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Don Woolington to Head Council for 2007

Don Woolington was elected president of the Kewanna town council when it met for its first meeting of the New Year Thursday evening. All other boards, commissioners and personnel were retained. The board of safety will include Larry Baldwin, fire chief; Dennis Price, marshal; and Mike Molitor, town superintendent. Woolington will also serve as police commissioner and Jeff Finke, building commissioner. The council will also make up the water board and the sewage board. Mike Molitor will remain as street superintendent; Dennis Price, marshal; and Ed Haines, Danny Winter, Jodi Miller and Chris Sailors, deputy marshals.

Grant writer, Robert Murphy of R. P. Murphy and Associates, conducted a public hearing on the town's proposal to re-apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a \$500,000 grant from the Community Focus Fund. The grant is to fund the replacement of the lagoon liners, construct fencing to help protect the new liners from the local deer population and upgrade the aerators and lift station. As part of the application process, the town needs comments/letters of support from local residents for the project and grant. With the grant, the work can be completed without raising sewer rates anymore than the current proposal. Without the grant, the work will require an additional \$12.20 per month on the sewage bills. The project is a must as the liners on the lagoons are nearly 25 years old and need to be replaced to keep the treatment plant in compliance. Letters should be mailed to the Town of Kewanna, P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939 or to the grant writer, R. P. Murphy and Associates, 1501 N. Binkley Road, Larwill, IN 46764. Another public hearing on the grant application will be held in March.

Doug Luhnnow, who leases the farm ground irrigated by water from the sewage treatment plant, requested permission to grow soybeans to be sold for soy diesel rather than corn. The council had no problem with this as long as the crop produced does not go into the human or animal food chain.

Tony Pesaresi gave the fire department report for December noting two town calls and one township, all medical related. Training was related to radio communications and diabetic understanding. He also reported that the department has three new members, Kyle Bowyer, J. P. Wallace and David Felda. Department elections resulted in Larry Baldwin being re-elected chief. Other positions include Jay Cunningham and Tony Pesaresi, assistant chiefs; Brock Hinderlider and Dave Stangle, captains; and Larry Kimble and Jaime Shaffer, lieutenants. Fire

Town Election this Fall

All three at-large Kewanna town council seats and the clerk-treasurer's position will be up for election this fall.

Persons who would like to run for any of these positions can file their candidacy at the county clerk's office in the Fulton County Courthouse beginning Wednesday, January 24. The deadline for filing is noon Friday, February 23.

To run for a town office, you must be a resident of the Town of Kewanna and a registered voter.

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Healthcare Provider Class at PMH

Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac, is offering a Healthcare Provider class January 25. The class starts at 6 p.m. Eastern Time and will end at approximately 10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration form or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited so call early to reserve your space. Classes may be rescheduled if paid participants number less than six by January 22.

hydrant maintenance was discussed.

Marshal Dennis Price's report revealed 12 traffic warnings, three criminal arrests, 24 calls answered and 1,550 miles patrolled.

Ordinances No. 120706-A and No. 120706-B, raising water and sewage rates, underwent second reading. Third and final reading is set for the next regular meeting of the council, Thursday, February 1, at 7 p.m.

Resumes/applications for the position of assistant superintendent were reviewed and an executive session set to interview applicants.

The superintendent reported that the leaf box has been removed from the dump truck, cleaned and stored for the season and the sander mounted in case of snow and or ice. The mandatory fourth quarter arsenic sampling was completed and the satisfactory test results sent to the state. With the help of several local residents, the town's Christmas decorations were taken down and put away. Work was performed on the lights and exhaust at the No. 1 lift station. DeSabatine Bros. Excavating, Inc. was called in to work on a groundwater tile on Phillips Street. Since the weather has been unusually warm, the water tower was flushed four times during the month to improve water quality. The superintendent is preparing a map of the town's water lines and valves in preparation for getting a quote on completely flushing the system. The water works pumped a total of 1,355,700 gallons of water during December.

Open House at Woodlawn Hospital

Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, will hold an open house Wednesday, January 17, to introduce its new state-of-the-art Philips Brilliance CT scanner. The public is invited to attend and learn how this important diagnostic imaging technology can help physicians detect and treat serious disease in an early stage, which may lead to a more successful outcome. Open house hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the hospital. Those attending the open house should park in the front visitor parking lot and enter through the main entrance.

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Thanks to Mark Smith, Doran Collins, Wade Bussert, Justin Bowyer, Vickie and Mike Molitor and Paul Hott for taking down the town's Christmas decorations and storing them safely away for next year.

The Fulton County Hazardous Substance group will meet at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) in the meeting room of the county office building. The agenda will include election of officers and a well testing update.

North American Youth Sports will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament at the Highland Park and Recreation Department Lincoln Center March 24 and 25. The tourney includes eight brackets for both boys and girls in grades 5-8. The entry fee is \$115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. The entry deadline is March 2. For more information, call the tourney hotline at 1-866-352-5915.

Bill Reutebuch, owner of the Kewanna Cafe, has announced new operating hours. The restaurant will be open Mondays from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be sure to check out his advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

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Bereavement Support Group to Meet

Anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one is invited to meet with the bereavement support group at Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, Tuesday, January 16, at 7 p.m. The 30-minute video, *Healing Your Grief Wound: The Early Weeks*, will be shown and a discussion will follow.

The one-hour meeting is free of charge to those attending. Chaplain Ron Purkey from Hope Hospice will be the group leader. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the hospice office at 574-224-4673.

Red Bird Mission Team Plans Trip

The local Red Bird Mission Team is planning another mission trip to Kentucky for the last week in March. The group will leave Sunday, March 25 and return Saturday, March 31. The cost of the week is \$230 per person. This covers room, board and work materials. Half of the work camp fee (\$115) is due by February 1 and must be paid by the participant or their sponsor. Reservations can be turned in to Karen Good at The Observer. Individuals should take pocket money for Wednesday's (a free day) meals and miscellaneous expenses.

The team will raise the remaining funds through fundraisers and donations. A Hap's chicken bash is set for Wednesday, February 14, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. More will be announced on this later.

An organizational meeting for those interested in taking part in the work camp will be held Sunday, January 14, at 2 p.m. in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. For more information, call Helen Peters, 574-946-4175; Karen Good, 574-653-2101 or 2777; Bruce Baker, 574-653-2894; Charlie Bye, 574-857-3676; or Janine Smith, 574-817-0519.

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Sommers Wins Discussion Meet

Nick Sommers, Kewanna, was chosen as the winner of the 2006 Indiana Farm Bureau Young Farmer Discussion meet during the recent IFB state convention.

Sommers, who was one of 34 contestants, survived three preliminary discussion rounds to make it to the final-four competition, which took place at the Indiana Convention Center. He currently works as a farm marketer for Cargill. This was his sixth time to compete in the meet.

The discussion meet is designed to train young farmers to conduct effective and productive discussions in a group setting.

As the state winner, Sommers received a plaque; \$4,000 cash prize, courtesy of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance; \$500 cash prize, courtesy of the National Dodge Truck Division; and an expense-paid trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to represent Indiana at the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet, held the first of this week during the group's annual convention.

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Flu Vaccines Available

Flu vaccines for children six months to 18 years of age are available at the Fulton County immunization clinic every Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and every fourth Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Health officials stress that it is not too late to get a flu vaccine.

