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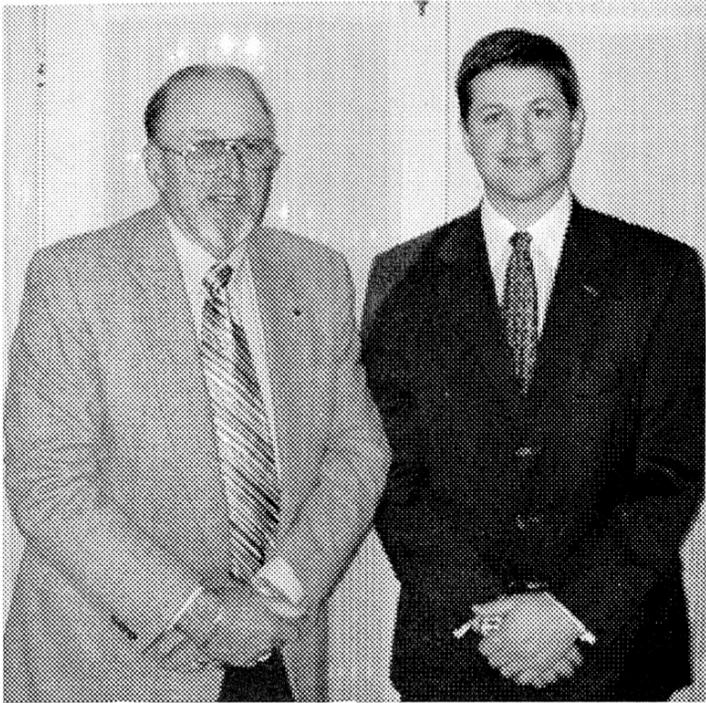
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Funeral Home Changes Hands

Kyle Rans, right, is the new owner of Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes with locations in Royal Center and Kewanna. He purchased the business January 1 from Max M. Metzger, right.

The new owner attended school at Kewanna Elementary until it closed. He is a 1993 graduate of Logansport High School, after which he attended Indiana State University. Kyle is a 1996 graduate of Vincennes University with a degree in Mortuary Science. He has been a licensed funeral director and embalmer since 1997.

Rans served his residency at Carlisle and Son Funeral Chapel in Mooresville from 1996 to 1998. He worked for the Hasler-Pickett Funeral Home in Greentown from 1998-1999. From there he went to Indianapolis where he managed the Singleton & Herr Mortuary from 1999 to 2003. From 2003 until his purchase of the local funeral home, he managed the Raven-Choate Funeral Home in Marion.

Kyle and the former Stacy K. Albertson were married in 1999 in Logansport. They have one son, Eli. He is the son of Bob Rans, Culver, and Kathy Patty, Logansport. His grandparents are Larry and Elaine Rans and Betty and the late Harold Hickle, all of Kewanna. Marie Larkin of Winamac, and formerly of Kewanna, is his great-grandmother.

Rans is a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and Elks Club, both of Marion, the Royal Center Lions Club and the Prospect Masonic Lodge of Indianapolis. He plans to move his out-of-town affiliations to Royal Center/Cass County organizations in the future, where he and his family now reside.

Max purchased the Harrison Funeral Home in May of 1967 from Paul Harrison.

Metzger was born February 23,

1934 in Miami County and graduated in 1952 from Bunker Hill High School, where he was valedictorian. He and his wife, the former JoAnn Montgomery, were married November 26, 1954. They have two sons, Michael M. and Kyle B. Metzger and five grandchildren.

Max graduated from International Business College in 1954 and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Magna Cum Laude, in 1960. He has been a licensed funeral director since 1961. He spent four years, 1954-58, as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He was a graduate of the Air Force General Instructor School, served as a basic training instructor, and was in charge of base housing at Lowry AFB, Colorado.

