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## The News In Brief

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Thursday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

Next week's recycle pick-up will be Friday, January 2, rather than Thursday, January 1, due to the New Year's holiday.

According to tests by the insurance industry, small cars, which have become more popular with the fluctuation in gas prices, are becoming better equipped to protect motorists in serious crashes.

The Federal Reserve slashed its target interest rate last week to nearly zero and is taking a number of other unprecedented moves in an effort to battle a severe financial crisis and worsening recession.

Kokomo Chrysler plants, as well as others throughout the country, have closed down until January 19. According to the company, the shutdown was ordered to keep production and dealer inventory aligned with U.S. market demand.

Due to the lowest interest rates since the early 1960s, homeowners in the U.S. are rushing to refinance their home mortgages.

President Bush offered \$17.4 billion in emergency loans to the struggling auto industry last Friday in exchange for concessions from the carmakers and their workers. The Canadian government has also offered subsidiaries of the Detroit Three automakers emergency loan funding to help keep the plants afloat while the automakers restructure their businesses.

Federal regulators adopted new rules for the credit card industry last week that will protect consumers from increases in interest rates on existing account balances. The rules will allow credit card companies to raise interest rates only on new credit cards and future purchases or advances, rather than on current balances. These new rules will not take affect until July of 2010.

**Attend Church  
 Sunday**

### Freezing rain puts lights out in Kewanna

Freezing rain hit Kewanna and the surrounding area last Friday, knocking out power on the south and east sides. The weight of the ice on trees and bushes caused a lot of broken limbs. In one such

case, a limb fell with such impact at the Brent Hamman residence that it went through the roof, penetrating clear to the living room floor, as shown in these pictures. Luckily, no one was at home when the limb came crashing through.

Power went out a little after 5

a.m. and was off for about ten hours in Kewanna. Lake Bruce residents did not have their power restored until Saturday afternoon.

Many students got an early start to their Christmas vacation due to the icy conditions and power outages. This icy mess was followed by zero temperatures

and sub-zero wind chills.

By Wednesday morning, temps had moderated enough that town employees were able to start plowing the streets to remove the built up ice, snow and slush.

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### POWER RESTORED TO MOST CUSTOMERS

Most customers have had their power restored after a devastating ice storm hit northern Indiana.

"Over the course of the weekend, nearly 130,000 customers experienced power outages as a result of Friday's ice storm followed by Sunday's high winds," said Colleen Reilly, director of communications and public affairs. "We made significant progress getting power restored from the ice storm, then Sunday the winds picks up. Ice covered transmission lines were galloping, a term used to describe the violent wrenching and whipping of a line in the high winds. Many of these transmission circuits tripped offline to protect the electric system from severe damage, leaving thousands of customers in the dark. Crews continued to work around the clock to restore power and by Monday morning, all but 3500 customers were restored."

Crews were brought in from around the Midwest to join the NIPSCO employees on the extensive repair work.

"Customers are encouraged to stay safe during prolonged outages," Reilly said. "Never use a gas oven to heat a room. Be sure space heaters are placed away from other objects. As always, customers are reminded to stay away from downed electric lines, and report them as soon as possible to NIPSCO.

"We appreciate the calls were have received from customers who were concerned about linemen and crews working in the bitter cold and wind. We are pleased to report that we had no worker injuries during this restoration effort," Reilly said.

To report an outage or downed power line, customers should call NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726).

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**Recycling Dates**  
 Fri., Jan. 2nd; Thurs.,  
 Jan. 15th & 29th

### Christmas light display

Jerry and Shirley Werner once again invite everyone to view their annual Christmas light display. The display will be lighted every evening from 6 to 10 p.m. through January 1.

From Kewanna, travel south on State Road 17 to the first stop sign, continue south to County Road 950 South, turn right and follow the lights to the corner of 950 South and 1100 West. Feel free to make a circle through the barn lot off of County Road 1100 to see the displays in the back.

The Werners wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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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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### Mission center/homeless shelter needs help

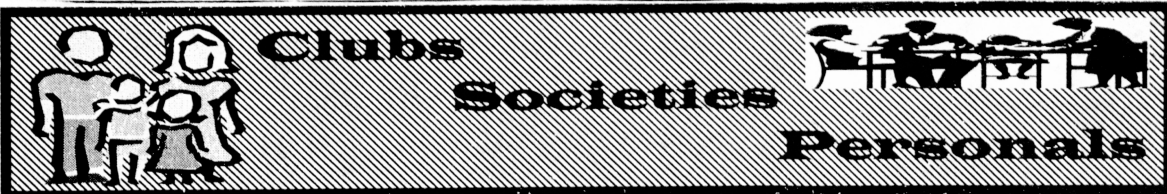
Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport is seeking organizations and individuals to volunteer at its thrift shop and also needs donations for its homeless shelter, girls home and food pantry.

Anyone interested in sorting thrift shop donations may call 574-739-0731.

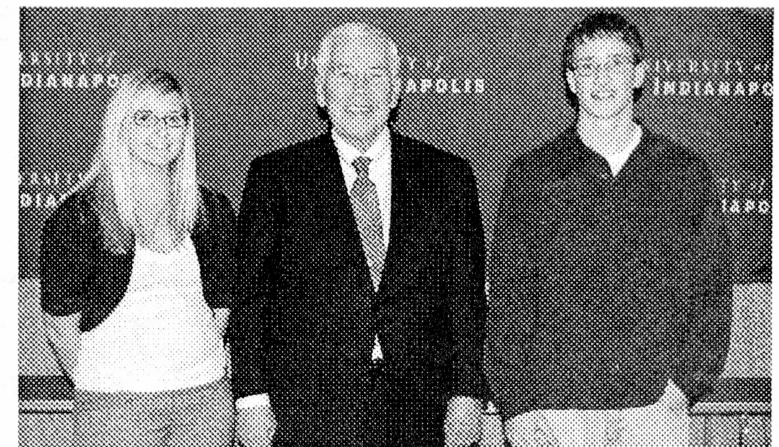
Items needed at the shelter and thrift shop include paper products, cleaning and laundry supplies, personal hygiene items, copier paper, stamps, envelopes, cold and flu medicines, cough drops, cereal bowls, silverware and food supplies of any kind. These items can be dropped off at the mission center, 805 Spencer Street, Logansport. Emmaus serves Cass County and the surrounding counties, including Fulton.

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Chelsea Troyer, Senator Lugar and Caleb Siders

**Lugar Symposium**

Chelsea Troyer and Caleb Siders of Caston recently attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders held on the campus of the University of Indianapolis. More than 400 high school juniors and 121 accompanying adults attended the event.

Senator Lugar opened the symposium by speaking and answering students' questions. During his address, he discussed the current economic situation and its international impact.

