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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met for its regular monthly session Thursday, December 3, at the town hall.

Those present included town council members, Jeff Finke, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; assistant fire chief, Larry Baldwin; town marshal, Dennis Price; town superintendent, Mike Molitor; Van Janovic and Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering; town attorney, Greg Heller; grant writer, Bob Murphy; and 15 attendees for the evening's bid openings.

Five proposals for cash renting the town's farm ground at the wastewater treatment plant were opened, read and taken under advisement.

Twelve proposals for the storm water improvement project were received, read and taken under advisement.

Decisions regarding the farm ground and the storm water improvement project will be made at the year-end meeting to be held Wednesday, December 30, at 5 p.m. at the town hall.

A wage and labor contract presented by Bob Murphy, grant writer for the storm water project, was approved.

Reports were submitted by the marshal and superintendent.

The marshal's report revealed eight traffic warnings, two criminal arrests, one accident report, 32 calls answered, two gun permits and 1,521 miles patrolled during November. Also, the town's new police vehicle was put into service November 14.

According to the town superintendent, most of November was spent picking up leaves. A door off of the big tractor was taken to Rochester to have a new window installed. The window was broken while pushing brush into a pile. The crop on the town's farm ground at the wastewater treatment plant has been harvested. The irrigator was moved into the field so the irrigator tracks in the grass area can be filled with dirt for the new tracks/wheels to run on. The farm ground will be disked to eliminate the rest of the wheel grooves and provide a flat surface for the irrigator wheels next summer. The irrigator was drained and caps pulled for the winter. The floating weeds in the Shaffer lagoon

Pleasant Hill plans Christmas & New Year's celebrations

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 24.

The church will host a New Year's celebration Thursday, December 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. Soup will be provided and those attending should bring a covered dish as well as a bingo gift for bingo.

Everyone is invited to attend both events.

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Candlelight Christmas Eve service

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host its annual candlelight Christmas Eve service for the community Thursday, December 24, at 11 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to share in this special celebration.

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were pulled so they do not freeze around the air line and pipe. The fourth quarter arsenic samples were pulled and sent to the lab. Christmas decorations were examined, bulbs replaced, and installed for the season. One ornament, believed to have been hit by a semi last year, will have to be cut and rewelded. The superintendent had several meetings trying to finalize the wastewater project and get ready for the storm water project. The contractor for installing the fence at the wastewater plant was called back to make some adjustments. Repairs were made to the roof of the blower building at the wastewater treatment plant. The water works pumped a total of 1,201,300 gallons of water during November.

Assistant fire chief, Larry Baldwin, gave the November fire report which noted one medical run for the town and three township calls, two fire and one medical. He requested that the fire hydrants be flushed and pressure tested to update the department's ISO rating.

The council okayed payment of wastewater project bills, along with monthly town, water and sewage department bills.

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2010 Farm Program signup

Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are now enrolling farms into the 2010 DCP and ACRE programs. Participants may request advance payments amounting to 22 percent of the final direct payments. ACRE participants agree to a 20 percent reduction in their direct payments, a 30 percent reduction in loan rates, and to forgo countercyclical payments.

The deadline for enrollment into the DCP and ACRE programs is June 1, 2010. Interested producers should call the FSA office to schedule an appointment.

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Another public input date at library

Another public input date has been scheduled at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. Union Township residents are invited to tour the library and offer comments on needs and dreams for the library Saturday, December 12, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
Monday, December 14 - Barbecue chicken, broccoli, corn, pudding, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, December 16 - Chopped steak with gravy, broccoli/cauliflower, succotash, cake, wheat bread and milk

Friday, December 18 - Hot dog sandwich, mashed potatoes, toss salad, apples and milk

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 December Activities

December 12 - Men's meeting, 9 a.m.

December 13 - Open Sunday, Christmas party from 2 to 4 p.m. for children age eleven and under

December 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

December 27 - Open Sunday at noon

December 29 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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RECYCLING DAYS
THURS., DEC. 3RD,
DEC. 17TH & 31ST

The News in Brief

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, at the town hall to handle year-end business including appropriation transfers.

Fulton County Republican Precinct Committeemen have appointed Judy Darcy as the new Fulton County assessor. She replaces Susan Carr who resigned to become the Superior Court reporter.

The Fulton County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, at the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include the sheriff's department, highway department, Judge Wayne Steele, Transpo lease, and the third reading of a health department ordinance for food permit fees.

According to Indiana governor, Mitch Daniels, the state is operating with 4,800 fewer employees now than when he took office in January of 2005. The number of full time state employees has dropped from almost 35,000 to 30,500, or about 14 percent.

Due to the state's financial problems, the Indiana State Police are laying off 42 inspectors from the Motor Carrier Division. The inspectors are civilians who don't carry weapons and are responsible for inspecting large trucks and school buses.

According to Indiana health officials, the H1N1 flu vaccine will become more readily available to the general public in the next few weeks.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held last Friday for the \$12.5 million expansion at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. The expansion will allow the hospital to provide multiple services which residents now have to travel to other hospitals for.