For more information, call Diane Jones at 574-223-5152.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: Jan. 12-14 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

39th Central Indiana RV Dealers Show: Jan. 12-21 in the West Pavilion and South Pavilion. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 1 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7; seniors (60+) \$6; children 16 and younger, free.

Roller Derby: Jan. 13 in the South Pavilion. Doors open at 6 p.m.; competition begins at 7 p.m. Admission: \$10.

U.S. Coin-operated Game Auction: Jan. 13 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 8 a.m.; auction runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: free

Midwest Reptile Show: Jan. 14 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger, free

Indianapolis Woodworking Show: Jan. 19-21 in the South Pavilion. Fri. noon to 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$9.

Geared for Health Kids Expo: Jan. 20 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: free

31st Annual Greater Indianapolis Garage Sale: Jan. 20-21 in the Champions Pavilion and Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$3.50; children 12 and younger, free.

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Cookbooks for Sale

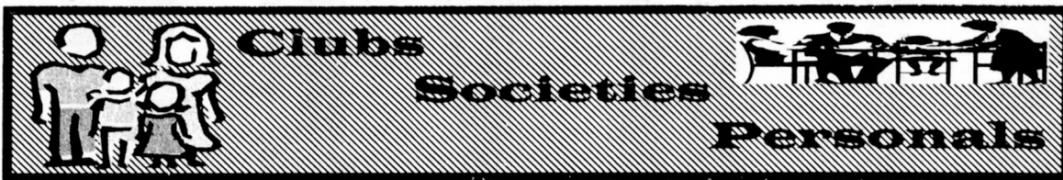
The Fulton Improvement Committee will begin selling their one-of-a-kind cookbooks in December. The cookbook contains 634 recipes collected from group members, family and friends including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. The recipes include the contributor's name.

The cookbook is available from committee members or at Mary's Stitch and Knit, Fulton. All proceeds will go to the Liberty Township Community Building Project.

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Cub Scouts Meet

Cub Scout Pack No. 3215 met December 11 at the Caston Educational Center. The Tiger Cubs led the group in the pledge to the United States flag and the Cub Scout pledge.

Tiger Cubs receiving Bobcat badges, pins and cards were Samuel Mittica, Jacob Taylor and Brennan Fry. Cub Master Anita Doan admonished the cubs and their parents to wait for their Bobcat to do a good deed without asking for recognition before the pin is turned right side up.

Debbie Holliman, Wolf den leader, told about her group's adventures at camp this past summer. The theme this year at camp is "Racing Cars". The den presented a skit with that theme. Matthew Holliman received belt loops in archery and BB shooting as well as a swimmer's pin. Mrs. Holliman also noted that Matthew Holliman, Brett Milburn and Zach Slocum would earn their Wolf badges after they earn four beads.

Julie Spencer, assistant Cub Master and Bear den leader, shared scrapbooks the den had

made. The den performed a skit entitled "Going Bear Hunting". Michael Smith shared the shield they made telling about the dangers of drugs. A new scout, Joe Cattin, who transferred from Kokomo, earned a red bead. Preston Walker received three beads. Other Bear Cubs receiving awards were Michael Smith, flag football belt loop, Bear badge, pin and card, gold arrow and silver arrow; Wilbur Jimmie Rude, a new scout to Pack No. 3215, received belt loops for art, music, chess, soccer, baseball, table tennis, swimming, basketball, bicycling, volleyball, fishing and physical fitness; Kyler Spencer received belt loops for swimming, table tennis, archery and BB shooting; and Jacob Maroney received a belt loop for swimming.

The Cub Master presented Webelo awards in the absence of their leader, Melissa Harvey. Pins were presented to Derek Berkshire and Daniel Jones for aquanaut, showman, engineer, scientist and geologist; Chad French, aquanaut, engineer, scientist and geologist; Austin

Fultz, aquanaut; Bobby Kite, showman; Shawn Brown, Bobcat badge, showman, readyman, forester and geologist; and Trey Doan, aquanaut, showman, readyman, forester and geologist. The den also did a skit, "Why Aren't You Working?"

The following popcorn sales awards were presented:

\$200 in sales (Hot Wheel car) – Derek Berkshire, Austin Fultz, Daniel Jones, Joe Cattin, Trey Doan, Bobby Kite, Dakota Southerton, Chad French, Jamie Sailors, Samuel Mittica, Jacob Taylor, Luca Santella, Brennan Fry, Dustin Goforth, Brett Milburn, Matthew Holliman, Dakota Hayden, Michael Smith, Jacob Maroney and Kyler Spencer.

\$300 in sales (mess kit and registration paid for next year) – Samuel Mittica, Jacob Taylor, Brennan Fry, Brett Milburn, Matthew Holliman, Michael Smith, Jacob Maroney, Kyler Spencer, Joe Cattin, Trey Doan and Derek Berkshire.

\$400 in sales (die cast model kit) – Samuel Mittica, Jacob Taylor, Michael Smith, Kyler Spencer, Joe Cattin, Trey Doan and Derek Berkshire.

\$500 in sales (small remote car) – Jacob Taylor, Michael Smith, Joe Cattin, Trey Doan and Derek Berkshire.

\$600 in sales (tennis racket and balls) – Michael Smith and Trey Doan

\$750 in sales (large remote control car and half of camp fees) – Michael Smith and Trey Doan

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\$1,000 in sales (\$25 Wal-mart card and full camp fees) – Michael Smith and Trey Doan.

Michael Smith was the top popcorn salesman with \$2,565 in sales. He will be recognized by the Sagamore Council also.

Thirty-three scouts received badges for selling any amount of popcorn.

Submitted by
Millie Redweik

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AREA V MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 15 – meal site closed

Wednesday, January 17 – Roast pork and gravy, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, poke cake, oatmeal bread and milk

Friday, January 19 – Meat loaf, potatoes, peaches, cherry whipped gelatin, oatmeal bread and milk.

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January Activities

January 13 – Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

January 16 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

January 20 – Card drawing, 7 p.m.

January 23 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 28 – Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre.

Coming February 10, band Hit-N-Run beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Caston Elementary Collecting Plastic Bags

Caston Elementary students are collecting plastic shopping bags (no salt bags or shrink wrap) until April 13. The bags can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the elementary office. They will be delivered monthly to a designated location in Logansport. The Cass County school collecting the most bags will receive a piece of furniture made from recycled plastic and will be recognized at the annual Earth Day activities involving third graders.



JOSHUA DAVID STACY

Joshua David Stacy was the first baby to be born at Woodlawn Hospital in 2007. He arrived at 12:36 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, weighing 7 pounds and 7½ ounces. He is the son of Joshua Lee Stacy and Christine Bowyer, Kewanna. Janet Stacy, Lapaz, is the paternal grandmother. The maternal grandparents are Dave and Kim Bowyer, Kewanna, and the late Laurie Sadler Bowyer. The infant and his parents received gifts from numerous merchants for being the New Year's baby.