Metzger has been very active in the local community for many years. He is a past Disaster Training Coordinator for the State of Indiana, past 4th District Director; and a member of the State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service and past chairman. He served as Cass County coroner and deputy coroner for 20 years. Other memberships include the United Methodist Church in Royal Center, member and past president of the Royal Center Lions Club, past president and member of the Logansport Exchange Club and past master, past secretary and member of the Royal Center Lodge No. 585 F.& A.M. Metzger is a former chairman and trustee for the Logansport Memorial Hospital board of trustees; member of the Cass/Pulaski County Corrections Advisory Board; member of the Cass County Council on Aging; and a member of the Royal Center-Cline-Kistler Cemetery Association advisory board.

With the sale of the funeral home, hopefully Max will find more time to enjoy his interests, which include history, country music, golf, yard work and driving his Corvettes and 1938 Ford pick-up in parades along with other members of his family.

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Spaghetti Supper at Methodist Church

An "all you can eat" spaghetti supper will be served Saturday, January 27, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The meal will include Italian bread, dessert and drink and the cost will be a free will donation. Carry-outs will be available.

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Hap's Chicken Bash, February 14

The local Red Bird Mission team will serve a Hap's Chicken Bash dinner Wednesday, February 14, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children eight and under and are available from Bruce Baker, 574-653-2894; Helen Peters, 574-946-4175; Karen Good, 574-653-2101 (The Observer); Charlie Bye, 574-857-3676; Janine Smith, 574-817-0519; or Bev Baldwin, 574-653-2622. Tickets are pre-sale only; there will be no tickets at the door. The menu will include baked potato, cole slaw, roll, cookie, drink and all the chicken you can eat. Carry-outs will also be available (but you must have a ticket).

The proceeds will help fund the mission team's annual trip to Red Bird Mission at Beverly, Kentucky, where it will spend several days repairing or building additions to homes of local residents. Some team members will be working in the kitchen, mission store, painting, etc.

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\$600 Scholarship Available

The Twin River Strutters, Cass County Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, is offering a \$600 scholarship to a graduating senior. Applications are due on February 1, 2007. The scholarship will be awarded at the group's annual banquet Saturday, February 10, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Logansport.

Area guidance counselors have the application materials. For more information, call Alan M. Miller, Lt. Col. USAF (ret), scholarship chairman, at 765-863-2889 or 574-863-2889.

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Legislative Breakfasts Set

Three legislative breakfasts have been set so that local constituents can learn what is going on in the Indiana General Assembly. The first such session is set for 8 a.m. this Saturday, January 27, at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester. Subsequent sessions will be held on February 10 and March 24.

Recycling Dates
Friday, Jan. 12th
Friday, Jan. 26th

Economic Development 101

Tom Tucker of the Fulton Economic Development Corporation will conduct a session on what economic development really is and what elected officials should know about it Tuesday, February 6, at 6 p.m. in the FEDCO office building, 822 Main Street, Rochester. All elected officials and interested parties are welcome to attend and find out how economic development can and will affect the future of Fulton County.

For more information or to register, contact FEDCO at 574-223-3326.

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Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families, and friends, will meet Tuesday, January 30, in the Pulaski Memorial Hospital hospice room from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Deb Trennehol, registered pharmacist, will be the guest speaker. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet Tuesday, February 6, at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester.

The Mill Creek Conservancy District will meet in executive session Tuesday, February 6, at 8 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) for discussion of litigation that has been threatened specifically in writing. The meeting will be held in the Burke & Heller law office, 113 E. 10th St., Rochester.

Robert L. Hines, 45, rural Kewanna, was arrested Sunday by Kewanna police for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Bond was set at \$1,500.

The Indiana Attorney General's office has filed a lawsuit and obtained a preliminary injunction against an Indianapolis company and its owner for selling fake diplomas online. A Marion Superior Court has signed an order halting Allen Kleiman d/b/a Noveltyworksdegree.com from selling the fake diplomas which were marketed as "highly passable" and "realistic".

