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## KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, March 5, at the town hall meeting room, 308 S. Logan St. Those in attendance included council members, Jeff Finke, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; town clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; assistant fire chief, Tony Pesaresi; town marshal, Dennis Price; Jon Sailors, Jr. Kyle Bowyer, Jamie Shafer and Cliff Bragdon.

The minutes of the February regular meeting were read and approved.

Marshal Price submitted his February report which noted three traffic warnings, four accident reports, 42 calls answered and 1,322 miles patrolled. Marshal Price and deputies, Danny Winter and Jon Sailors, Jr., attended state mandated training at Grissom on February 24. Price reported that the department's squad vehicle needs new tires. He will obtain quotes and present them at the next council meeting. Price also submitted a list of items Deputy Sailors will need for the police academy physical fitness agility testing on April 3.

Tony Pesaresi submitted the fire department's February report. The department responded to four alerts within the Kewanna corporate limits, all medical, and four alerts in the township, also all medical. Pesaresi reported on the cost of the new air conditioner being installed at the fire station. He noted that Fire Chief Jay Cunningham will serve on the EMS board for 2009 and Larry Kimble has submitted his resignation from the department.

Firefighters Jamie Shafer and Kyle Bowyer requested permission to use the old meeting room in the town garage for a workout/fitness room. Modifications need to be made to make the room secure. If needed, the fire department will look into a grant to provide the equipment as well as accepting equipment in good working condition as a donation. The council will seek advice from the town attorney on the request.

Cliff Bragdon asked for the town's help in solving an ongoing issue of water in his front and side yards. Council member, Mark Smith, suggested contacting the state highway department as the Bragdon property is located on State Road 17. Jeff Finke offered to write a letter to INDOT to see what can be done.

The council approved disbursements for pay request No. 12 to Bonar Group for \$1,502.50 and pay request No. 7 to Thieneman Construction for \$41,136.78 for work performed at the sewage treatment plant.

An estimate was reviewed from Rex Urbin for installing a generator at the town hall. The work was approved by the council.

## Regional tickets on sale at Caston

Caston will have 700 tickets to sell for Saturday's varsity basketball regional at Triton. The cost of an all session ticket is \$9.00. The tickets will be sold on the following schedule:

Beginning Wednesday, March 11, at 8:30 a.m. - varsity basketball players and their parents; varsity cheerleaders, JV basketball players; JV cheerleaders; pep band; all faculty and employees of Caston; 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball players and cheerleaders; 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball players and cheerleaders; all other winter sports athletes; high school student body; and elementary student body

Thursday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - all sports pass holders; season ticket holders; Caston fans

Friday, March 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - general public

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**RECYCLING DATES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH**  
**12TH & THURSDAY,**  
**MARCH 26TH**

The council approved the attendance of Danny Chew, assistant town superintendent, at the spring Indiana Rural Water Association conference.

The town superintendent's monthly report noted that new water lines have been installed at the town garage. Repairs to some of the wiring on the town tractor have been made. The town's catch basins have been cleaned. A new valve pipe was installed at one of the lagoons at the sewage treatment plant. Water meters were read during February after two months of estimating due to weather conditions. Several meters had to be re-read for possible leaks. Peerless Midwest came to perform the annual well house pump checks. The pumps were oiled, re-packed and electrical systems checked. Well No. 3 was down a little from design conditions, but the company did not feel it warranted any work at this time. Ice build up caused some problems in the Sheaffer cell at the sewage treatment plant, but repairs were made. A sink hole on North East Street was repaired. Repairs were hampered due to the fact that the ground was still frozen. The superintendent is dealing with the telephone company regarding a line for the water tower control panel. It is believed the line was shut off by mistake when the town hall offices were moved from the town garage to the present location. Fortunately, all of the alarms were found before any problems occurred. The water works pumped a total of 1,046,100 gallons of water during February.

Claims against the town, water and sewage works were approved for payment.

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## Comets win sectional crown

In spite of winning only one game during the regular season, the Caston Comets took home the Class A West Central sectional crown Saturday evening. Caston is reportedly only the second team in the history of Indiana basketball to win a sectional title after winning only one regular season game.

The Comets began their sectional title run by defeating South Newton, 50-47, in opening round play Tuesday evening, March 3.

That win pitted them against 2-18 Tri-County Friday night. Tri-County, the three-time defending sectional champs, took a 20-12 lead at halftime. They still held a nine-point lead (29-20) with only a minute left in the third quarter when Sam Jones connected on a three-pointer for the Comets cutting the lead to 29-23. The Comets evened the contest at 29 all with a little under five minutes remaining in the contest. However, the Comets were trailing by one point with only 15 seconds remaining. Caston coach Andy Firth wanted the ball in the hands of Ethan Zartman for the last shot and he came through with what proved to be the game winning lay-up with eight seconds to go. The Cavaliers were called for a double dribble on the ensuring possession allowing the Comets to run out the rest of the clock and claim the one point victory. Zartman finished the game with 11 points. Wes Rigney and Trevor Hoover each added seven points and Sam Jones had six. Rigney also tallied five rebounds.

The win pitted Caston against Pioneer in the championship game Saturday night. This game also went down to the wire with Ethan Zartman hitting a three-point shot in the final seconds to give the Comets a 47-46 win.

The Panthers led most of the game, but were not able to put the game out of reach, due to the three-point shooting of Ethan Zartman. He missed his first shot of the game, a two-pointer, but connected on six of six three-point shots for a game total of 20 points.

Pioneer led 11-8 after the first quarter of play and took a 25-22 lead to the locker room at halftime. The Comets took the lead late in the third quarter, going into the fourth quarter with a 34-33 lead. The Panthers retook the lead, but Comet Alex Herd then hit three three-pointers and one foul shot for a game total of 10 points. His third three-pointer tied the game at 44 all. The Panthers scored a bucket to take a 46-44 lead. Ethan Zartman then scored another game-winning shot to give the Comets the win. Zartman finished with a game high 20 points. Trevor Hoover had seven points and Wes Rigney added six points and a game-high eight rebounds.

Caston will take on Bowman

## Wes Rigney named to all conference team

Wes Rigney of Caston High School has been named to the Midwest all-conference basketball team for the 2008-2009 season. He is joined by Mitchell Petrie, Jimmy Roller and Logan Brock of Pioneer; Jon-Marc Ream and Dylan Sterrett of Frontier; Ryan Abbott and Nathan Shidler of Winamac; Jordan Zeider of South Newton; Jordan Danford of West Central; Jacob Ruemler of North White; and Brandon Crimmins of Tri-County.

Players receiving honorable mention include Tyler Miller of Pioneer; Mack Lopp and Grant Ream of Frontier; Taylor Fox, Winamac; Curt Roberts and Austin Polen, South Newton; Taylor Fairchild, West Central; Jordan Long, North White; and Trenton Kyburz, Tri-County.

Ryan Abbott of Winamac was named player of the year for the conference and Dave McWherter of Pioneer was named coach of the year.

Pioneer finished the season at the top of the conference standings with a 6-1 record. Frontier and Winamac finished the season with records of 5-2; South Newton, 4-3; West Central, 3-4; North White and Tri-County, 2-5; and Caston, 1-6.

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## Fish and chicken supper

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday, March 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Grass Creek Fire Station. Dessert will be included with the meal and carry outs will be available.

The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children, 6-12. Children age five and under may eat free.

The meal will be prepared by Dan's Frying Service of Huntington.

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## Fish and tenderloin fry, April 4

The Fulton County 4-H Fair Association, 4-H Council and county 4-H clubs will serve a fish and tenderloin fry Saturday, April 4, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Serving will be from 4 to 8 p.m. and the cost will be \$7.50 for adults (in advance). Tickets at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Children 5 & under may eat free. Carryouts will be available.

Dan's Frying Service will prepare the fish and tenderloin.