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date: Wednesday, January 17

time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

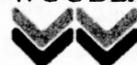
place: Diagnostic Imaging Department

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 29
Births – Kaylyn Reser, Rochester, a son
January 2
Admissions – Haleigh Householder, Edwin Jefferies, Betty Kaminski, Jerry Blanchard, Francis Kanouse, Richard C. Alderfer and Robert L. Thoams Jr., Rochester; Bonnie J. Pletcher, Akron
Dismissals – Barrett Heller and Mildred Jones, Akron; Nicole Prathaktakis and son, Kaylyn Reser and son, Haleigh Householder, Betty Kaminski, Francis Kanouse and Richard C. Alderfer, Rochester; Lillie Heredeem, Silver Lake
Births – Christina Bowyer, Kewanna, a son
January 3
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Charles Rudd, Rochester
January 4
Admissions – Kenneth Taylor, Rochester; Larry Floor, Akron
Dismissals – Edwin Jefferies, Rochester
Births – Ashley Powell, Rochester, a son
January 5
Admissions – Jill Thomas, Rochester
Dismissals – Jerry Blanchard, Rochester; Christina Bowyer and son, Kewanna

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

December 29
Admissions – Elnora Jordan and Bonnie George, Winamac
Dismissals – Jazmine Prater, San Pierre; Leisha Davis, Francesville
December 30
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None
December 31
Admissions – Mary Shank Monterey
Dismissals – Elnora Jordan, Winamac
January 1
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None
January 2
Admissions – Verla Bonnell, Marjorie Braun and Lupe Walton, Winamac
Dismissals – Bonnie George, Winamac
January 3
Admissions – Dale Odom, Star City; Minnie Wireman, Medaryville
Dismissals – Mary Shank, Monterey; Marjorie Braun, Winamac
January 4
Admissions – Ana Pop, North Judson
Dismissals – None
Births – Dorin and Ana Pop, North Judson, a daughter, Stephanie Pop
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CASTON MENU

January 15 – 19

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday – Spanish hot dog, French fries, green beans, cookie and milk. Come Café – meatball sub, baked potato chips

Tuesday – Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, corn, apple crisp and milk. Comet Café – cheese stuffed breadsticks, mozzarella cheese sticks

Wednesday – Chili soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pears, crackers and milk. Comet Café – cheeseburger, French fries

Thursday – sausage/egg/cheese bun, tater tots, apple juice, sugar cookie and milk. Comet Café – pasta combo

Friday – Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, peaches and milk. Comet Café – pizza, taco salad
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

January 15 – 19

Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday – Sausage pancake wrap, juice and milk

Wednesday – Strawberry graham, juice and milk

Thursday – Half day of school, no breakfast

Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Spaghetti, green beans, raisins, garlic bread and milk

Tuesday – Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, applesauce, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Hamburger sandwich, pickle, chips, grapes, cookie and milk

Thursday – Half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Chili soup, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Cavatina, breadsticks, peas & carrots, pears and milk. Choice – salad bar

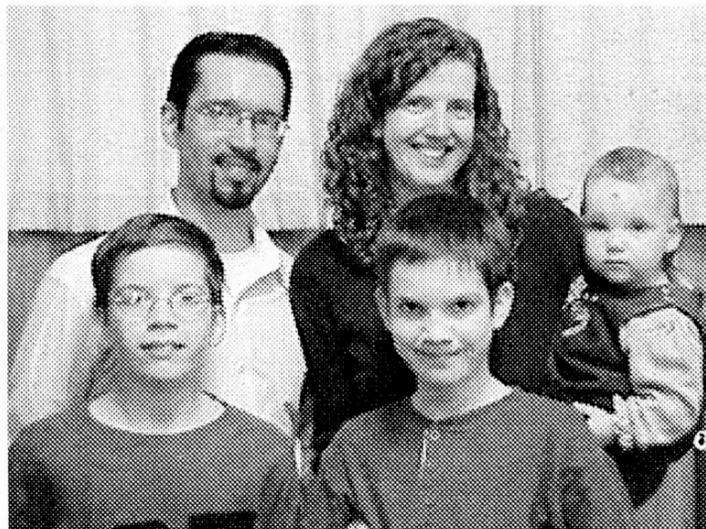
Tuesday – Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Hot dog, tator tots, banana, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – half day of school, no lunch

Friday – Tacos, corn, fruit cocktail, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar
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Rev. Todd and Tammy Wilson and their family, Josiah, Nathan and Hannah, were in Kewanna over the weekend. The family is in the states on leave from their missionary post in the Ukraine.

The former pastor at the Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches, Rev. Wilson spoke Sunday morning at both churches.
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Approximately 100 persons gathered at the Kewanna United Methodist Church Sunday morning to hear Rev. Todd Wilson speak and enjoy a carry-in with him and his family.

The Wilsons will return to the Ukraine next week where they are working to establish a church.

They are currently serving 35-40 congregants and are hoping to find a permanent place to meet in the near future.

Persons wishing to contribute towards their ministry can do so through the Kewanna or Pleasant Hill churches. Communications

can be sent to: Ukraine Poltava 36034, Street Zorina 19a, Church Nadeshda – Todd Wilson or to their state address, 261 W. Market St., Huntington, IN 46750. Their email address is www.light4lifeukraine.org.
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New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Revealed* (#2 of the Fountain Creek Chronicles series) by Tamera Alexander; *The Christmas Bus* by Melody Carlson; and *Beyond The Blue, Garden of Dreams and Scrap Everything* by Leslie Gould.

Large Print Christian Fiction— *A Woman's Place* by Lynn Austin and *Whispers of Winter* (#3 of the Alaskan Quest series) by Tracie Peterson.

General Fiction— *Lisey's Story* by Stephen King; *Sweet Revenge* by Fern Michaels; *Cross* (from the Alex Cross series) by James Patterson; *Valley of Silence* (#3 of The Circle Trilogy) by Nora Roberts; *Dear John* by Nicolas Sparks and *H.R.H.* by Danielle Steel.

JUVENILES:

Audiobook— *Adventures in The Internet* (from the Faux Paw's series) by Jacalyn S. Leavitt.

Teen Fiction— *Ms. Todd is Odd*, *Mrs. Patty is Batty* and *Miss Holly is too Jolly* (#12, #13 and #14 of the My Weird School series) by Dan Gutman.

Teenage Nonfiction— from the Genetic Diseases and Disorders series: *Down Syndrome* by Phillip Margulies and *Cystic Fibrosis* by Maxine Rosaler; and from the Drug Abuse and Society series: *Rohypnol: Roofies*—*"The Date Rape Drug"* by Colleen Adams, *OxyContin: From Pain Relief to Addiction* by Brad Lockwood, *Prescription Drugs* by Fred Ramen, *Methamphetamine: The Dangers of Crystal Meth* by

Frank Spalding and *GHB and Analogs: High-Risk Club Drugs* by Marie Wolf.

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Letter To The Editor

The Kewanna Community Food Pantry located in the Kewanna United Methodist Church, corner of Pearl and Toner Streets, has been in operation since early in the year 2000, serving those in need of food in the western side of Fulton County - Wayne, Aubree and Union Townships.

In the year 2000, Todd Wilson, pastor of the Kewanna/Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches, and Pastor Cliff Gano of the Kewanna Church of Christ, began working on ideas to help those in need of food. With the help of several men from area churches, they converted an available room in the Methodist Church to house the pantry. With work, time and donated lumber, shelving was built and a used freezer was donated to store frozen meats, vegetables, etc.

When this ministry was started, it was intended as an emergency relief effort to get food to families in a crisis. It was never intended to feed families week in and week out; although clients are allowed to return every six weeks if a need is still there.

The volunteer food pantry workers would like to thank the area churches, other organizations

and many other individuals who have been most generous in donating food and money to buy meats, etc. Also, we have some families who make donations at Christmas time.

If it were not for those who share with those in need, we would not have been able to help the 79 families (some were repeats) we helped in 2006.

