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## KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, June 4, at the town hall. Those present included council members, Jeff Finke, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; Tony Pesaresi, assistant fire chief; Bob Murphy, grant writer; Greg Heller, town attorney; Mike Molitor, town superintendent; Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering; and local residents, Chuck Smith and Cliff Bragdon.

Mr. Murphy presided over a bid opening on an irrigation traction system for the sewage treatment facility. The lone bidder was Thomas Excavating with a bid of \$55,650 for the traction system and \$2,724 for the nozzle assembly for a total of \$58,374. The bid was accepted by the council based on a review of the contract by Mr. Murphy. Funds for the traction system come from monies left in the recent improvement project.

Murphy also conducted a hearing concerning CDBG DR 2 grant application for \$1 million to work on the town's storm water drains. Territorial Engineering was hired as engineers for the project when the council met in special session May 28. Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering explained briefly how his company's plan will focus primarily on the trouble spots that run up East Street and Smith Street with some miscellaneous repairs in areas that have smaller issues. Mr. Murphy asked town superintendent, Mike Molitor, if this would take care of the flooding problems. Molitor responded that he thought it would take care of 75% of the town's problems. Chuck Smith inquired how the work would affect the streets in between East and Smith Streets. It was noted that the work should not cause any concerns. Tony Pesaresi asked about water accumulation behind Winamac Coil Spring. Bixby noted he hopes to talk with the county about opening things up behind there.

Pesaresi also gave the fire report for the month, noting that the annual pancake and sausage breakfast was a success. He inquired what the council has in mind for the public safety money received from the county auditor. A total of \$7,536.26 has been placed in the Public Safety Fund, which is to be used for fire, police and emergency medical service, although it is uncertain at this time what percentage is to be used toward each. The fire department would like to replace its jaws of life with the help of a recently applied for firefighter's assistance grant. It could take up to six months before the department will know whether or not it will be awarded the grant.

The fire department responded to four town alarms during May, all medical, and seven township alarms, three fire and four medical. It also answered one mutual aid call.

Town superintendent Mike Molitor submitted his written report for the month, noting several sink hole repairs. A tree was trimmed on Troutman Street to make a speed limit sign more visible. The garage at the sewage treatment plant was cleaned and rearranged to accommodate equipment from the improvement project. Tim Kline, who has been hired to mow this summer, underwent orientation on the use of the town's mower and weed eater and the areas he would be responsible for. The hiring of summer help will allow town employee, Danny Chew, time to install new water meters. A new left front brake hose was installed on the town's red ¾ ton truck. Second quarter samples for arsenic testing were pulled and the results sent to the state. Molitor met with the state wastewater inspector, Mike Kuss. Chew and Molitor are both working with Bob Murphy identifying storm drain problem areas. Murphy is applying for a grant in the amount of \$1 million to address these problems. A pump at the No. 1 lift station, which was leaking around the shaft seals, was pulled and taken to Indianapolis for repairs, at no cost to the town. The brush pile at the town's dump site for yard waste was pushed in in preparation for burning by the fire department. A wash out under the deck behind the town hall was repaired. The wash out occurred when the sump pump hose serving the town hall broke. Town wide clean up day was a success. Both dumpsters were filled by 11 a.m. The water works pumped a total of 1,384,000 gallons of water during May.

Marshall Dennis Price's monthly report noted two traffic arrests, eight traffic warnings, two criminal arrests, 38 calls answered; one vehicle check and 1,383 miles patrolled. Marshal Price and two deputies, Danny Winter and Jon Sailors, Jr., attended a building search school at Grissom on May 6. Sailors started schooling at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy May 18 and will be there until the end of August.

Chuck Smith requested that town trees at 213 South Smith Street be trimmed. Because funds in the tree trimming appropriation are nearing depletion for the year, the council noted that he could trim the trees himself, as long as he does not cut down or top the trees.

Tony Pesaresi, on behalf of Winamac Coil Spring, requested the closing of several alleys some of which have been closed, but never recorded. Attorney Greg Heller advised that he follow the statutes for closing of alleys beginning with filing a petition

## Rummage Rumble, June 20

Kewanna's annual Rummage Rumble community wide garage/yard sale day is slated for Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by Kewanna HEART. For more information or to announce your garage/yard sale, contact Sheri Cook at 574-653-9919.

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## Breakfast, lunch July 4 at Twelve Mile

The Twelve Mile Community Board will serve breakfast and lunch in conjunction with the Twelve Mile Lawnmower Race Saturday, July 4, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Twelve Mile Community Building.

Biscuits and gravy, grilled sausage, pancakes and other items will be featured for breakfast. Hot dogs, sloppy Joes, ham and beans, pork sausage sandwiches and homemade pies will be on the lunch menu starting at 10 a.m.

Members from several local churches will provide the food items and cook and serve the meals.

The Twelve Mile parade starts at 11:30 a.m. with the lawnmower races to start shortly thereafter.

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## Jury duty scam

The FBI has verified a jury duty scam that is spreading fast. Most people take summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo, your identity is stolen.

The fraud has been reported in 11 states. These scammers are particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

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with the town council.

The annual tax abatement compliance form for Winamac Coil Spring was signed.

The town clerk requested permission to purchase a new printer for the wastewater treatment plant as the old one is no longer functioning properly. The request was approved.

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

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## The News In Brief

The Supreme Court has cleared the way for Fiat, an Italian auto maker, to purchase Chrysler LLC. Consumer groups and three Indiana pension funds had requested that the high court stop the sale.

Better Business Bureaus (BBB) across the country are receiving reports of a new scam on Craigslist that deceives buyers by falsely claiming BBB accreditation and participation in a phony buyer's protection program. BBB warns that there is no such thing as a BBB Purchase Protection Program and any online seller claiming participation in this program is scamming customers.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 15, in the meeting room of the County Office Building, 125 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. The agenda will include the highway department, sheriff's department, Susan Carr and the X-Soft contract, Dr. Bugno and the health department, Rick Brown and Title IV-D expansion, discussion of appointing an insurance review committee, and the common wage committee.

The Fulton County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, in the meeting room of the County Office Building. The agenda will include the highway department, sheriff's department, health department, Shane Blair, Rick Brown, additional appropriations and committee reports.

Gagnon Chevrolet in Akron was notified last Friday that its Chevrolet franchise would expire in October of 2010. The business was established in 1949. The present owner, John Gagnon, says he does not plan to close his business. He will still sell late model used cars and service and repair them.

The annual Round Barn Festival will take place this weekend in Rochester. The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Cole Porter Festival will take place in Peru and Royal Center will host its annual Pioneer Days.

State Senator Randy head of Logansport recorded a 100 percent voting record during the 2009 regular legislative session.

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## NOTICE TO FULTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Fulton County Treasurer, Lorie Hurst, wants to notify all Fulton County taxpayers that the 2008 payable 2009 spring installment will be due July 17, 2009, and the fall installment will be due November 10, 2009.

