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Council holds December session

The Kewanna town council held its December session Thursday, December 4, at the town hall.

Tony Pesaresi gave the November fire department report, noting two responses in the town, both medical, and five township alarms, one fire and four medical.

Marshal Dennis Price submitted his monthly report revealing four traffic warnings, two accident reports, 23 calls answered and 1,160 miles patrolled. He also reported that a tentative date has been set for Jon Sailors to attend the police academy next year. Council president, Jeff Finke, inquired about upcoming dates and locations for NIMS certification classes for 2009. The council discussed the possibility of holding a class locally if there is sufficient attendees.

John Cochran provided a few topics that will be discussed when the clinic task force meets Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. He also shared information on a CEAP seminar.

Mike Heidorn requested that sewage charges on water used to water his cows be waived. This was approved by the council.

Mark Hall of Thieneman Construction discussed change order No. 3. The change order disallowed \$5,000 for repairs/revisions to existing piping as it was not needed, but added costs for additional sludge removal. The council also asked him to provide information on an algae wheel. This "green technology" helps eliminate and remove sludge.

Greg Heller agreed to contact a local property owner regarding the sale of her property. The council and Heller also discussed possible changes in the tree ordinance.

An estimate was received, reviewed and accepted on replacing the roof at the town hall with a metal roof.

A special meeting was set for 5 p.m. Monday, December 29, to conduct year-end business, including appropriation transfers.

The council also changed its first meeting in 2009 from Thursday, January 1, to Thursday, January 8, due to the New Year's holiday.

Sewage construction claims as well as other claims against the town, water and sewage works were approved for payment.

The council approved the Keystone Disaster Recovery Plan for 2009.

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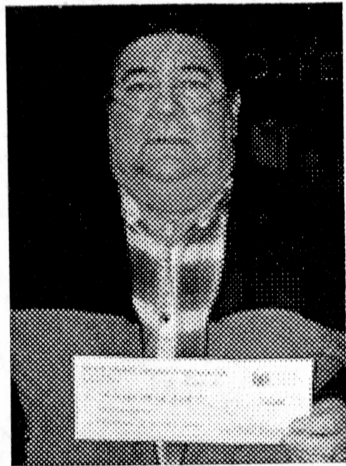
AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, December 15 - Smoked sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, and milk

Wednesday, December 17 - Meat loaf, baked potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll and milk

Friday, December 19 - Chili soup, corn, pears, crackers and milk

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H.E.A.R.T. awarded \$5,000 grant

Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. (Home-town Economic and Revitalization Team) has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Fulton County Community Foundation. The grant awards were announced at a luncheon held Thursday, December 4, at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester. The Kewanna grant was one of 14 totaling \$72,135.

Other grant recipients included Rochester Middle School Mimicking Masterpieces, \$300 (from the Eric E. Smoker Memorial Fund); Fulton County Free Medical Clinic, \$31,000; Akron Area Arts League, \$1,500; Akron Church of God's Wee Care Day Care, \$2,700; ASK 180 (Akron Skate Kings), \$2,500; Camp We Can, \$2,000; Friends of the Fulton County Parks and Recreation, \$1,500; Fulton County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., \$3,100; Fulton County Historical Society, \$5,000; Junior Achievement, \$1,600; Manitou Center, \$1,935; Nickel Plate Trail, Inc., \$12,500; and Victims Advocacy Domestic Violence Task Force, \$1,500.

The money awarded to Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. will be used to help finance next year's Kewanna Fall Festival, which includes a free circus, free carnival rides, free entertainment, etc. Festival planner, Tom Mate, was on hand to receive the award from the FCCF.

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"The Road to Kewanna" in Georgia

The work of local artist, Diane Tesler, and selected students is currently on display at the Fire House Gallery in Louisville, Georgia. The exhibit is entitled "The Road to Kewanna". An opening reception was held Saturday evening, December 6. The show will run through January 25, 2009. If you happen to be traveling through the area, be sure to check it out.

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Conservancy meeting

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District board of directors will meet tonight (Thursday, Dec. 11) at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. All freeholders in the district and other interested parties are welcome to attend.

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Give blood, receive a Colts football

Winamac Coil Spring, Inc., of Kewanna will partner with the Indiana Blood Center in sponsoring a blood drive at the Kewanna-Union Township fire station, 404 North Toner St., Tuesday, December 16, from noon to 5 p.m. As a thank you, donors will receive a commemorative regulation-sized leather Colts football tagged with the Colts logo, the Lucas Oil Stadium inaugural season logo, and the laser signature of Colts linebacker Gary Brackett.

Residents are urged to come out and donate blood to help ensure that Indiana hospitals have an adequate supply of life-saving blood through the 2008 holiday season.

In order to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old (sixteen with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. Those giving blood must provide a photo ID. An individual can donate blood every 56 days. To reserve a donation time and sign-up to receive donor loyalty points that can be redeemed for free gifts, visit www.donorpoint.org. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, contact Indiana Blood Center at 765-446-4216.

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The Pulaski County Farm Bureau was one of ten county Farm Bureaus to receive the Star County designation at the state convention held this week in Evansville.

The Fulton County Courthouse, Fulton County Office Building and Extension Office will be closed Friday, December 19, from noon to 5 p.m. for the employee Christmas party.

Caston is looking for an elementary/junior high wrestling coach for this season. If you have experience in wrestling and are interested in the position, contact Debb Stevens, athletic director, at 574-857-3505, extension 319.

The Arbor, the transitional care unit at Memorial Hospital in Logansport, will reopen in January under the management of Miller's Merry Manor. The 21-bed Medicare unit will serve individuals for short-term rehabilitation care after a stay in the hospital. The hospital shut down the unit about a year ago.

The Indiana Health Care Association reports Indiana's nursing homes are facing critical shortages of registered nurses and nurses aides at a time when the population is aging and requiring more care.

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VFW Christmas party, Dec. 14

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post #1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for children in the community Sunday, December 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the post. The event will include snacks and activities and a special visit from Santa Claus. Children from infants to age 11 are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Kewanna town council will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, December 29, at the town hall to conduct year-end business, including the transfer of appropriations.

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MEETING CHANGE

Due to the New Year's holiday, the Kewanna town council has rescheduled its first meeting for 2009 from Thursday, January 1, to Thursday, January 8. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the town hall and it is open to the public.

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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 upon the tree. A book of remembrance listing the names is also on display in the foyer.

The public is invited to join others in celebrating the life of a loved one by making an honorary or memorial gift to Hope Hospice. 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 29.

Forms listing the donor and the person being acknowledged by the contribution are available at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester and the Hope Hospice office, 420 Main St., 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.

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Pork producer request for referendum

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of USDA has announced that a Request for Referendum will be held from December 8 to January 2 in regards to the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum should participate.

If at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum, then it would be held sometime this next year. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, it will not be conducted.

Eligible participants in the Request for Referendum are those pork producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2007.

The Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where the producers' administrative records are maintained. The Form LS-54-1 may be obtained either in person, by mail or by facsimile, or also on-line at www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms. In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, such as sales receipt, feed bill, veterinary bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned to the FSA office by close of business January 2, 2009. If returned by mail, it must be postmarked no later than midnight January 2, 2009, and received by January 9, 2009.

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Meeting notice

The local clinic task force group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at the Kewanna town hall.

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Power wheelchairs available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power wheelchairs available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk safely, nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

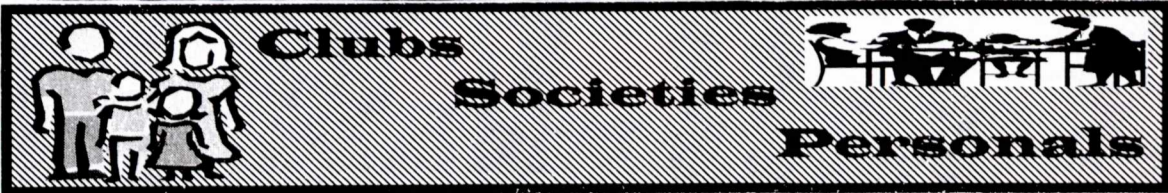
If the patient's need is for use in the home, call 1-800-246-6010 for more information to see if they qualify.

