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Council holds February session

The Kewanna town council met Feb. 5 at the town hall for its February session. Those present included council members Jeff Finke, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; town marshal, Dennis Price; reserve deputy, Jon Sailors; assistant fire chief, Tony Pesaresi; Mark Hall of Thieneman Construction; Don Bixby and Doran Collins.

Tony Pesaresi shared the monthly fire report noting six town alarms, all medical, and seven township calls, five medical and two fires. The department also provided one mutual aid. Pesaresi asked the council to renew the fire contract with Harrison Township in Pulaski County.

Dennis Price submitted his January report detailing one traffic arrest, three traffic warnings, three criminal arrests, 37 calls answered and 1,452 miles patrolled. A complaint was addressed regarding a semi parking on a dead end street near a resident's home causing the pavement to crumble. The driver was contacted and is parking elsewhere and the trash at the site has been cleaned up. Jon Sailors will be attending the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy starting in May. Price requested that the council make Sailors a deputy, removing the reserve status. No additional costs will be incurred at this time until schooling is complete.

Don Bixby requested that the town renew his wastewater testing contract, which was approved.

Mark Hall provided change order No. 4 for additional sludge removal as well as pay request No. 7. Both were approved.

Doran Collins asked the council to find a candidate to serve on the EMS board. The name will be submitted to the board of county commissioners.

A conflict of interest statement from Dan Birge was approved.

The contract with Dick's Septic Service allowing him to dispose of septic waste into the town's sewage treatment system was renewed.

The clerk-treasurer provided an estimate from ERS for two new radios for the town employees. The council approved the purchase which will include programming. The old radios will be donated to the fire department.

Town superintendent Mike Molitor's monthly report noted that he has completed the annual Department of Natural Resources report revealing that the water works pumped a total of 14,792,000 gallons of water in 2008. New blades and shoes were purchased for the snow plows from Terry's Truck Equipment. The exhaust fan at the No. 1 lift station was taken in for repairs, but there are still problems with it which Rex Urbin will be called in to determine. The town's

The News In Brief

Pulaski Memorial Hospital is hosting a blood drive by the Indiana Blood Center Wednesday, March 4. Times for the blood drive are 2 to 6 p.m. Call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make an appointment or register online at www.donorpoint.org.

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Fulton County residents who are pursuing a career in healthcare. For more information or to obtain an application, call Becky Rude at 574-224-1180. The deadline for applying is April 1, 2009.

U.S. Senator Dick Lugar has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Energy are offering a combined total of up to \$25 million in funding for the research and development of technologies and processes to produce biofuels, bioenergy and high-value bio-based products. Advanced befool produced from any of these projects are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50 percent.

Christmas decorations were taken down. The water department responded to a couple of complaints which proved to be frozen pipes. More fallen branches from the recent ice storm were picked up and the pile pushed together for future burning.

Work on the upgrades at the sewage treatment plant continues. The new control panel was mounted at the No. 2 lift station. It was noticed that one of the new pumps at the No. 1 lift station was leaking and the pump people were notified. The liner people were out to check on a couple of areas the engineer was concerned about and Theinaman spent three days working on the drain pipe in the lagoon. At this time, it is believed the pipe moved inside a coupler and is not going to create a problem. Mark Hall gave the town a written guarantee for two years if a problem should develop. A break in a 2-inch water line in the town garage caused flooding. All of the water lines are in the floor so town employees are running new lines. A tire rim on the dump truck got bent plowing snow. The spare was put on and employees are working to fix the old one. The water works pumped a total of 1,149,200 gallons of water during January.

Senate panel approves legislation empowering teachers

Hoosier teachers could soon have the legal protection they say they need to maintain order in Indiana classrooms thanks to legislation unanimously approved by a Senate panel last week.

"Students cannot learn if their learning environment is unsafe and disruptive students are not disciplined", said Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport), co-author of the legislation. "Lawmakers must empower our teachers with the ability to provide reasonable discipline and order in their classrooms if our students are going to be successful".

Senate Bill 335 would provide school employees qualified immunity for disciplinary action taken in good faith under a school corporation's discipline policy.

Head's bill also requires that a student removed from a classroom be placed in another class or in-school suspension until a meeting is held between the principle, teacher and the child's parents to discuss and develop a plan of action for the student's behavior and discipline.

At least seven states - Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming - currently give teachers some degree of immunity when acting in good faith to discipline their students and maintain order in the classroom.

Head stated we must put teachers back in charge of their classrooms and given them the appropriate legal protection needed when they take reasonable actions to maintain discipline.

New executive director at Life Care Center

Jesse Ray has been appointed executive director at Life Care Center of Rochester. He comes to Rochester from Right Nursing and Rehab in Dayton, Ohio, where he served as executive director. Prior to that appointment, he was executive director for Shiloh Springs Care Center in Trotwood, Ohio, for three years. He is an active member of numerous professional associations at the local, state and national levels.

A native of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Ray earned his master's degree in gerontology with a focus on long-term care administration. He also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology. He currently resides in Rochester.

Life Care Center of Rochester, located at 827 W. 13th Street, is one of 15 skilled nursing facilities in Indiana operated by Life Care Centers of America.

Final soup meal to be on Tuesday

The final free soup meal to be served at the Kewanna United Methodist Church will be Tuesday, Feb. 17. (Please note the change of night.) Residents can enjoy a bowl of soup with friends and neighbors between the hours of 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. You can eat in or carry-out. For more information, call 574-653-2201.

\$5 DISCOUNT FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

February 7 kicked off first renewal date in new year-round registration cycle

With thousands of registration renewal notices heading to Hoosier mail boxes, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reminded customers to renew online and save \$5 per vehicle.

Customers are also reminded to watch for their new registration renewal date in 2009, according to BMV Commissioner Andy Miller. Starting in 2009, the new year-round program increases the number of expiration dates from 19 to 45 as a way to spread out the volume of business that historically peaks on the due dates. February 7 is the first renewal date of the new schedule.

"By adding the new due dates, the number of branch customers and the volume of renewal requests will be more evenly distributed, creating a better branch experience and more efficiency in mailing registration materials to customers," said Miller. On the new schedule, most registrations will be due on the 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th of each month.