Caston Elementary will present its Christmas program tonight (Thursday, Dec. 10) at 7 p.m. at Caston. The high school concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at McHale Auditorium, Logansport.

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VFW Christmas party, December 13

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW post will host its annual Christmas party for children in the community Sunday, December 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post on Railroad Street. Children ages infant through 11 are welcome to attend.

Deduction filing deadline nears

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

"With the holiday season and winter weather approaching, property owners should file deduction applications as soon as they are able," said Auditor Judith Reed. "We don't want anyone to miss out on a deduction because they missed the application date."

Deduction applications must be completed and dated by December 31, 2009, and filed with the Auditor's Office on or before January 5, 2010 for the taxpayer to receive the eligible deductions on the 2010 property tax bills.

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

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

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

For more information, please visit the Department of Local Government Finance's Property Tax Deduction web site at <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm>.

Specific questions about property tax deduction eligibility should be directed to the Fulton County Auditor., 125 E. 9th St., Suite 108, Rochester, telephone 574-223-2912. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

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Meal site at local fire station

The Area Five Agency on Aging operates a meal site in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station serving lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Area residents who are 60 years of age or older are welcome to take part in the program.

For more information on the meal site, call Alvena Mollencupp at 653-2318.

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Three act play at museum

Rochester Middle School Players will present "Saturday in Rochester with Jack", an original three-act play based on the published writings of Jack Kingery Overmyer, Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. in the community room of the Fulton County Museum, Rochester.

The one-time editor/publisher of *The Rochester Sentinel*, Overmyer founded the Fulton County Historical Society and was its first president. During the fall semester, he served as a special guest lecturer for the RMS humanities class, providing first-hand accounts of growing up in Rochester in the 1930s and early 1940s.

The play will feature Big Band era music and dancing at the Colonial, radio appearances by the King's Jesters and Torn Mix, and imagined conversations with some of the performers from the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus.

Students chose the title of their play after studying the challenges of creating art as depicted in Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George."

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Memorial Christmas tree

Hope Hospice in Rochester has chosen this season to memorialize the lives of friends and loved ones by placing a Memorial Christmas tree on display at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester.

Christmas ornaments hand-inscribed with the names of loved ones will be hung on the tree. A book of remembrance listing the names is on display in the foyer. For a contribution of \$10 or more, a personalized Christmas ornament will be created. Honorary or memorial gifts for the Memorial Christmas tree will be accepted through December 28.

Forms listing the donor and the person being acknowledged by the contribution are available at First Federal Savings Bank and the Hope Hospice office in Rochester. The completed form and a contribution for each ornament should be mailed to Hope Hospice, Memorial Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. For more information, call the Hope Hospice office at 574-224-4673.

**CASTON MENU
December 14 - 18
Breakfast**

Choice each day with fruit or juice and milk: cereal and toast; peanut butter and jelly; toaster pastry; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun

Lunch
Monday - Breadsticks with meat & cheese, seasoned mini cubes, pineapple and milk. Comet Café: three-meat sub and chips

Tuesday - French bread pizza, green beans, pretzels, applesauce and milk. Comet Café: tenderloin sandwich and onion rings

Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, cheese-stuffed breadsticks and milk. Comet Café: whopper and fries

Thursday - Warm ham & cheese sandwich, potato smiles, grape juice, snickerdoodle and milk. Comet Café: tomato soup and toasted cheese

Friday - Chicken tenders, whipped potatoes and gravy, corn, Christmas tree cookie, ice cream cup and milk. Comet Café: cook's choice

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Monday - Goldfish crackers, string cheese, juice and milk
Tuesday - Biscuit with sausage, juice and milk
Wednesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch
Monday - Taco Max Snax, green beans, orange juice, cookie and milk
Tuesday - Pork tenderloin, corn, peaches, cookie and milk
Wednesday - Hamburger, pickle spear, banana, cookie and milk
Thursday - Ham steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, mixed fruit, hot roll and milk
Friday - Corn dogs, fries, fruit bites, cookie and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Corn dogs, California blend, donut, applesauce and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Tenderloin sandwich, peas, grapes, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Hamburger sandwich, potato triangles, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Chicken nuggets, broccoli, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pears and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - Pepperoni pizza, corn on the cob, mixed fruit, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Fulton County Courthouse Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 8 to 4
Friday - 8 to 5
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 27
 Births - Robin Crittendon, Tippecanoe, a daughter
 November 30
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Sara Craig and daughter, Twelve Mile; Mary Arven, Rochester; Robin Crittendon and daughter, Tippecanoe
 December 1
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - none published
 Births - Jason and Michelle Hewitt, Peru, a daughter; Veronica Miller, Tippecanoe, a son
 December 2
 Admissions - Lawrence Owens, Argos; Betty Gamble, Plymouth; Paula Blankenship and Leona Good, Rochester; Willard Hardiman, Kewanna
 Dismissals - none published
 Births - Kendra Wadkins, Silver Lake, a daughter; Candra Grossman, Akron, a son
 December 3
 Admissions - Betty Demien, Macy
 Dismissals - none published
 Births - Sarah Sutherland, Rochester, a daughter
 December 4
 Admissions - Alice Howat, Rochester
 Dismissals - Betty Demien,