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**Christmas Open House
Dec. 13th at Museum**

The annual Christmas Open House at the Fulton County Historical Society museum will be Saturday, Dec. 13th starting at 9 a.m. Approximately 40 decorated trees will be displayed all over the museum for everyone to enjoy. The museum gift shop will be open and has numerous items that cannot be found at other stores – so come check it out. Various piano players will play the Baby Grand Piano from the Colonial Hotel, demonstrations of beadwork and tatting will take place mainly during the afternoon hours. The Farmers Market will still take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and blacksmiths will be in the blacksmith shop.

New this year – Christmas in the Country a variety show filled with comedy, singing, dancing and a special guest will be there too, will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Richland Center Memorial Hall. This will include vocalist Rodney Ervin, Royal Center; Roy Carter, Marion, Danielle McPeek, Kewanna, Mark Reese and Ashley Haas, Argos, Mike Long, Rochester. Sasha Gardner,

Kokomo; and Debbie Horn, Kewanna. Drama from Daniel Kreamer, Winamac, Tabby Harger, Rochester, Mitchell Thompson, Rochester, and Daniel Johnson, Monterey. Dance by Bev Carpenter and the Tri-County Kickers and Comedy from Jeff Myers, Kewanna and Daniel Johnson, Monterey. Sound will be provided by Capt. Crunch of 107.3 Hoosier Country.

Proceeds from the program will all go to the museum to be used for General Operating Expenses. Cost per ticket is \$6.00 available at the museum or by calling 574-817-0121.

Refreshments will be available for everyone to enjoy and the museum will stay open during and after the program for everyone to enough the Christmas trees as well.

We look forward to see new and old faces alike during this Christmas seasons. The museum is open Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. closed during holidays.

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**JORDYN LYNN
HOUNCHELL**

Shane Houchell and Bethany Snider are the parents of a daughter born at 8:42 p.m. Thursday, November 20, 2008, at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Plymouth. The baby weighed eight pounds, was 20 inches long, and has been named Jordyn Lynn Houchell. Maternal grandparents are RaeAnn Snider, Kewanna, and Guy Snider, Culver. Paternal grandparents are Amy Hoover, Winamac, and Charles Houchell, Star City.

**KAIN RICHARD KEITH
WILLIAMS**

Jonathon and Tasha Williams are the parents of a son born Sunday, December 7, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces, was 21 inches long and has been named Kain Richard Keith Williams. He has an older brother, Zain. His paternal

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grandmother is Lori Leach.
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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 December Activities
Dec. 4 – Men's meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 12 – Ladies Auxiliary will decorate for party
Dec. 14 – Children's Christmas party, 2 to 4 p.m.
Dec. 17 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 28 – open Sunday at noon
Dec. 30 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 31 – Annual dues are due
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**CASTON MENU
December 8 – 12
Breakfast**

Choice each day with fruit or juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; toaster pastry
Lunch
Monday –Corn dog, tater tots, applesauce, peanut butter cookie and milk. Comet Café –chicken fajita sub with onions & peppers
Tuesday –Pizza, corn, white

cake with strawberries and milk.
Comet Café – pasta day with garlic toast
Wednesday – Two soft tacos with meat & cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, chocolate chip cookie, sherbet and milk. Comet Café – cheese stuffed breadsticks
Thursday – Turkey and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dirt pudding and milk. Comet Café – ham and cheese hot pocket
Friday – Chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges, peaches, M & M candy cookie and milk. Comet Café – French bread pizza

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 28
Births – Damian and Crystal Henry, Kewanna, a son

December 1
Admissions – Richard Smith, Randall Furnivall and John Lakey, Rochester
Dismissals – Robert Leavell and Linda Marcum, Rochester; Crystal Henry and son, Kewanna

December 2
Admissions – Mary Borer and Joseph Stesiak, Rochester
Dismissals – Richard Smith, Rochester
Births – Shaun and Lacy Barnes, Rochester, a daughter

December 3
Admissions – Edwin Jefferies, Rochester; Richard Fry, Macy; Shirley Wilcox, Argos
Dismissals – Bonnie Pletcher, Akron

December 4
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – none published
Births – John and Amy Craig, Akron, a son

December 5
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Harry Miller, Akron; Randall Furnivall, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 28
Admissions – Helen Beyer and Madison Owens, Winamac; Clyde Howard, Delong
Dismissals – Matilda Reid and Jay Kopkey, Winamac; Michael Hernandez, Knox

November 29
Admissions – Vicki Richie, Knox
Dismissals – Doris Dilts and Madison Owens, Winamac

November 30
Admissions – Ann Minix, Winamac
Dismissals – none

December 1
Admissions – Jose Rivas, Knox; Richard Brantingham, Culver
Dismissals – Daniel McBlaine, Star City

December 2
Admissions – none
Dismissals – Vickie Richie and Jose Rivas, Knox; Norma Butler, Star City; Ralph Clark, Winamac

December 3
Admissions – Joyce Sheets, San Pierre; Mary Jane Hall and Brittni Bonnell, Winamac
Dismissals – James Wentz, Winamac

December 4
Admissions – Nancy Huggler, Rita Mrozinski, Charity Grandstaff and Leona Lizenby, Winamac; Leona Shidler, Star City; Robert Fisher, Knox
Dismissals – William Hoover, Helen Beyer and Brenda Christensen, Winamac; and Clyde Howard, Delong

choir of the First Christian Church, South Bend, as well as for the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 569.

She sewed beautifully, making many of her own clothes, as well as costumes for the local theatrical groups in which she participated both onstage and off. Her needlework skills extended to knitting, crocheting and needlepoint. She was also skilled at various other crafts and was often called upon to create centerpieces for different organizations.

Alyce was a member of the First Christian Church for 68 years and of the Phi Beta Psi sorority for over 50 years. She was also a charter member and past president of the Avalon Grotto Auxiliary. A passionate and skilled duplicate bridge player, she was active in the St. Joseph Valley Bridge Association and the Mishabend Bridge Association.

At the age of three, Alyce contracted polio that severely affected her left arm. Her parents consulted with many specialists over the years, and finally found a surgeon who offered the possibility of a then revolutionary muscle transplant. The risky procedure was successful and gave Alyce an 80% use of her arm. She soon became a skilled pianist.

While staying with her maternal grandparents, Frank M. and Sarah Norris on South Logan Street in Kewanna, Alyce, then 19, met her future husband, C. Eldon Bruce. They were married June 10, 1934, in Kankakee, Illinois, and set up housekeeping on a farm east of Kewanna. In 1940 the family relocated to South Bend where Eldon, a Purdue electrical engineering graduate, found employment. Eldon was, in Alyce's words, "the perfect husband". In later years, he was her constant caregiver, but on March 29, 2003, he was tragically

killed while on his way home with Alyce's medications when a drunk driver struck his car. In a few months they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Alyce was a voracious reader and a skilled writer who had been editor of her high school yearbook. One of her proudest possessions was the diary of her namesake, Alice Weary Norcross, who had been a schoolteacher in Kewanna. Alyce decided to continue the family tradition by keeping her own diary. This grew over the years into a notebook of memories, many related to visits to her grandparents in Kewanna. Two years ago, her grandchildren had the pages reproduced and bound. The last entry was 9/11.

After her failing eyesight curtailed her reading and bridge playing, she discovered audio books and listened to literally hundreds of stories from every library in her area. In the months before her passing she switched to listening to music.