In smaller discussion groups, students exchanged ideas and debated opposing views on seven different topics including U.S.

leadership in the world, energy security and media responsibility. +++

**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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**Chicken Bash to finance 6<sup>th</sup> grade music trip**

The Caston sixth grade performing arts class will be a demonstration group for the IMEA/MENC North Central Division Convention to be held January 23 at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. Members of the Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA) and members of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) North Central Division will attend the convention. The MENC North Central Division includes the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Approximately 2,000 music educators will be in attendance.

The Caston sixth grade performing arts class will be demonstrating in a session led by Dr. Ryan Hourigan from Ball State University and James Bryn, the Caston band director. Dr. Hourigan is an assistant professor of music education at Ball State. He specializes in instrumental music education and music education of students with special needs.

The students will demonstrate how they learn to play their band instruments using a sound before sight method. In other words, they learn to play songs on their instruments before they read the written music notation.

A Haps Chicken Bash is being held January 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to support the trip. Tickets can be purchased from the Caston Elementary Office at 574-857-3025 or from James Byrn, 574-857-3505, ext. 325. +++

has been named Noah Elvis Womeldorf. The couple has another son, Wynn, who is 18 months old.

Larry Cunningham of here is the maternal grandfather. +++

**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.

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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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**NOAH ELVIS WOMELDORF**

Drs. Shala Cunningham and Eric Womeldorf of Jasper are the parents of a son born December 10. The baby weighed 8.2 pounds, was 21½ inches long and

  
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**Class 2 —** How what you eat affects diabetes, label reading, dining out, meal planning.

**Class 3 —** Learning to live with diabetes, personal health habits, sick-day guidelines, long-term complications, changing behavior, putting the pieces together.

**Class Dates:** January 13, 20, 27  
**Class Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Location:** Woodlawn Hospital Ambulance Garage  
**Cost:** \$10 (for series)  
**Instructors:** Jean Herd, FNP-CS, Maureen Neeley, FNP-C, & Betsy Wolfe, Dietitian

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
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RSVP by January 6th to Karla Meyer, RN, Coordinator of Diabetic Education at 574-224-1268.  
 Our diabetic support group meets every second Thursday from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the Woodlawn Hospital Boardroom.



**HOSPITAL NOTES.....**

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
 December 15  
 Admissions – Choice Miller, Violet Troutman, Brittany Benn, Marianne Nixon and Frances Westwood, Rochester  
 Dismissals – Carl Burman, Macy; Brittany Benn, Rochester  
 December 16  
 Admissions – Buddy Ball, Star City; Michael Fettig, Kewanna, Dorothy Brower, Macy  
 Dismissals – Violet Troutman, Rochester  
 Births – Amelia Adams, Leiters Ford, a son  
 December 17  
 Admissions – Larry Smith, Culver  
 Dismissals – Marianne Nixon and Frances Westwood, Rochester; Michael Fettig, Kewanna  
 December 18  
 Admissions – none published  
 Dismissals – Choice Miller, Rochester; Amelia Adams and son, Leiters Ford  
 Births – Theodore and Faith Brown, Kewanna, a son  
 December 19  
 Admissions – Julia Hiatt, Rochester  
 Dismissals – James Funk, Rochester; Buddy Hall, Star City; Dorothy Brower, Macy; Larry Smith, Culver

**PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
 December 12  
 Admissions – Anna Russell, Plymouth; Mary L. Jackson, Knox; Thomas Lehiy, Kewanna  
 Dismissals – Nancy Huggler and Arlayna Brandt, Winamac; Mathilda Lamb, Kewanna  
 December 13  
 Admissions – none  
 Dismissals – Shirley Johnson and Rachael Kennedy, Winamac; Ronald V. Tanner, Francesville  
 December 14  
 Admissions – none  
 Dismissals – Anna Russell, Plymouth; Mary L. Jackson, Knox  
 December 15  
 Admissions – Arthur Dolezal, Dorothy Strasser, Rose Barton and Jeanne Houin, Winamac  
 Dismissals – Thomas Lehiy,

Kewanna  
 December 16  
 Admissions – none  
 Dismissals – Leona Shidler, Star City; Carl Rebeck, Hobart  
 December 17  
 Admissions – Patricia Robison, LaPorte  
 Dismissals – none  
 December 18  
 Admissions – Mary Edmondson, Star City; Nathan Mitross, Winamac  
 Dismissals – Arlene Johnson, Kewanna; Rita Mrozinski, Winamac  
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**DEATHS .....**

**DAVID FISHER**  
 David Fisher, 1183 Main St., Kewanna, (Lake Bruce) passed away December 21 enroute to Florida. He retired from Delco Electric in 1996. Rites are pending in Kokomo.  
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**RALPH HAMMAN**  
 Former Kewanna resident Ralph Hamman, Monterey, passed away early Wednesday morning at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis. Rites are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home in Kewanna.  
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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 the 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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**AREA FIVE MENU**  
**Kewanna Fire Station**  
 Monday, Dec. 29 – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, cookie, roll and milk  
 Wednesday, Dec. 31 – Chopped steak with gravy, Key West blend vegetables, lima beans, cake,  
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oatmeal bread and milk  
 Friday, Jan. 2 – Spaghetti, toss salad, green beans, pineapple, Italian bread and milk  
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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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**Small Business Counseling**  
 Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor

can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business. A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for January 14 call 574-223-3326.  
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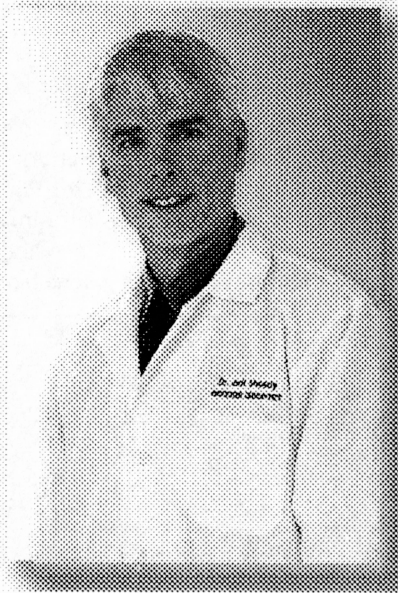
  
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**Orthopedic Surgeon, Jeffrey Sheedy, joins the team at Rochester Orthopedics**


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.

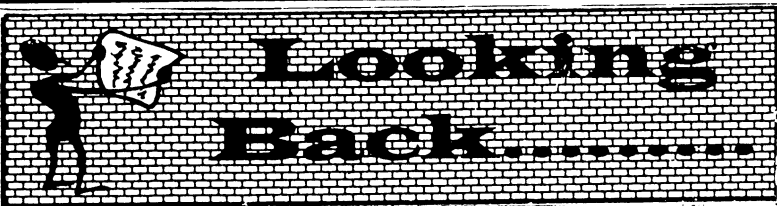
Dr. Sheedy, his wife and children were drawn back to the Midwest to be near family and are happy to be part of the Rochester Community. He is especially looking forward to joining forces with Dr. Ronback.