Tax statements will be mailed June 17, 2009. Taxes can be paid online at [www.fultontax.net](http://www.fultontax.net), Community State Bank, First Financial Bank, Lake City Bank, or in the Fulton County Treasurer's office at 125 E 9<sup>th</sup>, Rochester, IN.

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## FSA county committee nominations start June 15

Don Hunton, Acting Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana, has announced that farmer and rancher candidate nominations will begin June 15 for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. The nomination period continues through August 3 and elections will take place in the fall.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also nominate themselves and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

Nominations forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 3, 2009.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price supports loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning November 6. The voted ballots are due back to the local county officer via mail or in person by December 7, 2009. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2010.

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Send In Your News





**Caston honor roll**

Students named to the high honor roll at Caston include:

**Seventh Grade**

Derek Berkshire, Katie Henry, and Anthony Strain

**Eighth Grade**

Katelyn Miller, Zachary Smith, and Amanda Watson

**Freshmen**

Rachel Laing and Brittney Offenberger

**Sophomores**

Logan Goff and Jada Powlen

**Juniors**

James Laing, Veronica Sheets, and Caleb Siders

**Seniors**

Seth Cowell, Eli Fred, Frost Fry, Skylar Powlen, Nick Roe, Erica Zartman, and Ethan Zartman

Regular honor roll students include:

**Seventh Grade**

Michael Beall, Anna Brown, Quentin Douglass, Chad French, Haley Hoover, Victoria Hopkins, Hayley Johnson, Chrystle Lachance, Conner Martin, Emilee Parsons, Tierney Rentschler, and Robin Swango

**Eighth Grade**

Marissa Hicks, Jordan Hollar, Abby Holt, Jordan Moss, and Caleb Rowe

**Freshmen**

Kent Burton, Alishia Davis, Emily Douglass, Lily Henderson, Trevor Hoover, Madison Jones, Jacob Miller, Christen Sailors,

Kara Smith, Olivia Thomson, and Jasimine Westbrook

**Sophomores**

Morgan Herrold, Erika Reffitt, and Faye Scott

**Juniors**

David McMenamin, Kory Moudy, Megan Powell, Maria Reifenrath, Emily See, and Chelsea Troyer

**Seniors**

Hanna Black, Jonathan Burns, Jona Cottrell, Anna Douglass, Amy Hathaway, Sam Jones, Kaley Kellenburger, Shelby Loeffler, Austin Moss, and Evan Pulliam

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**Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events**

**Naptown Roller Derby: Warning Belles & Tornado Sirens vs. The Ohio Roller Girls (Columbus, OH):**

June 13 in Toyota Exposition Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m.; bouts begin at 5:30 p.m. Admission: \$11 in advance; \$16 at the door. Contact: Naptown Roller Girls (317) 522-1958 or [www.naptownrollergirls.com](http://www.naptownrollergirls.com).

**Lucas Oil Nexgeneracers Youth Go-Kart Program:**

June 13 - 14 in the South Lot. Contact: (317) 632-1300.

**Indiana State Fair Indy International Wine Competition:**

June 16 - 18 in the

Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Tues.-Wed. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to noon. Admission: free. Contact: Jill Blume at Purdue University (765) 494-1749.

**Region 13 All Arabian Horse Show:**

June 18 - 21 in the Pepsi Coliseum, West and South Pavilions and Outdoor Arena. Hours: Thurs.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to noon. Admission: free. Contact: Jan Decker (317) 861-4814 or [www.region13.net](http://www.region13.net).

**Midwest Reptile Show:**

June 21 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599 or [www.midwestreptile.com](http://www.midwestreptile.com).

**Harness Racing:**

June 22 - 23 in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand and Race Track. Hours: Mon.- Tues. 11 a.m. Admission: free. Contact: (765) 395-3125.

**Lucas Oil Nexgeneracers Youth Go-Kart Program:**

June 27 - 28 in the South Lot. Contact: (317) 632-1300.

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**LOCALS**

Mathilda Lamb and Joan and Mike Gallagher had company Sunday. Joining them for a visit and cookout were Mathilda's son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne, and her son, Wayne Lamb of Peru.

Florence Hogan had a caller Sunday. Joining her for a short visit was her sister-in-law, Connie Shaw of LaPorte. Connie was here to attend the funeral viewing of Ruth Ann Anderson.

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to LaPorte Sunday. They accompanied their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas, to Michigan City. The family was attending Michele's high school graduation ceremony. Michele was recognized with Highest Distinction and Academic Honors for her G.P.A. as well as memberships in the National Honor Society and Foreign Language Honor Society for her four years of Japanese. Afterward, the family celebrated with dinner at the Olive Garden restaurant in Mishawaka.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Elnora Baker and Trent Newton, June 14; Sara Bangel, Kathy Kegaris,

Kris MacLain and Veronica Nichols, June 15; Kristy Cogdill, Brooklyn Dees and Jaime Heiden, June 16; Kate Brown, Jaime Cogdill, Amy Fivecoat, Wendy Kelly and John Sebby, June 17; and Matthew Easterday and Frank Johnson, June 18.

There are ten couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bussert and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis, June 14; Mr. and Mrs. John Good and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, June 16; Mr. and Mrs. John Mollencupp, June 18; and Mr. and Mrs. Brock Hinderlider, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rudicel, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Urbin and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Young, June 19.

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**James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 Calendar**

June 3 - Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

June 20 - hog roast from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by band Hit 'n Run

June 21 - Happy Father's Day

June 28 - Open Sunday beginning at noon

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

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**HOSPITAL NOTES....**

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**

May 29  
Births - Kristine Gardner, Rochester, a son; Robert and Julie Sturgill, Rochester, a daughter

May 31  
Births - Sondra Beatty, Argos, a daughter

June 1  
Admissions - Kelly Howard, Rochester; James Purvis, Argos

Dismissals - Mindy Malott and daughter, Roann; Phyllis Steele, Akron; James Purvis, Argos; Kelly Howard, Kristine Gardner and son and Julie Sturgill and daughter, Rochester

June 3  
Admissions - Haley Coffing, Twelve Mile; James Turner, Rochester; Charles Bradley, Argos

Dismissals - Sondra Beatty and daughter, Argos

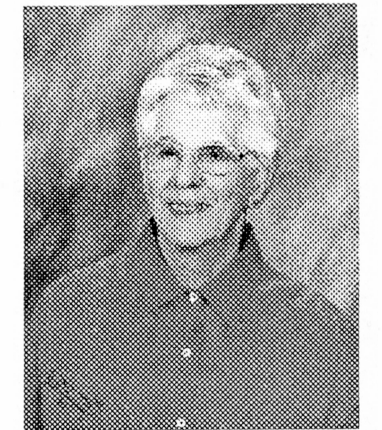
June 4  
Admissions - none published

Dismissals - Reghan Nellans and son, Mentone

June 5  
Admissions - Patrick Foster, Rochester; Alvin Fox, Kewanna

Dismissals - Edward Banashak, Lisa Keefe, Rochester; Stacy Frame and daughter, Royal Center; Haley Coffing, Twelve Mile; and Nicole Green and son, Atwood

**DEATHS .....**



**RUTH ANN ANDERSON**  
A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2009, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel,

for Ruth Ann Anderson, 86, Kewanna. Rev. Steven McPeck and Pastor Steve Tufts officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Ruth Ann passed away at 1:25 p.m. Friday, June 5, at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend.