Alyce was also preceded in death by three brothers, Marion "Norry" Norris, Everett Norris and Shirley "Shuck" Norris. Survivors include her son, Norris (Catherine) Bruce of Mishawaka; daughters, Norrine (Arthur) McCune of Granger and Valerie (Dan) Kelder of South Bend; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth (Rick) Schneider of Granger, Kenneth Bruce of South Bend, Mark (Dina) Waters and Dan Waters of Los Angeles, California, Kathleen (Stuart) MacFarlane of Manhattan Beach, California. Angela (Bryan) Hall

of Granger and Michael (Margaret), Kelder of South Bend. Alyce had 12 great-grandchildren and is also survived by her brother-in-law, Floyd Bruce, of Indianapolis as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at the Palmer Funeral Home in South Bend. Alyce's longtime pastor, Dr. William Wassner, officiated. Graveside services followed at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery where her husband, Eldon, and three generations of ancestors are interred.

Memorial donations may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

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Scout uniforms needed

Fulton County scouting units are collecting scout uniforms to help outfit scouts who can not afford to purchase them. They are in need of any scouting apparel – shirts, pants, socks, neckerchiefs, slides, etc. The items can be dropped off at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester or the library branch in Fulton.

The uniform drive will continue until December 22. If you have questions, contact Chuck Smith at 574-817-0518.

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DEATHS

ALYCE ELIZABETH BRUCE

Alyce Elizabeth Bruce, 94, passed away at 3:12 a.m. Saturday, November 22, 2008, at Caring Junction in Mishawaka. Born Alyce Elizabeth Norris on November 1, 1914, in Kankakee, Illinois, her parents were Frank B. Norris, formerly of Rochester, and Edna M. Norris of Kewanna.

Alyce possessed many talents. She was musical, with a beautiful singing voice that earned her the lead in high school musicals and the position of vocalist in the

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Orthopedic Surgeon, Jeffrey Sheedy, joins the team at Rochester Orthopedics

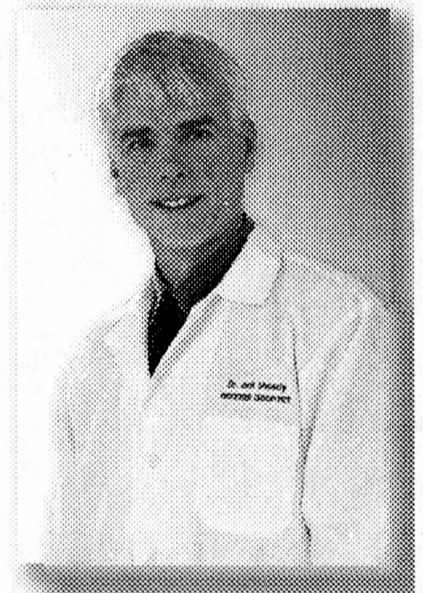
Jeffrey Sheedy, D.O. joined Rochester Orthopedics on December 1st. Dr. Sheedy left his private practice in Plymouth to join orthopedic surgeon Dr. Lisa Ronback and Nurse Practitioner Teresa Perkins. As a team, both doctors and their patients gain the benefits of a combined practice especially with Dr. Ronback's fellowship in upper extremity and Dr. Sheedy's sports medicine fellowship.

Dr. Sheedy grew up in Chicago and played basketball for the University of Alaska. He earned his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in June of 1997 from Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois. Also while there, he completed his internship as well as his orthopedic surgery residency. In 2003, he served a sports medicine fellowship at Lake Tahoe Orthopedic Institute.

Dr. Sheedy, his wife and children were drawn back to the Midwest to be near family and are happy to be part of the Rochester Community. He is especially looking forward to joining forces with Dr. Ronback.



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Letter To The Editor

Once again my holidays have been ruined by neighbors who have dogs living outside. I get so upset when I see dogs trying to keep from freezing, sometimes standing, because the ground is too cold to lie down on. Some have no dog house. The lucky ones that do usually have no straw. It amazes me that people think that dogs don't get cold!!! They get just as cold as we do. They can get frost-bitten, and some die in extreme temperatures.

Imagine yourself outside right now with no heat at all and no blanket. Imagine yourself spending your entire life on a short chain or in a pen surrounded by feces. You can't generate any heat because you can't get any exercise. You get weak. You are thirsty, but your water is frozen. Imagine dreaming that you are running, playing, living in the

house with your family (and they love you). Then you wake up to realize that it was just another dream. You're really outside for a miserable lonely life of solitary confinement getting no love or attention, and YOUR FAMILY DOESN'T CARE! You cry, and they never notice. Your neighbors pity you and try not to look at you, because it makes them too sad. But, they don't know what to do about it.

Dogs are totally dependent on humans, and they need our help. You will always regret it if you do nothing!!! You can help them by calling Animal Control or the Humane Society when you see a dog living in these or any other unacceptable conditions.

To all pastors, preachers, priests, etc...You, as well as I and many others, know that dogs are a gift of unconditional love and companionship from God! To treat this gift with any disregard saddens Him. Perhaps a reminder from the pulpit around this time of year would enlighten many pet owners to the love and loyalty that is wasted out in the yard.

To all dog lovers...pray for

resolve.

Patricia Coldi
South Bend, IN

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LAST DAYS TO SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE PART D

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging reminds older adults and persons with disabilities that there are less than 30 days left to sign up for the Medicare Part D prescription drug program and find out if they are eligible for Extra Help to assist in paying premiums for the program.

The last day to sign up for or change your plan is Wednesday, December 31.

Rebecca Baker, Indiana SMP Project Manager for the association, said information about signing up for the plan would be included in the official "Medicare and You 2009 Handbook" that Medicare beneficiaries would have received in October. Information can also be obtained by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Individuals who require assistance in signing up for a plan can also call their local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505 to schedule a confidential appointment with a counselor to help then investigate the best plan for their individual needs. A list of all current medications and their dosages should be brought to the appointment along with the applicant's Medicare card, letters and other information from the applicant's Medigap insurance company, Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as well as information about their current coverage if applicable.

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, founded in 1978, advocates for quality programs and services for older adults and all persons with disabilities. The IAAGA works with all of the 16 Area Agencies on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were created by state statute in 1973 to deliver services under the Older Americans Act. AAAs are not-for-profit entities providing services to older adults and persons with disabilities of any age and their caregivers.

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Attend Church Sunday

Understanding Lupus

Pat Smith
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Our immune system is designed to protect us from a number of diseases. But sometimes it attacks healthy tissues and cells, causing an autoimmune disorder. One common autoimmune disorder is lupus.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital offers the following information to help you better understand that lupus is a chronic disease that can affect nearly every organ in the body, including the heart, kidneys, skin, lungs and brain. Like other autoimmune disorders, it typically affects women more than men. Its onset generally occurs between the ages of 15 and 45. Symptoms vary from person to person, but typically people experience an unexplained rash, painful or swollen joints, ongoing low-grade fever and/or extreme fatigue. Other symptoms may include chest pain, shortness of breath, anxiety, depression, memory loss, weight loss or gain, dry eyes, easy bruising, skin lesions, mouth sores, and fingers or toes that turn white or blue in the cold.

Lupus can be difficult to diagnose, since many of its symptoms occur in other diseases. Your physician may take a complete medical and family history, take blood and urine sample, order X-rays and possibly perform biopsies. He or she may need to rule out other conditions first.

If you are diagnosed with lupus, you have many treatment options. Depending on the severity of your symptoms, you may benefit

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Large Print General Fiction— *Being Elizabeth* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *A Cedar Cove Christmas* (from the Cedar Cove series) by Debbie Macomber; and *No One You Know* by Michelle Richmond.

JUVENILES:

Picture Books Fiction— *Katie Loves The Kittens* by John Himmelman.

Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction— *We Believe in Christmas* by Karen Kingsbury; *What is God Like?* by Beverly Lewis; *My Little Girl* by Tim McGraw; *The Gift of The Christmas Cookie* by Dandi Daley Mackall; and *When Santa Dined Green* by Victoria Perla.

Teenage Christian Fiction— *Isle of Fire* by Wayne Thomas Batson; *Eternity's Edge* (#2 of

the Echoes from The Edge series) by Bryan Davis; *The Owling* (#2 of The Shadowside Trilogy) by Robert Elmer; and *Boomtown* (#1 of the Boomtown series) by Nowen N. Particular.