Macy; Betty Gamble, Plymouth; Michelle Hewitt and daughter, Peru; Candra Grossman and son, Akron; Veronica Miller and son, Tippecanoe
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DEATHS

HELEN G. ORTMAN

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery for Helen G. Ortman, 92, a former Logansport resident. She died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 4, at The Hearth at Stones Crossing in Greenwood.
 Born February 25, 1917, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Etta (Hornbeck) Zellers. She was married February 11, 1949 to Paul J. Ortman, who preceded her in death on November 19, 1991.
 She was a retired seamstress at Hart Schaffner and Marx in Rochester and a former member of the Kewanna Baptist Church.
 Survivors include two sons, Don Ortman, Logansport, and Thomas Ortman, Indianapolis; four daughters, Dorothy Kwiatkowski of Florida, Georgia Hickey and her husband Henry of Tennessee, Donna Miller and her husband David of Greenwood, and Barbara Steele Laferte and her husband Roger of Greenwood; 29 grandchildren; 19 great-

grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold and Ardis Zellers; two sisters, Izola Foust Lewellen and Bernice Simshauser; one grandson, Jeffrey Ortman; and one great-grandson, Bryant Ortman.
 A visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, December 7, at the Marocco Funeral Chapel in Logansport.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made to the Ortman family at www.maroccofc.com.
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Sibling Class
 The next sibling class is **Dec 12** at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. This class is offered the last Saturday of every other month, from 9 am to 10:30 am. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10 years) to adjust to the new baby in the family. They are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is to be born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or big sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule your child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child.
 To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at Pulaski Memorial. There will be a \$6 charge if you plan to deliver elsewhere.
Auxiliary South Bend Chocolate Sale
 The Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will have a South Bend Chocolate two-day sale **Dec 21**

and **Dec 22** from 8 am to 5 pm in the hospital front lobby.
Crisis Center
 Abused? Home shouldn't hurt... call the Crisis Center at 1-800-933-0374. Open 24-hours a day, the Crisis Center offers emergency shelter, complete confidentiality, support groups, and crisis intervention. The staff acts on behalf of the client with service agencies. Serving Pulaski, Jasper and Newton counties.
Health Education Speaker
 Any group or organization that is in need of a guest health education speaker should call 574-946-2189.
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Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show: Dec. 15 - 17 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. and Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Dick Sherman (843) 686-5640.
Salvation Army Christmas City Toy Shop 2009: Dec. 17 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. by invitation only. Contact: Julia Sipes (317) 637-5551.
Santa Comes to Town: Dec. 17 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with pre-registration required. Contact: Jenny Sosna (317) 258-3937.
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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Hoosier Cup Gymnastics Invitational & Indiana Level 7 State Team Challenge hosted by Spectrum Sports: Dec. 12 - 13 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10. Contact: Linda Barclay (317) 891-8260 or www.hoosiercup.info.
McMiracle on 38th Street: Dec. 13 in the Champions Pavilion. Event begins at 2 p.m. Contact: Reginald O. Jones (317) 926-3663 or www.mcmiracle.org.

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Looking Back

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 16, 1954

Frank J. Riha, stepfather of Mrs. C. H. Robbins of here, passed away Tuesday evening, December 7, in a Chicago hospital.

The Kewanna Chapter of the OES met in regular stated meeting Tuesday night with Louise Masteller, worthy matron, presiding. Gifts were brought by members for children in the Masonic home at Franklin. The gifts will be delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook.

Solomon Hatfield, 90, a native and lifetime resident of Pulaski County, died Sunday morning at the Ruff Nursing Home in Knox following a lingering illness. He is survived by five stepsons, including Joe Bucks of Rt. 3, Kewanna.

The Kewanna stores will be open every evening starting Monday, December 20, until Christmas Eve. This will give last minute shoppers some extra time to visit all the stores and see the many fine items available for Christmas gifts.

Jane Vigus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vigus, Kewanna, was featured as the "Future Citizen".

The Wayne Township 20th Century Home Extension Club held its Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of the president, Mrs. Vivian Crippen.

The Birthday Club celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Jesse Urbin with a turkey dinner and

Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Emma Foglesong Saturday evening.

While stooping to open a drawer in his office Saturday, E. B. DeVault lost his balance and fell face forward, cutting a gash on his forehead.

A/2c Joe Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Ingram, Rt. 1, Kewanna, who has spent the past year on Johnson Island in the Pacific, writes that he expects to leave for the states on the 10th of December.

Lt. Howard Johnson and family are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson. Lt. Johnson has recently returned from duty in Berlin.