The \$5 discount offer was launched in 2008 by Governor Mitch Daniels and extended into 2009 due to its popularity. Last year, 1.3 million customers used the online renewal service and collectively saved \$6.5 million.

"As the 2009 registration cycle kicks off, customers have more options than ever before to obtain registration services in convenience one-stop locations," said Miller. "But none is more convenient than the cost-saving, online option at your fingertips when using the improved myBMV virtual license branch at www.myBMV.IN.gov."

The BMV's Customer Choices program also offers the opportunity to conduct registration transactions at 323 auto dealerships, seven AAA branches, five Old National Bank branches and seven Clear Air Auto Check emission testing sites in Lake and Porter counties.

Miller also noted that customers do not need to wait for a mailed notice to renew license plates online, at one of the partner locations, or at any license branch.

Vegetable pilot project

A section of the new Farm Bill authorizes a Planting Transferability Plot Project (PTPP) which permits the planting of certain vegetable crops on the base acres of farms which are participating in the USDA commodity programs. PTPP will be available during each of the 2009 through 2012 crop years. Indiana is one of seven states which will be taking part in this pilot project and 9,000 acres, annually, have been allotted to Indiana.

The PTPP program is designed to be utilized for farmers and/or farms for which there is not an established history of producing these vegetables. Base acres on participating farms will be reduced acre-for-acre on the acreage planted to the vegetable crop for the year in which the farm is participating. Eligible crops include cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkins, snap beans, sweet corn and tomatoes. Participants must demonstrate that they have entered into a contract to produce a crop of one of the specified commodities for processing. They must also agree to produce the crop as part of a program of crop rotation on the farm to achieve agronomic and pest and disease management benefits.

The signup period for 2009 PTPP began on Feb. 3, 2009 and will end on March 2, 2009. There are no late-filed provisions. Enrollment takes place on form CCC-749 in the county Farm Service Agency offices. If the state total PTPP offers exceed the allotment, a lottery will be utilized to limit the participation. Producers will be notified no later than March 13 of the results.

AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 16 - Barbecue chicken, cauliflower, corn, pudding, roll and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Chicken salad, potato/broccoli soup, peas & carrots, applesauce, wheat bread and milk

Friday, Feb. 20 - Hot dog sandwich, mashed potatoes, three-bean salad, sliced apples and milk

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Clubs Societies Personals



Former Kewanna resident Nancy Crow, Plymouth, was the January hostess for her Bunch Club. Since she was planning to be at her new home in Ester, Florida, she invited the group, which was established 42 years ago, to come there. Pictured are the members who attended for an

evening of great food and great fun, not to mention the great weather. They are, left to right, Linda Leasure, Mary Wegner, Patti Grebe, Nancy Crow, Karen Herschel (holding a copy of The Observer), Myrna Daily, Joyce Luhnnow and Millie Smith. Members unable to attend the event were Mary Sayers, Tress Capper, Kathy Smith and Lynn Downpour.

556 N. U.S. 35, Winamac, IN 46996; or the North Judson branch at P.O. Box 7, North Judson, IN 46366.

Gutwein invites students to serve as pages

State Rep. Doug Gutwein (R-Francesville) is offering opportunities for area students who are interested in serving as single-day pages in the Indiana House of Representatives. By serving as a House page, students are given a unique opportunity to view and participate in the day-to-day activities of the General Assembly.

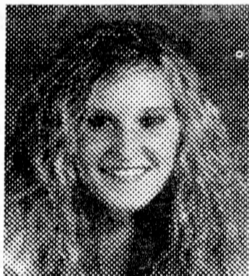
Benefit set up for Minix children

Funds have been set up at First National Bank of Monterey for Kelsey and Andrew Minix. The children were left without parents recently due to what police are calling a murder-suicide that took place in Winamac.

Persons who would like to help can send donations to the main office of First National Bank of Monterey, P.O. Box 8, Monterey, IN 46960; the Winamac branch at

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Pages must be between 13 and 18 years old. The House Student Services Office will try to meet requests for specific dates. Students will be excused from school for the day. Each page will need to arrive at the Statehouse by 8:30 a.m. and will need to arrange for transportation to and from the Statehouse. The legislative session runs through April 29.

Availability is limited, so students should apply as soon as possible. Those interested in serving as a page for the House can apply online at http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/student/pageindex.html or by calling the House Student Service Office at 317-233-9815.

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CASTON MENU

February 16 - 20

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Corn dog, tater tots, peas, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - warm ham and cheese sub and chips

Tuesday - Taco salad, corn, Mandarin oranges, sugar cookie and milk. Comet Café - mozzarella sticks and chili soup

Wednesday - Pizza, green beans, gold fish crackers, peaches and milk. Comet Café - Polish sausage and fries

Thursday - Sausage gravy and biscuit, potatoes, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - Philly hot pocket and chips

Friday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, triple chocolate cookie and milk. Comet Café - stuffed crust pizza

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 Dismissals – Samuel Ousley, Amanda Mounts and son, Selina Stutzman, and Sheldon Coleman, Rochester; Marie Sturgeon, Onward; Deanna Scott, Twelve Mile; Jennifer King and son and Robert Celmer, Plymouth
 Births – Chayla Conwell, Silver Lake, a son
 February 3
 Admissions – Idella Beliles and Marla Siebenhaar, Rochester
 Dismissals – Marion Shafer, Argos
 February 4
 Admissions – Clarence Olson, Plymouth
 Dismissals – Idella Beliles, Rochester
 February 5
 Admissions – none published
 Dismissals – Charlotte Swafford, Kewanna; Chayla Conwell and son, Silver Lake
 February 6
 Admissions – Kenneth Yeazel, Akron
 Dismissals – none published
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, February 28, 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.
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DEATHS



DR. JOSEPH G. BARKEY

Dr. Joseph G. Barkey, 82, Findlay, Ohio, died at 5:42 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Bridge Hospice Care Center in Findlay. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather and was loved by his family and the many people who knew him.

Dr. Barkey was born December 6, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Daniel and Mary (Hubeny) Barkey of North Judson. He was married November 25, 1948, to Marcia Alice Jones who survives. She was the daughter of the late S. Harris and Marguerite (Russ) Jones of Rumford, Maine.