Teenage General Fiction— *Not as Crazy as I Seem* by George Harrar; *Goose Chase* and *Lost in The Labyrinth* by Patrice Kindl; *White Sands, Red Menace* by Ellen Klages; *The Snow Pony* by Alison Lester; *One Final Firecracker* by Gregory Maguire; and *Beautiful City of The Dead* by Leander Watts.

Caston Sports Schedule

Sat., Dec. 13 – boys junior high basketball vs. Laville at Caston, 10:30 p.m.; boys 6 AB basketball at Wabash, 1 p.m.; girls JV and varsity basketball vs. Rossville at Caston, 11 a.m.; freshmen boys basketball vs. Laville at Caston, 11:45 p.m.; varsity boys wrestling Super 6 at Triton, 9:30 a.m.

Tues., Dec. 16 – 6 AB boys basketball at Peru, 5:30 p.m.; freshmen boys basketball vs. Frontier at Caston, 6 p.m.; girls JV & varsity basketball vs. Northfield at Caston, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 18 – boys 6 AB basketball vs. Manchester at

Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys junior high MWC tourney at Tri-County, 6 p.m.; girls JV & varsity basketball at West Central, 6 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 19 – boys varsity wrestling 10-team duals at Caston, 5:15 p.m.

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Sports Shorts

BASKETBALL

The Logansport Savings Bank Cass County Tourney was held last week.

The Caston girls' varsity basketball team was edged out Wednesday evening by Pioneer in overtime, 50-44. Shelby Loeffler was high scorer for the Comets with 24. Undefeated Logansport beat winless Lewis Cass, 47-37, in opening round action.

Caston won the consolation game Friday evening, defeating Lewis Cass, 25-22. The Logan Berries took the tourney championship, their fifth county tourney win, defeating Pioneer, 61-20.

The boys' version of the county tourney was played Saturday. Logansport defeated Lewis Cass, 60-40, in opening round action, while Pioneer shut down Caston, 69-37. Caston also lost the consolation game as Cass routed them 65-33. Logansport handed Pioneer an 81-56 loss to win the championship game. Jordan Champion of Logansport had a two game total of 40 points and was named tourney MVP.

WRESTLING

The Caston varsity wrestling team lost to Triton Thursday, Dec. 2, 44-30.

The team participated in an invitational at Winamac Saturday, going 0-5 on the day. Scoring for Caston included: Culver Military, 49 & Caston 27; Winamac 48-Caston 28; West Central 52, Caston 15; Delphi 75 Caston 6; and Mississinewa 54, Caston 18.

Delphi won the event going 5-0 on the day and had nine individual champions.

Caston had good wins from Cole Nilson at 103 with a 4-1 record. His wins were by two pins, a decision and a forfeit. Graham Redweik duplicated Nilson's mark at 119 while David McMenamin at 145 went 3-1 with a pin, a decision and a forfeit. Also for the Comets at 171 was Austin Ault with a 4-1 record with three pins and a decision.

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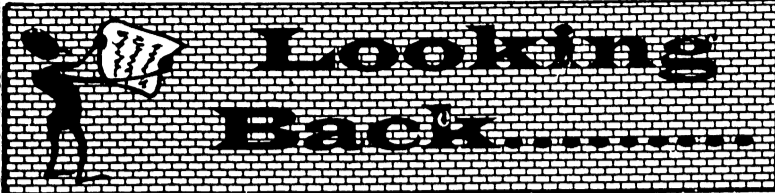
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
December 9, 1948

The Ladies Aid of the Church of Christ met December 1 for a carry-in dinner at the church. Hostesses were Mrs. Clay Brown and Mrs. Charles Steinke. Special numbers were given by Mrs. Fred Graffis, Mrs. Wilber Rude, Mrs. Henry Montz, Mrs. Lester Shidaker and Mrs. Frank Greer.

John W. Collins, George D. Hendrickson and Orlyn E. Master are among the 33 Fulton County students enrolled at Indiana University, Bloomington, this semester.

The Kewanna Mothers Club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Olive Watkins assisted by Mrs. Irene Callahan and Mrs. Helen Shadle. A very clever contest was conducted by Mrs. Shadle with the prize going to Goldie Murray.

The Kewanna unit of the Fulton County Hospital Auxiliary met recently at the Harris factory in Kewanna. Their project was to make ward curtains. Through the kindness of Mr. Harris and Mrs. Bulger, the sewing was done at the factory.

Mrs. Blanche Cannon was hostess to the Social Club Thursday afternoon assisted by Mrs. Amos Nickle. Mrs. Oliver Smith was a guest. Plans were made to hold the annual Christmas party on the fourth Thursday of the month at the home of Mrs. George Van Meter.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 11, 1953

It was announced earlier this week that Victor Hill, former Grass Creek resident now living in Logansport, has purchased the Kewanna Shoe Repair Shop from David Keeney. Hill is married to the former Donna Sadler, daughter of Ed Sadler, also of Grass Creek. He plans to commute to his shop from Logansport for the time being.

The retail stores in Kewanna will stay open evenings until 9 p.m. starting Monday, December 21, until Christmas for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

The Kewanna town board held its regular monthly meeting Monday, December 7, in the basement of the library. The board voted to purchase and install a stop light at Main and State Road 17. Clerk-treasurer, Kenneth Cook, wrote to the State Highway Dept. requesting a light at the intersection but they reported the traffic count did not warrant a light. The department did say, however, that the town could install a traffic light at its own expense.

The Lucerne school in Cass County and the Wayne Township school at Grass Creek were entered and looted Friday night of last week. A safe containing \$250 in cash and checks was taken from the Lucerne school and later found empty along the banks of

the Wabash River near Logansport. The Grass Creek school was robbed of several dollars when a soft drink machine and coats were rifled. It was the third time this year the school has been robbed.

Lary Eber celebrated his 7th birthday Saturday afternoon with a party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Eber. Guests included Wayne Lamb, John Newgent, Jerry Zuck, Carl Norris, Jim McIntire, George Hilficker, Roger Elmore, John Brooks, Jackie Kissinger, Richard Williams, Edwin Brooker and Lora Eber.

Twelve boys were the guests of their pastor, Father Charles Remaklus of St. Ann's Catholic Church, at the Notre Dame-Southern Methodist football game at South Bend December 5. Attending the game were John Bauman, James and Joseph Crist, Steve Ley, Robert Lord, James and Jerry Hiland, Cyril Pfeiffer, Thomas Shanley, Jack Shoemaker, James Scott, and Larry Clemans. Father Maurice Miller of St. Elizabeth's in Lucerne also attended the game.

Bud Hoesel, Leroy Crippen, Otto Applegate, D. K. Crippen and Harold Kistler attended a dairy meeting at Purdue University Monday. Leroy and Otto received awards for high production.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
December 11, 1958

A \$40,000 blaze destroyed a barn belonging to Ardis Zellers located three miles northeast of Kewanna Sunday evening. Destroyed when the 34 x 54 foot building burned to the ground were a tractor, a combine, a grain drill, corn planter, a power mower, a cultivator, 1,000 bales of hay, 500 bales of straw, milking machines, a number of tools and five Holstein calves.

Kewanna and vicinity found itself in the grip of 17 degree below zero weather and a six-inch snowfall Tuesday morning. The snow had begun falling Sunday and continued all day Monday and part of Monday night with temperatures gradually dropping.

Linda Ingram, Kewanna, has been appointed deputy recorder by Fulton County recorder, Mary Alice Overmyer.

A Bethlehem township school bus carrying 28 children collided with a car driven by Mrs. Wiladean DeWitt, Rt. 1, Kewanna, two miles west and a mile north of Metea Tuesday morning. None of the children were injured. Mrs. DeWitt is employed as a practical nurse at Logansport.

Pvt. Doris Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown, Kewanna, has completed her basic training as a medical technician in the WAC at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She is spending a 20-day furlough with

her parents before reporting for duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 12, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and family entertained the employees of the Kewanna Observer, the Argos Reflector, and the Medaryville Herald at a Christmas party Saturday evening at the Trading Post at Lake Bruce.