Mrs. Burdette Garner entertained at a party Wednesday afternoon in honor of her son, Tommy, who was celebrating his third birthday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 10, 1959

John Moore, who lives just east of Kewanna, lost the third and fourth fingers of his left hand and received bruises to his left arm in a corn picker accident Monday afternoon. Moore drove the picker three-fourths of a mile to his home after the accident. He was treated at Woodlawn Hospital and sent home.

Vern Kissinger, Jr., 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kissinger, Kewanna, has received word that he is the first place winner of the junior high division in an essay contest commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jacob Albright, one of the founders of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Karen Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker, Kewanna, has been named

recipient of the Good Citizen Award for Fulton County by the Manitou Chapter of the DAR. The basis of the award was a test and essay type questions covering American government, history and current United States and world problems.

The Gay Gleaners Circle met Monday evening, December 7, in the home of Mrs. Mathilda Smith with Mrs. Mildred McColley and Mrs. Lois Kumler as her assistant hostesses. There was a covered dish supper and Christmas gift exchange. The lesson was given by Mrs. Ruth Urbin from "Women of the Bible". The devotions were given by Mrs. Lois Kumler and Mrs. Beth Reason won the door prize.

Raymond Dean Urbin, 73, Rt. 3, Kewanna, died Friday, December 4, after a lingering illness. He was a lifetime resident of the Kewanna vicinity. A farmer, he was a member of the Kewanna Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, the former Madge Wisely; two sons, Wilbur, Logansport, and Gerald, Fulton; a daughter, Mrs. Loma Baker, Culver; and a brother, Theo, Kewanna; and six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rude were in Fort Wayne Sunday and attended a production of "The Messiah" in the New Haven High School presented by the Fort Wayne and Defiance, Ohio, Choral Societies and the Fort Wayne Symphonic Orchestra.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 10, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Harris D. Lease, Rt. 2, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lavonne Sue, to William Daniel Sailors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sailors, Rt. 1, Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas of Grass Creek attended a banquet of John Deere dealers Tuesday evening, December 1, at the

Indiana Athletic Club in Indianapolis. The Thomas firm was among the group receiving special honor for exceeding their sales quota for the year.

Eighteen members of the Goldiggers held a carry-in supper Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Ersa Enyeart.

Miss Priscilla Norman became the bride of Joseph Paul Crill, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Macy Christian Church with Rev. Arthur Main officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norman, Macy, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crill, Kewanna.

The L-Four Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Joy Sheridan with ten members present. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and devotions by Mrs. Joan Smith.

The Kewanna Indians remained the only undefeated team in Fulton County Tuesday night with a slim 58-57 victory over the West Township Bulldogs on the losers' court. Kewanna is now 5-0. Jim Talbott was the leading scorer for the Indians with 25. Ron McColley added 16 points.

Bradley and Kristin Good and Joanna, Jennifer, Julianne and Janet Cole were featured as the "Little Citizens" of the week.

FORTY YEARS AGO December 18, 1969

Rites were conducted Tuesday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna for Joseph M. Burns, 60, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Rev. Fr. Richard Smith officiated and burial was in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery near here. Mr. Burns died December 14 at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth where he had been a patient for one day.

Mrs. Grace McKenzie, 56, Rt. 4, Rochester, has been released from Parkview Hospital in Plymouth where she was hospitalized after an accident Monday, December 8. She was

enroute home from work at the Marlo Restaurant in Kewanna when she lost control of her car on State Road 17 just past the Dennis Troutman residence. The car went off the left side of the road, then crossed the road and went off the right side of the road coming to rest against a telephone pole.

The Fulton County Toastmasters Club met December 10 at the Wil-Wood Café in Leiters Ford for a dinner meeting. The speakers for the evening were Charles Bernhardt and Dr. John McKee. New officers were elected including Harold Hyatt, president and Allen Finke, educational vice president.

Raymond Hinderlider, Kewanna, underwent major surgery at Woodlawn Hospital Monday.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 13, 1979

Linda and Dean Jones of Kewanna have sold the local laundromat to Burnie and Kathy Blackmon of Winamac.

Pizza King Franchises has announced the opening of a Pizza King in Kewanna, located in the former Circle J Drive-in.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday for Woodward Fisher, 67, Kewanna, in the Foster Funeral Home, Wolcott. He operated the Kewanna Lumber Company here for many years and was quite active in civic and business affairs of the community.

Cass County Deputy William Rust will take over the duties as Kewanna town marshal Monday. Rust of Logansport currently serves as a radio dispatcher for the Cass County Sheriff's department. A retired law enforcement officer in the Air Force, he has also served as a Vigo County deputy.

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**LOOKING BACK...
Con't. From Page Four**

The Kewanna Indians won one and lost one over the weekend. A cold first half sent the Indians to defeat in its Midland Athletic Conference debut Friday at Huntington Catholic, 59-48. Rodney Hall led all scorers with 16 points. Dave Field and Malcolm Howdeshell each added 13 points for Kewanna. The Indians defeated Marion Bennett Saturday evening 63-55.