Born July 21, 1922, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Lelia (Leasure) Tomlinson. She was married December 20, 1941, to Arthur J. Anderson. He preceded her in death on September 17, 1996.

A 1940 graduate of Kewanna High School, Ruth Ann was retired from Farmers and Merchants Bank in Kewanna and Rochester where she worked as a teller and bank officer for many years.

She was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, Kewanna. She enjoyed helping others and had several hobbies including caning chairs, painting and crafts. She also enjoyed mowing her yard.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce A. Luhnnow, Kewanna, and Becky J. Lincoln, South Bend; two sisters, Mildred McColley and Beth Weller and her husband, Ray, Kewanna; five grandchildren, Doug Luhnnow and his wife, Beth, and Angie Luhnnow, all of Kewanna, Chris Riffle and her husband, Hank, Akron, Leslie Halterman and her husband, Dennis, Madison, Wisconsin, and Sara Edwards and her husband, Adam, South Bend; and eight great-grandchildren, Brad, Amber and Adam Luhnnow, Kyle and Brittany Riffle, Lauren Halterman and Kahlán and Lilly Edwards. Also preceding her in

death were two sons-in-law, James R. Lincoln and Fred W. Luhnnow, and a sister, Lois Kumler.

A visitation was held Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna United Methodist Church, Box 398, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

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**Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar**

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, June 27, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

PMH will be holding a two-day safe sitter class Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16 and 17. The classes are designed to prepare your adolescent, age 11-13, to care for younger children. Class size is limited so please register early. For information or to sign up for the class, call 574-946-2193 or 1-800-659-7644, extension 2193. The class fee is \$30. Scholarships are available for those needing assistance.

A one-day prenatal class will be held June 27 in the PMH conference center beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at approximately

5 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

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**Scholarships available**

Scholarships from the Claude and Barbara Caldwell Memorial Nursing Fund are available to persons who have been a resident of Pulaski County for at least one year. The applicants must also be 18 years of age, seeking a degree as a registered nurse and planning to work in Pulaski County after graduation.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship, contact Pulaski Memorial Hospital Administration at 574-946-2166. The deadline for the 2009 fall semester is July 1, 2009.

The application can also be printed from the PMH website at [pmhnet.com](http://pmhnet.com).

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**AREA FIVE MENU**

**Kewanna Fire Station**  
Monday, June 15 - Smoked sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, peas/carrots, apple rings and milk  
Wednesday, June 17 - Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, oatmeal bread and milk  
Friday, June 19 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, creamed corn, pears and milk

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## Looking Back.....

### SIXTY YEARS AGO

June 9, 1949

John F. Bucks of near Royal Center, brother of Joe Bucks, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was buried Tuesday, June 7, in the Star City IOOF Cemetery. Bucks died Saturday at Memorial Hospital in Logansport where he had been a patient for two weeks. He had been ill for two years.

Kenneth Watkins was sworn in as Fulton County conservation officer May 31 and assumed his duties as a law enforcement officer for the State of Indiana the following Thursday. Watkins worked as a federal game warden in Vigo County from 1942 to 1944 so the work is not new to him.

A pick-up truck belonging to Standard Elevator Co. of Kewanna and driven by Willard Foust turned over about four miles north of Kewanna on State Road 17 around noon Saturday. Foust applied the brakes to avoid hitting a car going north. The brakes locked causing the truck to overturn.

Paul Shull was appointed Kewanna fire chief, replacing Don Metzger who has resigned. The new assistant chief is Harold Woolington and Roy Whybrow is a new member of the department.

A car owned and operated by Frank Perkins missed a turn and crashed through a barn belonging to Oren St. Clair, five miles east of Grass Creek Saturday night. Perkins, who was alone in the car, was not injured.

### FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 11, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartman of Macy have purchased the Knotty Pine Inn in Fulton. It was formerly owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman plan on changing the name to the Knotty Pine Café.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Kelsey and daughter Maureen attended the eight grade commencement at Barbour Hall Sunday. The Kelseys eldest son, William, was one of the graduates. He received a gold medal for being an honor student and the Henfelder trophy, a music award.

Paul Weller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weller of Kewanna, and Renata Oberloher, formerly of Germany, were united in marriage Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montz attended the couple. The ceremony took place in the home of Mr. H. F. Bulger, Kewanna.

John E. Shanley will receive his

A.B. degree in zoology and Daniel J. Bauman his A.B. degree in chemistry June 14 when Indiana University holds its 125<sup>th</sup> commencement.

Alice Felder returned home Tuesday evening from Taylor University at Upland where she completed a three-year pre-nursing course. She plans to enter the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis in September.

Nellie Walsh graduated from Ball State Teachers College in Muncie. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Walsh, Mr. Albert Walsh and Mrs. James Ware. Nellie received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and will teach home economics in South Bend starting in September.

Sixty persons were present at a bridal shower given Friday evening, June 4, in the basement of the Grass Creek EUB Church. Hostesses were Vivian Crippen, Doris Wise and Janece Herrold. The guest of honor was Nada Herrold, recent bride of John C. Herrold.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 11, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hartman have sold their restaurant in Fulton, the Knotty Pine, to the Fulton County Farm Bureau and will be closed Saturday. The Hartmans plan to reopen a restaurant in the Leonard Felts building, which used to house the Carithers grocery.

Russell Walters, Kewanna school principal for the past three years, was appointed superintendent of Fulton County schools Wednesday, June 3, by the county board of education. He succeeds S. Earl Rouch.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Abbey and daughters, who have been serving the Fulton EUB Church for the past five years, were honored at a farewell party Tuesday evening, June 2, in the church basement. The Abbeys are going to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Elkhart.

### FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 11, 1964

Phillip Zellers and Bob Lord of Kewanna received degrees from Purdue University Sunday during Purdue's 112<sup>th</sup> commencement.

Sharon Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baird, Rt. 6, Rochester, was among 78 students graduating from International Business College in Fort Wayne last week.

Cindy Hunter was installed as Worthy Advisor of Faith Assembly #114 May 29.