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Academy in regional play Saturday at Triton. Bowman Academy is ranked No. 2 in Class A.

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## Clerk's office closed, March 18-24

The Kewanna town clerk's office at the town hall will be closed March 18-24. Anyone needing assistance relating to the town or water and sewage works during this time may leave a message at 574-653-2112. Messages will be checked daily.

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A community pep session will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening, March 13, in the Caston High School gymnasium to send its varsity basketball team off to regional play Saturday at Triton. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Fulton County Republican Central Committee met Saturday morning to reorganize and elect officers. Chad Hartzler was re-elected as chairman as were LeeAnn Eizinger, vice chairman, and Carla Smith, secretary. Carmella Villasana was elected treasurer, replacing Joanna Smith, who chose not to seek re-election.

The demand for crude oil has plummeted so much that supertankers are now parked offshore, fully loaded, while their crews are killing time and vast storage farms for oil in the U.S. are almost out of room. Would someone tell me, why gasoline is still nearly \$2 a gallon?

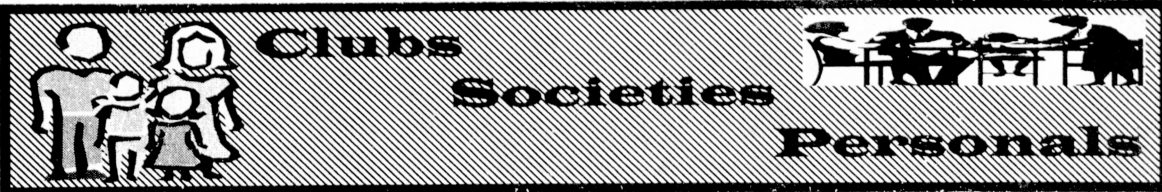
The area was hit by high winds and rain Saturday and Sunday. Logansport reported as much as seven inches of rain. Locally, shingles took a beating and there were several tree limbs littering yards and streets.

Doctors, patients, business owners and insurers from across the county were invited to a White House meeting last week to express their views on how to fix the country's ailing healthcare system. The U.S. spends more on health care than any other country in the world, but still has millions who are uninsured.

Indiana's unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent in January. This is the highest unemployment rate the state has experienced since the early 1980s. Indiana is paying out hundreds of millions more in unemployment claims than it is collecting in taxes. The state is borrowing funds from the federal government to pay the claims and could owe the federal government \$1.2 billion by the end of the year.

The Observer office is closed until Monday morning, March 16.

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## Easter Bunny Express

The Whitewater Valley Railroad has announced that tickets are now on sale for their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Bunny Express family event. The event takes place Saturday, April 11. Children and their families will have the opportunity to ride the train to Bunny Patch Station where they will enjoy a visit with the Easter Bunny. At the patch, children eight and under will be able to participate in an Easter egg hunt. Participants should take a basket.

The Easter Bunny Express will depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 10 a.m., 12:01 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for ages two and up. The fare includes the round trip train ride and egg hunt for children ages eight and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad at 765-825-2054 or by visiting [www.whitewatervalleyrr.org](http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org).

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### James F. Talbott VFW Post March Activities

March 10 – Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 18 – Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

March 21 – Biscuit and gravy breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon. Live band, Hit 'N Run, 8 p.m. to ?

March 24 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 29 – Open Sunday at noon

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### Fulton County Historical Society 2009 Events

March 7 and 8 – Living History Faire at FCHS museum

April 25 and 26 – 19<sup>th</sup> annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous on the FCHS grounds

June 11-13 – 39<sup>th</sup> annual Round Barn Festival in downtown Rochester

June 19-21 – Fulton County Historical Power Show on the FCHS grounds

Sept. 19 and 20 – 34<sup>th</sup> annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival on the FCHS grounds

Oct. 16-17 and 23-24 – 4<sup>th</sup> annual Haunted Woods Trail on the FCHS grounds

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### - Service Notes -



#### Private Levi Hibner

Private Levi Hibner of Kewanna has completed his Marine basic training at Camp Pendleton in California. After spending three weeks on leave here with family and friends, he has reported back

to Camp Pendleton for further training. From there he will report for special photography training in Maryland.

Levi is the son of Andy Hibner of Kewanna and the grandson of Don and Etta Hibner, also of Kewanna.

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Army National Guard Spec. Greg A. Looney has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

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as a democracy.

The specialist, a military police with three years of military service, is regularly assigned to the 384th Military Police Company, based in Bloomington, Ind.

He is the son of Tammy J. and Larry A. Looney of Main St., Leiters Ford, Ind.

Looney is a 2006 graduate of Culver Community High School, Ind.

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### Soup's still on

Due to the long, cold winter and popular demand, the Kewanna United Methodist Church will continue its Wednesday night soup supper through March. Serving time is 5 to 6 p.m. in the church annex.

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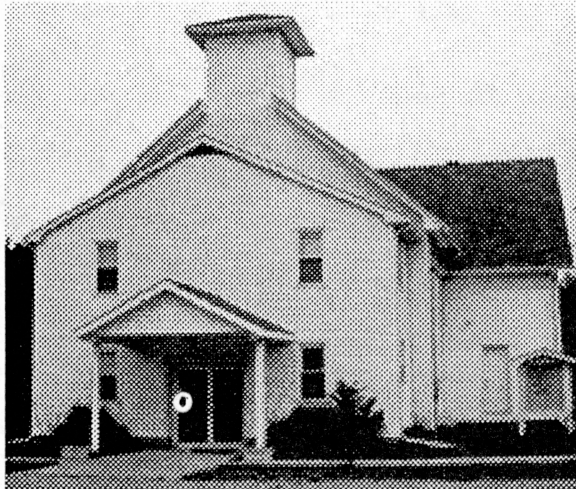
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## HOSPITAL NOTES....

### WOODLAWN HOSPITAL February 27

Births - Matthew and Savanna Sheets, Kokomo, a daughter

February 28

Births - Amy Wagoner, Rochester, a daughter

March 2

Admissions - Amy Calvert, Grace Figlio and Kimberly Antrim, Rochester; Joyce Reuille, Liberty Mills

Dismissals - David Hoagland and Amy Calvert, Rochester; Ashley Gentry and son, Monterey; Shannon Hanselman and daughter, Argos; and Savanna Sheets and daughter, Kokomo

Births - Shaun and Heather Irwin, Rochester, a daughter

March 3

Admissions - none published  
Dismissals - Kimberly Antrim, Rochester; Joyce Reuille, Liberty Mills

March 4

Admissions - Laura Shoemaker, Rochester

Dismissals - Marilyn Stretch, Macy; Grace Figlio and Amy Wagoner and daughter, Rochester

Births - Amanda Hayes, Argos, a son

March 5

Admissions - Johnie Parman, Twelve Mile; Logyn Honkomp, Rochester

Dismissals - Heather Irwin and daughter, Rochester

Births - Kyle and Amy Burgess, Winamac, a son

March 6

Admissions - Henry Rentschler, John Waltz and Rose Swanson, Rochester

Dismissals - Johnie Parman, Twelve Mile

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## DEATHS .....

### HATTIE M. BALDWIN

Hattie M. Baldwin, 96, Rochester died March 3, 2009, at Life Care Center of Rochester where she had resided for the last four years.

Born November 26, 1913, in Mishawaka, she was the daughter of the late Charles M. and Elgie M. Ipes Moon. She and her husband, Hugh Oliver Baldwin, were married for 46 years. He preceded her in death on October 7, 1977.

Mrs. Baldwin was the founder of the First Assembly of God, Rochester. The church was birthed in 1948 from a Bible study group begun by Hattie and her friend, Pauline Styck, in the Baldwin home. She was honored by the church in 1988 when it celebrated its 50th anniversary. She was also recognized when the church dedicated and named its new fellowship hall after her in 2004.