Other survivors include his children, David Alan Barkey (Susan Marshall), Findlay, Ohio, Sandra Barkey Flint (Joby Flint), Selma, North Carolina, Dale Paul Barkey (Deborah Sisson), Durham, New Hampshire, and Kathy Sue Barkey (Scott Davies), Kingston, New York; four grandchildren, Matthew George Barkey and Sarah Elizabeth Barkey, both of Findlay, Ohio, and Alice Claire Davies and Henry Owen Davies, of Kingston, New York. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Barkey and Herman D. Barkey and a sister, Sophia Bauman.

Dr. Barkey graduated from North Judson High School and enlisted in the Navy in 1944 where he served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps during World War II as

a radar technician. He did pre-med at Washington University, St. Louis from 1946-1948. In 1952 he graduated from Indiana University Medical School and took further training at St. Louis City Hospital (internship) and Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois (post-graduate training). He moved to Findlay in 1953 where he practiced family medicine, anesthesiology and aviation medicine (Senior Aviation Examiner for the FAA). He was past president of the Blanchard Valley Hospital Medical Staff and also the Hancock County Medical Society and past president (1987) and honorary life member of the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists. He was a private pilot and member of Chapter 636 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Toledo Hanger of the Quiet Birdmen and a former mission pilot in the Civil Air Patrol. He was a former driver in Sports Car Club of American events and co-founder of the Mid-Ohio Race Physicians in 1969. Other memberships included the Masonic Lodge #227, Findlay; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason- Toledo Consistory and Findlay Radio Club (KB 8 QLQ).

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday, February 12, 2009) at the Kirkpatrick-Behnke Funeral Home with Chaplain Elizabeth Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery where military graveside rites will be performed by the Hancock County Veterans Memorial Squad. Visitation hours were 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Bridge Home Health and Hospice, Maine Troop Greeters, Lewiston, Maine, Bridges Community Academy, Tiffin, Ohio, or the charity of the donor's choice. Online

condolences may be sent to kbfuneralhome@aol.com.

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Pulaski Memorial Home Health & Hospice highly rated

Pat Smith
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Pulaski Memorial Home Health & Hospice is ranked in the top 25% of home care providers according to the 2008 Home Care Elite, a compilation of the most successful Medicare-certified home health care providers in the United States.

This ranking is based upon quality of care, quality improvement and financial performance. This is the second year in row PMH Home Health & Hospice have earned this distinction.

PMH Home Health & Hospice serves a seven county area including Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass, Jasper, White and Carroll. Services are provided under Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

"The 2008 Home Care Elite winners exemplify a commitment to providing their patients with optimum care while performing at the highest level," said Nancy Buller, Senior Director of Marketing Communications at OCS. "We congratulate Pulaski Home Health Care & Hospice on being one of the top home care agencies in the nation."
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
 Feb. 16 – 20

Elementary Breakfast
 Monday – Cereal bar, string cheese, juice and milk
 Tuesday – Omelet, juice and milk
 Wednesday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
 Thursday – half day of school, no breakfast
 Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk
Elementary Lunch
 Monday – Chicken sandwich,

parsley potatoes, applesauce, cookie and milk

Tuesday – Hot dog, French fries, grapes, cake and milk

Wednesday – Macaroni and cheese with ham, green beans, mixed fruit, soft pretzel and milk

Thursday – half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Cheese breadstick, beef vegetable soup with crackers, pineapple and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Chicken nuggets, cheese breadstick, California blend, pineapple, and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Spanish hot dog, potato wedges, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Chicken pizza quesadillas, green beans, pears, cookie and milk. Choice – potato bar

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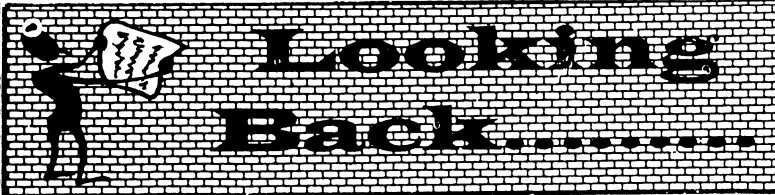
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SIXTY YEARS AGO February 10, 1949

Bill Lyon and his wife, Helen, have purchased and taken over the operations of The Observer. Lyon has been in the newspaper business for six years in California, Montana and Indiana, coming here from Marion.

Edward Kingery, prominent businessman, sustained serious injuries Monday afternoon when he fell 40 feet from an elevator into a corn crib.

Forty-five friends and relatives gathered Sunday, Feb. 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rouch to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Alvah A. Crabb who lives southeast of Kewanna received word Friday that the body of his son, Private Devon Crabb, is enroute to the USA from Naples, Italy. Private Crabb lost his life May 2, 1944, while serving with the Army near Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crabb, Kewanna, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday with a get-together in their home. The couple received many beautiful gifts and flowers, including double wedding rings from their children.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 12, 1954

Judd Crabill announced this week that he would seek re-election as Union Township trustee subject to the Democratic primary election in May.

Ralph Johnston, Kewanna, announced earlier this week that he would seek re-election as Clerk of the Fulton Circuit Court subject to the Republican primary election in May.

Mrs. John Ansley, Jr., the former Marjorie Ann Friedrich, Rt. 6, Rochester, died Monday afternoon in a Weimar, Texas, hospital following an auto crash Saturday night. She was 24 years of age.

Louise Masteller was elected Worthy Matron of the Kewanna OES at the regular stated meeting Tuesday evening in the Masonic Hall. Robert Masteller was elected Worthy Patron.

A brushfire, which apparently spread from a fire along the C&O right-of-way, brought the Kewanna Fire Department to the Don Mutchler farm four miles southeast of Kewanna at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kenneth Cook was hostess at a pink and blue shower Thursday, Feb. 11, honoring Mrs. Joe Crabill.

Ten third grade girls from Kewanna enjoyed a birthday supper Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer and helped Connie Greer celebrate her birthday.

Attend Church Sunday

FIFTY YEARS AGO February 12, 1959

Jack Vigus, who recently graduated from barber school in Louisville, Kentucky, started working in the Foglesong Barber Shop Tuesday, Feb. 10.