Rosemary Perry was in Muncie for orientation and will enter Ball State Sunday, June 14.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

June 14, 1979

Jon Donathen, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been selected to receive the Paul J. and Hulda M. Brembeck Scholarship for the 1979-1980 academic year. Jon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Donathen, will be a sophomore at Manchester College this fall.

Sandy Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Drake, Leiters

Ford, was crowned queen of the 1979 Strawberry Festival Saturday night at Leiters Ford.

Cathy Walsh, Rt. 2, Kewanna, graduated in May from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Consumer and Family Science. She was one of 4,121 students to receive degrees in the 127<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Gospel Chapel for Mrs. Amanda E. Wentzel, 81, Rt. 1, Kewanna. Rev. Sam Wolfe officiated and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Miss Mary Wentzel, Rt. 1, Kewanna and Mrs. Betty Weller, Rochester; and three sons, Lester of Culver, Covert, Kewanna, and Harold, Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Murhling, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, June 17. They will be honored at an open house at the local VFW from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mike Cogdill, son of Frank and Ruth Cogdill, former Kewanna residents, was among the 312 graduating seniors at Poplar Bluff High School in Missouri. Mike received the Outstanding Body Shop Student award.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 8, 1989

Mike Guzaldo, Rt. 1, Kewanna, recently received his real estate license and is a sales associate with Kewanna Realty, owned by Linda Jones.

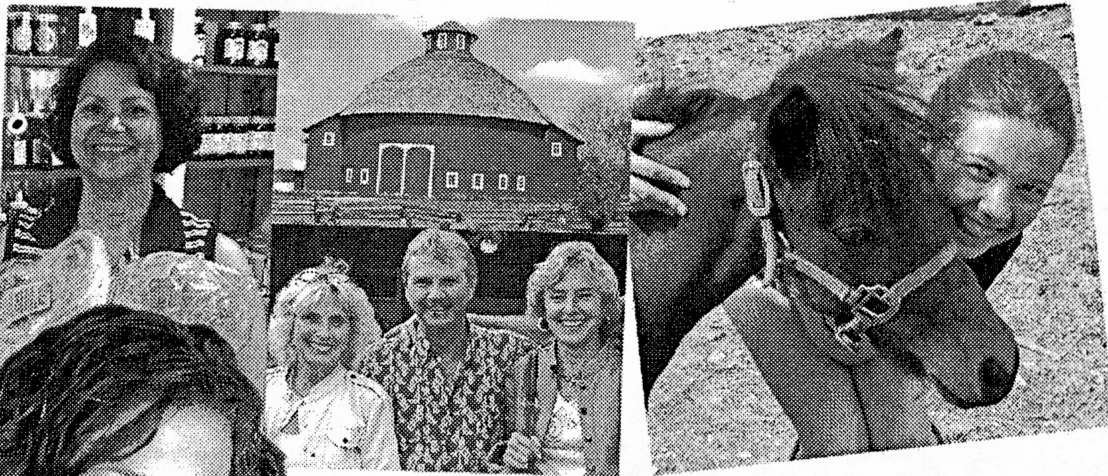
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graduated May 26 with a Master of Divinity degree from Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart. Ton is pastor of the Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches.

Matthew Webb, Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at Ancilla College and is a recipient of an Ancilla Dean's scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Webb, Kewanna, and a graduate of Kewanna Christian Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson and Seth of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wilson of here, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foerg and family were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham, Nathan, Emily and Kurt, near Lucerne and helped Kurt celebrate his third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tomerlin, Eric and Erin, of Hebron; John Agnew, Jr., Jeremy and Joshua, Florence Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew attended graduation and open house for Jeffrey Agnew at Rochester recently.

Kevin Sommers has been selected for a summer legal clerkship with the U.S. attorney's office in Las Vegas, Nevada. He will be with the organized crime prosecution division. Kevin will be a second year law student at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, next fall. He is the son of Carl and Nancy Sommers, Rt. 2, Kewanna.

**TEN YEARS AGO  
June 10, 1999**

Martin Van Meter has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International Foundation in recognition of his commitment to humanitarian service. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. Martin was nominated for the honor by his club, the Grass Creek Lions Club, of which he has been a member for 25 years.

Members of the Kewanna town council were in Indianapolis Wednesday, June 2, to receive a CFF grant in the amount of \$500,000 to make improvements to the town's sewage treatment facilities. Accepting the award on the behalf of Kewanna were Doran Collins and Doris Woolington.

Donnie Weller graduated Friday, June 4, from Perry High School in Perry, Georgia. He ranked 17<sup>th</sup> out of a graduating class of 300. Donnie plans to attend Valdosta State College in Valdosta, Georgia, this fall where he will be a political science major. Donnie is the son of Don and Barbara Weller, Kathleen, Georgia, and the grandson of Barb and Jon Gast and Ray and Beth Weller, Kewanna.

Al and Ellen Walsh, Kewanna, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, June 20, at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Rochester.

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**On-line farm program tools now available**

Don Hunton, Acting Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana, has announced that new online research and planning tools are now available for farmers and ranchers to assist them in examining how the new 2008 farm bill programs apply to their crops and operations.

ACRE or the Average Crop Revenue Election Program is a new revenue-based guarantee program administered by FSA that assists farmers and ranchers in managing the risks inherent in agricultural operations. ACRE is an alternative to the traditional price-stabilizing Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

By visiting the FSA website at [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov), growers enter their crops, acreages and price/yield projections in an ACRE calculator to evaluate potential results. The calculator tool and other information and eligibility resources can be found

by navigating to the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/ACRE pages shown in the menu bar on the left of the FSA homepage.

"The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the five-year state Olympic average yield and the two-year national average price," said Hunton.

The website also provides a 2009 Benchmark Yield History, ACRE Revenue Yield Maps and ACRE Price Values. The calculator can be used for one year and repeated to project multiple year results. Additional ACRE background information includes fact sheets and descriptive charts to help explain this program's provisions and calculations.

August 14 is the deadline to elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 Crop Year. Note that once a producer elects to participate in ACRE, the farm is no longer eligible for the regular Direct and Counter-cyclical Program through the 2012 crop year, the last year covered by the 2008

farm bill.

Producers should carefully evaluate their participation in ACRE. Payments in ACRE are made only when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20% percent reduction in direct payments and a 30% reduction in loan rates.

For more information about your options under ACRE and other new farm bill programs, contact your nearest Farm Service Agency office to schedule an appointment.

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**KEWANNA YOUTH LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

June 1 - 18

Mondays - 5:30 p.m., minor league games

Tuesdays - 6 p.m., major league games

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m., t-ball games; 6:30 p.m., minor league games

Thursdays - 6 p.m., major league games

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF FULTON COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED**

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the several taxing units in Fulton County for the year 2008 payable in 2009 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the levies and rates on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of net assessed valuation of taxable real estate and personal property in each taxing unit. First installment delinquent after July 17, 2009. Second installment delinquent after November 10, 2009.