Hattie was an avid reader and an enthusiastic student of the Bible who continued to memorize and quote scriptures daily even in her nineties. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home and was a church organist and adult Sunday school teacher for many years. She was also the manager of Meals on Wheels senior citizen program in Rochester for several years until her retirement at the age of 85.

Survivors include four sons, Wayne Baldwin of Logansport, Junior Baldwin of Rochester, David Baldwin of Merriam, Kansas, and Gary Baldwin of Franklin; 13 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Agatha Marsh and Thelma Frettinger; and three brothers, Charles Moon, Donald Moon and

William Moon.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter and two sisters.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16, at the First Assembly of God Church, Rochester. Her son, Dr. David Baldwin, and Rev. Glen Mitchell will officiate. Interment will follow at the Moon Cemetery, northeast of Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Assembly of God. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Friends may visit with the family from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

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### Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH is offering a breast feeding class Thursday, March 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference center. The course offers information about the benefits of breast feeding; how to get started breast feeding; how to develop a good milk supply; and problem solving. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2193 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information. This is a free service offered by PMH.

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### EASTERN PULASKI MENU

March 16 - 20

#### Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, juice and milk

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Thursday - Biscuit with sausage link, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

#### Elementary Lunch

Monday - Chicken nuggets, parsley potatoes, cheese stick, orange juice and milk

Tuesday - Taco, lettuce and cheese, apple crisp and milk

Wednesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, pickle spear, pears, cake and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit bites, biscuit and milk

Friday - Fish sandwich, seasoned fries, cheese stick, applesauce and milk

#### Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Grilled chicken sandwich, broccoli, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, parsley potatoes,

mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Nacho supreme, chips, corn, orange juice cup, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, seasoned fries, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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06 Silverado 4wd, Ext Cab, 21K mi Stock #R13685A \$19,900	06 TrailBlazer LT, 4x4 43K mi Stock #R13606A \$15,900	06 Sebring Conit Limited, Lthr, Full Options Stock #R13494C \$9,995	04 Silverado 4wd, Ext cab, 44K mi Stock #R13586A \$17,900	04 VW Beetle AT, Hid seats, 44K mi Stock #R13618A \$12,900	03 Cadillac Seville 53K mi, moonroof Stock #R13577B \$9,995
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# Looking Back.....

## FIFTY YEARS AGO March 12, 1959

Kenny and Martha Ann Cook were married 13 years ago tomorrow, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, in Indianapolis by Rev. John Kirkpatrick. The Cooks do not anticipate any particular trouble on this day, but they do have three children!

There will be a union Good Friday service at the Kewanna Methodist Church between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. Churches participating in the program include Prairie Grove EUB, Bruce Lake Community, Zion Methodist, Pleasant Hill EUB and Leiters Ford Methodist.

Paul Harrison, owner of the Harrison Funeral Home here and in Royal Center, invites the public to an open house at the Kewanna facility Sunday, March 15. The funeral home has been completely renovated and redecorated. The most prominent feature of the redecoration is a rock garden with both live and artificial plants against a background mural, "The Hills of Bethlehem". At one end of the 28-foot garden is a flowing fountain.

Larry Koebecke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koebecke and a Valparaiso University sophomore, has been pledge to Phi

Kappa Psi fraternity. He is a student in the College of Engineering.

The Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met Monday night in the library. Mrs. Theo Urbin gave devotions. Refreshments were served to 26 members by Mrs. Dean Kumler, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. Raymond Kruger, Mrs. Raymond Lebo, Mrs. Fern Master and Mrs. Henry Montz.

The Friendship Sunday School class of the Prairie Grove Church met Monday evening, March 2, at the church with Mrs. Emery Edington as hostess. Devotions were given by Arthur Showley. Election of officers was held with Mrs. Edington elected president; Floyd Wildermuth, treasurer; and Lena McCroskey, secretary.

Minnie Cannon of here, who is now living at the Bird Nursing Home near Royal Center, observed her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. Mary Anderson, Effie Hiatt, Jesse Spangler, Blanch Cannon and Naomi Mills visited her and helped her celebrate the event.

Pvt. Doris Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown of Kewanna, received her promotion to PFC March 3.

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 12, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daily, Rt. 3, Kewanna, will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 15 with a dinner at the Ben Hur dining room for the immediate family and an open house at their home from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in their home.

Laura Hilficker, Sally Masteller, Steve Byfield, Phil Troutman, Tom Troutman, Lora Eber and Karla Garner received all As at Kewanna for the 4<sup>th</sup> grading period.

The annual athletic banquet was held Tuesday evening in the Kewanna school gym. Special recognition was given to two senior players, Jerry Kimble and George Hilficker; two senior cheerleaders, Kathy Ley and Kenan Cook; and senior student manager, David Miller. Kimble received the Veterans Memorial Scholarship Award for 1963-64. Free throw trophies were awarded to Jim Talbott, Ronnie McColley and Mike Hogan and Hogan also received the rebounding trophy.

A dinner was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Shidaker's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shidaker of Bremen and Mr. and Mrs. Manson Leap, Ann and John. The group also helped the Leaps celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Betty McKinney and Mary Ruth Ingram were the honored guests at a birthday dinner Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Anderson. Other guests were Lera McKinney, Bill Ingram and family, Mrs. Rosetta Newgent and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Anderson and family and Mrs. Naomi Mills.

Jeffrey Hoffman is recovering from the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Bremen and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson were in Lafayette Sunday afternoon to attend capping exercises of the student nurses of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing held in Loeb Playhouse. Patty Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, was among those receiving caps.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bussert are moving here from Wisconsin and will live on the Clyde Mosher farm. Mrs. Bussert is the former Shirley Ingram.

## FORTY YEARS AGO March 13, 1969

Fifty-two persons attended World Day of Prayer held last Friday in the Grass Creek United Methodist Church. A prelude of organ music was given by Mrs. May Kumler and Mrs. Irene Thomas.

Mrs. Geneva Davis, a Kewanna resident spending the winter with her daughter in South Bend, is a patient in South Bend Memorial Hospital. She is being treated for injuries received when ran over by her car. Apparently she got out of her car with the motor running

and in reverse and was knocked down by the door and ran over by the left front wheel.

Robert Michael White, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has won distinguished student rating at Purdue University for the fall semester.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, a son, Ronald Vern Miller, Jr., on March 4. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Rt. 3, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Douglas and Christine Luhnnow, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luhnnow, Kewanna, were the "Citizens of Tomorrow".

Colleen Koebecke is spending her spring break from Ball State University in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koebecke.

Mrs. Ida Mullins returned home from Florida Sunday where she spent the last few weeks. She has gone to South Bend and Michigan to visit relatives.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO March 8, 1979

Services were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Harrison-Metzger Garden Chapel, Kewanna, for Theodore C. Urbin, 83, Kewanna. Rev. Gene Personett officiated. Following the services here the body was taken to Wessel Funeral Home in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, for services and cremation.

Galen Hoover, 77, Kewanna, died at 7:25 a.m. Sunday in Pulaski Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Harrison-Metzger Garden Chapel, Kewanna. He was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service, having served for 37½ years.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Kreamer, Kewanna, are the parents of a son, Daniel Nelson Kreamer, born Feb. 28 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. Daniel weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

The Kewanna Indians basketball team was ousted from the Logansport sectional Wednesday by the Maconaquah Braves, 72-57. A poor third quarter was the Indians' downfall. James Percy took game honors with 19 points. Rick Evers added 13 and Bryan Prilliman had ten points.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO March 9, 1989

Patricia Grube, Rt. 4, Rochester, will be installed at 1:30 p.m. Friday as postmaster at Monterey. She replaces Winfred J. Hartman, who has retired.