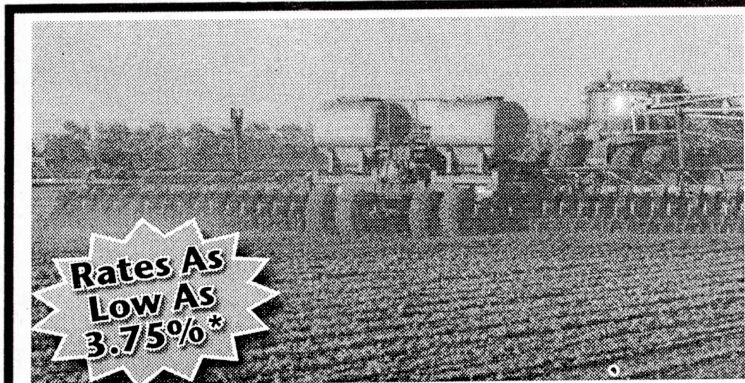
Mr. and Mrs., Clarence Graffis, Rt. 2, Rochester, will observe their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Feb. 15. Mrs. Graffis is the former Lela Metzger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Metzger of Kewanna. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Levi Graffis, also of Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook took their daughter, Kenan, to Indianapolis Wednesday, Feb. 11, where she served as a page in the House of Representatives. Her appointment came from Ralph Rader, joint representative from Fulton and Pulaski counties.

James A. Flaherty, 63, father of Doris Wentzel, died suddenly Tuesday morning in Chicago.

A skiing party was enjoyed Sunday afternoon at the Elston Sayers home. In the party were Keith Sayers of Star City, Dennis and Don Watson of Winamac, Ralph Kreamer, Wilbur and Steve Rude, Tom Livengood, Elston Sayers, Linda Sayers, Ed Sayers and Elston Floyd Sayers.

George D. Hendrickson has accepted a position as assistant bank examiner with the FDIC. He is a graduate of Indiana University and Ft. Benjamin Harrison School of Finance.



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FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 13, 1964

Bob Lord, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lord of here, has received a BS degree from Purdue University in Metallurgical Engineering and is employed with McDonnell Air Craft in St. Louis, Missouri.

George Crabb of Culver visited Sunday afternoon in the Arthur Crabb home and helped Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crabb celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

The Dick Deckard family has moved to Plymouth where Mr. Deckard is affiliated with the Deckard Supermarket there. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Byfield and family will move to the Naomi Mills property here, vacated by the Deckards.

Tom Zuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Zuck of here and a student at Purdue, accompanied a pharmacy group from Purdue to New York recently. They visited Lederles and Squibbs, plus other places of interest.

Linda Jean Showley exchanged double ring wedding vows with Rodney Lee Hoff in rites held Saturday evening in the Prairie Grove EUB Church with Rev. Clyde Walters officiating.

Nancy Jean Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walters, is one of 102 sophomores at the Indiana University School of Nursing who will receive their caps during ceremonies Friday evening.

THIRTY YEARS AGO February 8, 1979

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Mrs. Ruth Smith, 96, Kewanna. Mrs. Smith died

Sunday at the home of her daughter, Helen Anderson.

The Kewanna Progressive Association is conducting a membership drive. Officers elected for the ensuing year are Max Metzger, president; Harry Richter, vice president; and Al Crabb, secretary-treasurer. The group is planning Sidewalk Days for May 4 and 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins, Kewanna, announced the engagements of their daughters, Ruth Kay and Peggy Lynn. Ruth Collins and Ronald Lee Price, both of Logansport, are planning a June 10 wedding. Peggy Collins and James Robert Scarbrough, both of Bloomington, are planning a June 23 wedding.

TWENTY YEARS AGO February 9, 1989

The Kewanna Fire Department answered two calls recently, one to the Betty Hurley residence for a chimney fire and another to a vehicle fire in an auto belonging to Richard Earp.

Rites were conducted Saturday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Grover E. Metzger, 100, who died Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Meridian Healthcare Center in South Bend. A former Kewanna resident, he had also lived at Monticello for 14 years before moving to the nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simshauser, Rt. 5, Winamac, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, Feb. 12, at St. Peter's

parish hall in Winamac. Simshauser and the former Berniece Zellers were married Feb. 14, 1939, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna by Rev. Charles J. Seeberger.

TEN YEARS AGO February 11, 1999

Larry Doan II, Twelve Mile, wrestling coach at Caston, has been named Midwest Conference Coach of the Year along with Winamac's Steve VanDerAa. Larry has been wrestling coach at Caston for two years.

Trey (Donald Larry III) Doan was the guest of honor at a birthday party Sunday, Feb. 7, at his home. He is the son of Larry and Anita Doan, Twelve Mile.

Virginia Agnew was the guest of honor at a meeting of the Birthday Club Monday, Feb. 1. Serving as hostess for the evening gathering was Wiletta Wilson. Joining the ladies for light refreshments were Florence Baldwin, Martha Ann Cook, Barb Gast and Doris Woolington.

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Creativity In The Kitchen Could Pay Off



(NAPS)—A simple recipe idea could be your ticket to fame and fortune. The 44th Pillsbury Bake-Off® Contest is accepting entries now through April 20, 2009. One hundred creative home cooks will compete for a \$1 million grand prize at the contest finals April 11-13, 2010, in Orlando. For more details, visit www.bakeoff.com. This recipe example from the 43rd contest fits the Sweet Treats category. The caramel ice cream topping in the filling and drizzled on top makes this creamy cheesecake irresistible.

Spiced Creamy Caramel-Peanut Torte

- 1 roll (16.5 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated chocolate chip cookies
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 jar (12.25 oz) Smucker's® caramel ice cream topping
- ½ cup Jif® creamy peanut butter
- ⅓ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg or regular ground nutmeg
- 1 container (8 oz) frozen whipped

topping, thawed
1¼ cups Fisher® honey roasted peanuts

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 10- or 9-inch spring-form pan with Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. Press cookie dough on bottom and ¼ inch up side of pan. Bake 16 to 23 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat cream cheese, ⅓ cup of the caramel topping, the peanut butter and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Fold in whipped topping until well mixed. Fold in 1 cup of the peanuts. Cover; refrigerate until crust is completely cooled.

Spoon cream cheese mixture over cookie crust. Freeze at least 30 minutes until set.