  
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**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 23, 1948**

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Ida Dielman, wife of Dr. F. C. Dielman, prominent Fulton physician. Mrs. Dielman died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday at her home in Fulton.

The Worthwhile Club held its annual Christmas meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Overmyer with Mrs. Violet Smith as assistant hostess. A covered dish dinner was served at noon to 20 members, four children and one guest.

The Kewanna Business Girls Club met at the home of Miss Enid Barnett last Thursday evening for its annual Christmas party. Guests were Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Earl Mills, Mrs. Gerald Buskirk and Mrs. James Heater.

The body of John Wesley Good, 59, who died Saturday at his home in the Burton community, has been taken to the Foster Funeral Home where services are arranged for 1:15 Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mrs. Edith Bruner of Richland Center will officiate. Survivors include a son, Delbert, of Kewanna.

Lt. Comdr. DeVon M. Hizer, USN, son of Mrs. H. G. Robbins, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**December 25, 1953**

A yuletide party was held in the home of Ruth Lebo Thursday evening for members of the Wynkoop bowling team. Enjoying the occasion were Alice Montz, Helen Worl, Millie Troutman, Lillian Ingram, Olive Watkins and Eva Elmore.

Mrs. Donald Johnston, Rt. 2

Kewanna, entertained at a hamburger fry Saturday evening in celebration of the fifth birthday of her daughter, Sandra Sue.

Col. Charles Wills, who has been stationed at Kessler AFB in Mississippi, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wills, of Grass Creek over the holidays. He will soon sail for Germany for further duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hiatt quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday in their home. They lived on a farm near Kewanna most of their married life, moving to town a few years ago.

Approximately 150 adults and 52 children enjoyed a carry-in dinner with ham as the main dish Sunday evening at St. Ann's Church.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 25, 1958**

Emerson Felder announced this week that he and his wife have sold Felder's, a sundry store, to Mr. and Mrs. George R. (Bud) Rouch. The store was started in Fulton Sept. 1, 1901, by L. W. Felder and has been in the family ever since.

Mrs. Raymond Kruger was hospitalized late Wednesday morning, Dec. 17, when she received a broken nose and an injured back in a two-car accident in Rochester. Mrs. Kruger was a passenger in a car driven by Mrs. Delores Woolington of Rochester.

The new street light system was activated for the first time in Grass Creek Monday night.

Fifteen 250 candlepower lights have been installed.

James Gundrum, 30, Fulton, was reported in fair condition Saturday, Dec. 20, in St. Joseph Hospital, Logansport, after sustaining severe burns on his face and wrists in an explosion of sewer gas from a manhole in

Logansport Thursday morning. An employee of General Telephone, Gundrum and two fellow workers were splicing a cable when the explosion occurred.

A farewell party honoring the out-going trustee, Carl Herrold, was given by the faculty of Grass Creek school Monday evening at the Ben-Hur in Logansport.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 26, 1968**

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Kewanna United Methodist Church for Mrs. Joanna Evans, 48, Kewanna. Rev. Leroy Wise officiated and burial was in the Memorial Gardens at Winamac. Survivors include her husband, Lee, and two sons, Carl and Reynolds.

Bernard L. Fites, who holds degrees from Manchester College and North Carolina State University, has joined the staff of the Indiana Farm Bureau, as an assistant chemist in the product research division. A native of Macy, Mr. Fites taught at Kewanna and Knox after his graduation from Manchester College.

Capt. and Mrs. Francis Hendrickson and family of Grand Fork, North Dakota, are here to spend the holidays in the homes of relatives and friends.

Sp/5 Lary and Mrs. Eber and daughter are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Eber, Kewanna, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyne Guy at Walton. Sp/5 Eber has been stationed with the Armed Forces in Germany. He will now be stationed in the U.S.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 22, 1988**

Mary Elizabeth Hoover, 80, Kewanna, died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Culver. Services will be held tomorrow in the Kewanna United Methodist Church with Rev. Bryan Ton officiating.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Extension Homemakers Club met Thursday evening in the home of Ellen

Walsh with 14 members present. The club voted to give money to the Grass Creek Lions to help with the Christmas baskets.

Eleven members of the Zion Gospel Chapel Missionary Society held their Christmas meeting and a carry-in supper at the home of Mrs. Marion Kline Tuesday evening. Mrs. Mary Esther Weirick offered devotions and Mrs. Lucy Guise gave the lesson. A social hour and carol singing were also enjoyed.

Regina Kupke was the guest of honor at a birthday party held recently in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The party was hosted by the parents and children for whom Mrs. Kupke baby sits.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**December 24, 1998**

Jennifer Young, Winamac, has been awarded the Harry O. and Norma C. Miller Scholarship from Indiana State University, Terre Haute. Jennifer, a 1997 graduate of Winamac Community High School, is a sophomore at ISU. She is the daughter of Terry and Cindy Young, Winamac, and the granddaughter of Bill and Donnabelle Fisher, Kewanna.

Phil Wills, a 1957 graduate of Grass Creek High School, will be inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame March 25 during the annual dinner in Carmel.

Antonia Gudas enjoyed the role of Mrs. Claus in the recent Christmas parade at Winamac. She was selected to ride in the horse-drawn carriage with Santa Claus. Portraying Mrs. Claus was the highlight of Antonia's 94<sup>th</sup> year, as she recently celebrated

her birthday.

Kay Brown was in Rochester Sunday evening, Dec. 13, to attend a play presented by the students of The Little Lamb Nursery School. Her granddaughter, Leighnee Smith, was one of the performers.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
**December 20, 2007**

Jeff Finke and Doran Collins, members of the Kewanna town council, were in Indianapolis Monday morning to accept a grant award in the amount of \$490,245 for upgrades at the sewage treatment plant.

Former Kewanna residents, Lester and Lois Shidaker, will observe their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 26. The couple lives at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester.

Michael and Rebecca LaFollette, grandchildren of Tom and Barb LaFollette, recently appeared in a production of *The Christmas Story* at the LaPorte Theatre.

Keith and Stephanie Crissinger, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 5 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. The baby has been named Torrie Kay.