Kewanna's eldest resident, Mary Beatrice Willoughby, will celebrate her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday Monday, March 13. Mrs. Willoughby has four children, Guyla Cunningham, Olive Watkins and Bill Willoughby, all of Kewanna, and Charlotte Talbott of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Doty, Logansport, are the parents of a daughter born March 1 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and has been named

Amber Nicole. The paternal grandparents are Mike and Betty Doty, Kewanna. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith of Twelve Mile.

Luther and Shirley Bussert, Wade Bussert and Pat Bucks were Thursday evening guests of Elaine Ingram. The group enjoyed cake and ice cream in celebration of Shirley's birthday.

Saturday evening guests of Luther and Shirley Bussert and Ryan were Howard and Carol Jo Hickle of Winamac and Gene Williams of Evansville. The group celebrated Shirley's and Howard's birthdays.

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## Get Ready to Plant Trees! Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

There's no better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than by planting trees, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering a way for everyone to take part.

The Arbor Day Foundation will send 10 free white flowering dogwood trees to each person who joins the Foundation during March 2009.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2009. Or join online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

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## AREA FIVE MENU

### Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 16 - Cheeseburger sandwich, corn, green beans, apricots and milk  
Wednesday, March 18 - Pork loin, peas, squash, fruit cocktail, oatmeal bread and milk

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## Colonoscopy vs. Virtual Colonoscopy

M. D. Anderson Offers Screening Advice for National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Today, patients have a wide selection of colorectal cancer screening exams from which to choose, unlike with other types of cancers. Experts at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center provide insight on the two most talked about tests, colonoscopy and virtual colonoscopy.

"The most widely used screening exam is colonoscopy, which is an accepted, standard screening test," said George J. Chang, M.D., M.S., assistant professor in M. D. Anderson's Department of Surgical Oncology.

However, many people have concerns about colonoscopy-related complications, such as bleeding and/or tearing of the colon. A newer option, virtual colonoscopy, sounds less invasive and may appeal to the public as a more desirable alternate screening tool.

Chang and David J. Vining, M.D., inventor of the virtual colonoscopy procedure and professor in M. D. Anderson's Department of Diagnostic Radiology, list advantages and disadvantages of both exams.

**Colonoscopy** (every 10 years unless polyps are found) – A doctor uses a colonoscope, a lighted tube, to examine the rectum and colon.

### Advantages:

- Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp (a small, non-cancerous growth on the colon wall that can grow larger and become cancerous over time). During a colonoscopy, doctors can detect and immediately remove these polyps. Polyp removal is considered the most effective way to prevent the development of colorectal cancer.

### Disadvantages:

- This test may not detect all small polyps, non-polypoid lesions (flat and depressed abnormal pieces of tissue), or cancers, but it is one of the most sensitive tests currently available.
- Thorough cleansing of the colon is necessary before this test. Patients may take laxatives 24 hours before the test. They also will not be able to eat or drink anything after midnight the night before the test.
- Some form of sedation is used in most cases. If sedation is used, someone will need to drive the patient home.
- Although uncommon, sedation or instrument-related complications, such as bleeding and/or tearing of the colon, can occur.

"Getting accurate colonoscopy test results depends greatly on the skill of the examiner and the amount of time he or she spends viewing the colon," Chang said. "The same can be said about virtual colonoscopy test results."

**Virtual colonoscopy** (every 5 years) – A health care provider uses specialized CT scan techniques to produce images of the abdomen and pelvis. A computer then assembles these images into detailed three-dimensional pictures of the colon and rectum that can show polyps and other abnormalities.

### Advantages:

- It is less invasive than standard colonoscopy.
- Virtual colonoscopy may be as sensitive as standard colonoscopy if performed in experienced centers.
- Because sedation is not needed, virtual colonoscopy does not have sedation-related risks and does not require someone to accompany the patient to the examination.
- Risk of instrument-related complications, such as bleeding or tearing of the colon, may be lower than with standard colonoscopy.

### Disadvantages:

- Like standard colonoscopy, this test may not detect all small polyps, non-polypoid lesions and cancers.
- Thorough cleansing of the colon is necessary before this test, similar to what is done to prepare for a colonoscopy.
- If an abnormality, such as a polyp, is detected, the patient will need to undergo a standard colonoscopy after the virtual procedure to remove the polyp or lesion, or to perform a biopsy.
- Because sedation is not used, patients may experience some discomfort during virtual colonoscopy when air is pumped into the colon.
- Not all insurance providers currently cover the costs of this exam.
- Virtual colonoscopy exposes the patient to a low dose of radiation (more than a chest x-ray but less than a conventional CT scan).

"A frequent argument is that if virtual colonoscopy finds a polyp, then colonoscopy is needed for polyp removal," Vining said. "However, about 90 percent of patients do not have a significant polyp that needs removal, eliminating the need for a follow-up colonoscopy in the majority of patients."

### Get Screened!

"The take-home message here is that both exams are viable options for testing for the disease, and it's better to get screened for colorectal cancer than not," says Chang. "Also, the detection rate for these exams improves if you follow the appropriate recommendations for test preparation as well as the suggested screening schedule."

"The five-year survival for early-stage colon cancer is 90 percent but for later stages, when it spreads to distant organs like the liver, it's only 10 percent," Vining said. "So, getting screened for colorectal cancer means that you're improving your odds of finding the cancer early, when it's easiest to treat, or better yet, you can prevent the disease altogether by detecting and removing precancerous polyps."

In addition to colonoscopy and virtual colonoscopy, M. D. Anderson also supports the fecal occult blood test (FOBT), fecal immunochemical test (FIT), double contrast barium enema and sigmoidoscopy as effective options to screen for colorectal cancer.

### Your Doctor Can Help You Make the Decision

People between the ages of 50 and 75 should speak with their health care provider about colonoscopy

and virtual colonoscopy, as well as other colorectal cancer screening exams. Below are additional issues to discuss with a health care provider:

- People with a family history of colorectal cancer or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease may need to start colorectal cancer screening before age 50.
- People over age 75 and in good health may still need to continue colorectal cancer screening.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in this country, and affects men and women equally. Almost 150,000 people in the U.S. were expected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer during 2008, according to the American Cancer Society. Colorectal cancer also is the second leading cause of cancer death among Americans, with about 50,000 deaths expected in 2008. With wider use of cancer screening exams, colorectal cancer can be considered a highly preventable disease.

For additional information, visit [www.mdanderson.org/focused](http://www.mdanderson.org/focused).

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## March is Kidney Month

Governor Mitch Daniels proclaims **March 2009** as "**March is Kidney Disease Awareness Month.**" Nearly 600,000 Hoosiers suffer from chronic kidney disease (CKD), a condition in which their kidneys are not functioning properly. Most of these individuals don't know their kidneys are damaged because signs or symptoms do not appear until the disease is advanced. Each year, as many as 75% of new kidney patients have decreased kidney function as a result of poorly controlled diabetes and/or high blood pressure, the two leading causes of kidney disease.

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana (NKFI) encourages Hoosiers to consider some of the many ways their kidneys quietly support their health day-to-day (filtering their blood, controlling blood pressure, supporting healthy bones) and how much their health will suffer if they develop chronic kidney disease. A critical first step toward focusing on kidney health is to know personal and family health histories.

If you have one or more of the following risk factors, the NKFI suggests you to talk to your doctor about being screened for kidney disease or contact NKFI for a free screening in your area.

### Risk Factors for CKD

#### Primary Risk Factors

#### Secondary Risk Factors

- Diabetes
- Obesity
- High blood pressure
- Autoimmune disease
- Heart disease
- Urinary tract and/or systemic infections
- Family history of CKD
- Overuse of over-the-counter painkillers
- Age 60 or older
- Kidney loss, damage, injury or infection

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- Monitor blood glucose.
- Control weight.
- Don't smoke.
- Follow a healthful diet.
- Don't overuse NSAIDs or other OTC painkillers.