Volunteers are there on Thursdays by appointment only. Call the Methodist Church office at 574-653-2201 or the parsonage at 574-653-9052 for an appointment.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

Food Pantry Volunteers

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Tom and Arlene Puralewski wish to extend their sincere appreciation to the Porters, the Clarks, Tony Jeroski of Lake Bruce and the angel who left dog food by our front door (Caroline?). With their holiday kindness, we were able to collect and deliver to the Fulton County Animal Shelter about 110 pounds of dog food, 20 pounds of cat food, assorted treats, a monetary donation and towels and rags.

The wonderful ending to this story is that the stray dog that was found in the area was able to find a new family in time to celebrate the Christmas season.

The Rest of the Story...

The Puralewskis moved to their Lake Bruce home from Chicago permanently in July. While driving in the area before the holidays, they came across a beautiful golden retriever lying in a ditch. At first, they thought she

was injured or had puppies, but neither was the case, she had been abandoned. They returned to her, bringing her food and water for four days, encouraging her to accept them. On the fourth day, she finally did. They were able to get her into their car and took her to the Fulton County Animal Shelter in Akron.

They discovered that the shelter had many cats and dogs to care for - the previous month alone 140 cats and dogs came through their kennel. The owner only gets reimbursed for three days of food from the county and the rest she absorbs, relying on donations to help care for the animals.

The Puralewskis sent a request to all Lake Bruce residents asking for donations to the shelter, collected them, and subsequently delivered them to the shelter.

If you would like to help out, the shelter is in constant need of dog and cat food (preferably a good brand), waterless hand sanitizer, bleach, paper towels, cat litter, small cat litter boxes, carpet samples, Advantage or Frontline flea control (for cats and dogs of all sizes), Lexmark black ink cartridges #16, white and colored copy paper, and old towels or blankets for bedding. These items can be dropped off at the Fulton County Animal Shelter on State Road 14 between Rochester and Akron.

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Millie Redweik, Sunday school superintendent, would like to thank the Sunday school students and teachers for their super performance of "The First Christmas", which the group shared with the St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation on December 24, during the morning service.

Pastor Dan O'Connor was the narrator and the children entered into their positions as follows:

Mary - Meredith O'Connor; Joseph - Clark Gudas; angels - Mia Mrak, Mackenzie Wheeler and Grace Gudas; shepherds - Chace Podell and Riley Wheeler. Christopher O'Connor was to be a shepherd also, but was at home ill. Kale Mrak was the star "carrier". The three wisemen were Kaitlyn Malchow, William O'Connor and Sidney Mrak. Louise Gudas was the photographer. Sunday school helpers included Kelly O'Connor, Jean Gray, Misty Wheeler, Stacy Mrak and Stephanie Malchow. Music on the piano was provided by Marilyn Henning. The children and the congregation sang several Christmas carols. The Sunday school students shared a print out of the First Christmas Story as well as candy canes as they ushered out the congregation. The congregation was invited to the church social room to share treats of cookies that the children decorated Saturday.

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Dear Editor:

The Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree was a great success. The 2006 holiday season was a time for remembering, and our thoughts turned to those whom we were privileged to know. Personalized Christmas ornaments were created by Hope Hospice in memory or honor of these loved ones and friends.

Hope Hospice wrote the names of loved ones on beautiful glass ornaments and one by one, hung these on the beautiful Memorial Christmas Tree in the entrance of Rochester's First Federal Savings Bank.

It was a special time of remembering for many families and loved ones. Also, through the memorial and honorary gifts to

Hope Hospice, funds were raised for the care of hospice patients in Fulton County. To everyone who participated we say "thank you."

Sincerely,

Rev. Ronald C. Purkey
Hope Hospice of Fulton County

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The PMH Mother's Group will meet on January 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. Topics will include issues on feeding and baby care. Call 574-946-2113 for more information.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet January 13 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital is offering a Healthcare Provider class January 25. Class starts at 6 p.m. Eastern Time and will end at approximately 10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration form or pick one up at the hospital admissions desk. Class size is limited so call early to reserve your place. The class may be rescheduled if paid participants number less than six by January 22.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records.

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.

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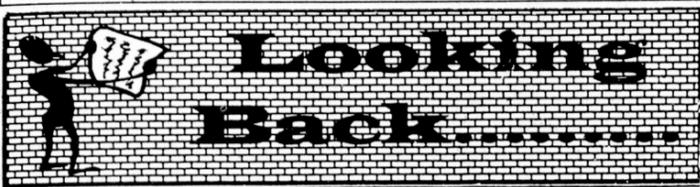
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Looking Back

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 4, 1952

Clem L. Hickie, 79, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, passed away December 30. Mr. Hickie was a former resident of Kewanna and for the past 28 years had been living in Benton Harbor. The deceased was born in 1872 in Ohio to George and Mary Hinton Hickie. He was the eldest of eight children. Survivors include two sons, Elmer and George of Kewanna.

Autos driven by Elmer Harper, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and Bert Leroy Miller, Grass Creek, collided at 6 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of State Road 17 and the Fletchers Lake road. Both vehicles were a total loss. Harper received cuts on his face.

Aubrey Zellers, former owner and manager of the Coffee Shop, is the new janitor for Kewanna-Union Township Schools. This position has changed hands quite frequently since Ab Talbott announced his resignation in November. "Happy" Hamman was the first to fill the job, but resigned after a week. Another party tried the job but was there for even a shorter time. They all resigned, including Talbott, because the work load is too much for one man.

Devane "Babe" Felts, retiring Fulton county treasurer, has been appointed chief deputy sheriff by Sheriff Laurence Norris. The appointment was effective January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex E. Murray, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma, to Pat Sabitini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sabitini, Logansport. Miss Murray graduated from Grass Creek High School and Indiana University. She is employed as society editor for the Logansport Pharos-Tribune. Her fiancé graduated from Logansport High School and attended Indiana University and St. Joseph College. He served with the Navy during World War II and is also employed with the Pharos-Tribune.

Sgt. Jim Zellers broke a bone in his foot when he slipped on the ice Friday night, December 28. In spite of the injury, he returned to his base at Las Vegas, Nevada, New Year's Day.

Mrs. J. F. Brennan fell in her home New Year's Day and broke her right arm. The arm was not put in a cast, but it will be several weeks before she has use of it.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 3, 1957

Miss Helen Louise Shadle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shadle, became the bride of Marlin Eugene Myers Saturday afternoon in the Kewanna Methodist Church. Rev. George Wright performed the 4 p.m. ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Kewanna High School, attended the Arthur Jordan Conservatory in Indianapolis, and is a graduate of Indiana University. Mr. Myers is a graduate of Buchanan High School in Michigan. and is employed by Modine in LaPorte.

Thelma Powell of Rochester and Richard Warfield of here were united in marriage Friday evening, December 28, at the Rochester EUB Trinity parsonage with Rev. Wilmert officiating. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Warfield, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mosher announce the engagement of their daughter Pauline Elaine to Richard M. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown. Miss Mosher is a graduate of Kewanna High School and the International School of Commerce, Fort Wayne. Mr. Brown is also a graduate of Kewanna High School, after which he served two years in the U.S. Army. He is now employed with the State Highway Department.