Key Waste Services picked up a total of 3,821 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during the month of December.

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Send In Your News

Storm Spotter Training Session, February 7

A storm spotter training session will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. in the WTH Engineering building, 821 E. 9th St., Rochester.

The training will be conducted by officials from the National Weather Service office in North Webster.

The class is open to anyone who is interested in severe weather and who would like to become a trained storm spotter. The class will include thunderstorms, tornadoes, flooding, and how to report severe weather.

The session is sponsored by the National Weather Service, the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, and Fulton County SKYWARN.

For more information about the class or to reserve a seat, contact the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency at 574-223-6611.

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Hope Hospice Undergoes Inspection

A stringent federal inspection was conducted at Hope Hospice of Fulton County beginning Wednesday morning, January 3, and concluding Monday afternoon, January 8, by the Indiana State Department of Health. Hope Hospice is very pleased to announce that there were no deficiencies or non-compliances found during the inspection.

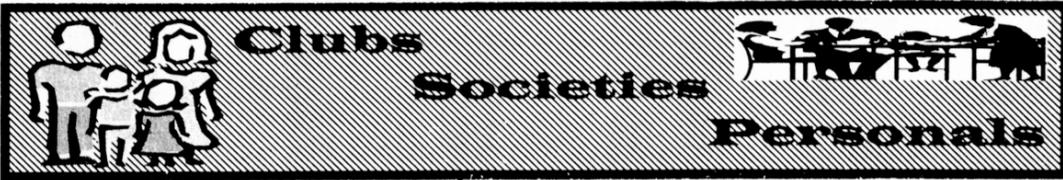
Hope Hospice is a not-for-profit, community-based organization of professionals that provide care to the terminally ill, whether in their home or within a nursing facility. Staffed with a physician, registered nurses, a licensed practical nurse, a certified home health care aide, chaplains, a social worker and trained volunteers, Hope Hospice is able to assist with pain management, personal care, emotional and spiritual support. Their services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurances creating no out of pocket expenses for the patient and their families. Hope Hospice is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you would like to learn more about Hope Hospice of Fulton County, how the hospice program may serve you, how you may volunteer, or how you may make a donation, contact Brenda Purkey, RN at 574-224-4673.

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50th Anniversary Open House Slated

Eugene and Phyllis Thomas of Grass Creek will celebrate their 50th anniversary at an open house Saturday, January 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Manitou Banquet Hall, 901 E. 9th St., Rochester. The event will be hosted by their children.

Eugene and Phyllis were married in a double ring ceremony January 27, 1957 at the Grass Creek E.U.B. Church with Rev. D. H. Pellet presiding.

The couple has five children, Curt and Arlene Thomas, Crossville, Tennessee; Chris (deceased) and Deb Thomas; Fulton, Brad and Lisa Thomas, Rochester; and Kim and Cova Clemons, Las Vegas, Nevada. They also have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The couple requests only the gift of your presence and well wishes. Congratulations can be sent to Eugene and Phyllis Thomas, 7423 S. Pearl St., Kewanna, IN 46939.

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JAMES F. TALBOTT VFW POST 1121 January Activities

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.

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Republican Women Meet

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club met Monday evening at Rochester City Hall with Pat Calvert presiding.

The agenda included discussion of the group's 2007 meeting calendar, municipal elections in Rochester, Akron, Fulton and Kewanna, and possible money-making projects including this year's tour of homes.

The next meeting will be February 26 at Rochester City Hall. Mike Gearhart is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

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Essay Contest Winner

Dave McMenamin, Commander of the James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121 in Kewanna recently presented a \$100 savings bond to Lacey Hubenthal. Lacey is the post-level winner of the annual VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest. She and her family are invited to attend a March awards ceremony in Indianapolis.

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Lindenwood Activities

The Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center at Donaldson has announced several upcoming events.