Second Lieutenant Frederic Blume has completed his solo flight in the Air Force's T-37 jet trainer at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He will also fly the T-33 jet and receive special academic and military training during his year-long course. He is married to the former Sandra Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Rt. 3, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McColley and Steve and Mrs. Lelia Tomlinson of here and Mrs. Emerson McColley of Akron were in Indianapolis Friday, December 6, where they attended graduation exercises for Marilyn McColley who graduated from a school of practical nursing.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
December 14, 1978

Richard Baldwin has resigned from the Kewanna Fire Department after giving 26 years of service to the volunteer organization. He has served as fire chief for the past 10 years. Baldwin officially submitted his resignation to the town board when it met Thursday evening in the town hall. Larry Baldwin has been selected to replace his father as fire chief.

The fate of the Culver Community School Corp. is

uncertain after the Culver school board voted last Monday, December 4, to permit townships to secede from the corporation if a majority of registered voters in the township approves.

Christine Wentzel, Kewanna, is one of 20 Goshen College students living in the Central American nation of Honduras this fall for a 14-week study-service semester. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Covert Wentzel, Rt. 1, Kewanna, Christy is a 1976 graduate of Kewanna High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Klinefelter who left us recently for the warmer climate of Arizona report that they had frozen pipes when they awoke last Wednesday morning. Temperatures dipped to 28 degrees, the coldest reading since 1960.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 8, 1988

The Kewanna Firebelles met recently in the community room of the fire station. Responders for December are Gwen Hott and Ann Bauman. Karen Cunningham and Julene Lewark will serve as responders for January. The firemen's Christmas party was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gudas, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter, Carrie Nicole, born November 30 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Rev. Ronald Purkey, pastor of the Kewanna First Baptist Church, reports the results of the church's annual meeting held last Thursday. The following people will serve during 1989 as church officers: trustees will be Tom Garner, Mike Fike and Harold Johnston. Serving as deacons will be Harold Johnston and Tom Garner. The deaconesses will be

Beulah Adams, Linda Garner and Sarah Purkey.

Ryan Baker was the guest of honor at a birthday party Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good and Kelly. Helping him celebrate his 8th birthday were his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good and Wade Bussert of here and Jeff Good of Indianapolis.

TEN YEARS AGO
December 10, 1998

Bill Fisher was presented with a plaque recognizing his 30 years of service to the local fire department when the group met for its Christmas party Sunday, December 5. The plaque was presented by fire chief, Joe Hott, on behalf of the department.

Larry Kimble has been elected chief of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department according to a report given at last Thursday's monthly town council meeting.

Members of the Sharon Wesleyan Church held a Christmas celebration dinner Sunday. Those attending the event were Rev. David and Alberta Webb, Lucy Webb, Eugene Holmes, Mary Personett, Marcia Johnston and children, and Margie and Scott Straub and children. Joining the group in the afternoon for a visit were Stacey and Blake Kessler and son.

Sunday afternoon guests of Bruce and Denise Baker, Ryan and Daniel, were Forrest and Elnora Baker, Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary, Jackie Hoskins and Joe and Karen Good. The group enjoyed sampling three different kinds of cheese cake along with other snacks while helping Ryan celebrate his 18th birthday.

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'03 DODGE DAKOTA CLUB CAB 4X2, 76k, red, ready to go	\$10,500
'03 CHRYSLER TOWN AND COUNTRY LIMITED lt blue, 80k, everything	\$11,900
'02 GMC ENVOY SLT, Everything, 50k, Inferno red	\$11,400
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According to Indiana Adult Immunization Coalition (IAIC) Chair Dr. Roland Grieb, "Despite serious health risks associated with influenza, many people, including children 6 months through 18 years of age, those 50 years of age and older and people with chronic health problems are not getting immunized. More than 4 out of 5 Americans should be vaccinated every year, which means it's likely each one of us knows someone whose well-being, good health or life depends

on getting an influenza immunization each and every year."

Influenza, along with its complications, is a serious respiratory illness. On average, about 36,000 Americans die and about 226,000 people are hospitalized in the U.S. every year. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent influenza and its complications.

Complications from influenza can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

"In addition it is recommended that pregnant women, and anyone with a chronic health condition such as asthma, COPD, heart disease or diabetes receive an annual influenza immunization," Grieb said.

Vaccination typically begins in October and can continue through March. In most seasons, influenza virus peaks in February or March, so vaccination throughout the entire flu season is beneficial and recommended.

Where to Get a Flu Shot The American Lung Association offers a Flu Clinic Locator at www.flucliniclocator.org, which is the largest online directory of public influenza clinics.

The Indiana Adult Immunization Coalition is a voluntary group of health and older adult focused organizations dedicated to eradicating vaccine preventable deaths and disease among adults. The Coalition promotes education and outreach activities to increase awareness of and participation in adult immunizations.

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AREA AGENCIES ON AGING RECOMMEND OLDER ADULTS BE AWARE AND REPORT SUSPECTED MEDICARE FRAUD

With the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit open enrollment period underway, older adults and persons with disabilities need to be aware of the direct mail solicitations and telemarketing calls they receive.

"During this time and up until enrollment closes on December 31, Medicare beneficiaries should not experience door-to-door contacts or multiple telephone calls from anyone who offers products and services that may not be Medicare approved, or who says they are Medicare representatives," Durr said. Medicare does not make home visits or unsolicited phone calls.

The Center for Medicare Services enacted new marketing rules to protect consumers from widespread abusive and fraudulent marketing practices.

"If someone contacts you and pressures you to buy, hang up your phone or close your door," Durr said. She then advises beneficiaries to contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging at 1-800-986-3505 to report violations of the rules.

If you have questions about the viability of products or services being offered for sale via mail, these can be explored on your own. Making sure you understand what you are buying, what is covered, what the cost of a product or service is,

and how to cancel if you change your mind are all important questions you should be able to find answers to on websites. If you can't, then you should probably throw away the offer.

Durr offered additional tips that will help older adults and persons with disabilities detect and prevent themselves from becoming victims of fraud and identity theft:

§ Never sign anything you don't understand; have an attorney or trusted

advisor review it.

§ Stay socially active; isolation increases your risk of becoming a victim.

§ Don't give out your credit card or bank account numbers over the telephone or Internet unless you initiate the transaction.

§ Shred or tear into small pieces all mail solicitations, bank records or any other discarded documents that contain identifying personal information.

§ Be aware of scams; if you're told you just won a prize, you probably haven't.

§ If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Durr recommends that if you suspect someone is trying to coerce or steal your information to contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505.

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, founded in 1978, advocates for quality programs and services for older adults and all persons with disabilities. The IAAAA works with all of the 16 Area Agencies on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were created by state statute in 1973 to deliver services under the Older Americans Act.

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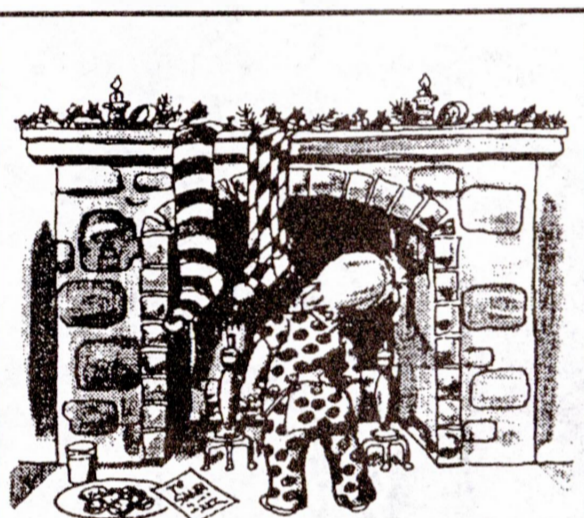