Ethel Faye Rans, 62, mother of 14 children, passed away at 1 p.m. Monday in Woodlawn Hospital after a lingering illness. Funeral

services were held Thursday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Belt officiating. Survivors include eight sons, Harold, Hubert, Raymond, Delbert Roy Jr., Joe, Paul, Larry, and Lowell; and five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Stipp, Mrs. Helen Worl, Mrs. Lorene Wood, Mrs. Lois Jean Bell and Mrs. Virginia Agnew. One son, Billy Richard, preceded in death.

Mrs. Ida E. Elston, widow of Clyde Elston, former local druggist, died December 27 at Carneal Hospital in Winamac. In failing health for several years, her past few weeks. Surviving are two Daughters, Mrs. Harriet Stoudt of here and Mrs. Ruth Overmyer of Logansport and seven grandchildren.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 4, 1962

Bradley Roe Good was the first baby born in Fulton County in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and Mr. Brown's 82nd birthday as Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown.

Richard Evers, seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evers was taken to Woodlawn Hospital Saturday morning suffering from pneumonia.

Drawings for the 1962 county basketball tournament will be held January 8 in the office of the county superintendent. Six schools will be participating, Akron, Aubbeenaubee, Kewanna, Richland Center, Talma and North Caston.

Mrs. Grace Button, Mrs. Harold Sommers and Charles Riddle of Fulton County attended the 3-day Farm Bureau Institute last week at Purdue University.

Nine Kewanna Boys Scouts along with Kenneth Cook, Raymond Weller and Dick Baldwin enjoyed a sledding party last Sunday.

FORTY YEARS AGO January 5, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good have purchased The Observer newspaper and print shop.

Pvt. Bruce Baker left Sunday night for Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland after spending Christmas and New Year's at home. He completed his basic training in December at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and will continue his training at Aberdeen.

Naomi Mills, Becky Anderson, Carl Evans and Rev. Leroy Wise of Kewanna; Mrs. Bernice Balint, South Bend, William Wise, New Paris, Rev. and Mrs. Norris King of Leiters Ford and Mrs. George Hostetter of Royal Center left Monday on a mission tour to Haiti.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hendrickson, Kewanna, a daughter, at Woodlawn Hospital.

Mrs. Cora Hendrickson, 82, Kewanna, is a patient at Pulaski Memorial Hospital where she is being treated for injuries sustained in a car-truck collision Thursday on State Road 231 near Spencer. She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Frank. Their car struck the rear of a State Highway Dept. dump truck which had

stopped to allow another vehicle to cross the highway.

The Rose Bowl Parade Monday in Pasadena, California, was of special interest to Hoosiers as the Purdue football team represented the Big 10 when it played for the first time in that big event. Special interest locally were two members of the Purdue marching band - James Ley and Ronnie Miller. Both graduates of Kewanna High School. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ley and Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller.

Thirty Years Ago January 13, 1977

Richard C. Baldwin announced his resignation as clerk-treasurer of the Town of Kewanna, effective January 14. He is serving his second term as clerk-treasurer, with three more years left in the current term. He stated that his work and other obligations did not allow him time to adequately perform his duties as clerk.

Larry Carr has been named campaign chairman for the 1977 Fulton County Cancer crusade. Carr was born in Rochester and is a graduate of Caston High School, later attending Ball State University.

Mrs. Michael Doty, Kewanna, underwent surgery at Woodlawn Hospital the first of the week.

Joe Rude and Steve Williams were pictured with a "prairie wolf" or "coy-dog" which they shot recently west of Kewanna along Mill Creek. The two, along with Carl Williams, were fox hunting when they spotted a pair of wolves. They tracked the male for six miles before bagging the 4½-foot long, 40 pound animal.

Twenty Years Ago January 8, 1987

Robert Plummer was presented with the Nelson Sadler Memorial Scholarship. Making the presentation were Harry Richter, trust officer of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and Jack Sadler of Sadler Fertilizer Service. The scholarship is presented annually to a graduate of Caston, Pioneer, Rochester or Winamac high schools attending the Purdue Farm School.

The Gleaners Circle of the Kewanna United Methodist Church held its first meeting of the New Year Monday at the home of Lois Crill. Circle leader, Lois Kumler, presided over the business meeting.

Ruby Woolington, Kewanna, has been dismissed from Woodlawn Hospital to a nursing home in Celina, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boywer, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born January 4 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

New Year's Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zellers were Mrs. Marilyn Williams of Indianapolis, Herb Zellers of Rochester and Virgil Zellers and Ed Murhling of here.

Ten Years Ago January 9, 1997

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 6, at the Kewanna Church of Christ for

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'06 Dodge Stratus SXT	PW, PLKS, Gold, 13,000 mi.		\$14,495
'06 Chrysler 300	PW, PLKS, 2.3 V6, Sirrus Radio, Pat. Blue, 26,000 mi.		\$19,500
'06 Jeep Liberty Sport	PW, PLKS, Silver, 20,000 mi.		\$16,995
'06 Jeep Commander	Bose, PW, PLKS, Silver, 19,000 mi.		\$21,995
'05 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	Cloth, PW, PLKS, PS, Inf. Red, 33,000 mi.		\$16,995
'05 Chrysler T&C Touring	Leather, DVD, Roof, 7/70 Pt., Black, 45,000 mi.		\$18,495
'05 Ford Freestar SE	PW, PLKS, Maroon, 49,000 mi.		\$13,495
'05 Dodge Caravan	PW, PLKS, S,W,B,Black, 20,000 mi.		\$14,495
'04 Chevy Tahoe LS	Cloth, Slate, 46,000 mi.		\$24,995
'04 Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring	PW, PLKS, Silver, 6,000 mi.		\$14,995
'04 GMC Sierra SLE XT Cab 4x4	PW, PLKS, Taupe, 60,000 mi.		\$20,495
'04 Mercury Sable LS	PW, PLKS, Green, 40,000 mi.		\$11,995
'04 Chevy Venture LS	PW, PLKS, Cloth, Blue, 54,000 mi.		\$11,995
'04 Dodge Durango SLT	PW, PLKS, Leather, Maroon, 56,000 mi.		\$19,495
'04 Chrysler 300 M	Roof, PW, PLKS, Leather, Maroon, 58,000 mi.		\$17,495
'03 Chrysler T&C LTD	Roof, Light Blue, 69,000 mi.		\$15,995
'03 Chrysler PT Touring	PW, PLKS, Almond, 40,000 mi.		\$11,595
'03 Dodge Ram 1500 QC 4x4 SLT	Remaining 7/70, Maroon, 40,000 mi.		\$20,995
'03 GMC Envoy	PW, PLKS, White, 67,000 mi.		\$16,495
'03 Dodge Neon	PW, PLKS, Red, 53,000 mi.		\$8,995
'03 Chrysler T&C LXI	PW PLKS, Magnesium, 79,000 mi.		\$13,995
'02 Chrysler T&C LTD	Leather, Blue, 68,000 mi.		\$13,995
'02 Olds Silhouette	PW, PLKS, Cloth, FWD, White, 47,000 mi.		\$12,495
'02 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport	Quad Seats, Rear A/C, Inf. Red, 82,000 mi.		\$10,995
'02 GMC Yukon	Leather, PW, PLKS, Gold, 69,000 mi.		\$18,995
'02 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT	Ext. Cab 4x4, Blue, 89,000 mi.		\$14,495
'02 Chrysler T&C LX	PW, PLKS, Rear A/C, White, 80,000 mi.		\$8,495
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DO YOU REMEMBER....