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| Real Estate (Schedule A)                                     | \$ 1,523,598,438.00   |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)              | \$ 570,020,699.00   |
| Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums                      | \$ 3,910,655,531.00   |
| Other assets   | \$ 4,250,066,030.00   |
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| Reserve for Losses   | \$ 14,018,709,159.00  |
| Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses                         | \$ 5,013,378,486.00   |
| Reserve for Unearned Premiums                                | \$ 8,583,382,913.00   |
| Reserve for Taxes  | \$ 154,851,082.00   |
| All Other Liabilities  | \$ 13,494,807,706.00  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                                     | <b>\$ 41,265,129,346.00</b>                                   |
| Special Surplus Funds  | \$ 43,041,746,545.00  |
| Capital Stock or Statutory Deposit                           | \$ 10,000,000.00  |
| Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus                        | \$ 0.00   |
| Unassigned Surplus   | \$ 20,525,522,558.00  |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders                             | \$ 63,577,269,103.00  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>                         | <b>\$ 104,842,398,449.00</b>                                  |
| Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                | Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Dale R. Egeberg<br>(Print Name)<br>XXXXXXXXXX                | William V. Harper<br>(Print Name)<br>XXXXXXXXXX               |
| Vice President & Controller                                  | Assistant Secretary - Treasurer                               |

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|--|---|
| COMPANY NAME: State Farm General Insurance Company |   |
| ADDRESS: One State Farm Plaza                      |   |
| CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Bloomington, IL 61710-0001   |   |
| ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Illinois                  | FEIN: 37-0815476 NAIC CODE: 25151                             |
| CONTACT PERSON: William V. Harper                  | PHONE: (309) 766-2991 EMAIL: home_accpt-fra.459@statefarm.com |
| <b>ASSETS OF COMPANY</b>                           |   |
|  | (Nearest dollar)  |
| Bonds (Schedule D)                                 | \$ 3,579,400,944.00   |
| Stocks (Schedule D)                                | \$ 108,575.00   |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)         | \$ 0.00   |
| Real Estate (Schedule A)                           | \$ 0.00   |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)    | \$ 230,042,505.00   |
| Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums            | \$ 260,961,391.00   |
| Other assets                                       | \$ 289,667,897.00   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                | <b>\$ 4,360,181,312.00</b>                                    |
| <b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS</b>        |   |
| Reserve for Losses                                 | \$ 715,138,656.00   |
| Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses               | \$ 305,544,766.00   |
| Reserve for Unearned Premiums                      | \$ 830,032,454.00   |
| Reserve for Taxes                                  | \$ 1,412,801.00   |
| All Other Liabilities                              | \$ 644,532,608.00   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                           | <b>\$ 2,496,661,285.00</b>                                    |
| Special Surplus Funds                              | \$ 0.00   |
| Capital Stock or Statutory Deposit                 | \$ 10,000,000.00  |
| Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus              | \$ 687,500,000.00   |
| Unassigned Surplus                                 | \$ 1,166,020,027.00   |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders                   | \$ 1,863,520,027.00   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>               | <b>\$ 4,360,181,312.00</b>                                    |
| Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      | Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Dale R. Egeberg<br>(Print Name)<br>XXXXXXXXXX      | William V. Harper<br>(Print Name)<br>XXXXXXXXXX               |
| Vice President & Controller                        | Assistant Secretary - Treasurer                               |



# Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

New books at the library:

**ADULTS:**  
**Christian General Fiction—**  
*Dear to Me* and *Allison's Journey* (#3 and #4 of The Brides of Webster County series) by Wanda E. Brunstetter; *On A Whim* (#2 of the Katie Weldon series) by Robin Jones Gunn; *Stepping into Sunlight* by Sharon Hinck; *Sunset* (#4 of the Baxter Family: Sunrise series) by Karen Kingsbury; *John 3:16* by Nancy Moser; *Apocalypse Unleashed* (#4 of the Left Behind: Apocalypse series) by Mel Odom; *In The Shadow of The Sun King* (#1 of A Darkness to Light novel series) by Golden Keyes Parsons; *Field of Blood* (#1 of Jerusalem's Undead Trilogy series) by Eric Wilson; and *Plain Perfect* (#1 of the Daughters of The Promise series) by Beth Wiseman.

**General Fiction—** *Twilight* and *New Moon* (#1 and #2 of the Twilight series) by Stephenie Meyer; *Cross Country* by James Patterson; *Testimony* by Anita Shreve; and *A Good Woman* by Danielle Steel.

**Large Print General Fiction—** *Arctic Drift* by Clive and Dirk Cussler; *Leaving Whiskey Bend* by Dorothy Garlock; *Just After Sunset* by Stephen King; and *The Pagan Stone* (#3 of the Sign of

Seven trilogy) by Nora Roberts.  
**Western Fiction—** *Hurd's Crossing* by Luran Paine.  
**JUVENILES:**  
**Ages 10 and Under Fiction—** *Yap and Hap go to Wee Care Catering School* by Pat Nekola.  
**Youth Juvenile Fiction—** *The Serial Garden* by Joan Aiken.

## Unsafe Use of Generators Can Result in Carbon Monoxide Death

Portable electric generators are used by many families and businesses to combat power outages, and have become an increasing cause of death, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

In light of recent flooding in Northwest Indiana and high winds in southern Indiana, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is urging caution with the use of generators.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that there were an estimated 75 carbon monoxide poisoning deaths in 2005 and 2006. The most common dangers involving generators are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards, according to the NFPA.

To help keep you and your neighbors safe, IDHS and the NFPA recommend following these guidelines:

- Generators should be operated in well ventilated locations - away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- The generator should be located so that exhaust fumes cannot enter the home through windows, doors or other openings.
- Battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with a battery back-up should be installed in the home, according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. Should CO enter the home and pose a risk, an alarm will sound.
- The generator must not be refueled while it is running. The generator should be turned off and allowed to cool down before refueling is performed.
- Fuel for the generator should never be stored in the home. Gasoline and other flammable liquids should be stored

outside of living areas in properly labeled safety containers. They should be stored away from any fuel-burning appliances such as a gas hot water heater.

poisoning, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. Low levels of CO can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer term effects on your health.

If the alarm goes off and no one has symptoms, air out the home, turn off fuel-burning appliances and reset the carbon monoxide alarm. If elevated levels remain, the alarm will sound again after approximately six minutes. If the alarm sounds again, call a qualified heating contractor for inspection. Don't use any fuel-burning appliances until they have been inspected.