Registrations are now being take for a "12-Step Compulsive Eating and Eating Disorders Retreat" to be held Feb. 2 - 4. The program fee is \$160 for a single room, \$130 per person for a double occupancy room and \$80 for a commuter. The deadline to register is January 26.

Registrations for a Quiet Day of Reflection program, "Sensing the Unexpected Christ" are due by Feb. 12. The program will be held Monday, February 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$21 and includes the noon main meal.

A Women of Grace study will be held on nine Saturdays beginning February 24 (excluding April 7) from 9 to 11 a.m. The program fee is \$50.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at 574-935-1780 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email lw@lindenwood.org.

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CASTON MENU

January 29 - February 2 Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Ham patty and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, pineapple, cookie and milk.
Comet Café - cheese stuffed breadstick

Tuesday - Beef ravioli, lettuce salad, peaches, brownie and milk.
Comet Café - hamburger, French fries

Wednesday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce and milk.
Comet Café - tacos

Thursday - Roast beef and cheese sandwich, scalloped potatoes, graham crackers, orange smiles and milk.
Comet Café - pork barbecue and French fries

Friday - Corn dog, seasoned mini cubes, pears and cookie.
Comet Café - soft pretzels and cheese

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

January 29 - February 2 Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Muffin, yogurt,

juice and milk

Thursday - Cinnamon toast, string cheese, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Hot dog baked beans, fruit, potato chips and milk

Tuesday - Sausage pizza, peas, applesauce, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Nachos, corn, pineapple, cookie and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, cinnamon roll and milk

Friday - Stuffed pepper soup, fruit salad, corn bread and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Cheese breadsticks, peas, peaches, cookie and milk.
Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe, corn, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Chicken fajitas, lettuce & cheese, cherry crisp, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Chili soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pickle spear, applesauce and milk

Friday - Pepperoni pizza, green beans, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 29 - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, European vegetables, banana pudding, oatmeal bread and milk

Wednesday, January 31 - Chili, baked potato, Mandarin oranges, chocolate chip cookie, crackers and milk

Friday, February 2 - Lasagna, salad, corn, peaches, Italian bread and milk

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Caston Honor Roll

Caston Jr./Sr. High School has released the following honor roll for the second nine-week grading period:

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Kent Burton, Emily Douglass, Kyle Harvey, Britney Offenberger, Graham Redweik, and Olivia Thomson

Eighth Grade

James Goff and Jada Powlen

Freshmen

Veronica Sheets

Sophomores

Anna Douglass, Eli Fred, Frost Fry, Amy Hathaway, Skylar Powlen, and Chelce Snider

Juniors

Kelly Arthur, Luis Mendoza, and Chiho Moon

Seniors

Kaylyn Herrold, Mandy Howell, and Austin Tam

Regular Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Cody Ailes, Cody Clupper, Zachary Cowell, Trent Cripe, Maggie Daily, Trevor Hoover, Dylan Johnson, Madison Jones, Zachery Kesler, Holly Kingery, Christen Sailors, and Kara Smith

Eighth Grade

Brenda Artero, Caleb Brown, Maxwell Foreman, Jacob Gamble, Brant Gerald, Brantley Hartman, John Herd, Morgan Herrold, Erika Reflitt, and Kaliub Walsh

Freshmen

Austin Ault, Phillip Burman, Matthew Reichart, and Caleb Siders

Sophomores

Hanna Black, Jonathan Burns, Krystal Campbell, Seth Cowell, Patrick Gamble, Lacey Hubenthal, Elias Jones, Kaley Kellenburger, Shelby Loeffler, Austin Moss, Lee Waltz, Erica Zartman, and Ethan Zartman

Juniors

Aurora Berg, Desiree Jackson, Do Yeon Kim, Mindy Scheffer, Maximilian Schulz, Heath Sommers, and Gage Waltz

Seniors

Adam Berry, Michelle Centers, Monica Hoover, Kristen Osbon, Benjamin Reason, Cody Scott, Joshua Skinner, Emily Smith, Mitchell Tam, and Grant White