Four Kewanna players were in double figures led by Rodney Hall with 12. Larry James, Jeff Markley and Bob Sutton each added 11 points for the Indians.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 14, 1989**

Approximately 65 youngsters were on hand Saturday morning at the local Farmers and Merchants Bank to meet and greet Santa Claus. Santa's appearance was sponsored by the Kewanna Progressive Association.

The 3rd annual Indiana Earth Team Award was recently presented to the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District and its team of professional employees and volunteers. Helen Burns, Nathan Cook of Kewanna, and members of the Area V Retired Senior Volunteer Program are Earth Team volunteers for Fulton County.

Tracy Ann Lockwood and Patrick Eugene Howdeshell were married Saturday, November 11, at the Metea Baptist Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lockwood, Green Oak, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Howdeshell, Kewanna.

Darla Greer was the hostess when the Church of Christ Women's Fellowship met Monday, December 6, in the home of Darline Sayers with 11 women present. Shirley Zartman offered the opening prayer. Officers for next year are Tami Powell, president; Sharon Carlson, vice president; and Violet Troutman, secretary-treasurer.

**TEN YEARS AGO
December 9, 1999**

The Town of Kewanna has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Build Indiana Fund to help pay for improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. State Senator Tom Weatherwax was on hand at Tuesday's Cities and Town roundtable meeting to present the ward to Doran Collins, town council president. The meeting was hosted by Lynn's Coffee Shop, Kewanna.

The Caston school board approved a request for retirement from superintendent, Paul Baker, when it met Tuesday evening, Dec. 7. His retirement will become effective June 30,

2000.

Jim Stewart, Kewanna won \$220,000 on the "Hoosier Millionaire" show Saturday evening.

Antonia Arndt Gudas celebrated her 95th birthday Saturday, Nov. 27, at a surprise dinner party at The Mallard in Rochester. Approximately 85 guests gathered to help her celebrate the occasion.

Garrett Redweik, son of David and Lora Redweik, Twelve Mile, recently received his God and Me scouting award during a special ceremony at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denham. Garrett is the grandson of Robert and Millie Redweik, Kewanna.

Jim Reason, an officer with the Rochester Police Department, graduated November 19 from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy with honors. Reason is the son of Shirley Reason, Kewanna. He graduated second in a class of 88 and was one of 13 honor grads.

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**CHRISTMAS AT THE
MUSEUM FUN FOR
ALL AGES**

On Dec. 12th at the Fulton County museum will hold their annual Christmas Open House. Activities will start the day with Farmers Market from 9-12 followed by refreshments, piano players and the museum decorated with numerous Christmas trees for the occasion. The open house is a time for people to visit and see the decorated trees in the display areas of the museum, visit the museum gift show for the various gifts available including books on historic subjects, stocking stuffer items, Christmas ornaments that are on sale buy-one get-one, dreamcatchers, jewelry, etc. Something for everyone.

Pianist Donna Cannedy, Betty Hazlett, Mildred Ditmire, and Chelsey Coleman will play on the baby grand from the Colonial Hotel They will start at noon and play for approximately one hour each. We encourage everyone to come and listen to their music and even sing along if you wish.
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The PCPL in Winamac and Medaryville will be having a Food for Fines on December 7th through the 19th. Bring in any amount of hygienic or non-perishable food items, and receive \$1.00 off your library fines for each item donated. If you do not have any fines, but wish to donate, you will be entered into a special drawing.

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit? A two-session, knitting 101 class will be held at the Winamac branch on December 14 and 15 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The basics of using a computer keyboard will be covered at the P.C.P.L. in Winamac on December 18th from 10:00 - 12:00. Please call the Winamac branch to reserve your space.

The PCPL in Winamac will be having Christmas Music with David Norris from Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 22nd, 2009 from 4 to 5 p.m.

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NIPSCO TO PARTICIPATE IN WINTER WARMTH

Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced it has accepted the revisions made by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to the Winter Warmth Program for the 2009-2010 winter heating season.

"NIPSCO recognizes the importance of this program to many struggling Hoosier families, so before accepting the changes to Winter Warmth, we wanted to be certain that the program would effectively provide assistance to those customers who need it most," said Eileen O'Neill Odum, Chief Executive Officer of NIPSCO. "Although gas prices are projected to be significantly lower this winter, we anticipate an even greater need for assistance, especially given the current level of unemployment across our local communities and the continued effects of the economy on many of our customers."

According to changes made by the IURC, eligible customers will be able to receive assistance funds toward their utility bills, but no longer toward their deposit. Approximately \$1.1 million of the overall \$5.5 million Winter Warmth budget for last year's program was dedicated to assisting customers with deposit amounts. Funds previously used towards deposits will now be

reallocated towards bill assistance for qualifying customers.

Also new this year, NIPSCO will be increasing its contribution amount towards the program from 18 to 25 percent and the company will also cover all administrative expenses incurred by third-party administering agencies.

Since its inception in 2004, the Winter Warmth program has provided approximately \$25.4 million in bill and deposit assistance to 70,315 NIPSCO customers in more than 25 counties across northern Indiana.