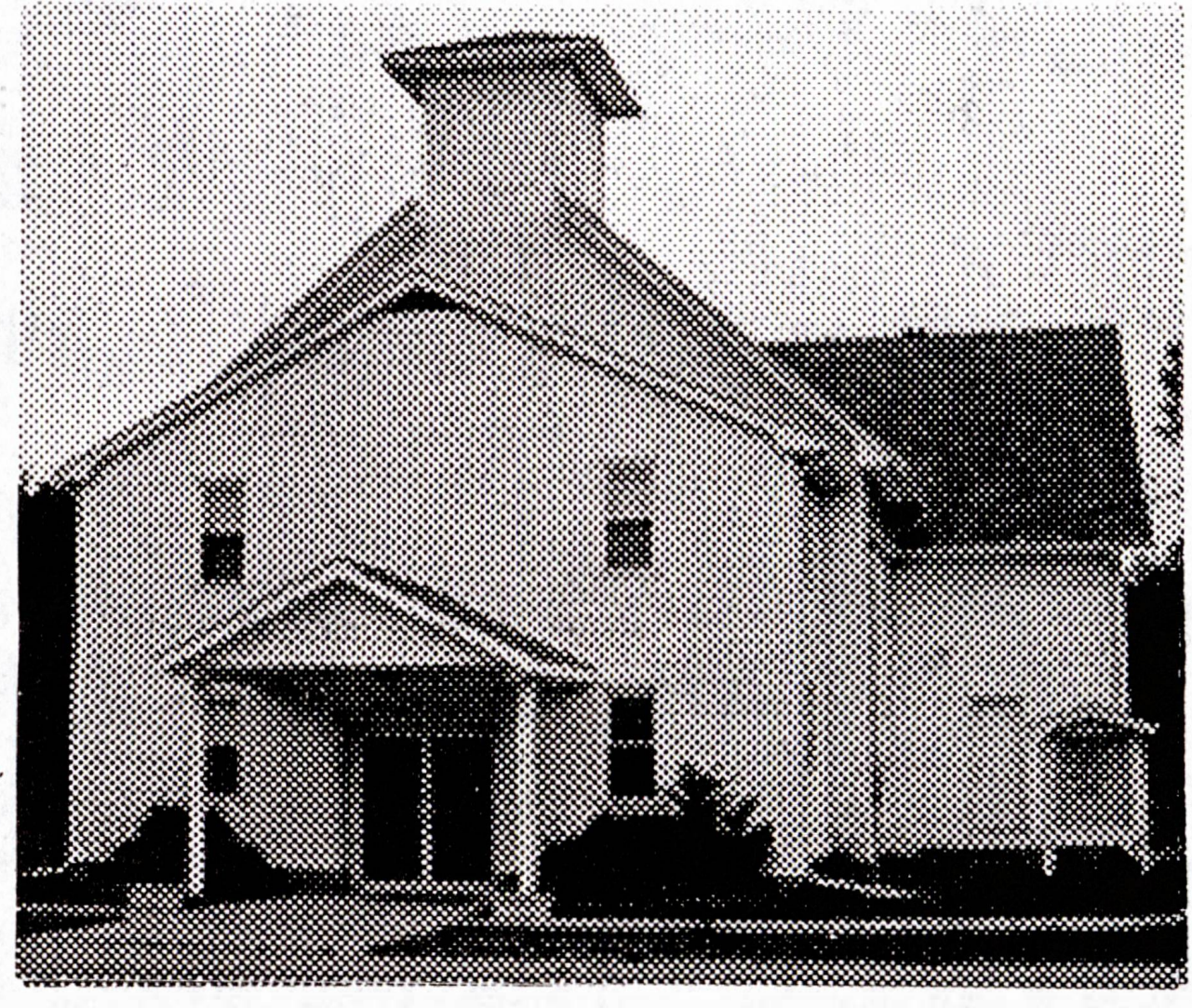
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## Meal site at local fire station

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

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

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 Home 574-857-9955  
 cdougl@e-farmcredit.com



**Craig Douglass**  
 Financial Services Officer



**Farm Credit Services**  
 OF MID-AMERICA

COMPANY NAME: State Farm Fire and Casualty Company  
 ADDRESS: One State Farm Plaza  
 CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Bloomington, IL 61710-0001  
 ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Illinois  
 CONTACT PERSON: William V. Harper

FEIN: 37-0533080  
 PHONE: (309) 766-2991

NAIC CODE: 25143  
 EMAIL: home.acct-fra.459@statefarm.com

| ASSETS OF COMPANY                               |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
|   | (Nearest dollar)            |
| Bonds (Schedule D)                              | \$ 18,118,303,766.00        |
| Stocks (Schedule D)                             | \$ 4,878,832,920.00         |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)      | \$ 0.00                     |
| Real Estate (Schedule A)                        | \$ 0.00                     |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E) | \$ 784,999,905.00           |
| Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums         | \$ 1,648,382,941.00         |
| Other assets                                    | \$ 757,096,901.00           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                             | <b>\$ 26,187,616,433.00</b> |

| LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS  |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reserve for Losses                    | \$ 4,605,174,317.00         |
| Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses  | \$ 1,413,907,240.00         |
| Reserve for Unearned Premiums         | \$ 6,171,040,302.00         |
| Reserve for Taxes                     | \$ 143,293,516.00           |
| All Other Liabilities                 | \$ 3,692,737,645.00         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>              | <b>\$ 16,026,153,020.00</b> |
| Special Surplus Funds                 | \$ 2,547,841,182.00         |
| Capital Stock or Statutory Deposit    | \$ 10,000,000.00            |
| Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus | \$ 3,060,786,638.00         |
| Unassigned Surplus                    | \$ 4,542,835,593.00         |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders      | \$ 10,161,463,413.00        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>  | <b>\$ 26,187,616,433.00</b> |

Signature: Dale R. Egeberg (Print Name) Vice President & Controller

Signature: William V. Harper (Print Name) Assistant Secretary - Treasurer

COMPANY NAME: NAU Country Insurance Company  
 ADDRESS: 7333 Sunwood Drive NW  
 CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Ramsey, MN 55303  
 ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Minnesota  
 CONTACT PERSON: Judith Schneider

FEIN: 42-1265237  
 PHONE: (763) 427-3770

NAIC CODE: 25240  
 EMAIL: Judy.Schneider@nauco.com

| ASSETS OF COMPANY                               |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
|   | (Nearest dollar)         |
| Bonds (Schedule D)                              | \$ 52,810,798.00         |
| Stocks (Schedule D)                             | \$ 8,570,785.00          |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)      | \$                       |
| Real Estate (Schedule A)                        | \$                       |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E) | \$ 8,639,325.00          |
| Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums         | \$ 21,999,873.00         |
| Other assets                                    | \$ 287,895,604.00        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                             | <b>\$ 379,916,385.00</b> |

| LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS  |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reserve for Losses                    | \$ 44,387,997.00         |
| Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses  | \$ 1,817,316.00          |
| Reserve for Unearned Premiums         | \$ 10,024,169.00         |
| Reserve for Taxes                     | \$ 35,034,034.00         |
| All Other Liabilities                 | \$ 90,332,432.00         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>              | <b>\$ 181,595,948.00</b> |
| Special Surplus Funds                 | \$                       |
| Capital Stock                         | \$ 3,000,000.00          |
| Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus | \$ 43,820,000.00         |
| Unassigned Surplus                    | \$ 151,500,437.00        |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders      | \$ 198,320,437.00        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>  | <b>\$ 379,916,385.00</b> |