Just before serving, top cheesecake with remaining ¼ cup peanuts and drizzle with remaining ⅓ cup caramel topping. For easier cutting, wipe knife after each cut. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cheesecake.

16 servings

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Health Bulletin

Help For The Uninsured

(NAPS)—The more than 47 million Americans who have no prescription drug coverage will now have easier access to information about prescription drugs and programs that may provide assistance with the cost of medications. While many assistance programs and resources are available to benefit the uninsured,



A one-stop Web site and toll-free number provide patients with important information to better manage their health.

patients are often unable to find these programs or are confused when determining which programs best fit their needs.

To address this, a new resource, Patient Assistance Now, has been launched by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation that may help uninsured Americans afford their Novartis medicines and help patients find information to help them take care of their health.

Now patients can access an easy-to-use Web site that provides specific information about programs and services available. Patients and caregivers can visit www.PatientAssistanceNow.com or call (800) 245-5356 toll-free to find programs that may be right for them.

Americans Lack Adequate Economic And Financial Knowledge

(NAPS)—A recent survey by the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Literacy (Econ4U.org) revealed an urgent need for increased education on personal finance and economic issues.

The survey found an overwhelming number of Americans are unable to answer some of the most basic questions about borrowing, interest rates and even simple math. What's more, many people admitted to making poor decisions with their own personal finances.

The survey showed that just one in four adults know that if they need a quick \$100 to cover an expense, overdrawing their checking account is more expensive than a payday loan, credit card advance or emergency wire transfer.

Even worse, half of those surveyed admitted to having overdrafted their checking account. A recent study by the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission showed that bank overdrafts are the most expensive form of short-term borrowing, with fees ranging from 1,067 percent to 3,520 percent APR.

"Somehow, overdrafting checking accounts became a common practice, particularly among young Americans," said James Bowers, Managing Director of Econ4U.org. "The public needs to understand that the interest rates and fees on these overdrafts are far more expensive than any other conceivable form of short-term borrowing."

But it isn't just short-term loan fees that Americans are unaware of. The survey results revealed a surprising degree of economic illiteracy on a wide range of topics.

The survey discovered:

- 54 percent of respondents could not define "sub-prime mortgage."
- 56 percent of respondents could not identify their



Better personal finance education at all ages can mean better-informed workers, borrowers and voters.

FICO score as the most important factor in getting a loan.

• 65 percent of respondents could not correctly subtract 25 percent from 8. One in three couldn't calculate 1 percent of 50,000.

"Economic illiteracy is at the heart of our current economic crisis," Bowers said. "As many Americans find themselves knee-deep in mortgages that are far too expensive and that they don't understand, it's troubling to see just how widespread our financial ignorance is."

Americans, Bowers believes, need to be more diligent about understanding their personal finances. Specifically, paying bills late and overdrawing a checking account are preventable financial mistakes. Not only expensive in the short term, these missteps hurt borrowers' credit ratings, costing them more down the line.

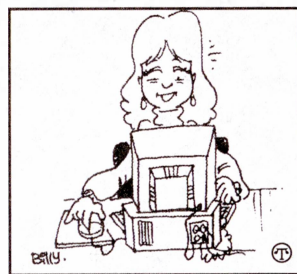
CEEL urges policymakers to commit to increased and expanded economic education at all levels.

Learn More

You can learn about credit ratings, monthly payments, profit margins, consumer loans and the national debt, and even take economics quizzes, at the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Literacy Web site, www.Econ4U.org.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Chase's Clear & Simple Web site offers tools, calculators, worksheets and other financial literacy resources to help consumers in all phases of life manage their finances. Financial tools including the "50 Ways to Love Your Money" guide are available at www.chaseclearandsimple.com/aarp.



He recommends using Blistex Medicated Lip Ointment, which offers hydration and penetrating analgesics to ease the pain from severely dry and cracked lips. For more lip care tips, visit [Blistex.com](http://www.Blistex.com).

If you have a significant leak that requires replacing a fixture, consider a new WaterSense-labeled fixture, which will use at least 20 percent less water. For more tips and information about how to save water, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

Some hotels make it easier to eat sensibly while traveling. One noteworthy example is Hilton Garden Inn (HGI), which paired up with "Top Chef" star Chris "CJ" Jacobson to develop the HGI "BIG DAY Breakfast" menu. To check out the recipes, visit www.hgi.com/bb.

Fresh blueberries add much more to winter breakfasts than a cheerful reminder of blue summer skies. For bushels of blueberry information and recipes for snacks, breakfast, dessert and more, go to www.blueberrycouncil.org.

Sixty-five percent of adults surveyed said they "cannot live without Internet" access. Intel—whose processor technology makes devices smaller, faster and more powerful—says there are easy ways for the tech obsessed to disconnect. Visit <http://www.intel.com/consumer>.

According to Dr. Charles Zuger, professor of dermatology at Northwestern University Medical School, the skin is the body's first line of defense against infection.

Hold a true friend with both your hands.

—Nigerian Proverb

Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them.

—Francesco Guicciardini

In my friend, I find a second self.

—Isabel Norton

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

—Mahatma Gandhi

Decorator's Notebook

There's No Place Like Home

(NAPS)—An updated kitchen. A luxe living room. A cozy family room. Everyone has a home-makeover wish list. Rather than hiring an expensive decorator, revamp your home with simple tips that will transform personal living spaces into special retreats for family and friends.

To help make a house a home, Kimberly-Clark, the maker of brands such as Kleenex facial tissue, Cottonelle bath tissue and Huggies diapers, has teamed up with Thom Filicia, from television's "Dress My Nest" and author of "Thom Filicia Style," to share practical tips to revamp favorite spaces and give rooms the look for less. After all, it's Thom's design belief that homes should be an extension of personal style. For thought starters, check out the design guru's tips below, or head to www.RoomADayGiveaway.com for sensible design solutions.

Here are some of Thom's favorite tips:

• **Make Your Home Inviting:** Put comfort first. Select furnishings for their usability. Choose beautiful, comfortable dining chairs rather than delicate antiques, and opt for a cushy sofa with plenty of pillows.

• **Find Inspiration in Your Personal Belongings:** When selecting a room's color



scheme, take cues from your own wardrobe and favorite objects.

• **Design on a Dime:** Forget high-end art galleries. A great way to stay on budget is to enlarge your favorite photo on a canvas or frame your children's artwork to add some playful elements to a room.