Lorie Hurst, Treasurer of Fulton County

FUNDS	AUBBEE-NAUBBEE	HENRY	LIBERTY	NEWCASTLE	RICHLAND	ROCHESTER	CASTON	UNION ROCHESTER	UNION PULASKI	WAYNE	AKRON	FULTON	KEWANNA	ROCHESTER CITY
State Fair Board														
State Forestry														
<b>TOTAL STATE RATE</b>														
Co General	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960	0.2960
Cum Cap Dev	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275
Health	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173	0.0173
Cum Bridge	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230	0.0230
New Reassessment	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093	0.0093
Family & Children														
Welfare HCl														
Assist to Wards														
Co CHCSN														
Child Psychiatric Res Treat.														
Hospital Lease Rental	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197	0.0197
<b>TOTAL CO RATE</b>	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928	0.3928
Airport Authority	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333	0.0333
Airport Cum Building	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033
<b>TOTAL AVIATION RATE</b>	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366	0.0366
Township	0.0127	0.0197	0.0062	0.0208	0.0080	0.0053	0.0456	0.0456	0.0456	0.0094	0.0197	0.0062	0.0456	0.0053
Poor Relief	0.0059		0.0063	0.0081	0.0014	0.0029	0.0059	0.0059	0.0059	0.0040		0.0063	0.0059	0.0029
Fire Fighting	0.0756	0.0775	0.0189	0.0445	0.0221	0.0772	0.0461	0.0461	0.0461	0.0395				
Recreation			0.0063									0.0063		
Fire Bldg. Debt				0.0165										
Cum Fire			0.0154	0.0154	0.0182		0.0154	0.0154	0.0154	0.0241				
Community/Bldg. Services				0.0046										
Cemetery	0.0087													
<b>TOTAL TWP RATE</b>	0.1029	0.0972	0.0531	0.1099	0.0497	0.0854	0.1130	0.1130	0.1130	0.0770	0.0197	0.0188	0.0515	0.0082
Library General	0.1068	0.1102	0.1068	0.1068	0.1068	0.1068	0.1138	0.1138	0.1138	0.1068	0.1102	0.1068	0.1138	0.1068
Library Capital Projects	0.0000	0.0058	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0058	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Library Debt Service	0.0292	0.1220	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.0292	0.1220	0.0292	0.1220	0.0292
<b>TOTAL LIB RATE</b>	0.1360	0.2380	0.1360	0.1360	0.1360	0.1360	0.1138	0.1138	0.1138	0.1360	0.2380	0.1360	0.1138	0.1360
School General														
School Debt Serv	0.1699	0.5670	0.0964	0.5670	0.2918	0.2918	0.0964	0.2918	0.1975	0.0964	0.5670	0.0964	0.0964	0.2918
School Pension Debt	0.0354	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0386	0.0386	0.0386	0.0386	0.1040	0.0386	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0386
School Cap Proj	0.0718	0.2815	0.2557	0.2815	0.2367	0.2367	0.2557	0.2367	0.1300	0.2557	0.2815	0.2557	0.2557	0.2367
School Trans	0.0809	0.2198	0.2324	0.2198	0.1016	0.1016	0.2324	0.1016	0.1886	0.2324	0.2198	0.2324	0.2324	0.1016
Bus Replacement	0.0289	0.0277	0.0725	0.0277	0.0000	0.0000	0.0725	0.0000	0.0837	0.0725	0.0277	0.0725	0.0725	0.0000
Pre Sch/Spec Ed														
<b>TOTAL SCH RATE</b>	0.3869	1.0960	0.6570	1.0960	0.6687	0.6687	0.6570	0.6687	0.7038	0.6570	1.0960	0.6570	0.6570	0.6687
City/Town Rates:														
Corp General											0.8042	1.3749	1.0575	0.3263
Motor Vehicle Highway											0.0000		0.4251	0.1880
Fire Pension														0.0168
Police Pension														0.0075
Park & Recreation														0.1280
Park Bond														0.0000
Cum Cap Dev											0.0308			0.0388
Sewer														0.0006
Sewer Bond														0.0022
Cumulative Cap/IMP(Rate)													0.1500	
Bond #2														0.0159
Cum Fire											0.0275			
<b>TOTAL CORP RATE</b>	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.8625	1.3749	1.6326	0.7241
Solid Waste Mgmt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<b>TOTAL TAXING RATE</b>	1.0552	1.8606	1.2755	1.7713	1.2838	1.3195	1.3132	1.3249	1.3600	1.2994	2.6456	2.6161	2.8843	1.9664
Lake Bruce Conservancy							0.2642	0.2642	0.2642					
Mill Creek Conservancy			0.0770				0.0770	0.0770	0.0770	0.0770				
<b>% OF SPTRC</b>	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
STATE OF INDIANA SS: COUNTY OF FULTON:														

I, Judith A. Reed, Auditor of Fulton County, Indiana hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all levies and rates for taxes collectible in the year 2009.  
JUDITH A. REED, FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR.

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## Colts to host six "Fan Fest" events

### FAN FEST TO FEATURE COLTS PLAYERS, CHEERLEADERS AND FREE CONCERT FEATURING JESTER KINGS

The Indianapolis Colts will host their second season of Colts Fan Fests. The first event will be held in Logansport, Indiana on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Riverside Park. All Colts Fan Fests will be from 5pm-8pm, with free admission. The Indianapolis Colts are proud to partner with Indiana native recording artist Jester Kings for a fantastic show for the whole family.

Colts Fan Fest will continue across Indiana through July 10, making five additional stops in Columbus, Indianapolis, Jasper, Warsaw and Valparaiso. Fan Fest elements include a "Colts City" set up with inflatables, meet and greets with Colts players, cheerleaders, Blue the team mascot and a free concert by recording artist and Indiana natives Jester Kings. Fans may also participate in the "Books for Youth" book drive by donating new or gently used children's books, register their kids for the Colts Kids Club or Crib Club, register-to-win tickets to a Colts pre-season game, pick up free Colts giveaways and experience Colts In Motion, the clubs traveling museum.

The Indianapolis Colts are also encouraging fans to "Help a Hoosier" and pack non-perishable food items to be donated to their local food bank. For more ways to "Help a Hoosier" fans are encouraged to log onto [www.colts.com/help](http://www.colts.com/help).

"We provide hundreds of free events for our fans every year. Colts Fan Fests is our way of giving back to our fans to thank them for their continued support. We want our fans all across the state to be able to touch the Colts franchise in their own backyards," said Zupancic. Colts Fan Fests are sponsored by Bluegreen Resorts, Meijer and Indiana Office of Energy. Below are the 2009 Colts Fan Fest dates, locations and times. Please visit [www.colts.com/events](http://www.colts.com/events) for an up-to-date listing of locations to be visited.