Signature: Gregory J. Deal (Print Name) President

Signature: Douglas M. Jakway (Print Name) Secretary





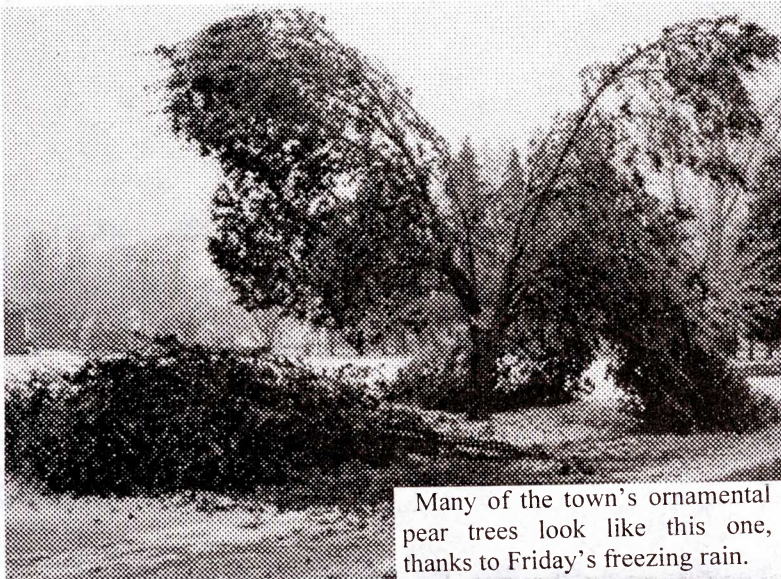
If Larry Kimble has an interest in camping, he won't have to go far to find fire wood for his camp fire! His yard is just one of several that were heavily damaged with falling tree limbs.

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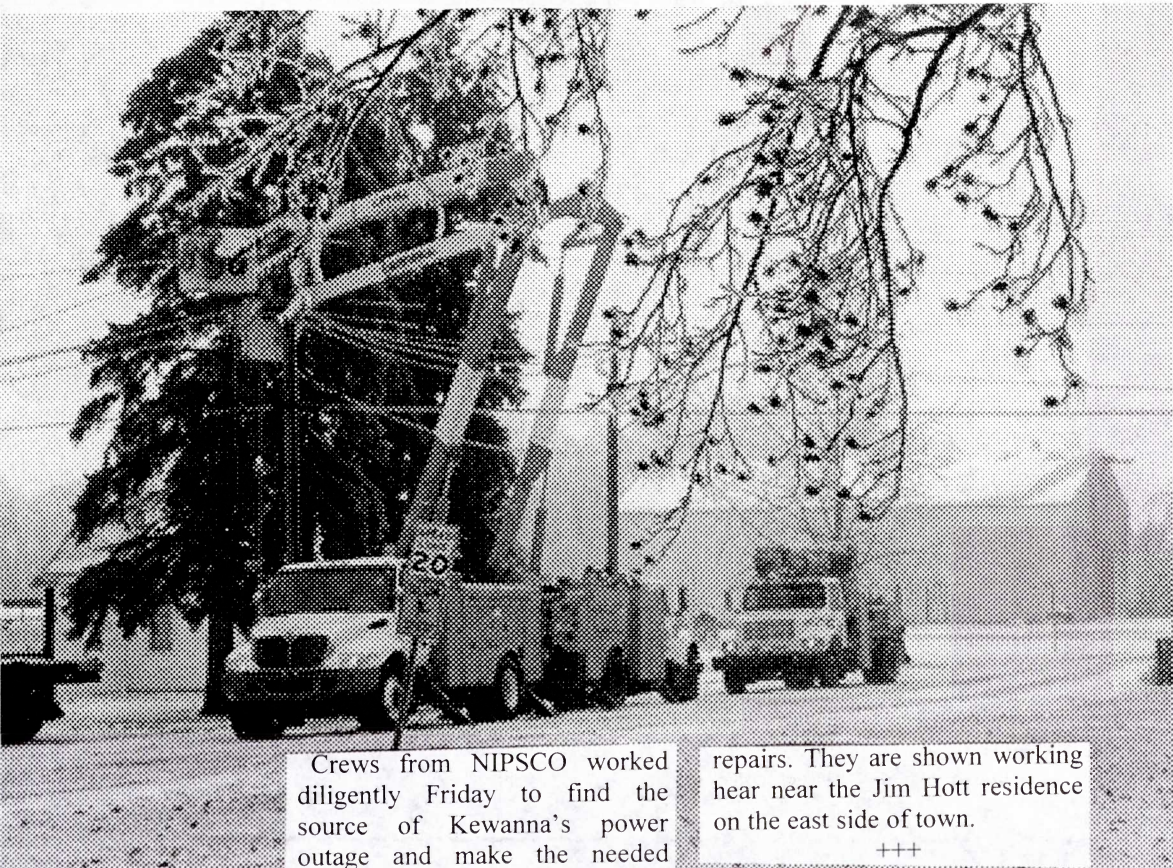


Many of the town's ornamental pear trees look like this one, thanks to Friday's freezing rain.



This used to be a red bud tree at the Joe Good residence. The heavy ice coating either broke the branches or weighted them to the ground.

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Crews from NIPSCO worked diligently Friday to find the source of Kewanna's power outage and make the needed

repairs. They are shown working near the Jim Hott residence on the east side of town.

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**More BMV services now offered online**

Customers can save more when renewing online

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has added more services to the popular myBMV online virtual license branch portal. Among many new options, customers now have the option of selecting express delivery so that they can obtain license plates and stickers in less time and have the convenience of paying by e-check rather than credit card.

Launched in May 2008, the myBMV virtual branch allows Hoosiers to establish personal BMV accounts through which they can access BMV services not previously available online. Recently, new services were added to the portal's initial 15 online services. These new services include:

- Express delivery option for plate orders guaranteeing delivery in three business days.
- New vehicle registrations (previously only registrations renewals could be completed online).
- Payment by e-check.
- Ability to find a plate not currently listed on an account (example: a car in spouse's name).
- Online payment of most reinstatement fees.
- View history of all transactions.
- Print out receipts from previous vehicle registrations.

"Over 323,000 Hoosiers have established myBMV accounts," stated BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver. "These added features enhance the value of the myBMV portal by providing customers the convenient option of conducting even more BMV transactions online. Also noteworthy is that most of these features have led to operational savings. For instance, each BMV transaction paid for via e-check, rather than credit card will on average reduce costs by \$1.70. It doesn't take long for such savings to add up."