During that time, NIPSCO has contributed approximately \$5 million to the program. Generally, utilities in other states with similar programs contribute very little or nothing at all. The average NIPSCO residential customer will contribute approximately \$0.63 per month toward the program.

Qualifying customers will be eligible to receive up to \$450 in annual energy assistance. The qualifying eligibility requirements include those customers with incomes 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.

Customers are also encouraged to apply for all home and rental weatherization programs,

including programs available from the State of Indiana through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Customers who are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may qualify for these weatherization programs.

Winter Warmth is the result of a collaborative effort by NIPSCO, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, Citizens Action Coalition and a group representing industrial customers.

Eligible customers may begin applying for the Winter Warmth program after December 14 by visiting one of the 32 existing energy assistance agency sites located across NIPSCO's northern Indiana service area.

Winter Warmth Agencies in this area include the United Ministries Outreach Program, 625 Pontiac Street, Rochester, telephone 574-223-4802; Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services, 1801 Smith St., Logansport, telephone 574-722-4451; and Pulaski County Human Services, Inc., 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, telephone 574-946-6500.

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Sports Shorts

Lady Comet basketball

The Caston Lady Comets lost to Clinton Central at Michigantown Tuesday evening, 64-40. The loss gives the Comets a 2-6 record for the season. Jessica Showley led the Comets with 12 points. Haley Markley added 10, Emily See, nine, and Jada Powlen, seven.

Varsity basketball

The Caston boys varsity basketball team lost to Pioneer in last Friday's consolation game of the Logansport Savings Bank Cass County Tourney, 44-38. Wes Rigney and Trevor Hoover scored 13 points apiece to lead

the Comets. Alex Herd added eight.

The Caston girls varsity basketball team came from behind Saturday to defeat Lewis Cass in the consolation game of the Logansport Savings Bank Cass County Tourney, 32-31. Logansport won the tourney with a 61-44 win over Pioneer.

Freshman basketball

Caston's freshman basketball team defeated Argos Thursday, Dec. 3, 38-20. Austin Levernier was the Comets' leading scorer with 18. Caleb Rowe had nine; James Weiss, eight; John Fagan, two; and Alberto Garrido, one. Argos was led by Derek Smith with 14.

Varsity wrestling

Caston went 2-3 on the day at the Winamac Super Six Saturday, Dec. 5. Caston defeated Winamac, 38-36, and Mississinewa, 48-36; and lost to Culver Military, 41-48; West Central, 30-51; and Delphi, 18-58. Kyle Harvey (107) went 5-0 with three pins and won his weight class. Cole Nilson (112) went 2-3 with one pin; Wil Holloway (130) went 5-0 with three pins and won his weight class; Graham Redweik (135) went 4-1 with four pins; Blain Hizer (140) went 2-3 with two pins; Jeremy Gonzalez (145) went 3-2 with three pins; David McMenamin (152) went 3-2 with one pin; Kevin Graham (160) went 2-3; and Austin Ault (171) went 3-0 with three pins.

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Caston Athletic Schedule

Friday, Dec. 11 – JV/varsity boys basketball at Carroll, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 – Boys 5 AB basketball tourney at North Miami, 9 a.m.; varsity wrestling Super 6 at Caston, 9:30 a.m.; boys 6 AB basketball vs. Wabash at Caston, 10 a.m.; boys JH basketball at LaVille, 10:30 a.m.; girls JV/Varsity basketball at Rossville, 11 a.m.; freshman boys basketball at LaVille, 11:45 a.m. boys JV/varsity basketball vs. Oregon-Davis at Caston, 6:30

p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Boys 5 AB basketball vs. Peru at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys 6 AB basketball vs. Peru at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; girls JV/varsity basketball at Northfield, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17 – Boys 6 AB basketball at Manchester, 5:30 p.m.; girls JV/varsity basketball vs. West Central at Caston, 6 p.m.

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Letter To The Editor...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FULTON COUNTY MUSEUM

The Fulton County Historical Society is pleased to announce the following events upcoming at the museum. On Dec. 12th the museum will hold its annual Christmas Open House with Piano players on the baby grand from the Colonial Hotel. Activities will start the day with Farmers Market from 9-12 followed by refreshments and piano music by various pianist. The museum will be decorated with numerous Christmas trees for the occasion.

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Melinda Clinger, Museum Director

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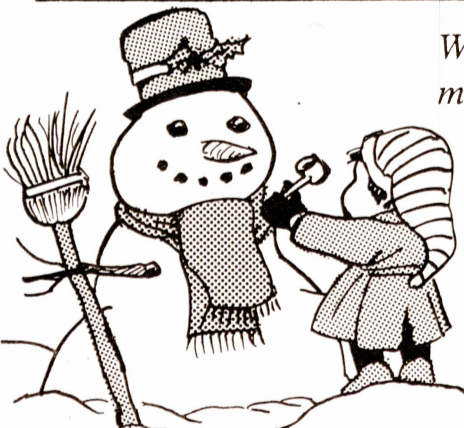
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NOTICE OF BID FOR MAINTENANCE OF CHIPPEWANUCK CREEK CAUSE NO. 2-2009J

The Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, will be receiving sealed bids for the maintenance of the Chippewanuck Creek being a County Drain until 5:00 P.M. E.S.T., on January 8, 2010 at the office of the Fulton County Drainage Board, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E Ninth Street-Suite 024, Rochester, Indiana. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. Any bids received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.