#### Special notes:

The Colts would like to encourage all fans to arrive early. The line for player and cheerleader autographs may be cut off at any time to ensure the players' schedule remains on time. Inclement weather or traffic may cause late arrival or early departure. All Fan Fests will take place rain or shine. Team practice schedules and meeting times may cause players to arrive late or depart early. Colts player names will not be announced prior to the arrival in each city. Fans will be allowed one autograph per person, however fans may get back in line for additional autographs. All Colts Fan Fest times are local.

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## Fire Safe Cigarettes Mandate Takes Effect July 1

Indiana smokers may notice some small changes in the cigarettes they purchase beginning July 1. Fire safe cigarettes have a reduced propensity to burn when left unattended, and have proven to decrease the number of home fires.

Fire safe cigarettes place two

bands on the cigarette paper that are less porous than the surrounding paper. These bands require smokers to inhale at these bands to increase oxygen and increase the temperature of the burning cigarette paper enough to burn through the bands.

"The cigarettes are made from the same blend of tobacco as regular cigarettes," said Jim Greeson, Indiana State Fire Marshal and Indiana Department of Homeland Security Division of Fire and Building Safety Director. "The only difference to the consumer is they need to puff it more often or re-light it."

Traditional technology keeps a cigarette burning even without puffing. This is accomplished by including a significant amount of citrate-burning agents. Within 10 minutes, 90-100 percent of traditional cigarettes will cause fires in ignition tests – and a cigarette can smolder for up to 45 minutes.

"The only physical packaging difference is that fire safety packs are denoted with a small "FSC" printed under the bar code, a heavy black line above the UPC, a diamond symbol or the letters FS, LIP, or RIP," added Greeson.

Statistics on residential structure fires through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) show that 138 reported smoking related fires occurred in Indiana in 2008. These fires caused four civilian deaths, and 11 civilian injuries with property loss at nearly \$3.4 million. According to the National Fire Protection Agency, cigarette-ignited fires are the leading cause of home fire deaths in the United States, killing 700-900 people annually.

For more information on fire safe cigarettes, visit [www.in.gov/dhs/firesafesmokes.htm](http://www.in.gov/dhs/firesafesmokes.htm)

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## EARTH TALK

### Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** How can I recycle my old mattress if the place I buy a new one from doesn't take it? What do mattress companies do with old mattresses when they do take them? Do they recycle any of the material?-- J. Belli, Bridgeport, CT

A typical mattress is a 23 cubic foot assembly of steel, wood, cotton and polyurethane foam. Given this wide range of materials, mattresses have typically been difficult to recycle—and still most municipal recycling facilities won't offer to do it for you. But along with increasing public concerns about the environment—and a greater desire to recycle everything we can—has come a handful of private companies and nonprofit groups that want to make sure your old bed doesn't end up in a landfill.

The Lane County, Oregon chapter of the charity St. Vincent de Paul Society, for example, has spearheaded one of the nation's most successful mattress recycling initiatives via its DR3 ("Divert, Reduce, Reuse,

Recycle") program. "Keeping [mattresses] out of landfills is a matter of efficiently recycling them so their core materials can be reincarnated into any number of new products," reports the group, which opened a large mattress recycling center in Oakland, California in 2001. (Why hundreds of miles away in Oakland? To "go where the mattresses are," says Chance Fitzpatrick of the group.) The facility has been processing upwards of 300 mattresses and box springs per week ever since.

During the recycling process, each mattress or box spring is pushed onto a conveyor belt, where specially designed saws cut away soft materials on the top and bottom, separating the polyurethane foam and cotton fiber from the framework. The metal pieces are magnetically removed, and the remaining fiber materials are then shredded and baled. The whole process takes one worker just three to four minutes per mattress.

On a slow day, the DR3 facility recycles some 1,500 pounds of polyurethane foam, which totals a half million or more pounds over the course of a year. "A well-oiled recycling factory can reuse 90 percent of the mattress," reports Josh Peterson of Discovery's Planet Green website. "The cotton and cloth get turned into clothes. The springs and the foam get recycled, and the wood gets turned into chips."

While the DR3 facility only takes mattresses from a small group of waste haulers and individuals around the San Francisco Bay Area, other mattress recyclers are popping up around the U.S. and beyond. Some examples include Nine Lives Mattress Recycling in Pamplico, South Carolina; Conigliaro Industries in Framingham, Massachusetts; MattCanada in Montreal, Québec; and Dreamsafe in Moorabbin, Australia. To find a mattress recycler near you, consult the free online database at [Earth911.org](http://Earth911.org).

Those who aren't near a recycling facility might consider giving their old mattress away. But many health departments prohibit donating mattresses to charities like the Salvation Army or Goodwill. So what's an upgraded sleeper with a perfectly good old mattress to do? The web-based Freecycle Network allows people to post stuff to give away to anyone willing to come pick it up; likewise, chances are your local version of Craigslist also has a "free" section where you can post that it is available.

**CONTACTS:** DR3 Mattress Recycling, [www.svdvp.us/dr3-mattress-recycling.php5](http://www.svdvp.us/dr3-mattress-recycling.php5); Nine Lives Mattress Recycling, [www.geocities.com/ninelives29577](http://www.geocities.com/ninelives29577); Conigliaro Industries, [www.conigliaro.com](http://www.conigliaro.com); MattCanada, [www.mattcanada.com](http://www.mattcanada.com); Dreamsafe, [www.dreamsafe.com.au](http://www.dreamsafe.com.au); Freecycle Network, [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).

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### Recycling Dates

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH  
AND THURSDAY, JUNE  
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## BMV STEPS UP BATTLE AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD

Announces three initiatives focused on fastest growing crime in U.S.

Combating identity theft and fraud will be a major focus of three initiatives announced today by Andy Miller, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) – a new BMV Fraud and Security Enforcement Division, a commitment to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and other federal regulations, and an annual Identity Theft and Fraud Symposium.

The Fraud and Security Enforcement Division will coordinate efforts by the BMV to address security and fraud. The division brings together the former Investigations and Security, Compliance and Internal Audit and other parts of the agency overseeing security and fraud. Monty Combs, who was BMV's Chief Financial Officer and is a former law enforcement officer, has been named the Deputy Commissioner to lead this new division.

Miller added "Establishing the new integrated Fraud and Security Enforcement Division allows us to bring all security-related responsibilities into one coordinated operation. With a singular focus on security, the division staff will proactively enhance security policies and procedures and be aggressive in investigating security breaches such as identity theft."

Miller made the announcement at the first BMV-sponsored Identity Theft and Fraud Symposium attended by representatives of federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

In his opening remarks at the symposium, Miller affirmed BMV's commitment to implement fully the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and the federal regulations regarding identification documents. He noted that the Commission report specifically emphasized that "all but one of 9/11 hijackers acquired some form of U.S. identification document, some by fraud."