He added, "myBMV is part of the award-winning Customer Choices program designed to provide more convenient ways for customers to do conduct their BMV business. In addition to the enhanced online features, we have partnerships with 307 auto dealerships, seven AAA offices, five Old National Bank branches, and seven Clean Air Car Check emission testing sites in Lake and Porter Counties where BMV registration and titling services are available.

"More than 1.2 million transactions were completed online in 2008, which collectively saved customers \$6.5 million and resulted in 900,000 fewer branch visits."

The success of the discount program led Stiver to extend the offer to 2009 online registration renewals. The 2009 notices are in the mail and will be arriving in customer mailboxes in the coming days.

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**KEWANNA TOWN HALL**  
 (Water & Sewage Payments)  
 308 S. Logan St.  
 Hours:  
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays  
 or by  
 Appointment  
 574-653-2112


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**Recycling Dates**

Fri., Jan. 2nd; Thurs.,  
 Jan. 15th & 29th



**Materials accepted at the Recycling Center:**

- Aluminum Cans**
  - Beverage cans
  - Pop tab pet food cans
- Aluminum Foil**
  - Foil wrap
  - Aluminum pie and dinner trays
- Chipboard**
  - Cereal box type paper
  - Office paper - all types
  - Paperback books
  - Junk mail
  - Phone books
  - Hardback books - covers need to be removed
- No tissue or foil paper**
- No carbon, carbonless forms or other treated paper**
- No wax paper**
- Corrugated Cardboard**
  - Viewed from the edge, corrugated cardboard looks like this: 
  - Remove packing materials
- Electronics**
  - Computers (including mice, keyboards, monitors and printers)
  - Main frames
  - Fax machines
  - Scanners
  - VCRs
  - DVD players
  - Stereos
  - Telephones
  - TVs

- Glass Jars & Bottles**
  - Separate into: CLEAR COLORED
  - Labels do not have to be removed
  - Remove lids - put with steel
- No mirrors, light bulbs, window, ceramic, Pyrex or other glass**

- Grocery Bags**
  - Paper grocery bags can be used to hold newspapers

- Magazines & Catalogs**
  - Only magazines & catalogs made of slick, glossy paper
  - Slick newspaper insert

- Scrap Metal**
  - Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
  - Aerosol cans - remove lids

- Miscellaneous**
  - AAA-D, hearing aid, watch and rechargeable batteries
  - Inkjet and laser cartridges
  - Items containing mercury
  - Florescent bulbs
  - Motor oil
  - Pallets - wood or plastic
  - Styrofoam packing peanuts - must be contained

- Newspaper**
  - Stack in brown paper grocery bags
  - Remove glossy inserts and put with magazines

- Do not pack in plastic bags**
- Plastic Bags and film**
  - Plastic grocery bags (make sure they are empty)
  - Bubble wrap
  - Clean plastic film

- Plastic Bottles #1-#7**
  - All plastic bottles - look for the chasing arrows
  - Farm chemical containers - MUST be triple rinsed

- Refrigerated Units**
  - Refrigerators
  - Freezers
  - Air conditioners
  - Dehumidifiers

- Steel Food Cans**
  - Include metal lids from glass jars
  - Pet food containers

Please make sure all items are separated and rinsed out. Manufacturers require clean and contaminant-free materials to make new products.

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 8 a.m. - Noon Sat.  
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**CASTON SPORTS SCHEDULE**

January 2 - Boys varsity Community State Bank basketball tourney at Caston. Games at 6 and 7:45 p.m.  
 January 3 - Varsity boys wrestling at Rochester, 9 a.m.; boys JV basketball tourney at Culver, 9:30 a.m.; boys' varsity Community State Bank basketball tourney at Caston. Games at 6 and 7:45 p.m.;  
 January 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball at Triton, 5 p.m.; 7<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball vs. Triton at Caston, 5:30 p.m.  
 January 8 - freshmen boys basketball vs. Culver at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Carroll, 6 p.m.  
 January 9 - boys JV & varsity basketball at West Central, 6 p.m.  
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**Checks are legitimate**

The Fort Wayne office of the Better Business Bureau has been receiving numerous telephone calls from consumers who have received a check for \$149 from the U.S. District Court Settlement Administrator in Philadelphia, PA as part of a settlement agreement with Wachovia Bank. Consumers are concerned about the legitimacy of these checks and are also confused about why they are included in the Wachovia settlement. According to Michael Coil, President of BBB of Northern Indiana, "these checks are legitimate and consumers who receive them can safely deposit the checks in their banking account or cash the check at a Wachovia branch."

The settlement arose from banking arrangements that Wachovia had with telemarketers to process payments for product orders made by telephone. Consumers who received settlement checks ordered products or services from one of these telemarketing firms and paid by electronically created checks over the telephone. Consumers can get additional information on the Wachovia settlement by going to [www.restitutionpayment.com](http://www.restitutionpayment.com).  
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**Seasonal dangers of home heating**

As temperatures drop and citizens take steps to warm their homes, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana State Fire Marshal urges Hoosiers to be mindful of the risks associated with home heating. Along with the colder temperatures that accompany winter, there is an elevated risk of dying from fire during this season. Statistics show the deadliest months for fires are typically December, January and February. According to information gathered from the Indiana State Fire Marshal, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 520 home structure fires in Indiana in 2007. These fires accounted for 8% of all home fires and includes fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape. "Space heaters present a greater fire risk than central heating systems," said Jim Greeson, Indiana State Fire

Marshal. "Space heaters tend to be closer to household combustibles and the people occupying the homes, and they tend to require a more direct role by occupants in fueling, maintenance, and operation." IDHS suggests following these tips for safe heating during the winter months:  
 • Maintain a 3 feet separation between things that can burn and heating equipment. This includes draperies, blankets, clothing, bedding, etc.  
 • When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and is legal for use in your community.  
 • Install your stationary space heater according to manufacturer's instructions or applicable codes.  
 • Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.  
 • Use the proper grade of fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater, and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use. Refuel only in a well-ventilated area and when the equipment is cool.  
 • Use only dry, seasoned wood in a fireplace or wood stove to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of home heating fires. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.  
 • Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow

fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.  
 • Turn off space heaters whenever the room they are in is unoccupied or under circumstances when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are so easy to knock over in the dark that they should be turned off when you go to bed.  
 • Do not use your oven to heat your home.  
 • Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent. These steps are to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.  
 • Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.