- Get an annual physical exam.
  - Find out if CKD, diabetes or heart disease runs in your family.
  - Exercise regularly.
  - Talk to your doctor about being tested for CKD (if you're at risk, if you are unsure ask).
- To learn more about CKD risk factors, prevention, treatment and free screenings, visit [www.kidneyindiana.org](http://www.kidneyindiana.org) or call 800-382-9971.

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## APPRAISERS RECOMMEND CONSUMERS TO BE CAUTIOUS WHEN SELLING GOLD JEWELRY FOR CASH

The price of gold is once again selling at near all-time high prices. That combined with tough economic times has many people anxious to take advantage of high prices by selling their gold for scrap. The American Society of Appraisers cautions consumers to learn the ropes before jumping into a gold marketplace that may not offer the best deal.

With gold parties springing up in people's homes and in hotel ballrooms across the country, and mail-in gold businesses multiplying, it is important for consumers to become educated about the gold market before selling their gold.

"If consumers don't know what they have and approximately what it is worth," said Margaret Olsen, Accredited Senior Appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers, "they have absolutely no idea if they are getting a fair value for their gold."

The American Society of Appraisers offers tips to consumers.

Start by looking for a stamp on the back of the jewelry which lists the karats. 24 karat gold is .999 pure, 18 karat gold is .750 pure, 14 karat gold is .583 pure

and 10 karat gold is .417 pure. It is important to note that not all gold jewelry contains the exact purity that is on the stamp. Gold from other countries may be less pure than stamped and older 14 karat jewelry, like that produced in the 1970's and earlier, may have a purity of 13.5 karats.

Next find out the current prices of gold by looking at Web sites like [Kitco.com](http://Kitco.com). The price is quoted per troy ounce. A troy ounce is 31.1 grams. To get the price per gram, divide the daily price of gold by 31.1 grams and you will get the price for a gram of 24 karat gold. Most items are not pure gold so if you have 18, 14, or 10 karat gold it will be worth less.

Ask the jeweler what percentage they take from the sale and what percentage the metal refinery takes and then you will have an idea of what you should be paid.

"It really is a bit complicated for the average person to know exactly what they have to begin with and to do the math to figure out what they should be paid," said Olsen. "That is why it is really important to deal with a reputable local jeweler with ties to the community."

Also, take time to assess whether selling gold jewelry for scrap is the best option. Broken or mismatched jewelry are the best candidates to be melted down. However, many pieces have more value when sold whole to an estate jeweler or buyer. Pieces from well known

designers, well crafted antique pieces, or pieces with gem stones should be valued

because melting them down may not be the best option.

For consumers who want to have a piece of jewelry appraised, they should choose an appraiser who is an accredited member of a nationally recognized appraisal organization, such as the American Society of Appraisers, as well as a Graduate Gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) or the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA). For gold coins and bars, ask an accredited gold appraiser or numismatist. Also, ask about an appraiser's credentials and make sure they are still active.

To find an appraiser or to learn more about appraisals, consumers can log on to <http://www.appraisers.org/findappraiser/www.appraisers.org>.

### AboutASA

ASA is an international organization of appraisal professionals and others dedicated to the education, development and growth of the appraisal profession. ASA is the oldest and only major organization representing all disciplines of appraisal specialists, originating in 1936 and incorporating in 1952. ASA's headquarters is in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area.

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## Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

**Indianapolis Art & Antique Show:** March 12 - 15 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion & Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10 at door; \$8 in advance at Marsh Supermarkets. Contact: Methodist Health Foundation (317) 962-1788 or [www.methodisthealthfoundation.org](http://www.methodisthealthfoundation.org).

**Stewart's Indiana Flea Market:** March 13 - 15 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or [www.stewartpromotions.com](http://www.stewartpromotions.com).

**Ring of Honor Wrestling:** March 14 in the Farm Bureau Building. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; matches begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$25, \$35 and \$50. Contact: Sydney Eick (215) 781-2500 or [www.rohwrestling.com](http://www.rohwrestling.com).

**Indiana Flower & Patio Show:** March 14 - 22 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$12; children 12 and younger free; \$8 for seniors (65+) on March 16; \$8 each for groups of 20 or more; discount tickets available online or at Marsh Supermarkets. Contact: HIS Show Productions (317) 576-9933 or [www.hsishows.com](http://www.hsishows.com).

**Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show:** March 20 - 22 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Dan Masters (405) 340-1333 or [www.indy1500.com](http://www.indy1500.com).

**Naptown Roller Derby:** Tornado Sirens vs. Roller Girls from St. Louis, MO: March 21 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; Match begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$16 at the door; \$11 in advance. Contact: (317) 522-1958 or [www.naptownrollergirls.com](http://www.naptownrollergirls.com).

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## State Representative DOUG GUTWEIN District # 16

### Rep. Gutwein's Midterm Review

We have reached the 2009 legislative session midpoint, and a lot has been happening. The surviving House and Senate legislation, ranging from the state budget to a bill on nutrition, will now face even more scrutiny and transformation on their way to potentially becoming law.

There are plenty of bills I believe will help Indiana, but there are few bills I feel would do more harm to Hoosiers than help. I believe it's my duty to inform you of what has been going on at the Statehouse thus far.

I strongly opposed the state budget crafted by House Democrats, who broke with tradition and passed a one-year budget instead of a two-year plan. Currently, the budget would spend about \$14.5 billion, with an enormous \$1.4 billion of new spending. All this new spending would almost wipe out the state's reserve fund.

What's more, the budget base includes one-time federal stimulus money that, once spent, won't be available in future years. I believe this is an unwise move that would eventually result in either cutting crucial programs and services or force big tax increases. The House Democrats' budget spends too much and would hurt Indiana in the long run.

Another hot issue has been how to fix the state's unemployment insurance fund. I was disappointed in Democratic leadership, as the House failed to pass a bill that would fix this major problem. Thankfully, I believe the Senate will revive the issue and reach bipartisan solution that will work in the best interests of Hoosiers and Indiana businesses.

The property tax caps is another issue that needs to be addressed. This year, Senate Republicans were able to pass SJR 1, a bill that would permanently cap Hoosier property taxes by amending the caps into Indiana's Constitution. However, it appears unlikely the bill will receive a hearing in the House—even though a simple majority vote is all that is needed to send the proposal to be voted on by Hoosiers in 2010. I fully disagree with the House Democrats in believing that we should wait until next year to consider the proposal. Hoosiers are going currently going through tough economic times and need help right now, not later.

Coming over from the Senate are several bills dealing with local government reform. These bills will now be considered in the House.

It is important to note that the bills dealing with township government and school consolidation have been somewhat watered down, and the current legislation has come a long way since the governor's original proposals. I will review the legislation in the coming weeks to decide on the best direction to take.

I am continually aware I am here because you want me in this position. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions, by email at [h16@in.gov](mailto:h16@in.gov), by calling the

Statehouse toll-free at 1-800-382-9841, or by writing me at the Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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### Area Officials, Taxpayers Can Recommend, Follow Indiana's Federal Stimulus Projects Online

Officials and taxpayers from Northern Indiana can recommend and follow Indiana's federal stimulus projects online thanks to a new website, according to State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport).

"There are many questions surrounding the who, what, when and where of using the federal stimulus funding in Indiana," Head said. "This site is a fantastic resource to find answers and understand what will be done with the more than \$4 billion that Indiana will receive."

Invest.in.gov is the state-launched Web site providing Hoosiers with useful information on the recently passed federal stimulus package, including lists of state highway and bridge projects and information on water infrastructure improvements.

Head is encouraging citizens in Northern Indiana to visit the competitive grants section of the site, located on the left-hand browsing section, and suggest potential infrastructure projects for their communities that may be eligible for funding.