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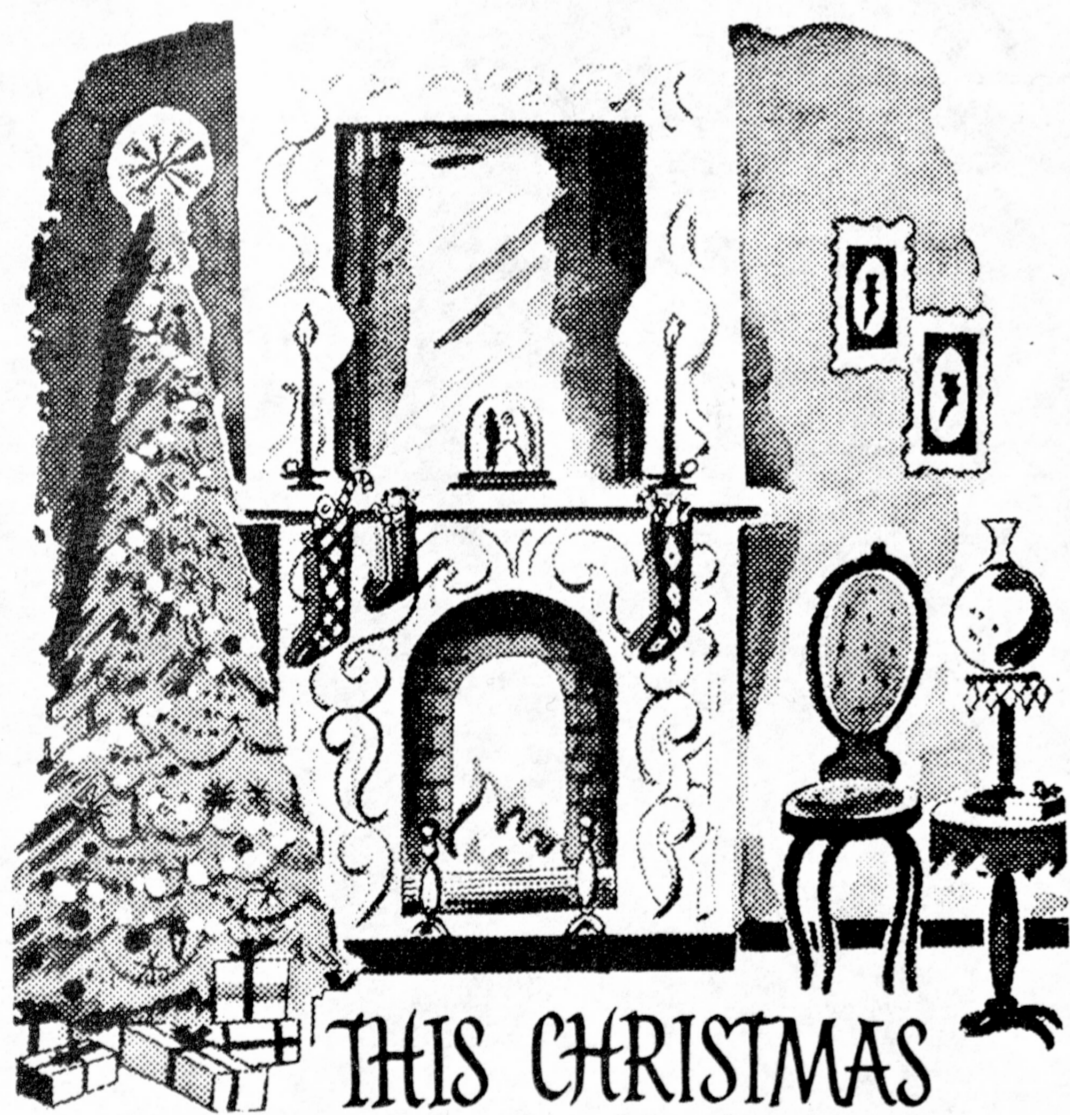


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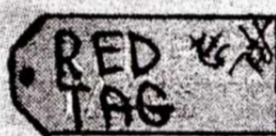
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'07 Chevy Impala LT factory warranty	\$13,900
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'08 Pontiac Vibe sunroof, salsa red, 7k mi.	\$17,750
'08 Pontiac G6 GXP black, leather, 12k mi.	\$21,500
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'03 Buick LeSabre Limited leather, local, 30 mpg hwy.	\$7,500
'04 Pontiac Grand Am SE 4 cyl., 59k mi., new tires	\$8,950
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'86 Pontiac Parisienne back row special	\$800

TRUCKS

'00 GMC Safari Conv. Van 7-pass., TV/VCR, loaded	\$5,750
'05 GMC Yukon SLT 4x4 loaded, local, 1 owner	\$14,900
'05 GMC Sierra 1500 Ext. Cab 4x4 SLT Z71 leather, red	\$18,900
'03 Ford F150 XLT Sport Ext. Cab 4x4 60k mi., local	\$12,800
'05 GMC 1/2 Ton Sierra Ext. Cab 4x2 local, 1 owner	\$10,500
'05 GMC 1/2 Ton Sierra Ext. Cab 4x4 5.3 V-8, Z71, Silver	\$15,900
'04 GMC 1/2 Ton Sierra Ext. Cab 4x4 local, 74k mi.	\$13,900
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'05 GMC Envoy 4x4 SLE local trade	\$10,900
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Don't be Taken in by Phony Charities

Americans are a generous people. Whenever we see or hear of someone in need, it is our instinct to help. But before you write that check or charge your credit card for a donation, a little homework and investigation can ensure your generosity benefits a legitimate cause.

It would be advisable not to donate to a charitable cause over the phone. Request that the caller mail you literature about the charity, so that you can read and investigate the organization before giving money. Many times these calls come from telemarketers who keep most of the donation, while sending only a small portion to the actual charity.

Give only to those charities you know to be reputable. If you receive a charitable solicitation by mail, make sure it details how the money will be used, and what percentage of donations will actually go to the charity. You can also go to www.charitywatch.org, which rates more than 500 charities, to help you make an informed giving decision.

Checklist for giving:
 • Reputable charities don't send unsolicited spam e-mails.

- A reputable charity has a street address and a phone number.
- Beware of scam artists who don't want your contribution, but instead request your personal, confidential information such as name, address and credit card number.
- If the telemarketer pressures you to give immediately, be suspicious. A legitimate charity will give you all the information you request and all the time you need.
- Don't give cash. A legitimate charity will take a check. Some charities hire professional fundraisers rather than use their own staffs or volunteers. These people are in business to make money and are entitled to keep a portion of the proceeds they collect. If you are approached by a professional fundraiser, you may want to ask what percentage of the donation they will keep. If you're uncomfortable with the percentage, you may choose to give directly to the charity and bypass the professional fundraiser.

Know the difference between "tax exempt" and "tax deductible." Tax exempt means the organization doesn't have to pay taxes. Tax deductible means you can deduct your

contribution from your federal income tax. If a tax deduction is important to you, ask for a receipt so you can file it with your year-end tax return.

The Federal Trade Commission has announced a new rule governing telemarketing calls that feature prerecorded messages. Beginning Sept. 1, 2009, telemarketing companies must obtain the call recipient's written permission before contacting them with a prerecorded message. And as of Dec. 1, 2008, prerecorded telemarketing calls must have an opt-out mechanism so that a recipient can elect not to receive these unsolicited calls in the future. With these new regulations, charitable organizations can continue contacting their members or previous donors, but will need to offer an opt-out mechanism.

If you believe an organization is not operating for charitable purposes or is making misleading solicitations, contact your state Attorney General, local consumer protection office or Federal Trade Commission.

Continue to give ... but do give wisely.

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NIPSCO ANNOUNCES GAS COST ADJUSTMENT FOR DECEMBER

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced that natural gas costs for December 2008 increased compared to last month. This month's increase is attributed to several factors: volatility mitigation hedging losses, planned withdrawal of stored gas that was purchased earlier this year when market prices were significantly higher, as well as an increase in the variation recovery amount from prior month under collections.

NIPSCO residential customers will see an increase in natural gas costs of 7.38 percent when compared to November 2008. The Indiana Utility Regulatory

Commission (IURC) approved the adjustment subject to refund.