• **Brighten Up the Atmosphere:** Well-placed pools of light create islands of warmth. Place votives in darkened corners or put a reading lamp with a soft light next to a cozy chair to help set the mood.

• **Will Work for Furniture:** Peruse local flea markets, auction houses and secondhand markets for low-cost decorating treasures. Always wanted a designer piece? Online, you can find a multitude of acceptable options for a fraction of the cost.

To learn more about Thom Filicia's tips and how to win \$25,000 to transform your home, visit www.RoomADayGiveaway.com.

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indy Winter Classic Dog Show: Feb. 12 - 15 in the West Pavilion and the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Kevin Allen (317) 508-8129 or www.hooserkennelclub.org.

50th Annual CARQUEST 500 World of Wheels: Feb. 13 - 15 in the Champions Pavilion, Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: \$14; \$5 children 6-12; children 5 and younger free; \$3 discount coupon good for Friday available at Carquest. Contact: (248) 373-1700 or www.worldofwheels.com.

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

Naptown Roller Derby - Warning Belles vs. The NEO Rock and Rollers from Northeast Ohio: Feb. 14 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; match begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$16 at the door; \$11 in advance. Contact: (317) 522-1958 or www.naptownrollergirls.com.

Ford 55th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: Feb. 20 - March 1 in the Pepsi Coliseum, South

Pavilion, Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion, West Pavilion & Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. (2/20) 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon-Thurs 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. (2/27) 1 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$9 in advance (available through 2/14 at Marsh & Village Pantry); \$10 at the door; \$7 children 6-12; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Renfro Production & Management (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

12th Annual Indiana Deer & Turkey Expo: Feb. 20 - 22 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 3 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$9 in advance (available through 2/14 at Marsh & Village Pantry); \$10 at the door; \$7 children 6-12; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Renfro Production & Management (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

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18th Annual Indiana Motorcycle Show: Feb. 26 - March 1 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. 1 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9

p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$9 in advance (available through 2/14 at Marsh & Village Pantry); \$10 at the door; \$7 children 6-12; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Renfro Production & Management (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

Putting for Partners: Feb. 27 in Farm Bureau Building. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and registration available at www.pihdc.org. Contact: Partners in Housing (317) 633-1861 or www.pihdc.org.

Midwest Reptile Show: March 1 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550 or www.midwestreptile.com.

Letter To The Editor

Pondering the current political climate

The nation is in a down draft of economic events. It is important that we find a way of stopping the down draft.

We must find the cause and stop it and/or take counter measures. The U.S. Congress is trying to develop counter measures.

If we are not successful we will continue the downward movement. The American people will not be able to tolerate this continued slide.

All parties must in the moment become the American party - they must do what is best for all

the people not just "my folks".

Will congress have the courage to take the advice of the best economic minds or will they continue to try the "old party ways" that have apparently not worked or we would not be in this fix.

There seems to be two parties with two different approaches. One is - tax and spend - the other is spend and spend. It seems to me that there should be a "middle ground". Hopefully that middle ground will be found soon, like now!

If I am riding in a car with someone that has driven it into the ditch I would immediately wish for a new driver. That seems to make sense to me.

We have a new driver in Washington, better we pay attention and help him find a better way. Let's stay on the road to recovery. Staying in the ditch

won't get us anywhere no matter how much noise we make.

Larry L. Cunningham
Royal Center, IN
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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.

To Reserve the Fire Department Community Room - Call Bev Baldwin at (574) 653-2622 Evenings

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF FULTON COUNTY OF PROPOSED TAX RATES

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, on the budgets, tax rates and tax levies submitted by the tax levying officials of the several taxing units of the County. Rates of taxation on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property are hereby proposed, subject to the appeal for State, County or other purposes for 2008 payable 2009.