1. This project consists of brushing and cleanout of Chippewanuck Creek located in Newcastle, Rochester and Henry Townships, Fulton County Indiana. Said project, begins 1000 feet west of County Road 450 East at Station 145+00 of Chippewanuck Creek and continues southeasterly to Station 449+00 at the confluence with the Bucher Open Ditch, which will have a total net length of approximately 30,400 feet.

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

3. All proposals or bids shall be addressed to the Fulton County Drainage Board, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. Ninth Street, Suite 024, Rochester, Indiana, in a sealed envelope marked "Chippewanuck Creek". Bids of \$75,000.00 or more shall be properly and completely executed on the State Board of Accounts Form 96 furnished with the bidding documents with the Non Collusion Affidavit thereon properly executed as required by the State of Indiana. Also the bidder shall furnish a financial statement as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts when the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more.

4. When the aggregate bid is \$75,000.00 or more, the bidder shall deposit with his proposal a **Certified Check** made payable to the Fulton County Drainage Board, or a Bidders Bond payable to said Board

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

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

6. The Fulton County Drainage Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding. Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana by:

Roger D. Rose, Chairman
Sherry S. Fulton, Vice Chairman
Stanley Musgrave, Member
Donald Towne, Fulton County Surveyor
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INDOT's LaPorte District prepared to combat winter weather

Motorists urged to use caution and good driving sense as snow is cleared from roadways

As winter's promise of a snowy chill grows colder on the necks of Northwestern Hoosiers, rest assured that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) LaPorte District is prepared.

INDOT's No. 1 winter priority is snow and ice removal. INDOT uses all available resources to keep roads open, maximize the mobility of the traveling public and help minimize accidents due to winter traveling conditions.

The LaPorte District maintains 5,472 of Indiana's 30,000 lane miles of state highways and interstates. INDOT workers pre-treat state roads with anti-icing

materials throughout the day to help melt snow and ice as it begins to fall. After snow begins to accumulate, the LaPorte District uses 210 snow plows to begin clearing state highways safely and quickly. A snow route averages 2-3 hours in length, depending on the conditions. Because every winter storm is unique based on the temperature, wind speed, if it's a wet or dry snow and more, INDOT implements specific strategies appropriate to the conditions. For example, salt may not be used during a snowstorm with high winds because the salt would act as a magnet for all snow blowing across the roadway. Also, trucks may only plow roadways in the middle of a blizzard because putting down salt in such a heavy event does little to keep the road clear. Salt and anti-icing materials are used before and after blizzards.

It's also important to recognize that salt only melts snow and ice as long as moisture is present and it's 15 degrees or warmer. INDOT utilizes chemicals to help lower the melting point of salt when it's necessary. But it's important to remember that INDOT addresses each winter storm event appropriate to the conditions.

The biggest impact on safe winter traveling begins and ends with driver behavior. Motorists are urged to use caution as snow is cleared from the roadways. INDOT asks drivers to keep the following safety tips in mind during any winter weather event.

• **GIVE SNOWPLOWS ROOM** to operate; don't tailgate or try to pass

• **ACCELERATE GRADUALLY** on ice or snow to avoid slipping and sliding

• **DRIVE SLOWLY** and carefully to avoid rear-end collisions and sliding on curves

• **ALLOW GREATER DISTANCE** behind the car ahead; it takes more time to stop on snow and ice

• **BRAKE EARLY**, break slowly, never slam on the brakes; if you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it; if you don't, gently pump the

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• **NO CRUISE CONTROL**, avoid abrupt steering maneuvers

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In winter weather, motorists should remember, *Ice and Snow, Take it Slow*. More information is available at

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- 5,472 lane miles
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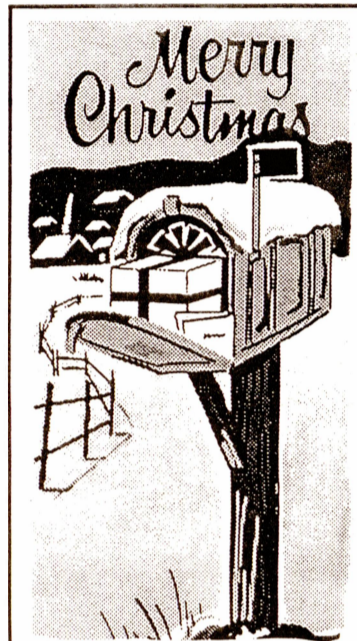
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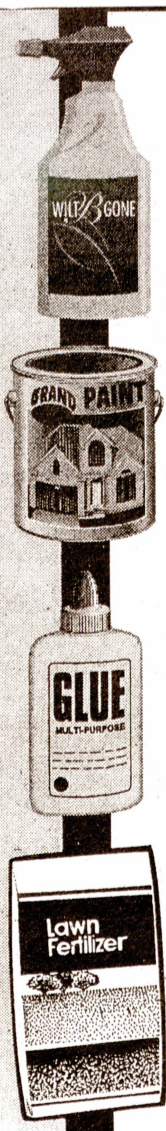
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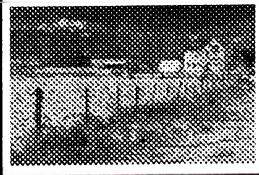
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown

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Jerry and Kay Brown hosted their family's Thanksgiving get-together Thursday, Nov. 26. Over 30 family members were able to gather for a wonderful day filled with lots of good food, playing with the little ones and visiting.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were in Rochester Saturday, Nov. 28. They had a wonderful time attending a performance of the Ft. Wayne Symphony Orchestra at the high school.

Julie Brown was at Caston Elementary School Monday evening, Dec. Nov. 30. She had an exciting time watching her "munchkin", Luke Sutton, play in the sixth grade boys' basketball game.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Tuesday evening, Dec. 1. She had a pleasant time watching her great-granddaughter, Whitney Hook, play in the high school girls' basketball game.

Tim Cogdill of Macy spent Wednesday morning, Dec. 2, with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. He ran some errands for her and gathered "all the Christmas catalogs" and hauled them to recycle. Tim and Ruth enjoyed catching up on all the family news.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Wednesday. Joining them for a wonderful visit (and no work) and bringing along lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City.

Ruth Cogdill had surprise visitors Thursday, Dec. 3. Her sister and brother, Janel and David Norris, stopped in for a visit. They shared all their

Thanksgiving Day events and future plans for the holidays.

Kay and Jerry Brown left Friday, Dec. 3, for a weekend visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown at Connersville. Friday and Saturday evenings, they attended two high school boys' basketball games.

Helen Whiteman had guests Friday. Coming over late in the afternoon for a visit and joining her for supper were her grand-daughter, Andrea Hook, and great-granddaughter, Rylee, of Winamac. Later in the evening, Helen's daughter, Sherri Lett, stopped by for a chat.

Renee Colley was a weekend houseguest of her son and his family, Eric and Julie Colley, Nathan and Meghan at Bartlett, Illinois. While there, the family traveled to Dekalb to watch Meghan in a cheerleading competition. Renee also enjoyed attending a Christmas dinner and jazz show at the Auditorium Theater with some friends.

Wilma Wilson had company at the end of the week. Friday evening, her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center, came for a visit and took her out to eat.

Kay and Karen Brown went into Richmond Saturday. They enjoyed doing a little shopping and driving around the city.

Earl and Mary Bangel had a houseguest during the weekend. Arriving Saturday for an overnight stay was their daughter, Linda Bangel

of Schoolcraft, Michigan. In the evening, Linda joined a group from the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Christmas caroling around the lake.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their great-grandson, Eli, were in Crawfordsville Saturday. They were guests of Tom's cousin, Clifford Appel. The LaFollettes had made the trip to visit with Clifford's son, Pete, who is home on leave from Afghanistan.

Jon Gast attended the Christmas party in honor of retired postal workers Saturday evening in Logansport.

Wilma Wilson had a couple of callers Saturday. Her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of

Lucerne, stopped by to "take her out on the town." Not only was the meal great, but so was the company. "Saturday may have had the first cold snow of the season, but loving hearts for each other keeps the Christmas spirit going all year long."

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to LaPorte Sunday, Dec. 6. They were guests of their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michael, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Thomas. The family had a wonderful time attending the afternoon performance of "White Christmas" at Michigan City High School. (Michael was a member of the cast.) In the evening, they helped Nita celebrate her upcoming birthday with cake and ice cream.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week

(so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Tom Johnson, Dec. 13; Jane Arend, Gene DeWitt, David Leazenby and Keilah Sutton, Dec. 14; Wes Hickle, Dec. 15; Clarrisa Baker and Jim Hickle, Dec. 16; Teresa Conner, Marvin Engle, Tom Garner and James Percy, Dec. 17; Barrett Brown, Chris Baldwin, Nancy Luketich and Carson Paulik, Dec. 18; and Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 15 and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smitley will be celebrating theirs Dec. 19.

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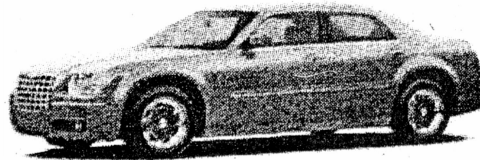
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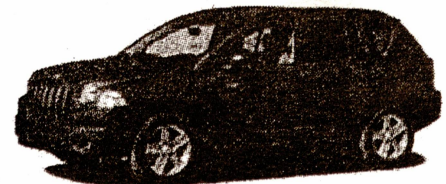
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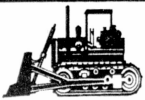
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