A typical NIPSCO residential customer using 150 therms of natural gas should expect an increase of approximately \$13.51 from last month's statement in their December billing, although total bill amounts will vary as a result of actual consumption.

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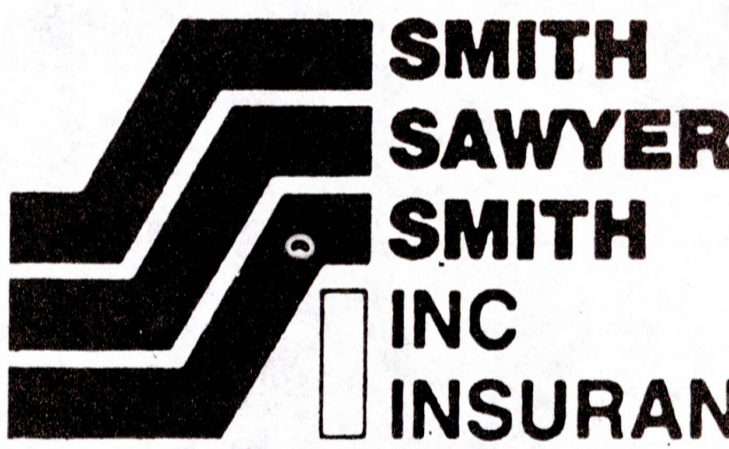
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 PHONE: (401) 827-3039

NAIC CODE: 25321
 EMAIL: cmadden@metlife.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY	
	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 23,272,803.00
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 288,868.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 536,939.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 0.00
Other assets	\$ 881,207.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 24,979,817.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$ 354,775.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 354,775.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 0.00
Capital Stock	\$ 3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	\$ 18,620,722.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 3,004,320.00
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 24,625,042.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 24,979,817.00

Signature Signature
 William D. Moore (Print Name) President Maura C. Travers (Print Name) Secretary

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FEIN: 68-0266416
 PHONE: 904-997-7312

NAIC CODE: 25180
 EMAIL: jgiorgianni@fnf.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY	
	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 160,697,675
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 88,388,922
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 16,130,744
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 7,496,174
Other assets	\$ 9,058,642
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 281,772,157

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$ 57,087,729
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 2,707,245
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 72,124,342
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 805,657
All Other Liabilities	\$ 18,172,978
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 150,897,951
Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	\$ 3,250,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	\$ 59,993,824
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 67,630,382
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 130,874,206
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 281,772,157

Signature Signature
 Mark Owen Davey (Print Name) President Todd Chliveny Johnson (Print Name) Secretary

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana, will be until the 30th day of December 2008 at 4:00 P.M., EST, will receive sealed bids for the following items in accordance with specifications available at the office of the Auditor, County Annex Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Bids will be opened on December 31, 2008 at or about 10:00 a.m., EST.

- 2009 POLICE VEHICLE INTERCEPTOR AND 2009 SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE
- 2009 POLICE VEHICLE INTERCEPTOR
 - Minimum Wheel Base - 110 inches
 - Minimum Engine - 4.6 liter
 - Minimum Transmission - Electronic Overdrive
 - Minimum Overall Length - 200.0 inches
 - Minimum Overall Width - 72.9 inches
 - Minimum standard drive axle
 - Minimum anti-lock brakes with traction control
 - Minimum single key system
 - Minimum keyless entry, 2 FOBS per unit
 - Minimum heavy duty wheels
 - Minimum power steering cooler and oil cooler
 - Minimum heavy duty frame and body mounts
 - Minimum 50-50 driver side power seat with arm rest
 - Minimum spot light
 - Minimum A.M./F.M. and CD
 - Minimum cloth seats
 - Minimum speed control
 - Minimum A/C with heater and heated mirrors
 - Minimum power windows and door locks
 - Vehicle setup and tear down to be added to price of vehicle \$1700.00
 - 110 Watt Motorola Mobile Radio \$2,105.00
 - Vehicle Emergency Lights \$1,200.00
- 2009 SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE
 - Minimum Wheel Base - 116 inches or larger
 - Minimum 4.6 LO.H.C. V8 Engine
 - Minimum Transmission - Electronic Overdrive
 - Minimum Alternator 95 amp or better
 - Minimum 4-wheel drive anti-lock
 - Minimum 4-wheel power anti-lock brakes with traction control
 - Minimum keyless remote, 2 FOBS per unit
 - Minimum 50-50 driver side power seat
 - Minimum spot light included-after delivery
 - Minimum A.M./F.M. or CD
 - Minimum fuel capacity - 19.0 or larger
 - Minimum cloth seats
 - Minimum speed control
 - Minimum A/C with heater and heated mirrors
 - Minimum power windows and door locks
 - Vehicle setup and tear down to be added to price of vehicle \$1700.00
 - 110 Watt Motorola Mobile Radio \$2,105.00
 - Vehicle Emergency Lights \$1,200.00

All bids to exclude State and Federal Taxes. Each bidder is to state time of delivery. Bid with trade and without trade. Trade will be subject to delivery of new vehicles. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Each bid item shall be separated and sealed and be submitted in

DUPLICATE ON FORM 95

Prescribed on the State Board of Accounts, obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's Office, and each bidder shall accompany his bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Board of Commissioners in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of Contract.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Richard A. Powell
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Mark Rodriguez

ATTEST: Denise J. Chandler
Fulton County Auditor Pub. 12-4; 12-11, 2008

Inc., 2,215.00; Blackhawk Products Group, 60.09; Bobs Lock & Key Inc., 28.20; Boyce Forms/Systems Inc., 719.00; Bratemans Inc., 248.13; Burke & Heller, 1,305.76; Burns Tire Service, 22,526.00; C&S Outdoor Equipment, 1,179.80; Calhoun Helen Frances &, 52.59; Capbell Sandra L & Campbell, 208.75; Carr Alice, 41.52; Caterpillar Inc., 354.25; CDW Government Inc., 56.88; Chapel Donald Stephen, 82.86; Clawson Joan Maxine, 52.48; Cline Connie L & Lillian, 17.28; Clupper Ralph L & Bonnie, 156.92; Coleman Vernon & Etal, 40.34; Colvin Max E & Carol A, 132.96; Conley Delbert J & Ellen, 319.24; Cornell William John & Christy, 93.34; Costello Harold G & Patricia A, 124.33; Cox Donald M & Sonia K, 577.09; Cardinal Office Products, 450.56; Carter Dennis DDS, 450.00; Centennial Wireless, 373.22; Chandler Denise J, 117.92; Charm-Tex Inc., 1,496.68; Collier Melissa S, 6.24; Comcast Cable, 240.00; Country Meadows Equipment, 559.00; Country Meadows Limited, 189.09; Cramer Casi, 1,084.68; Culligan of Fulton Co., 8.60; Dalton Gregory A & Melody I, 7.64; Damron Carl & Rachael E, 213.25; Dauenhauer Bart A, 94.71; Davis Donald P & Virginia R, 122.11; Davis Gregory C & Susan E, 20.53; Dawalt Living Trust, 180.76; DLZ Indiana LLC, 1,241.43; Dory Michael & Betty Jo, 11.14; Douglass Elmer J & Nancy S, 99.70; Dove Wallace H & Karen Sue, 179.20; Dubois Michael & Brenda, 151.92; Durkes Wm L & Mary Lou, 140.92; DeBruiter Lisa J, 147.00; DeBco Metal Culverters, 10,254.21; Drudge Patricia D, 58.08; Duke Energy, 1,885.79; Dulin & Morris Investments, 3,500.00; Easterday Roy, 180.72; Eckelbarger David B &, 139.31; Embarq, 3,360.83; Enyart Raymond Earl & Ruth N, 21.29; Evans Larry W & Joan, 272.32; Ewing Robert L & Paula O, 79.64; Edington Ralph, 150.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 2,431.00; Enid Tate Shepherd, 997.66; Enyarts True value Hardware Inc., 182.44; Ewing Joan, 298.92; Felke James E & Kathleen J, 91.52; Felke Living Trust, 179.97; Freels Audrey E & Shirley A, 43.02; Freyberg Coan Wm & Janet Lee, 51.38; Furnvall Teresa M, 84.48; First Financial Bank, 3.97; Fugate Sam H & Juanita, 140.36; Fulton County Sheriff Fund, 36.73; Galloway Bobby J & Vicki K, 399.66; Gast Karl D, 32.82; Gault Charles E & Debra J, 14.96; Gilliland Richard & Beatrice, 82.16; Gohn Eldon & Virginia, 22.72; Gordon Betty D Trust, 34.40; Granson Fred M & Sharon K, 15.34; Groves Charles T & Antonia, 43.64; Gall's Inc., 1,219.92; Gardner Robert F Co Inc., 134.27; Gil Jenkins Automotive Corp., 107.66; GlaxoS-nuthKline Pharmaceutical, 506.35; Good Oil Co Inc., 1,172.82; Gordon Food Service Inc., 5,245.39; Goss Vecita L, 127.88; Halfast Gregory A & Jean Ann, 46.40; Hartman Otto L & Connie L, 66.62; Hecht Kenneth Russell Sr., 82.34; Herd Louis D & Phyllis Joan, 109.64; Heritage acceptance, 15.47; Hewitt Linda Sue & Clark, 17.20; Hiers Richard C & Wanda D, 125.25; HiLarry E Jr., 34.48; Holland Ross & Martha, 28.05; Hoyt Steven E & Mary Ann, 92.88; IDMS, 86.99; Hudkins Virgil G & Sue E, 25.20; Haley-Aldrich Inc., 867.10; Harbor Freight Tools, 151.98; Hardesty Printing Inc., 119.50; Hayes Instrument Co Inc., 658.54; Henry Schein Inc., 29.99; Holt Equipment Co LLC, 125.00; IKON Office Solutions Inc., 594.76; IN State Police Training Fund, 22.00; Inergy Propane LLC, 5.00; IVRA, 25.00; Indiana Clerks Association, 385.00; Indiana Paging Network Inc., 45.20; Inventory Trading Co., 381.50; Irving Materials Inc., 8,922.55; J L D Inc., 80.00; Johnson David R & Tiffany K, 8.50;