COUNTY RATES	AUBBEE-NAUBBEE	HENRY	LIBERTY	NEWCASTLE	RICHLAND	ROCHESTER TWP	UNION CASTON	UNION ROCH	UNION PULASKI	WAYNE	AKRON	FULTON	KEWANNA	ROCHESTER CITY
COUNTY GENERAL	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812	0.5812
COUNTY HEALTH	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200	0.0200
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437	0.0437
REASSESSMENT 2006	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283
HOSPITAL DEBT	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
CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326	0.0326
SUB TOTAL COUNTY	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255
TOTAL COUNTY RATE	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255	0.7255
AVIATION RATES														
Operating	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301	0.1301
Cum Building	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087	0.0087
TOTAL AVIATION RATE	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388	0.1388
CIVIL TWP RATES														
TOWNSHIP (GENERAL)	0.0176	0.0300	0.0104	0.0300	0.0200	0.0075	0.0673	0.0673	0.0673	0.0172	0.0300	0.0104	0.0673	0.0075
TWP POOR RELIEF (ASSIST)	0.0082		0.0104	0.0200	0.0100	0.0035	0.0082	0.0082	0.0082	0.0057		0.0104	0.0082	0.0035
TWP FIRE FIGHTING	0.1096	0.2000	0.0293	0.0500	0.0400	0.0923	0.0746	0.0746	0.0746	0.0596				
TWP RECREATION			0.0104									0.0104		
COMMUNITY BUILDING				0.0200										
CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND		0.0400	0.0219	0.0200	0.0200		0.0299	0.0299	0.0299	0.0344				
FIRE DEBT				0.0200										
CEMETERY	0.0157													
TWP DEBT SERVICE		0.0900												
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	0.1511	0.3600	0.0824	0.1600	0.0900	0.1033	0.1800	0.1800	0.1800	0.1169	0.0300	0.0312	0.0755	0.0110
LIBRARY RATES														
LIBRARY OPERATING	0.1238	0.1300	0.1238	0.1238	0.1238	0.1238	0.1628	0.1628	0.1628	0.1238	0.1300	0.1238	0.1628	0.1238
LIBRARY DEBT	0.0356	0.1400	0.0356	0.0356	0.0356	0.0356				0.0356	0.1400	0.0356		0.0356
LIBRARY CAP PROJECT		0.0200									0.0200			
LEASE RENTAL														
LIBRARY BOND LEASE REDEMPTION														
TOTAL LIBRARY RATE	0.1594	0.2900	0.1594	0.1594	0.1594	0.1594	0.1628	0.1628	0.1628	0.1594	0.2900	0.1594	0.1628	0.1594
SCHOOL RATES														
GENERAL SCHOOL	0.0603	0.0412		0.0412					1.3800		0.0412			
DEBT SERVICE	0.2266	0.8237	0.1488	0.8237	0.4442	0.4442	0.1488	0.4442	0.3235	0.1488	0.8237	0.1488	0.1488	0.4442
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.1729	0.5150	0.2985	0.5150	0.4433	0.4433	0.2985	0.4433	0.4000	0.2985	0.5150	0.2985	0.2985	0.4433
TRANSPORTATION	0.1143	0.3378	0.3661	0.3378	0.1796	0.1796	0.3661	0.1796	0.2000	0.3661	0.3378	0.3661	0.3661	0.1796
BUS REPLACEMENT	0.0348	0.0420	0.1128	0.0420	0.0791	0.0791	0.1128	0.0791	0.1300	0.1128	0.0420	0.1128	0.1128	0.0791
SPECIAL ED PRE SCH									0.0020					
RETIRE/SEV BOND DEBT	0.0428					0.0539	0.0539	0.0539	0.1200					0.0539
TOTAL SCHOOL RATE	0.6517	1.7597	0.9262	1.7597	1.2001	1.2001	0.9262	1.2001	2.5555	0.9262	1.7597	0.9262	0.9262	1.2001
CITY/TOWN RATES														
GENERAL CORP											1.3000	1.4500	1.2817	0.8447
STREET (MVH)											0.0800		0.5100	0.2863
PARK														0.1950
FIREMEN PENSION(OLD)														0.0256
POLICE PENSION (OLD)														0.0114
CITY HALL DEBT														0.0475
CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT											0.1000			0.0542
CITY BLDG RENOVATION														
PARK BOND														
SEWER BD/ MINNOW CR DBT														0.0030
SEWER/MINNOW MAINT														0.0010
CUM CAP IMPROVEMENT-FIRE											0.0400			
CUM CAP IMPROVEMENT													0.1500	
LEASE AGREEMENT														
TOTAL CORP RATE	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.5200	1.4500	1.9417	1.4687
TOTAL TAXING UNIT RATE	1.8265	3.2740	2.0323	2.9434	2.3138	2.3271	2.1333	2.4072	3.7626	2.0668	4.4640	3.4311	3.9705	3.7035
LAKE BRUCE CONSERV														
MILL CREEK CONSERV				0.0963			0.0963	0.0963	0.0963	0.0963				
NYONA LAKE CONSERV														
FULTON CO SOLID WASTE	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

Ten or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision affected by the county board of tax adjustment's action on a political subdivisions budget may initiate an appeal by filing an objecting petition with the County Auditor to such budgets within ten days from the date of publication of this notice. All appeals shall be in writing addressed to the Department of Local Government Finance naming specifically the items in the budgets and the tax rates, which are objected to, and shall be filed with the County Auditor. The Auditor shall forward the statement, with the budget to the Department of Local Government Finance for consideration. This notice is given in compliance with Acts of 1937, Chapter 119, as amended by Acts of 1947, Chapter 41, and the rights of taxpayers and the manner of filing objections are set forth herein.

Seven emergency care tips for injured pets

One of the most stressing events for pet owners to encounter is witnessing their pet being injured in a road traffic accident or some other type of mishap that causes injury. When your pet does become injured, here are some tips from HomeoPet to increase your pet's chances of a speedy recovery.

1. Get your pet out of harm's way. If your pet was involved in a road traffic accident, move the animal to the side of the road, using slow, deliberate movements. You don't want to scare the already frightened animal or worsen any injuries that your pet may have suffered.

2. Call a veterinarian. Add your veterinarian's telephone number into your cell phone speed dial in case of an emergency, or if you are traveling, the number of a local veterinarian. Do not administer fluids for food to the animal in case an anesthetic is needed, unless instructed by the veterinarian, as in the case of a diabetic with low blood sugar.

3. Stop any bleeding. To stop heavy bleeding, apply firm pressure with a clean towel or cloth. This is usually better than a tourniquet, which can lead to tissue death from lack of oxygen. To stop a graze bleeding, apply powdered pepper or turmeric, which are easily available and wonderful clotting agents.

4. If an injured animal feels icy cold due to shock, wrap a plastic bottle filled with warmed water in a towel to avoid burning or overheating the animal. Never put a hot water bottle directly against the animal. The animal can also be wrapped in insulating material such as a rug, a thermal blanket, or even bubble wrap. If an animal is in shock, a quiet, dimly lit space can be helpful.

5. When a pet has been badly injured and is not easily handled due to pain, use a large rug to transport dogs, or a cage (or box) lined with a towel for small pets such as cats, rabbits or hamsters. If you suspect fractures, a board can be used like a stretcher. Remember, even the most friendly pet may bite when in pain. A thick towel wrapped around your arm and hands can help. A tie or soft rope can be used as an emergency muzzle or leash.

6. Clean wounds can be washed with calendula herbal tincture (available at most health food stores), 10-20 drops in tepid water. Infected wounds can be safely cleaned with tepid salt water. Use as much salt as will dissolve in water.

7. Always carry a tube of HP Healing Cream for external application onto wounds, cuts, bruises, burns and bites, as well as HP Trauma/First Aid, for internal use for shock, sprains, injury and swelling.

For more information on HomeoPet, or to visit case studies visit www.homeopetpro.com.

RECENT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK PROMPTS NATIONWIDE RECALL

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana State Department of Health reports six confirmed cases related to the current *Salmonella* Typhimurium outbreak strain, and state health officials want Hoosiers to be aware of the products being recalled for possible contamination.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has created a searchable list of products and brands associated with the expanded Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) recall. This list is available at: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>, and will be updated on a regular basis as additional recalls occur and information is received by FDA from the industry.

Because identification of products subject to recall is continuing, the FDA urges consumers to visit the FDA's Web site to determine if commercially-prepared or manufactured peanut butter/peanut paste-containing products (such as cookies, crackers, cereal, candy and ice cream) are subject to recall. If consumers do not find the product of interest, they are encouraged to call the toll-free number listed on most food packaging or visit the company's Web site.