Local projects are remaining under discussion, however, the Indiana Department of Transportation is already working on 55 state projects funded through federal stimulus dollars, including bridge and road improvements in Cass and Fulton counties.

Head said the site will soon include a new section to help Hoosiers understand formulas used when determining how many federal dollars Indiana will receive for education and road project funding. "In the meantime, residents may find it helpful to visit the frequently asked questions area or click on one of the multiple links the site offers for more information," Head said.

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### Indiana State Treasurer Richard Mourdock Announces \$84,808.43 for Fulton County's Enhanced 9-1-1 System for 2008

Funds provided through the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, Chairman of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board (Wireless Board), announced that Fulton County's 9-1-1 program received a total of \$84,808.43 for the 2008 calendar year.

"As the Chairman of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board, I am extremely pleased that we were able to provide vital funds to each of the emergency management service programs in Indiana's 92 counties," explained Treasurer Mourdock. "Our monies are generally used to fund the day-to-day operations and the technological needs of local Public Safety Answering Points."

In addition to providing funding for local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), the Wireless

Board is responsible for the oversight of Indiana's Enhanced 9-1-1 (IN911) network. The IN911 network routes all wireless emergency 9-1-1 calls made in Indiana to the nearest PSAP, which, in turn, notifies local emergency authorities and services. Funds that support the IN911 network and that get distributed to local 9-1-1 programs are collected as monthly subscriber fees on wireless phones as required by Indiana statute.

"In Indiana, we are at the forefront of emergency wireless technology and considered a national model by many," stated Treasurer Mourdock. "I and the other members of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board take our responsibilities to our fellow Hoosiers very seriously. We will continue to upgrade and improve our services as new technologies emerge in the emergency wireless field."

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received:

By: Caston School Corporation, Fulton, Indiana

For: Office and Clinic remodel at Caston Educational Center, Fulton, Indiana  
Attn: Mr. Dan Foster, Superintendent, P.O. Box 8, Fulton, Indiana 46931

Until: 2:00 P.M., April 3, 2009

At which time all proposals will be opened. Proposals received after the hour and date set for receiving of proposals will be returned unopened.

Proposals shall be in full accordance with the Project Documents, which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective Bidders at the following locations:

#### CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION

Administration Offices

9815 State Road 25 South

Rochester, IN 46975

#### MATTOX & ASSOCIATES

423 West Front Street

Delphi, IN 46923

Bidders may obtain up to two complete sets of Bidding Documents from the office of Mattox

& Associates, P.O. Box 32, Delphi, Indiana 46923, upon receipt of \$50.00 for each complete set of Bidding Documents requested. Checks shall be made out to Mattox & Associates.

Should a Bidder for a Prime Bidder desire additional sets or non-bidder desire sets of the Bidding Documents, same will be furnished by the Architect upon receipt of \$50.00 for complete sets, \$2.00 per individual sheets of drawings and \$.20 per individual sheets of specifications, which charge will not be refunded.

Bid security shall be a satisfactory Bid Bond, a certified bank draft, or cashier's check in an amount of five percent (5%) of the Proposal, including all add alternate bids, and made payable to: **Caston School Corporation**.

Bid securities of all bidders will be returned within ninety (90) days after date set for receipt of bids.

Should a successful Bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the Owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty.

The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Labor & Material Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum with an approved surety company, and said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of substantial completion of the work.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The Base Bid may be held for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days before awarding Contracts. All additive Alternate Bids may be held for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after signing of Contract.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, 125 E 9th Street, Rochester, IN 46975 will sell via Online Auction, by SRI, Inc. the following described items of County personal property:

1998 Ford AVE Ambulance

90 Tons of Scrap I-Beams (dismantled bridge)

The auction will be conducted via the internet at [www.sri-surplusauctions.com](http://www.sri-surplusauctions.com) and will continue until the conclusion of the sale period, Friday, March 13, 2009 @ 5PM, EST.

For additional information about the items for sale and terms of sale, refer to the website listed above. For more detailed information about these items, including condition and location of these items, contact John Winkel @ SRI, Inc, Indianapolis, IN @ (317) 250-8372, or 1-800-800-9588.

Submitted by:

Judith Reed, Auditor

Fulton County

125 E. 9th Street

Rochester, IN 46975

(574) 223-2912

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## Fulton County ADVERTISING CLAIMS for MARCH 16, 2009

ACS Inc., 1,725.00; Akron Animal Clinic, 420.00; American Planning Association, 205.00; Anco Inc., 470.32; Appraisal Research Corporation, 6,325.33; Arrow Pest Control Inc.,

108.47; Birt George S. Estate, 294.65; Baileys Discount Center, Inc., 19.96; Ball, Barbara, 13.98; Bixler, Kristine, 31.05; Bobs Lock and Key Inc., 5.90; Boyce Forms/Systems, Inc., 157.50; Burke & Heller, 2,265.49; CDW Government Inc., 142.07; Centennial Wireless, 522.45; Citicard, 613.99; Cody Computer Services Inc., 8,055.00; Collier, Melissa S., 18.00; Communications Co. of South Bend, 457.01; Craig Welding & Mig Co. Inc., 1,726.31; Cramer, Cassi, 10.64; Culligan of Fulton Co., 8.60; Dyna Systems Corp., 149.20; Drudge, Patricia D., 53.68; Duke Energy, 3,368.48; Embarq, 3,026.02; Early, Mike, 299.20; Emergency Radio Service, Inc., 48.90; Enid Tate Shepherd, 997.66; Enyarts True Value Hardware Inc., 209.23; Fastenal Company, 253.16; Fulton Co. Mental Health Assoc., 750.00; Fulton County Historical Society, 4,800.00; Gall's Inc., 80.98; Gardner, Debra, 77.67; GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical, 1,460.70; Good Family Funeral Home, 200.00; Good Oil Co. Inc., 3,297.69; Gordon Food Service, Inc., 2,358.72; HP Products Inc., 49.04; Haley-Aldrich Inc., 1,864.25; Hardesty Printing Inc., 15.00; Health Professionals LTD, 5,074.95; Henry Schein Inc., 138.40; Herman & Goetz Inc., 360.95; Hoffman Body Shop, 1,503.52; House of Decor, 1.98; Ikon Office Solutions, Inc., 198.25; IN Co Auditors Association, 30.00; Indiana Recorders Association, 140.00; Kewanee Heart, 500.00; Key Waste Indiana Partnership, 98.64; Kilgo, Javon, 84.75; Koorsen Protection Service Inc., 371.20; Lagrou, Jeffrey & Donna, 725.00; McVay, Owen E. and Betty A., 6.00; Michiana Truck Center, 42,981.00; NAPA Rochester, Inc., 1,150.86; NIPSCO, 269.58; New Holland Rochester Inc., 238.68; North Central Co-op, Inc., 1,321.65; O'Herron Inc., Ray, 97.34; Observer, 350.65; Office Depot, 206.99; Perspective Enterprises Inc., 45.00; Plumlee Maintenance, 940.00; Power Brake & Spring Service, 299.37; Precision Industries, 274.62; Purdue University, 232.32; Quality Auto Repair, LLC, 36.20; Quill Corp., 2,481.48; Reed, Judith, 6.24; Reese, Steve, 13.87; Reliable Office Supplies, Inc., 597.11; Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 4,000.00; Rochester Ford Lincoln, Corp., 27,090.00; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 59.88; Rochester Telephone Co., 4,329.18; Rochester Telephone Co., 527.98; Rochester Water Dept., 1,111.04; SYSCO Food Service, 502.83; Saylor, JH Inc., 25.45; Shepherd, Shannon, 226.55; Smith Office Plus, Inc., 391.90; Smith Sawyer Smith, Inc., 209,159.00; Stoops Freightliner-Ft. Wayne, 151.58; TASER International, 275.00; The Tire Store, 21.26; The Uniform House, Inc., 129.18; Treasurer of Fulton County, 2,993.17; US Cellular, 84.29; Umbaugh & Associates HJ, 39,500.00; United Business Supply, 56.87; United States Post Office, 798.00; Universal Lighting Co. Inc., 109.81; Verizon, 194.63; Villalon, Rafael, 210.00; Vomac Truck Sales & Service, Inc., 228.16; W A Jones & Son Truck Bodies, 2,203.94; Walmart Community BRC, 113.72; Waste Management Inc., 277.58; Webbs Family Pharmacy Inc., 27.97; Wheatstone, Angy, 584.86; Wiers International Trucks, Inc., 27.87; Wildman, Inc., 239.52; Wilson Body Shop LLC, 462.26; Winter Equipment Co., Inc., 1,605.86; Winterrowd Electric Inc., 85.28; X-Ergon, Inc., 466.52;

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON MARCH 9th, 2009.

