding certain television shows and series to the collection. As of right now, we have the Little House on the Prairie, Big Bang Theory, and the two HBO collections of Band of Brothers and The Pacific. This is in addition to our ever expanding movie collection. More will be coming soon, so if you have any requests, let us know.

In addition to these items, I wish to mention that the Christmas books are out. Adult, children's, and non-fiction books and movies are on display throughout the library, including in our new book section. If you have any Christmas interest or need the books are here. That is all from here. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you as you visit the library.

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Kewanna Locals

We are now down to nine hours of sunlight per day; and Eagle River, Alaska is down to five hours per day. Only two days left until the days start getting longer. Dec. 22 is not getting here fast enough!

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Martha Ann Cook, Haley Evers, Bob Chresta and Zach Wasserman, Dec. 12; Max Bauman, Judy Collins and Tom Johnson, Dec. 13; Jane Arend, Gene DeWitt, Riky Hicks, David Leazenby and Keilah Sutton, Dec. 14; Wes Hickle, Dec. 15; Clarissa Baker and Jim Hickle, Dec. 16; Teresa Conner, Marvin Engle, Tom Garner, James Peary and Janine Smith, Dec. 17; and Barrett Brown, Christopher Baldwin, Nancy Luketch and Carson Paulk, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

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State Sen. Randy Head to serve on four key Senate standing committees

President Pro Tem David Long has appointed Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport) to serve on four key Senate standing committees.

Long (R-Fort Wayne) appointed Head to serve on the Senate Committees on Elections, Judiciary, Public Policy, and Tax and Fiscal Policy. He will also serve as chair of the Courts and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee.

Lawmakers formally organized for the 2011 legislative session on Nov. 16. They will reconvene on Jan. 5.

"Senator Head's expertise as an attorney and his legislative background allows him to help tackle complex issues while considering all points of view," Long said. "I am confident this blend will serve Hoosiers well as he continues to work on important issues facing our state."

Long said Senate leaders worked once again in bipartisan fashion to "combine lawmakers' talents and passions" to help Indiana move forward on a variety of key issues, including passing a balanced budget, avoiding tax hikes, promoting economic development and job creation, improving education and developing a fair redistricting plan for legislative and congressional districts.

Introduced legislation often impacts various policy matters of state government, Long said. However, he offered snapshots of what issues Head's committees generally address each legislative session:

Elections: Considers legislation aimed at maintaining comprehensive standards that promote accessibility and equality of voting and voter registration systems while sustaining fair and equitable election law and other related issues.

Judiciary: Reviews legislation relating to Indiana's courts, the legal professions, criminal and civil law and procedure, law enforcement, personal rights, succession and probate law and administrative code.

Public Policy: Oversees the state's alcohol and gaming policies, including oversight of casinos, the horse racing industry and the lottery, as well as a wide range of other issues.

Tax & Fiscal Policy: Examines state tax policy relating to sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and other revenue-raising measures. Also reviews K-12 and higher education funding and tax credits for business and industry.

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Letter To The Editor

December 7, 2010
Dear Editor

"Is the season and everyone is searching for gift ideas that don't break the bank. Despite the half-off or early-bird sales, many people struggle to find the perfect gift.

At the American Red Cross, we're asking people to forget

the sales - for just a day - and to choose to help save a life instead. You see, a donation of blood or platelets this holiday season is the perfect gift. The one that saves the day and helps give hospital patients in need the most precious gift of all life.

We're hoping you can encourage members of your community to give that perfect gift through blood or platelets donations with the American Red Cross. In the next few weeks, we'll be sending you information on blood drives in your area, as well as news on holiday promotions. We'll also be available to answer any questions you may have about the need for blood and platelets—particularly during this time of year.

If you have the opportunity to help us spread the word about the need for blood during the holidays, we encourage you to visit redcrossblood.org/theperfectgift and take a quick video about The Perfect Gift.

So, as you plan your holiday parties, promotions and festivities, please consider setting aside some time for a word or two about the gift of life. Please contact me our communications department at (260) 480-8207 if you have any questions or wish to discuss additional ways we can partner together.

Thank you, and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Sincerely,

Sharyn Whitman
Chief Executive Officer
Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region
American Red Cross

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Rep. Gutwein Named to Serve on Three Committees

Taking the lead on unemployment and labor issues

Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) appointed Rep. Doug Gutwein (R-Pranceville) as Chairman of the Employment, Labor and Pension Committee for the 11th Indiana General Assembly. Rep. Gutwein has served as a member on the House committee since 2008.

In an announcement made today by Speaker Bosma, Rep. Gutwein was also appointed to serve on: Veterans Affairs and Public Safety and Agriculture and Rural Development.

"Having served in the military, my committee placement is a good fit. It's an honor to be selected to serve both committees in addition to my Chairmanship" said Rep. Gutwein. "So I appreciate the Speaker and our leadership for my appointments to these committees. I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities it will bring." In addition to his involvement with the House Employment, Labor and Pension Committee, Rep. Gutwein has also served on the Family, Children and Human Affairs Committee.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Rochester, Indiana will receive bids for the COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, INDIANA. Bids will be received at the City Hall, 320 North Main Street,

P.O. Box 10, Rochester, Indiana 46775, until 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 14, 2010. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the City Council meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M., December 14, 2010 at the City Hall, 320 North Main Street, Rochester, Indiana.

All bids must conform to the specifications and be submitted on forms prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Account.