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Darline V. Sayers, 80, Kewanna. Pastor Cliff Gano officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.

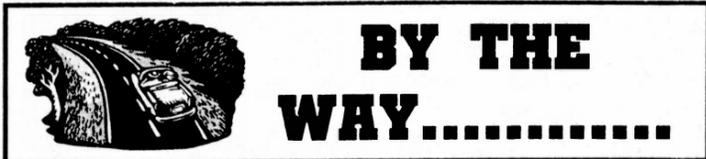
Dan Birge was re-elected president of the Kewanna town council when it met for its first meeting of 1997 Thursday evening, January 2, at the town hall.

Janel Norris and her mother, Helen Norris of Hammond, have returned from a three-week trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they visited with Janel's sister, Susan Norris, and her family.

Former Kewanna resident, Wilma (DeWitt) Brazier, is now recuperating at her home in Ventura, California, after undergoing surgeries in November and December at Ventura County Memorial Hospital.

The temperature was 63 degrees Saturday. Sunday, it had dropped down to 23 degrees with a wind chill at or below zero.

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Last week's issue of the newspaper marked our 40th year as owners and publishers of The Observer. At times, it seems more like 400 years and at other times it seems like it was only yesterday.

I was talking with our granddaughter, Kara, and related to her that my parents (Forrest and Elnora Baker) were about the age of her mother (our daughter) when we bought the paper. Her response was "Wow!" I guess we are all older than we think.

And, that's not the only thing that has changed in forty years. When we purchased the paper, the advertisers were mostly local businesses. All the buildings in the two-block business district of Main Street were still intact and they were full of locally owned mom and pop businesses. Every business in town, including the bank, was closed on Thursday afternoon (as we still are). You didn't have to go out of town to shop, or go to the doctor or dentist. At Christmas time, the businesses offered extended hours to accommodate the shoppers.

We are definitely not high tech here but all three of our presses take up less room than the old Babcock printing press we used to use. And, even though there are times I'd like to take my computer out into the middle of Main Street and let that big-wheeled monster from Farm Bureau run over it, it's still better than that old linotype I used to set type on. At least my computer doesn't spray me with hot metal when it gets cantankerous.

The business has at times been a family affair with the kids growing up on the job and parents coming in to help fold or do what ever needed done. In the earlier

years, there were a lot of weeks when we missed the evening mail here and took the paper to Logansport or Kokomo to send it on its way. That hasn't happened for years, and I for one don't miss those days.

The community has been good to us and we appreciate that very much. On two occasions, Joe has had to have surgeries and friends and neighbors have been quick to offer their help with getting the paper out and/or mowing our yard or whatever else we needed done. We know for a fact that Kewanna is "The little town with a big heart".

Again, we'd like to thank everyone for their patronage and encouragement over the years. God willing we will hang on here for a few more years!

Joe and Karen

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Rep. Eric A. Gutwein Begins Work at the Statehouse

Indiana House Gavel In for 2007 Legislative Session

(STATEHOUSE) Jan. 8, 2007 – Today, Representative Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer), along with House colleagues, opened the 2007 session of the Indiana General Assembly at the Statehouse. Rep. Gutwein starts the session with a number of goals to improve the lives of Hoosier families.

"As I begin my third session in the House, I am looking forward to serving my constituents by making sure their views are heard," said Rep. Gutwein. "It is important that the residents of my district contact me with their legislative concerns so that I can do my best to represent them. Things will be different during this session, and

the progress we are used to will depend on bipartisanship and cooperation – especially regarding producing a balanced budget."

During the 2007 legislative session, Rep. Gutwein plans to continue support for an honestly balanced state budget that limits state government spending growth. The state budget is the only legislation that the General Assembly must pass this session.

During the session, Rep. Gutwein will sit as a member on three House legislative committees, including:

- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Labor and Employment
- Natural Resources

The Indiana General Assembly is a part-time legislature, meeting on a two year cycle; three months one year and four months the following year. The 2007 legislative session is a "long" session, meaning that legislators will meet for four months at the beginning of the year. Historically, there has not always been a short session. Until 1969, Indiana legislators only met once every other year. In 1970, the legislature decided to allow for "mini-sessions" during the off year to deal with important issues facing the state.

As the session moves forward, these are some important legislative dates:-

January 16: The last day to file bills

(House members each have a limit of fifteen bills during this session)

February 27: Deadline to pass House bills.

April 10, 11: Deadline for both House and Senate to pass bills already approved by opposite chamber.

April 29: Deadline for both chambers to adjourn.

Rep. Gutwein serves House

District 16, which includes Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Pulaski and White Counties.

Rep. Gutwein encourages local constituents to contact him with questions or concerns through email at h16@in.gov, or by calling the Statehouse toll-free at 1-800-382-9841. It is also possible to write him at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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If you're never scared or embarrassed or hurt, it means you never take any chances.

—Julia Sorel

Take risks: if you win, you will be happy; if you lose, you will be wise.

—Author Unknown

Prudence keeps life safe, but does not often make it happy.

—Samuel Johnson

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

—Robert F. Kennedy

You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward.

—James Thurber

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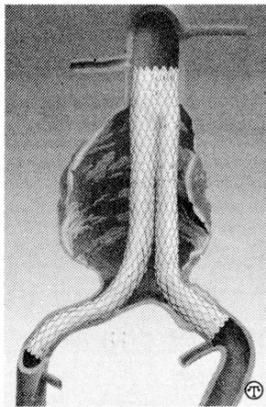
spotlight on health care

Medicare Paying For Preventive Aneurysm Screening For First Time

(NAPS)—Hundreds of thousands of Americans who receive Medicare benefits now have access to an important tool for fighting vascular disease: a free abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening. AAA is a bulge in the wall of the aorta and exists in an estimated 2 million Americans. AAA rupture is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. and an estimated 15,000 seniors die from AAA rupture each year. In 2007, for the first time, new Medicare beneficiaries at risk for AAA have the opportunity to be screened using painless and noninvasive ultrasound technology.

The Screening Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Very Efficiently (SAAAVE) Act that was passed by Congress is effective as of January 1, 2007. This free AAA screening is available to men who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes at any time in their lives, and to men and women with a family history of AAA. This screening is part of the Welcome to Medicare physical.

"AAA screening is an important measure that will save thousands of American lives each year," said vascular surgeon Robert Zwolak, M.D., a member of the Society of Vascular Surgery (SVS) and a professor at Dartmouth Medical School. "Our SVS members worked diligently on SAAAVE. These vascular surgeons concentrate their practices on the prevention



A stent graft provides a new blood flow pathway for patients at risk of AAA rupture.

and cure of vascular disease, and they know the effectiveness of screening in saving lives."

All new Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to call their doctors and take advantage of this improved access to the free AAA screening. The test is quick and painless, involving a simple ultrasound on the abdomen, similar to a pregnancy ultrasound. AAA often has no warning signs and therefore screening is an effective way to detect the presence of a potentially life-threatening aneurysm.