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FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 3/12/09

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## Sweet New Ways To Indulge In Chocolate

(NAPS)—As if you needed another reason to eat chocolate, now studies show it helps fight depression and control asthma and that its antioxidants reduce blood pressure.

Still, more of us eat chocolate because we love it, not because of its health benefits. But whatever your reasons, now you have two new ways to indulge from Karo Corn Syrup and Argo Corn Starch.

Banana Split Pudding has the classic taste of the traditional dessert with a fun variation—creamy homemade vanilla pudding in place of ice cream. The pudding takes just 10 minutes to prepare and chocolate lovers can spoon on as much fudge topping as they prefer.

### Banana Split Pudding

Prep time: 10 minutes

Microwave time:

5 to 7 minutes

Chill time: 30 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

¾ cup sugar

2 tablespoons Argo®

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¼ teaspoon salt

2 cups milk

2 egg yolks

2 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon vanilla

extract

1 to 2 bananas, sliced

¾ cup fudge topping

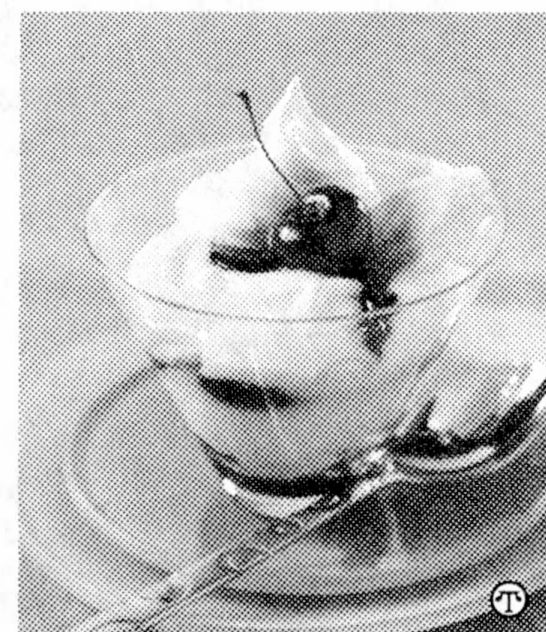
Optional: whipped

topping, chopped

pecans, cherries

MIX sugar, corn starch and salt in a large microwaveable bowl. Whisk in milk and egg yolks until well blended.

MICROWAVE on HIGH (100%) about 5 to 7 minutes, stirring every 1 to 2



Banana Split Pudding features rich chocolate fudge and homemade vanilla pudding.

minutes. Cook until pudding is thick and has boiled at least 1 minute. Remove from microwave. Stir in butter and vanilla. Cover surface with plastic wrap. Chill 30 minutes.

LAYER pudding with bananas and fudge topping in individual bowls. Garnish with whipped topping, pecans and cherries, if desired.

If you love the taste of chocolate, peanut butter and butterscotch, then try Chocolate Scotcherros.

For more recipes and tips, visit [www.argostarch.com](http://www.argostarch.com) and [www.karosyrup.com](http://www.karosyrup.com).



Chocolate Scotcherros blend the flavor of peanut butter, butterscotch and chocolate in these crispy treats.

### Chocolate Scotcherros

Prep time: 20 minutes

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Cool time: 45 minutes

Makes: 24 bars

- 1 cup Karo® Light Corn Syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 6 cups crispy rice cereal
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips

COOK corn syrup and sugar in a large pan over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter; mix well. Add cereal; stir until evenly coated.

POUR into greased 13x9-inch pan and pat into place.

MELT chocolate and butterscotch chips in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Spread over cereal.

COOL at least 45 minutes, or until firm. Cut into bars.

## Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

New books at the library:

### ADULTS:

**Large Print Mystery Fiction**  
*Night and Day* (a Jesse Stone novel by Robert B. Parker; *The Renegades* (a Charlie Hood novel) by T. Jefferson Parker; and *Promises in Death* (an Eve Dallas mystery) by J.D. Robb.

**Mystery Fiction** *By Whose Hand* by Sandra Carey Cody and *Seeing Red* by Dorothy P. O'Neill.

**Western Fiction** *The Fifth Ace* by Loretta Jackson and *Dead Man's Money* by V.S. Meszaros; and *Rangers of El Paso* by Luran Paine.

**Nonfiction** *Off The Beaten Path* by Phyllis Thomas and *Energy Independence* by Christine Woodside.

### JUVENILES:

**Ages 10 and Under Fiction**

*Kick The Football, Charlie Brown* (from the Peanuts series) by Charles M. Schulz.

**Preschool Nonfiction** *School Busses, Skid Steer Loaders* (from the Mighty Machines series) by Kay Manolis.

**Youth Nonfiction** *Seals* (state seals) by Annalise Bekkerling; *How to Draw Cool Kids* and *How to Draw Horses* (from the Snap Books- Drawing Fun series) by Kathryn Clay; *Flags* (state flags) by Lauren Diemer; and *Show Me A Story* by Nancy Loewen; and from the Edge Books-Kids' Guides series) *The Kids' Guide to Building Cool Stuff*, *The Kids' Guide to Classic Games* and *The Kids' Guide to Pranks, Tricks, and Practical Jokes* by Sheri Bell-Rehwoldt and *The Kids' Guide to Paper Airplanes* by Christopher Harbo.

## NIPSCO OFFERS HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Northern Indiana Public Service Company reminds low-income customers with outstanding balances that a number of assistance programs and payment arrangements are available to help customers who are finding it difficult to pay their heating bill.

"We understand many of the challenges that our customers are facing, and it is our goal to keep customers connected so they can stay warm and be safe in their homes," said Colleen Reilly, Director of Communications. "The amount of available energy assistance funds has increased this year, and we're prepared to work together to get customers the assistance they need."

Between Dec. 1 and March 15, natural gas utilities in Indiana do not disconnect service to customers enrolled in the state Energy Assistance Program and who are delinquent on their home heating bills.

In addition to funds available to EAP customers, nearly \$4.5 million remains available this year through NIPSCO's Winter Warmth program. Since the program's inception in 2004, Winter Warmth has provided nearly \$21.7 million in bill and deposit assistance to 55,522 customers.

"We want to do what we can to help our customers address payment issues. It's imperative that any customer, regardless of income, call us with bill-payment trouble immediately so we have an opportunity to work together to get the customer the assistance they need or see if

they qualify for a payment plan," said Reilly.

Among the programs available to help customers are:

- **State Energy Assistance Program** - provides qualifying families with bill and crisis assistance. The maximum amount a household can receive is \$535, including a \$200 crisis grant. Household income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.
- **Winter Warmth Program** - provides qualifying natural gas customers with bill and deposit assistance. Qualifying customers will be eligible to receive up to \$450 in annual energy assistance. Eligibility requirements include those customers up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, in addition to those who have a financial hardship situation as determined by an administering Winter Warmth agency.
- **Gift of Warmth Fuel Fund** - provides eligible low-income customers whose incomes are at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, and who have received a disconnect notice, with heating bill assistance. NIPSCO matches agency contributions dollar for dollar.
- **Township Trustees** - provides customers with home heating bill assistance. Customers are encouraged to contact their local Township Trustee to see what help is available.