Miller continued, "There are over five million Hoosiers who have driver's licenses or ID cards issued by the BMV. These credentials are valuable personal identification documents that are used to board an aircraft, cash a check or perform many other business transactions. Because these credentials no longer just authorize someone to drive, but have much broader use, we must take all necessary steps to make them as secure as possible."

Miller cited a report from the Federal Trade Commission that identity theft has become the fastest growing crime in the nation. Crime statistics show that identity fraud cases increased by 22% from 2007 to 2008. The Identity Theft Resource Center calculates that there is some type of identity theft or fraud every two seconds in the United States.

In his welcome to the law enforcement officials and others attending the symposium, Miller said that the BMV staff thought there would be great value in bringing together federal, state and local law enforcement and other public safety agencies to discuss the latest developments in combating the rapidly

growing crime of identity theft. He noted that the BMV often works with law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's office and local prosecutors in investigating and solving identity theft cases.

Presenters at the first symposium were David Kane, Transportation Security Administration; Monte McKee, Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center; Sonja Kriegsmann, Indiana Banker's Association, and Chuck Taylor, Indiana Deputy Attorney General.

Miller reported that the new initiatives are enhancing the many steps taken by the BMV over the past three years to improve security and integrity of driver's licenses and ID cards. He specifically highlighted the following:

- New STARS computer system provided a single BMV database and computing capacity for multiple security process improvements.
- A new digital driver's license and ID card incorporated new printing technology and imbedded security features to make counterfeiting more difficult.
- The Social Security Online Verification process allowed the BMV to instantaneously compare a customer's personal data against the Social Security Administration database. In this process over 19,000 drivers' licenses were invalidated because name, Social Security number or date of birth could not be verified.
- Facial recognition technology now permits a comparison of a customer's photo against the BMV database of photos for duplication on other credentials.

Miller detailed six recent identity theft cases involving the BMV. He described the recent apprehension of David Grice who had successfully obtained six ID cards with different names. BMV's new facial recognition technology detected the duplicate licenses. All license branches were alerted and the man was identified when he attempted to obtain yet another license at the Crawfordsville license branch. He now awaits trial on seven felony counts.

"The national statistics and this most recent case here in Indiana are warnings that identity theft and fraud are serious matters with financial and personal impact on the victims and society as a whole," said Miller.

"As the 9/11 Commission reminded us, identity theft and fraud can threaten our national security. We will continue to explore ways to enhance the security of BMV-issued credentials that will result in new processes and procedures in the future."

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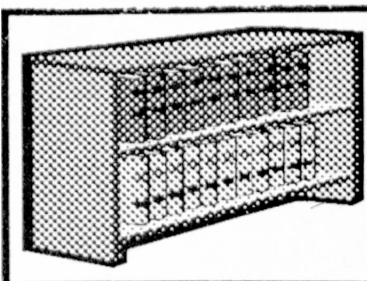
### Fulton County Historical Society 2009 Events

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

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

The library hosted its first story hour of the summer Saturday, June 6. The theme was "Clowns." The children listened to the books *The Clown-Arounds Have a Party* by Joanna Cole, *Circus Fun* by Margaret Hillert, *A Color Clown comes to Town* by Jane Belk Moncure and *Clowns* by Bob Reese. They made clown hats and played Mrs. Clown Says. They also watched The Cubby Clowns + One perform a "tightrope" act, toss a "heavy" ball back-and-forth and play tug-of-war. Other books used in preparing for the day were *Be a Clown! Techniques from a Real Clown* by Ron Burgess and *The Grolier Kids Craft Funny Face Book* by Marion Elliot and Belinda Hodson.

New books at the library:

### ADULTS:

**Christian General Fiction**— *Beyond This Moment* (#2 of the Timber Ridge Reflections series) by Tamera Alexander; *A Gift of Grace* (#1 of the Kauffman Amish Bakery series) by Amy Clipton; *The Desires of Her Heart* (#1 of the Texas: Star of Destiny series) by Lyn Cote; *A Vote of Confidence* (#1 of The Sisters of Bethlehem Springs series) by Robin Lee Hatcher; *Take One* (#1 of Above The Line series) by Karen Kingsbury; *Blaggard's Moon* by George Bryan Polivka; and *Plain Pursuit* (#2 of the Daughters of Promise series) by Beth Wiseman.

**General Fiction**— *Consent to Kill* by Vince Flynn and *Summer on Blossom Street* (from the Blossom Street series) by Debbie Macomber.

**Large Print General Fiction**— *Vision in White* (#1 of The Bride

Quartet) by Nora Roberts and *Wicked Prey* by John Sandford.

**Nonfiction**— *My Heart's in The Lowlands* by Liz Curtis Higgs.

### JUVENILES:

**Picture Books**— *Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy K. Rosenthal.

**Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction**— *Along Came You* by Karona Drummond.

**Youth General Fiction**— *Indian Trail and Sand Castle* (from the Choose Your Own Adventure series) by R.A. Montgomery and *Alligator Bayou* by Donna Jo Napoli.

**Ages 10 and Under Nonfiction**— *Dance Me, Daddy* by Cindy Morgan.

**Youth Nonfiction**— *Giraffes* by Nicole Helget and *Ancient Rome* by Robert Snedden.

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## Softball all conference team named

Caston's Shelby Loeffler has been named to the Midwest Conference all-conference softball team for 2009. Joining her are Katy Fox, Haleigh Williams, Kelly Gates and Nikita Greiner of Pioneer; Kelsey Mullen, Kendra Collier and Mackenzie Pool of Frontier; Allison Hammer, Kim Erwin, and Megan Dixon of Tri County; Kassie Linback and Laurin Elliott of North White; Alyssa Morgan and Courtney Nelson of West Central; Erika Redweik and Hannah Hendryx of Winamac and Meghan Jordan of South Newton.

Players receiving honorable mention include Maggie Peacock and Amanda Rance of Pioneer; Stephanie Bartlett, Audrey Barnard and Katie Garrett of Frontier; Jennie Faker and Joelle Dixon of Tri County; Shayla Holbrook, Veronica Beckefeld and Brittney Kesler of North White; Rylie Pfledderer Alysha

Faler and Lindsey Seats of West Central; Whitney Schmicker, Sarah Redweik and Ellie Kiser of Winamac; and Kelsey Hancock of South Newton.

Janiece Stover of Pioneer was named coach of the year and Kelsey Mullen of Frontier and Erika Redweik of Winamac were named conference co-players of the year.

Pioneer recorded a perfect conference season with seven wins and no losses. Frontier finished the year with a 6-1 record, followed by Tri County at 5-2; North White, West Central and Winamac, 3-4; South Newton, 1-6; and Caston, 0-7.