To learn more about AAA screening and reducing the risk of AAA disease, Medicare recipients should consult their physician or visit www.aneurx.com.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Kewanna, Indiana, are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 120706-A establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Water Utility was introduced at a meeting of the Kewanna Town Council held on December 7, 2006. At a meeting of the Kewanna Town Council to be held at 7:00 p.m. (Kewanna time) on February 1, 2007, in the Kewanna Town Hall, there will be a public hearing on the matter of rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 120706-A, which provides in part as follows:

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Section 3

The rates and charges may be billed to the tenant or tenants occupying the properties served, unless otherwise requested in writing by the owner, but such billing shall in no way relieve the owner from the liability in the event payment is not made as herein required. The owners of properties served, which are occupied by a tenant or tenants, shall have the right to examine the collection records of the Town for the purpose of determining whether bills have been paid by such tenant or tenants, provided that such examination shall be made at the office at which said records are kept during the hours that such office is open for business.

All rates and charges not paid when due are hereby declared to be delinquent and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the rates or charges shall thereupon attach hereto. The time at which such rates or charges shall be paid is now fixed at seventeen (17) days after the date of mailing of the bill.

Ordinance 1989-1, section 3
Meter deposits \$50.00
At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No. 120706-A may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2007
Karen Good
Kewanna Town Clerk-Treasurer
Pub. 1/11/07

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PUBLIC NOTICE.....

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Kewanna, Indiana, are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 120706-B establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Sewage Utility was introduced at a meeting of the Kewanna Town Council held on December 7, 2006. At a meeting of the Kewanna Town Council to be held at 7:00 p.m. (Kewanna time) on February 1, 2007, in the Kewanna Town Hall, there will be a public hearing on the matter of rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 120706-B, which provides in part as follows:

(A) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly and the users shall be billed each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

All Class I Users	
(1) Treatment rate - user charge	\$ 1.30
- debt service	\$ 1.90
Total treatment rate	\$ 3.20 per 100 cu. Ft. of usage

Plus
(2) Base rate - as follows:

Base Rate	Monthly Base Rate		
	User Charge	Debt Service	Total
5/8" - 3/4" water meter	\$1.95	\$10.15	\$12.10
1" - 1 1/4" water meter	2.32	21.83	24.15
1 1/2" water meter	3.05	47.50	50.55
2" water meter	4.02	80.28	84.30
3" water meter	7.00	181.45	188.45
4" water meter	11.15	321.60	332.75

are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined by equivalent single family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

Residential:	Monthly Base Rate		
	User Charge	Debt Service	Total
Single family residence / unit	\$8.45	\$19.65	\$28.10
Apartment / unit	6.60	15.25	21.85
Commercial:			
Retail establishment:			
First 3 employees	8.45	19.65	28.10
Each additional employee	2.90	6.40	9.30

(c) For the service rendered to the Town of Kewanna, said Town shall be subject to the same rates and charges hereinabove provided, or to charges and rates established in harmony therewith.

(d) In order to recover the cost of monitoring industrial wastes, the Town shall charge the user no less than \$25.00 per sample or cost thereof. This charge will be reviewed on the same basis as all other rates and charges in this Ordinance.

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance 120706-B may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

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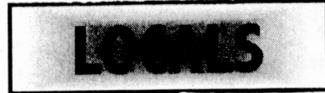
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON JANUARY 8, 2007.

DENISE J CHANDLER
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub 1/11/07



Janel Norris enjoyed a chance to spend a day with her sister, Susan Norris, and nephew, Sam Norris. They met last Thursday at the Walkerton home of Janel's daughter, Myfanwy Schuller, for a long-awaited get-together to exchange Christmas presents and catch up on family news. Sam is in his junior year of engineering school at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and has already decided to go on to graduate school. Janel related her adventures during her recent stay in Seattle, Washington, and her drive out and back. Although Janel and Susan's sister, Ruth Cogdill, was feeling under the weather and unable to join them, she was with them in spirit when the group drove into South Bend for lunch at her favorite restaurant, Thyme of Grace, on Lincolnway East. This charming "concept" restaurant was created by the mother/daughter team of Michelle Lankford and Nicole Varga, and features an eclectic mix of unmatched tables, chairs, dinnerware, and cutlery, even down to the vintage salt and pepper shakers. The menu is equally unusual and changes frequently. Everyone started out with an amazing southwestern sweet potato and red pepper soup served with herbed breadsticks. Sam had a tasty triple cheese and turkey Prince Albert sandwich; Susan truly enjoyed her chicken apricot salad; Myfanwy, the luscious crab claw baby cakes; and Janel, the tart of thyme, a crustless quiche frittata. The sumptuous dessert was a still warm triple chocolate coconut torte topped with slivered almonds and freshly whipped cream. The beverage of choice was a peach-ginger iced tea with lemon. The diners sent their most sincere compliments to the chef, Michelle, and the events captain, Nicole, who was their very attentive waitress. It was a truly memorable dining experience for everyone.

January National Blood Donor Month

Pat Smith
Director of Media Marketing
pmhnet.com

This is a noble resolution for the New Year that most people might not think about: becoming a blood donor.

Sandy Roth, RNC NP at Monterey Family and Women's Health encourages you to consider becoming a blood donor, and offers these answers to some of the most common questions about giving blood.

What are the minimum requirements to become a blood donor?

You must be at least 17 years of age, a minimum of 110 pounds and in basic good health.

Will donating blood hurt?

You may feel a slight sting in the beginning lasting only a couple of seconds, but there should be no discomfort during the donation.

How long will the actual donation process take?

The actual donation takes about 5 to 10 minutes. The entire donation process from registration to post-donation refreshments takes about one hour.

Do I have enough blood in my body to donate?

Yes. The body contains 10 to 12 quarts of blood. Your whole blood donation is approximately one pint.

Can I get AIDS from donating blood?

No. There is no risk of contracting AIDS or any other disease through the donation process. Each collection kit is sterile, prepackaged and used only once.

How much blood is taken?

For whole blood donation, approximately one pint (which weights about one pound) is collected. For platelet donation, the amount collected depends on your height, weight and platelet count.

How much time does it take for my body to replace the blood that I donated?

Not long at all. The volume of fluids will adjust within a few hours or your donation. The red blood cells will be replaced within a few weeks.

How often may I donate?

You may donate whole blood once every 56 days, which allows plenty of time for your red cells to be replenished.

Are the health history questions necessary every time I donate?

To ensure the safest possible blood supply, all donors must be asked all the screening questions at each donation. The FDA requires that all blood centers conform to this practice.

The next American Red Cross blood drive in Pulaski County is Feb. 7, 2007 from 11:15 am to 5:15 pm at the Knights of Columbus in Winamac.

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INSHAPE INDIANA CHALLENGES

HOOSIERS TO LOSE 10 IN 10

The state of Indiana is stepping up its efforts to encourage Hoosiers to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Governor Mitch Daniels; Pam Smith of Martinsville, who represented Indiana on the latest season of NBC's The Biggest Loser; and George McGinnis, a former Indiana Pacer and chairman of the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports are helping the Indiana State Department of Health champion the 10 in 10 Challenge.

INShape Indiana, the Governor's health initiative created 18 months ago to help Hoosiers live a healthier lifestyle, will launch the first 10-week/10-pound statewide weight loss challenge on January 15. A 30-second television spot, featuring Smith, McGinnis and the Governor, begins airing statewide today.

The goal of the 10 in 10 Challenge is for participants to lose 10 pounds in 10 weeks by making changes in diet and exercise. Smith is a 25-year-old mother who weighed 247 pounds when she was selected to participate on The Biggest Loser. While on the show, she lost 40 pounds, and has lost another 28 pounds since she has returned home. She has incorporated healthy eating habits and daily physical activity to help her meet her weight loss goals.