Greeson urges Hoosiers to test smoke alarms monthly and install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

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

**Advertising & News Deadline..... Noon on Tuesday!**

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS CHANGE OF BID OPENING DATE**  
 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 at the office of the Auditor of said county for the following items in accordance with specifications available of the office of the Auditor, County Annex Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975. **Bids will be opened on January 5th, 2009 at or about 10:00 A.M., EST.**

2009 Police Vehicle Interceptor and 2009 Sport Utility Vehicle  
 Board of Commissioners  
 Richard A. Powell  
 Roger D. Rose  
 Mark Rodriguez  
 ATTEST: Denise J. Chandler  
 Fulton County Auditor Pub. 12/25/08

The Fulton County Drainage Board of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, will be receiving sealed bids for the Maintenance of the Lucena Smith Open being a County Drain until 4:00 P.M. E.S.T., Friday, January 9, 2009 at the office of the Fulton County Drainage Board, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E Ninth Street-Suite 024, Rochester, Indiana. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, January 12, 2009. Any bids received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.  
 1. This project consists of cleanout and brushing of both sides of the Lucena Smith ditch plus the open arms, being 34,400 feet of open ditch in Liberty Township 29N, Sections 3,4,5,8,9 & 10, Range 3E, Fulton County, North of Nyona Lake.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Town & Country Chatter...**

by: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Winter may not have officially arrived until Sunday, Dec. 21, but most people agree it arrived a lot earlier and "can leave any old time now."

Ann Zartman and her family held their Christmas gathering Sunday, Dec. 14. Over 20 members of the family and friends from Okemos, Michigan and Chrisney, Culver, Ft. Wayne, Kewanna and Rochester, Indiana, were able to attend the day-long event involving brunch, opening gifts, supper and traveling back-and-forth between Ann's home and Jane and Rich Green's home.

The ladies' Bible study group from the Kewanna Church of Christ met Monday, Dec. 15, in the home of Donna Kennedy.

Pauline and Julie Brown had several "visitors" Monday. Calling them with holiday wishes and thanks yous for the Christmas goodies that were delivered earlier, were Candy Field, Coy, Carter and Caleb. Stopping by a little later in the evening for a visit and to deliver Christmas gifts were Wendy Sutton, Jake, Luke and Tanner.

Jackie Heidenreich was a houseguest of her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Brenda Vogel of Rochester, for a few days last week.

Thursday, Dec. 18, was a day of welcoming visitors to the home of Ruth Cogdill. Her son,

Tim Cogdill of Macy, spent the morning with her. They enjoyed catching up on the family news. Later, Tim ran some errands for his mom. Later in the afternoon, Ruth welcomed her son-in-law, Gordon Ligocki of Winamac. He stopped in to say "hi" and deliver some Christmas presents. Not knowing what the weather is going to be like, Gordon's wife, Linda, wanted her mom to have her presents in time for Christmas.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Thursday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a visit was her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart.

Kay and Jerry Brown had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with them for several days until power could be restored in her area, was Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac.

Pauline Brown and Julie traveled to Fairland Saturday, Dec. 20. They had a fun time visiting with Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton. In the afternoon, the family attended a second grade boys' basketball game at Triton Schools. Clayton was one of the players in the first game.

Jerry and Kay Brown and Mary K. Williamson had a fun time Saturday. They attended the North Miami vs. Rochester high school girls' basketball game.

Their granddaughters, Leighnee Smith and Molly McKinney, are players for Rochester.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle traveled to LaPorte Saturday evening to find relief from the power outage. They had a real nice time as overnight houseguests of Barb's daughter and her family, Sue and Ed Janes and Tom and Joe Wilk.

Lauren and Amanda Evers were Saturday overnight houseguests of their grandmother, Lori Leach.

Earl and Mary Bangel hosted their family's Christmas celebration Sunday, Dec. 21. Their guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting and staying warm were their children, families and friends: Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan; Darel and Nancy Bangel, Sara, Josh and Andrew, of Ft. Wayne; Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac; Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis; Kevin's friend, Rachel Bernath; and Andrew's friend, Alacia Aldridge.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were in Rochester Sunday afternoon. They enjoyed visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Janet and C.J. Yocum. Also visiting with the Yocums were their daughter, Andrea Yocum of Indianapolis, and their son and his family, Jason and Melissa Yocum and Madeline of Plainfield.

Helen Whiteman had several visitors throughout the week. Among those stopping by to see how she was handling the winter weather were her daughter, Sherri Lett; her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee of Winamac; and her granddaughter,

Teresa Conner.

Angela Gast and her sister, Cora Lynn Clemans, traveled to Bourbon early Monday, Dec. 22. They picked up their sister, Randi Neidig, for a last-minute holiday shopping trip to Ft. Wayne.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Brennan Cook and Hanna Plummer, Dec. 28; JoAnn Bowyer, Michael C. Brown, Myranda Glant, Jackie Heidenreich, Sandra Hendrikson, Julie Kline and Brittany Riffle, Dec. 29; Kahlan Edwards, Joe Federer and Terry Kimble, Dec. 30; Michael Kimble, Dec. 31; Ashlyn Foster, Brad Good, Becky Herrold, Kirsten Kaufman, Sherri Miller and Randi Neidig, Jan. 1; Lorrie Artist, Aubrey Dague, Jeanann Hewitt, Allen Rose and Joshua Stacy, Jan. 2; and Jeff Brown, Tracey Cunningham, Jane Unger and Jean Urbin, Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 28 and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Neidig will be celebrating theirs Jan. 1.

**Daniels suggests Indiana public employees forego 2009 pay raises**

Governor Mitch Daniels suggested that public employees at all levels in Indiana consider skipping a pay raise in 2009. He said such action is already happening in some locations and would take pressure off schools and local governments.

"Raises will be few and far between in the private economy for awhile. The private economy is where the taxes come from that go into the paychecks of public employees," said

Daniels. "Those of us whose paychecks come from our fellow citizens and neighbors ought to look for chances to help those neighbors and show some solidarity."

A link to the audio from the governor's news conference may be found at this link: [http://www.in.gov/gov/files/Audio/122308\\_media\\_availability\\_MP3](http://www.in.gov/gov/files/Audio/122308_media_availability_MP3)

The governor's full statement is below:

"At this time of worry and hardship for many Hoosiers, I have a suggestion for our colleagues in public service.

"I hope that every group of Indiana public employees - city, county, school, universities, and others - will consider volunteering to skip any pay raise in 2009. Every such decision would take pressure off local and school budgets, and help ensure the continuity of vital public services. Such

actions would extend the precedent already set by state employees, the state's judges, their staffs, the employees of Purdue, IU and others.

"I have no way to make this happen, and no intention to criticize anyone who does not act on it. But it would be in the best Hoosier tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, as here those helping out receive their paychecks from the taxes paid by their fellow citizens, in a private economy where raises will be few and far between."

Note: Each one percent across the board pay raise for all state and local employees (teachers, city, higher education, state, etc.) equates to approximately \$130 million annually.

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