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## Ethan Zartman, Chane Baldwin named all-conference

Ethan Zartman and Chane Baldwin of Caston have been named to the Midwest Conference all-conference team for baseball. Other players named to the all-conference team for 2009 include Dylan Sterrett, Curtis Brackett, Jon-Marc Ream and Travis Demerly of Frontier; Dustin Hileman, Jordan Long and Steven Steele of North White; Jake Podell, Lance Kruger and John Zickmund of West Central; Mitchell Petrie and Devan Lee of Pioneer; Eric Sass and John Sass of Winamac; Cody Deno of South Newton and Koty Lear of Tri County. Players receiving honorable mention include Evan Pulliam of Caston; Grant Ream and Keifer Mikels of Frontier; Jerrod Long, David Van Blaircom and Brant Jones of North White; Trevor Nelson and Alex Fischer of West Central; Austin Kiser, Tyler Miller and Evan Daily of Pioneer; Nathan Shidler and Evan Bonnell of Winamac; and Ryne Bell of South Newton.

Frontier finished the season at the top of the standings with a perfect 14-0 conference record followed by North White at 10-4; West Central, 9-5; Pioneer and Winamac, 6-8; Caston, 5-9; South Newton, 4-10; and Tri County, 2-12.

Ryan Long of Frontier was named coach of the year and Dylan Sterrett of Frontier was named conference player of the year.

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## DLGF provides county tax bill estimator tool online

The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), in partnership with the Indiana Business Research Center (IBRC) at Indiana University, today released an online property tax calculator for Fulton County taxpayers. This tool allows taxpayers to enter their property's assessed value, taxing district and possible deductions to see tax bill estimates for bills due in 2009. Taxpayers can access the tool



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from the Department's Web site at <http://www.in.gov/dlgr/4932.htm>

"The estimates provided by this tool are projections that taxpayers can use to determine how legislation passed last year, like the circuit breaker caps, will affect them," Commissioner Tim Rushenberg said.

The release came after the approval of Fulton County's 2009 budget and certification of tax rates and levies on May 26, 2009. The estimates provided by this tool are projections only and should not be taken as a statement of true tax liability, which is determined by the county.

A copy of the Fulton County budget and the DLGF analysis also will be available online at <http://www.in.gov/dlgr/2598.htm>.

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## Public Notice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Rochester, Indiana on the 16th day of June 2009, at 6:30 p.m. for the following additional appropriations:

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TOTAL RAINY DAY FUND-- \$80,000.00  
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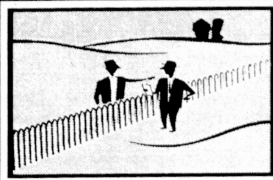
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CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Don and Pauline Scales had company Saturday, May 30. Stopping by for an unexpected visit was one of Don's former customers, Paul Costello of Plymouth.

Helen Whiteman had a working visitor Monday, June 1. Coming over in the evening to mow her yard was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski. After the work was done, they enjoyed visiting over supper and a hand of Phase 10.

Rich and Jane Green had guests during the week. Staying with them for several days were Skook and Gayle Wright of Lake Placid, Florida.

Pauline and Don Scales had a few visitors Wednesday, June 3. Coming over for a family chat were their daughter and great-granddaughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, and Ally Wiese. Later in the evening, Ally's parents, Greg and Cindy Wiese, stopped by for a visit and to take Ally home.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Thursday, June 4. They enjoyed a visit with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company Friday, June 5. Coming for a belated birthday visit was Barb's grandson, Tom Wilk of LaPorte. The trio enjoyed visiting, eating Tom's favorite foods and boating around the lake.

Mathilda Lamb had houseguests over the weekend. Arriving Friday for a four-day visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Mike Gallagher of Wilmington, Ohio.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Friday evening to attend the high school's graduation ceremony. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, was among the graduates being honored.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Friday evening. They were there to attend the

graduation with honors of their granddaughter, Shelby Bohac, from Rochester High School. Tom and Barb accompanied Shelby's family, Terry and Karina Bohac and Duva Lopez and Elijah, to the event. Afterward, the group celebrated with dinner at Murray's restaurant.

Don and Pauline Scales, their daughter, Linda Garner, and their granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Missy Young, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile traveled to Winona Lake Saturday, June 6. They had a wonderful time attending the high school graduation open house held in honor of the Scales' great-granddaughter, Jordan Minear.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Saturday. Joining her for a wonderful day spent visiting, tackling a few chores and dining together were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette, and her daughter, Janice Graham. They did some work around the house before heading out to the farm to pick up a few things.

Molly McKinney of Rochester was the guest of honor at an open

house Saturday hosted by her parents, Mike and Sue McKinney. The occasion was in celebration of her high school graduation. Among the many friends and family in attendance were her brother, Kyle McKinney of Muncie; her great-grandmother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McKinney of Star City and Kay and Jerry Brown; her great-aunts, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg, Rita Williamson of Winamac and Evelyn Peters; her uncles and aunts, Kerry and Karen Brown of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McKinney of Star City, Gary McKinney of Winamac, Mark and Mick Brown and Mike and Kathie Brown; her uncle and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McKinney and children of Winamac; her aunt and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan of Rochester; her cousins and their families, Kirk McKinzie and Erica of Columbia City, Lori and Gene Harding, Annabelle and Graham, of South Bend, Steve and Brenda Fox, Griffin, Megan and Connor, Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett, Lindsay Loehmer and Jessica Brown; and Becky Litke.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Saturday. Stopping by in the evening for a visit and to deliver carry-outs from the Grass Creek Lions fish fry were Greg and Cindy Wiese.

Kerry and Karen Brown were Saturday overnight houseguests of Kerry's parents, Jerry and Kay Brown.

Helen Whiteman accompanied her daughter, Sherri Lett, to Winamac Sunday, June 6. They had a delightful time attending The Church of The Nazarene's preschool graduation ceremony. Sherri's granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty, was among the graduates being recognized.

Jerry, Kay, Kerry and Karen Brown had company Sunday morning. Joining them for breakfast after church were Mary K. Williamson and Karen Kruger. Stopping by later in the morning were Ted Brown and Barrett.

Barb and Jon Gast were among those who enjoyed attending the gospel concert at the Kewanee United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. The special music program was presented by Skook and Gayle Wright.

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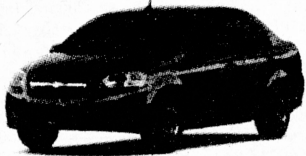
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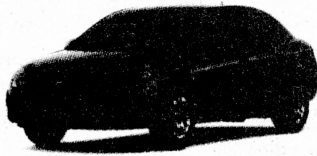
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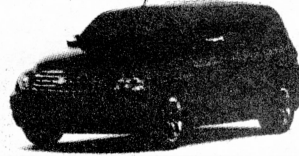
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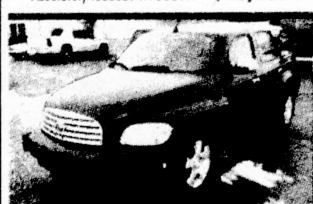
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