If consumers cannot determine if their peanut butter, peanut butter/peanut paste-containing products or institutionally-served peanut butter does not contain PCA peanut butter/peanut paste, it is recommended they not consume those products. Efforts to specifically identify products subject to the PCA recall and to continuously update consumers are ongoing.

"I strongly advise Hoosiers to immediately throw away any recalled material in their cupboards and discard in a manner that prevents others from eating them," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D.

Individuals who have consumed a recalled product or any product containing peanut butter and experienced the symptoms of salmonella should talk to a health care provider.

Most people infected with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven

days. Although most people recover without treatment, severe infections may occur. Infants, elderly persons, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely than others to develop severe illness.

For information about *Salmonella* and the current recall, go to www.statehealth.in.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

Lamb referendum

A lamb referendum will be held from Feb. 2 - 27 and will be conducted by the county Farm Service Agency offices. The purpose of the referendum is to determine whether to continue the Lamb Check-Off Program. Those eligible to vote include all lamb (sheep) producers, feeders, or first handlers or authorized representatives engaged in the production, feeding or slaughter of lambs during the period from Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008. Voters must complete form LS-86-1 and also provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, showing that they were engaged in the production, feeding or slaughter of lambs during that time period.

Ballots may be requested in person, by fax or by mail, during the voting period from the county FSA office and via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketing/Programs.

Public Notice

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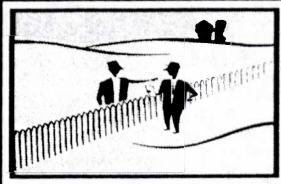


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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Monday evening, Feb. 2. They attended the 7th grade girls' basketball game early in the evening. Their granddaughter, Kaelee Smith, is a player for Rochester. Later, they attended the freshman girls' basketball game. Kaelee's sister, Leighnee, is a member of the freshman team.

Kay and Jerry Brown attended the Rochester vs. West Central high school girls' basketball game Tuesday evening, Feb. 3. Their granddaughters, Molly McKinney and Leighnee Smith, are players for Rochester. Thursday evening, they watched the girls play against Oregon Davis.

Pauline Scales was accompanied by her daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, on several errands Wednesday, Feb. 4. Afterward, the ladies got take-outs for lunch and headed back to Pauline's so Phyllis could visit with her father, Don Scales, for a while.

Barb Hieber traveled to LaPorte early Thursday, Feb. 5. She joined her daughter, Sue Janes, for a ladies' day outing to Merrillville. They had a fun time shopping and dining at the Olive Garden restaurant.

Jackie Heidenreich had a couple of visitors Thursday. Coming in the afternoon to clean house and bringing along dinner were her daughter, Vickie Molitor, and her great-granddaughter, Ema Kay. The ladies also worked at assembling a jigsaw puzzle picturing gingerbread houses.

Don and Pauline Scales

traveled to Columbia City Friday, Feb. 6. They had a wonderful time visiting with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden. The Heidens' son and his family, Ryan and Kerrie Heiden and McKinley of Atlanta, Georgia, were here for a visit. Also joining the family Friday were the Heiden's son and grandchildren, Matt Heiden, Austin and Audrey, and their grandson, Cody Heiden of Ft. Wayne. During the day, the cousins took advantage of being together and the warm weather to play in the snow.

Tom and Linda Garner had company over the weekend. Staying with them for a couple of days and keeping them well entertained were their grandchildren, Zach and Mackenzie Wassermann of Valparaiso.

Louis Bangel and Joyce were weekend visitors of Louis's sister, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Helen Whiteman had company Saturday, Feb. 7. Coming for a visit was her daughter, Sherri Lett.

Pauline and Don Scales had company Saturday. Coming down in the afternoon for an exciting visit were their daughter and great-grandchildren, Linda Garner and Zach and Mackenzie Wassermann.

Judy and Jack Graham and Emily of Lucerne were Saturday evening visitors of Judy's mother, Wilma Wilson. They enjoyed supper in Rochester and tackled some chores around Wilma's home.

Jacob Green was an overnight houseguest of his great-grandmother and great-aunt, Ann Zartman and Shirley, Saturday evening.

Kay and Jerry Brown had morning callers Sunday, Feb. 8. Stopping by after church for a visit were Kay's mother and sister, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac and Karen Kruger of Brownsburg.

Ellen Walsh was a guest of her granddaughter and family, Leah and Brock Hinderlider and Macee, Sunday. Also joining the Hinderliders for a visit were Leah's parents, Dan and Paula Walsh, and her brother and his family, Jeremy and Brooke Walsh and Parker of Flora.

Wilma Wilson had a busy day Sunday. In the morning, she joined her son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Deb Wilson, and Deb's mother, Bette Reynolds, for a visit over breakfast in Rochester. In the afternoon, Wilma's daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center, came for a visit. They picked up Bill's aunt, Mathilda Lamb, and the foursome headed to Star City for an early supper.

Linda and Tom Garner and their houseguests, Zach and Mackenzie Wassermann, had visitors Sunday afternoon. Joining them for supper and a

family celebration were the Garners' daughter and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile; their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner; and Zach and Mackenzie's parents, Amanda and Don Wassermann. Everyone had a fun time getting together and celebrating Amanda's birthday.

Ann and Shirley Zartman and Jacob Green had company Sunday. Stopping by and bringing chili for lunch was Jacob's grandmother, Jane Green. The group enjoyed assembling a jigsaw puzzle while they visited. Joining them later for a chat was Jacob's father, Dale Green.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Les Brady, Jeff Douglass, Bob McKinney and Cindy Young, Feb. 15; Kourtnee Baird, Melanie Berry, Anthony Haimbaugh and Lawrence MacLain, Feb. 16; A.J. Gallagher, Drew Gallagher, Jake Gallagher, Garrison Hickle, Grant

Hickle, Ron Lockhart, Ian Ton and Regen O'Neill, Feb. 17; Delaney Drew and Brady Whiteman, Feb. 18; Casey Carlson, Feb. 19; Steve Fox and Keisha Mikesell, Feb. 20; and Katelyn Miller, Feb. 21.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Purkey will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Feb. 16 and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Davis will be celebrating theirs Feb. 20.

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