To learn more about available assistance, customers may call 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726).

A complete listing of intake sites for the state Energy Assistance Program, Winter Warmth Program and Gift of Warmth Fuel Fund can be found on NIPSCO's Web site at [www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com) by clicking "Manage Your Home Account" on the home page.

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## Private applicators recertification program

Purdue Extension Service of Fulton County will present a pesticide private applicators recertification program Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the community building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, 1009 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Rochester.

This is a rescheduled program from the Winter Farm School series and will be on chemical storage and presented by Dr. Fred Whitford. The Purdue Pesticide Coordinator will discuss the bulk storage of pesticides including problems they have seen throughout the state. The program will count towards the private applicator recertification program. Part of the program will be on a current state pesticide topic. The cost is \$10 for those getting certified and free to others in attendance. For more information, contact Mark Kepler, Purdue Extension Educator Fulton County, at 574-223-3307.

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## Farm program information meetings

Public information meetings on the 2008 farm bill have been scheduled by the office staffs of the Elkhart, Fulton, Cass and Miami county FSA offices. Items to be discussed include DCP, ACRE, AGI and Payment Limitation, SURE, and other disaster programs.

Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

March 18 - Miami County Fairgrounds north of Peru, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

March 23 - Fulton County Fairgrounds, Rochester, 1 to 3 p.m.

March 24 - Cass County Fairgrounds north of Logansport, 1 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact one of the local FSA offices.



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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Daylight Savings Time started Sunday and we had to move our clocks ahead one hour. To quote an article in the March issue of *Discover* magazine by Lee Aundra Temescu: Wonder why you had to set your clock ahead this month? Daylight Saving Time began as a joke by Benjamin Franklin, who proposed waking people earlier on bright summer mornings so they might work more during the day and thus save candles. It was introduced in the U.K. in 1917 and then spread around the world.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Indianapolis Monday, March 2. Accompanying them were Tom and Shirley Miller of Sharpesville. The foursome made the trip to visit with their friend, Bud Landis, who is a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital. The group also had the opportunity to visit with several members of Bud's family.

Don and Pauline Scales enjoyed visiting with a few members of their family Wednesday, March 4. They were joined for a visit during lunch in North Manchester by their daughters, Barbara Grandstaff of Kendallville, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester and Linda Garner. Everyone had a fun time catching up on the family news and

helping Phyllis celebrate her ?? birthday.

Barb LaFollette had a nice time Wednesday with her granddaughter and great-grandson, Shelby Bohac and Eli. They did some shopping in Logansport and enjoyed Chinese cuisine in Rochester.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had a visitor last week. Staying with them overnight and tackling some chores around the house and yard was Barb's grandson, Joey Wilk.

Romayne Wentzel has returned safely from a two-week trip to New Mexico. She had a wonderful time as a houseguest of her daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Spencer Stopa and their family in Alamogordo.

Barb LaFollette, Carol Broda and Shelby Bohac and Eli had a fun day Thursday, March 5. They began with breakfast at the Rochester VFW post where they were met by Barb's daughter, Karina Bohac, for a visit. Afterward, the group did a little shopping in Rochester.

Pauline and Don Scales had a visitor Thursday. Stopping by after work for a chat was Linda Garner.

Earl and Mary Bangel had a houseguest over the weekend.

Staying with them for a few days was their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Friday, March 6. They enjoyed a visit with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Mathilda Lamb was among those who attended the World Day of Prayer service at the Kewanna Church of Christ Friday evening.

Tom and Barb LaFollette enjoyed visiting with several friends at the Rochester Moose lodge Friday.

Florence Hogan had a couple of callers Saturday, March 7. Coming up for a visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. During their trip to Kewanna and after arriving, they stopped and cleaned up numerous family gravesites in preparation for Memorial Day ceremonies.

Helen Whiteman accompanied her daughter, Sherri Lett, Saturday afternoon. They had an exciting time attending an 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball game. Sherri's granddaughter, Whitney Hook, is a player for Winamac.

JoAnn Tsoodle and Barb Hieber had a working visitor Saturday. Coming for an overnight visit and doing some chores was Barb's grandson, Tom Wilk.

Romayne Wentzel spent an enjoyable weekend with ten members of her family in celebration of her birthday.

Barb and Jon Gast had a busy

day Sunday, March 8. After church services, they were treated to lunch at the Paradise Plaza truck stop restaurant near Rochester by Barb's sister, Betty Leazenby. Upon their arrival at home, they were greeted by several members of their family for a surprise birthday party in honor of Barb. Arriving with balloons, gifts, cake and ice cream were their daughter and son-in-law, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon; their daughter, Cora Lynn Clemans; their granddaughter, Shelby Wagoner of Etna Green; their great-grandsons, Riley and Brendan; Larry and Bev Baldwin; and Randi's "charges" Trevor and Aniston.

Julie Brown had a fun afternoon Sunday. She enjoyed helping her "munchkin," Tanner Sutton, celebrate his third birthday.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of callers Sunday. Coming by to do some chores around the house were her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski, and his son, Rodney Whiteman of Indianapolis.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle have a "houseguest" this

week. Staying with them while her family (Sue Wilk and Joey) is in Texas is Sadie Mae Wilk.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Scott Hall, Michael Ingram, Pearl McPherson, Chandler Patterson, Trisha Powell and Charlie Rude, March 15; Matt Carlson, Kris French and T.J. Garner, March 16; Mike Bartram, Adam Berry, Lynette Good, Haley Harding, Theresa Hott, Terry Newton, Rob Lewark, Devon Overmyer, Violet Troutman and Pat Zellers, March 17; Beth Ann Deckard and Lorena Kline, March 18; Jeremy Agnew, Haley Markley and Chase Simpson, March 19; Bill Gupton, Louise Masteller, Darlene Masunas, Gary L. Plummer, Jerry J. Plummer and Adam Troutman, March 20; and Randy Hall, Ryan Hall, Lorna Mollencupp, Haley Rigney, Samson Shaw and Joshua Ton, March 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Good will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 15 and Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hines will be celebrating theirs March 18.



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- \*+07 GMC SIERRA 2WD Crew Cab SLT pwr leather seat, pwr w/l, alum wheels, trailer pkg, 26k \$19995
- \* 06 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 Crew Cab LT3 pwr heated buckets, sunroof, DVD, 44k mi \$21995
- \*+06 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 Crew Cab LT Z71 pwr seat, w/l, alum whls, CD, trlr pk, 47k \$19995
- 04 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 Ext Cab Z71 8ft bed, pwr seat, w/l, CD/cass, trailer pkg, 45k \$15995
- \* 05 GMC CANYON 4X4 Z71 3.5L pwr heated leather seats, Alum wheels, CD, topper, 41k mi \$15995
- \*+06 PONTIAC TORRENT FWD 3.4 V6, pwr sunroof, pwr wind, remote locks, CD, 27k mi \$13995
- \* 06 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD LT 3.4 V6, pwr wind, remote locks, alum wheels, CD, 50k mi \$12995
- +04 SATURN VUE AWD V6, pwr heated leather seats, w/l, sunroof, CD changer, 37,000 mi \$10995
- 04 GMC ENVOY XL 4X4 SLE pwr seat, w/l, remote entry, chrome wheels, CD, trlr pk, 58k \$11995
- +99 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4 LT 8 pass, pwr leather, alum whls, trailer pkg, 1 owner, 147k \$6995
- +97 CHEVY S10 2WD Ext Cab LS 3 door, V6, auto, pwr wind/locks, alum wheels, 27,000mi \$5995

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