The Kewanna Town Council reserves the right to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bid. The Rochester City Council also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications are available at the City Hall, 320 North Main Street, Rochester, Indiana.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Fulton, Indiana will receive bids for the COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE TOWN OF FULTON, INDIANA. Bids will be received at the Town Hall, 507 North SR. 25, P.O. Box 15, Fulton, Indiana 46931, until 7:00 P.M. local time, December 14, 2010. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Town Council meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M., December 14 at the Town Hall, 507 North SR. 25, Fulton, Indiana.

All bids must conform to the specifications and be submitted on forms prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Account.

The Fulton Town Council reserves the right to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bid. The Fulton Town Council also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications are available at the Town Hall, 507 North SR. 25, Fulton, Indiana.

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Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Kewanna, Indiana will receive bids for the COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE TOWN OF KEWANNA, INDIANA. Bids will be received at the Town Hall, 208 S. Logan, P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, Indiana 46939, until 4:00 P.M. local time, December 14, 2010. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Special Town Council meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M., December 14 at the Town Hall, 301 S. Logan, Kewanna, Indiana.

All bids must conform to the specifications and be submitted on forms prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Account.

The Kewanna Town Council reserves the right to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bid. The Kewanna Town Council also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications are available at the Town Hall, 308 S. Logan, Fulton, Indiana.

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Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Akron, Indiana will receive bids for the COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE TOWN OF AKRON, INDIANA. Bids will be received at the Town Hall, 206 W. Rochester Street, P.O. Box 218, Akron, Indiana 46911, until 7:00 P.M. local time, December 21, 2010. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Town Council meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M., December 21 at the Town Hall, 206 W. Rochester Street, Akron, Indiana.

All bids must conform to the specifications and be submitted on forms prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Account.

The Akron Town Council reserves the right to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bid.

Specifications are available at the Town Hall, 206 W. Rochester Street, Akron, Indiana.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Renee Colley was busy Thanksgiving weekend. She spent an enjoyable Thursday with her friend, Dick Fedorchak, and his sister and brother-in-law, Raeanth and Jim Ringer. Saturday, Nov. 27, she hosted the Colley Thanksgiving gathering. Her guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were her son and grandchildren, Eric Colley, Nathan and Meghan, of Bartlett, Illinois; her sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and John Zupanic of Crown Point; her sister-in-law, Glennetta Cosby of Chicago; her brother-in-law and his wife, Wade and Betty Colley of Grant Park, Illinois; and Dick Fedorchak.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Monday evening, Nov. 29. She had an exciting time attending the high school girls' basketball game. Her great-granddaughter, Whitney Hook, is a player for Winamac.

Julie Brown was in Granger Tuesday, Nov. 30. She enjoyed an afternoon visit with her uncle, Ernie Brown.

Ruth Cogdill had two surprise visitors Tuesday. Her brother, David Norris, was the first to stop in to see her. He presented her with a very special book of letters. He had made two copies of family friend, Wilmer Schrum's, World War II letters. He gave one book to Ruth and presented the other one to Dixie Schrum of Rensselaer later that afternoon. Also dropping by was Ruth's daughter, Linda Ligocki of Winamac. Ruth, Linda and David had a wonderful visit before David had to leave for Chicago, Illinois.

Barb LaFollette and Renee Colley were near Rochester Tuesday evening. They were among those who attended the benefit dinner for Tanner Henderson. The meal was a Haps Chicken Bash and held at the Fulton County Historical Museum.

Don and Pauline Seales arrived home to a very pleasant surprise Wednesday, Dec. 1. Waiting for them after their trip to Logansport were their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia

City. The Heidens had prepared lunch and were keeping it warm in anticipation of the Seales' return. Following the meal, the family enjoyed an afternoon of visiting. Joining them later for a chat was the Seales' son, Bruce Seales of Fulton.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors Wednesday. Coming over in the evening for a chat were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski. During their visit, Kevin and Monica decorated the inside of Helen's house for Christmas.

Ruth Cogdill celebrated her "Thanksgiving" over the weekend. Three of her children were home to see her. Her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeeter, had flown home from Texas in the middle of the week. Jane came Friday evening, Dec. 3, to see her mother. Arriving after Jane was her sister, Linda, and the three ladies had a wonderful evening of visiting.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had working visitors Saturday, Dec. 4. Arriving early to help make holiday cookies and candy were their daughter and grandson, Karina Bohac and Nick of Rochester. Karina returned the following evening to help bag up the goodies.

Saturday morning, Ruth Cogdill and Jane Teeeter welcomed Jane's brother, Tim Cogdill of Macy. The threesome enjoyed a great morning of visiting over a couple pots of coffee. Jane and her husband, Jim, were heading back to Texas

workers Christmas party. Lindsay Loehmer and ??? of Monterey were the guests of honor at a baby shower Sunday, Dec. 5. The event was held at the Knights of Columbus in Winamac. Among the many ladies in attendance to supply her with advice and lots of gifts were: her great-grandmother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; her grandmother, Kay Brown; and her great-aunt, Evelyn Peters.

Florence Hogan had a couple of visitors Sunday. Coming up for a visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette.

Tom and Barb LaFollette

enjoyed spending Sunday with their friends, Tom and Shirley Miller. The LaFollettes treated the Millers to dinner at the Red Lobster restaurant in Kokomo in honor of Tom M.'s upcoming 75th birthday.

Pauline and Don Seales had a couple of callers Sunday. Coming over in the evening for a chat were their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Cindy Wiese and Ally. The Wieses had brought some goodies for the Seales to enjoy.

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