Challenge participants can log onto the INShape Indiana Web site (www.INShape.IN.gov) to sign up. Registered participants will receive an e-mail outlining ways they can prepare themselves for the challenge, such as keeping a food diary, taking inventory of the contents of their pantry, and other tips. Then, each of the 10 weeks, participants will receive an e-mail to help instruct them about how they can lose one pound.

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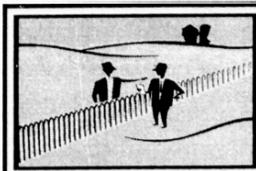
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Don and Pauline Scales had company Sunday, Dec. 31. Stopping by for an afternoon visit were their grandson, Eric Koontz of Muncie, and his friend, Nicole. Don and Eric spent the afternoon challenging each other with games of Yahtzee©.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had callers the last day of 2006. Coming down for a holiday visit were Barb's daughter and grandsons, Sue Janes and Tom and Joey Wilk of LaPorte. The group enjoyed a home-cooked Italian dinner and several games of Dominoes©.

Carri and George Sinnis, Loukas, Landon, Logan and Lawson of Carmel hosted a family gathering over the New Year's holiday weekend. Their guests for a few days were Carri's parents, Bob and Carol Broda, and her sister and family, Michele and Michael Kane, Alex and Krystal, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The family had a wonderful time being together and attending a ball game at the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis in which one of Sinnis' sons was playing.

Tom and Barb LaFollette enjoyed their traditional New Year's meal of corned beef and cabbage and homemade pies Monday, Jan. 1.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina returned home Monday following a two-week holiday visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of working visitors Monday. Arriving late in the day to tackle some chores were their son and grandson, Bruce and Barry Scales of Fulton.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had a houseguest early in the week.

Arriving Tuesday, Jan. 2, for an overnight stay was their granddaughter, Shelby Bohac of Rochester.

Helen Whiteman had visitors

one day last week. Arriving late in the day for supper were her granddaughter and great-grandchildren, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee, of Winamac, and Andrea's houseguests (Helen's great-grandchildren), Jaden and Ella Whiteman of Indianapolis.

Jeanette Hunter, Mathilda Lamb and Wilma Wilson traveled to Fulton Thursday, Jan. 4. They enjoyed a nice visit while dining at the Mill Creek Restaurant.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Thursday. They had a fun time doing some shopping, dining at Louie's and watching a movie.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed dining at Karen's restaurant in Rochester Friday, Jan. 5.

Earl and Mary Bangel had several houseguests over the weekend. Arriving early in the weekend was their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan. Coming up later from Evansville for a holiday visit were their niece and her husband, Barbara and Robert Staub.

Nick Bohac of Rochester was a Friday overnight visitor of his grandparents, Barb and Tom LaFollette.

Don and Doris Woolington had several visitors Saturday, Jan. 6. Stopping by for an afternoon visit were Don's cousin and his family, Rick and Mary Woolington and Rex of Indianapolis. Also joining the group were Don and Doris' daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Shanks of Winamac, and their granddaughter, Kayci Cunningham.

JoAnn Tsoodle and Barb Hieber were in South Bend Saturday. They enjoyed attending a matinee performance of the musical "Dreamgirls".

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Saturday evening. They had an exciting time

attending the Rochester vs. Whitko girls' basketball game. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

Bea Ann Clark of Logansport spent Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7, visiting with her sisters and brother-in-law, Betty Leazenby and Barb and Jon Gast.

Helen Whiteman had a houseguest late in the week. Arriving during the weekend for a couple of day's stay was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Micah Cook, Kristen Evers and Sarah Johnston, Jan. 14; John Carlisle, Bill Foerg and Jeff Johnston, Jan. 15; Sarah Burch, Traci Burch, Shirley James, David Kimble, Ed Mollencupp Jr., Wendy Sutton, and Marsha Tomerlin, Jan. 16; Caleb Baldwin, Jason Federer and Shaun Wilson, Jan. 17; Devin Good, Jan. 18; Kevin Easterday, Becky Lincoln, John Stacey, Bryan Ton and Brenda Warner, Jan. 19; and Brian Doty, Jan. 20.

Special birthday greetings to Renee Colley, Lake Bruce. Renee has now joined her two friends, Gail Scheeringa and Joyce Miller, both of Lake Bruce, in being part of the baby boomers having a milestone birthday! If you see Renee on the 16th, tell her "you look marvelous, darling". Happy birthday, Renee!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 18.

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Attend Church Sunday

Notice!

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HONEYWELL CENTER TO WELCOME VINCE GILL IN FEBRUARY

Tickets on sale starting Jan. 18

WABASH, Ind. — Country music legend and 14-time Grammy Award winner Vince Gill has his sights set on Wabash next month.

WWKI will welcome Gill to the Honeywell Center in downtown Wabash at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 in the Ford Theater. Tickets range from \$25 to \$65, with Gold Circle seating at \$100. People will be able to purchase tickets to this three-hour "An Evening with Vince Gill" concert beginning 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

Tickets are available at the Center's box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They may also be purchased by calling (260) 563-1102, *TIX from your Centennial Wireless phone, or online at www.honeywellcenter.org.

This concert is made possible through the corporate sponsorships of Martin Yale Industries and Mutual Federal Savings Bank.

Gill began appearing in mainstream country radio in the 1980s. Hits like "Oklahoma Borderline," "Cinderella," "I Still Believe in You" and "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away" launched the singer into super stardom and have earned him 18 Country Music Association Awards.

With his latest album — titled "These Days" — Gill collaborated with several famed vocalists such as Bonnie Raitt, LeAnn Rimes and Sheryl Crow in order to produce a truly diverse and first-rate record.

"I am as passionate today as I have ever been about playing music," Gill says on his official Web site. "I believe I'm better now than I've ever been, and my wish is for everybody to come along on this journey and really get the opportunity to see what I am doing."

Normally a singer of Gill's stature would perform in a 15,000-seat stadium or arena. But for one night in Wabash, Gill will be staging his talent for nearly three hours in the Honeywell Center's 1,500-seat Ford Theater

— creating an "up close and personal" setting for concert goers.

"We are very excited to be hosting Vince Gill," said Ashli Pershing, box office manager for the Honeywell Center. "Considering the amount of time he has committed to performing, we are expecting a sold-out concert. We recommend that people buy their tickets early."

In addition to the concert, Eugenia's Restaurant (in the Honeywell Center) will be offering a dinner buffet before the show from 5-7 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$12.95.

The Honeywell Center is north central Indiana's premier entertainment facility with more than 3,000 events and 200,000 visitors annually. Concerts, conferences, charity galas, art exhibits, and educational outreach programs are among the diverse events held at the Honeywell Center. All programs are provided with support from the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. For a complete program listing, visit the Honeywell Center Web site at www.honeywellcenter.org or call (260) 563-1102.

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All my life, I always wanted to be somebody. Now I see that I should have been more specific.
—Lily Tomlin

There are three ingredients to the good life; learning, earning and yearning.
—Christopher Morley

You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough.
—Joe Lewis

To eat an egg, you must break the shell.
—Jamaican Proverb

FULTON COUNTY SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT PUBLIC AUCTION

ROCHESTER, INDIANA

The following described surplus office equipment and furniture will be offered at public auction. The auction will be held at the Fulton County Emergency Management Building at 1728 E. State Road 14, Rochester, IN 46975

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

5:00 P.M.

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