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Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners, Fulton Co., Indiana on December 8th, 2008.

Deniese J. Chandler, Fulton County Auditor

muffin and milk
Thursday - Ham steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, biscuit and milk
Friday - Little Dippers, fries, orange juice, graham crackers and milk
Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Nacho supreme, peas, orange juice cup, and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Taco snax, mixed vegetables, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Deli turkey and cheese sandwich, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - Chicken strips, cheese breadstick, California blend, applesauce and milk. Choice - potato bar

EASTERN PULASKI MENU

December 15 - 19
Elementary Breakfast
Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - French toast with syrup, juice and milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
Thursday - Omelet, juice and milk
Friday - Biscuit with egg, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch
Monday - Cheese pizza, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk
Tuesday - Chicken sandwich, French fries, pears, cake and milk
Wednesday - Mini club sandwich, corn, applesauce,

Wedge salad, mixed vegetables, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Deli turkey and cheese sandwich, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
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Town & Country Chatter...

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Mark Kimble and his friend, Mandy, of Indianapolis were home the weekend before Thanksgiving for an early holiday visit with his family, Doran and JoAnn Collins and Brittany. Joining them for dinner on Saturday were Jerry Kimble of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Larry Kimble, Julene Lewark and RaeAnn Snider and her family.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Doran and JoAnn Collins and Brittany were Loma Lou Collins, Dana and Ron Smith, Kaley and Evan, of Brookston, Brandon and Tracey Collins and Joey of Monterey, and Charlotte Robbins.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Kokomo Monday, Dec. 1. They spent the time doing a little holiday shopping.

Ruth Cogdill had a surprise visitor Tuesday morning, Dec. 2. Her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy, came to see her. He was here to make sure the walk from her door to the mailbox was ice-free. (He had brought her 50 pounds of ice melt to be used to keep the walk ice-free.) He cleaned off the snow and spread some of the ice melt, so now Ruth has a safe walkway. After the winter chore, they had a wonderful visit catching up on all the family news.

Jackie Heidenreich had visitors Tuesday. Stopping by on their way home from North Carolina, were her sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Ed Freier of West Bend, Wisconsin. They enjoyed a very nice visit.

Tom and Linda Garner and T.J. had fun Tuesday evening. They attended the Caston 5th grade boys' basketball game. Tom and Linda's grandson, Trey Young, is a player for Caston.

Helen Whiteman had company Wednesday, Dec. 3. Coming over in the evening for a family chat were her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee, of Winamac.

This cold, windy week kept Ruth Cogdill at home, but her family came to check on her. Her sister, Janel Norris, and her brother, David Norris, stopped in Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4, to say hello.

JoAnn Tsoodle and Barb Hieber were in Plymouth Thursday. They enjoyed attending the annual Teachers Credit Union Christmas party. This year's event was held at Christo's restaurant.

Ray and Beth Weller accompanied their daughter and son-in-law, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans, to Rochester Thursday evening. They had a very nice time attending the Columbia Elementary Schools' Christmas program. Cora Lynn's grandson, Riley Sutton, was one of the participants.

Helen Whiteman had a weekend houseguest. Staying with her for a couple of days while in the area deer hunting, was her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart.

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to LaPorte Saturday for an overnight visit. They had a

wonderful time with their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas. In the evening, the family attended a performance of the play "A Christmas Carol." Michael, Rebecca and Elizabeth were among the cast members. The family also took the opportunity over the weekend to help Nita celebrate her upcoming birthday.

Ruth Cogdill had company Saturday. Stopping by for a short visit in the afternoon were her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki of Winamac.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle were in Indianapolis over the weekend. They had a wonderful time attending a performance of the musical "The Lion King" and eating at Carraba's Grille. During their return home Sunday, they stopped in Carmel to do some shopping and dined at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Kokomo.

Florence Hogan had company Sunday, Dec. 7. Coming up for a family visit, lunch and to tackle some chores were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys shoveled Florence's sidewalk, got the Christmas decorations out of storage and brought the wreaths for the family gravesites.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker of Culver hosted a 16th birthday brunch Sunday for their daughter Clar. Helping her celebrate the occasion were Jackye Pugh of Lake Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pugh and Kyle and Mr. Bill Plummer and Hannah of Kewanee; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, of Rochester; Mrs. Sandy Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven, and Alex Baker, all of Culver; and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, of Monterey.

Lizzie Pugh of Rochester was a Sunday overnight guest of her great-grandmother, Jackye Pugh, at Lake Bruce.

Ruth Ann Anderson returned home Sunday following a five-day visit with her daughter, Becky Lincoln in South Bend. While there, the ladies enjoyed a lot of shopping.

Mathilda Lamb had a guest Sunday. Coming for a visit and to help with some chores was her son, Bill Lamb of Ft. Wayne.

Helen Whiteman had working visitors Sunday. Stopping by for a chat and to put up her Christmas decorations were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski.

Brittany Duca spent the weekend in Indianapolis with her brother, Mark.

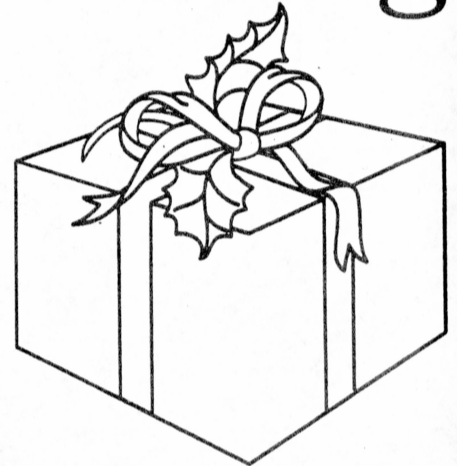
Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jane

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; Christopher Baldwin, Nancy Luketich and Carson Paulik, Dec. 18; Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19; and Marilyn Fisher and Corey Mills, Dec. 20.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith, Dec. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smitley, Dec. 19; and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metzger, Dec. 20.

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