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Local Items

Friends who meet each Sunday for brunch in Logansport, including Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris, were happy to have an update last Sunday on Patty Trinca's work on behalf of mistreated pets. She has always been very disturbed to observe cases of thoughtless dog owners chaining their pets out-of-doors for hours at a time with no shelter in freezing weather. In one case, a poor animal was actually frozen to the ground. Patty decided she had to do something and began a one-woman letter writing campaign to the mayors of more than 100 towns and cities in Indiana. She urged the mayors and town councils to review their local ordinances on treatment of pets. Unfortunately, many mayors did not respond, and she wrote a second time. The good news is that several municipalities have taken action, and strengthened existing laws or passed new ones requiring pet owners to provide a dog house with bedding or some other type of enclosed shelter. Some mayors even wrote Patty personally in longhand to thank her for her advocacy on behalf of animals. Patty feels this proves that one person really can make a difference.

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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.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

January 15
Admissions - Dlee Moore, Frank Diveley and Gage Zimpleman, Rochester; Mary Stouder and Kymberley Nixon, Tippecanoe
Dismissals - James Miller, Rochester; Kiley Seaney and son, Silver Lake; Kymberley Nixon, Tippecanoe
Births - Terry and Michelle Craig, Mentone, a daughter; Matthew and Kimberly Harp, Denver, a daughter
January 16
Admissions - Harold McCalla, Rochester
Dismissals - Gage Zimpleman, Rochester
Births - Greg and Stephanie Grossman, Akron, a daughter; Haley Mappin, Rochester, a daughter
January 17
Admissions - Walter Harley, Argos
Dismissals - Thomas White, Rochester; Mary Stouder, Tippecanoe; Kimberly Harp and daughter, Denver; John Geier, Kewanna
January 18
Dismissals - None published
Admissions - Frank Diveley and DLee Moore, Rochester; Michelle Craig and daughter, Mentone
Births - Christine and Travis Good, Argos, a daughter; Peggy and Jayson Migonis, Macy, a son
January 19
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Haley Mappin and daughter and Stephanie Grossman and daughter, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
January 12
Admissions - Dale Odom, Star City
Dismissals - Kathern Padgett, Patricia Pearce and Rudolph Rose, Winamac; Valerie Ballas, Walkerton

January 13
Admissions - Robert Smith and Amanda Ness, Winamac
Dismissals - Briar Matthew Ballas, Walkerton
January 14
Admissions - Crystal Starr, Winamac
Dismissals - None
Births - Joshua and Amanda Ness, Winamac, a son, Jacob Michael Ness
January 15
Admissions - Brenda Fortin, Plymouth; Burnie Clemons, Medaryville; Gregory Miller, Winamac
Dismissals - None
Births - David and Brenda Fortin, Plymouth, a daughter, Toren Elsie Fortin; Adam Keller and Crystal Starr, Winamac, a daughter, Olivia Lynn Keller
January 16
Admissions - Leisha Davis, Francesville; Anthony Zimmerle, Winamac
Dismissals - Garson Banks, Knox
Births - Michael and Stephanie Murray, North Judson, a son, Landen Michael Murray
January 17
Admissions - Lena Hopfinger, Winamac; Max Dunlap, Monterey
Dismissals - Olive White, Medaryville; Brenda Fortin and daughter, Plymouth; Crystal Starr and daughter and Amanda Ness and son, Winamac; Burnie Clemons, Medaryville
January 18
Admissions - Donald Tiede, Francesville; Christian Hughes, Medaryville
Dismissals - Stephanie Murray and son, North Judson
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Kewanna Community Food Pantry
United Methodist Church
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DEATHS

SEAN MICHAEL BEALL
Sean Michael Beall, 34, Lafayette, formerly of Logansport and Winamac, passed away at 5 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2007, at his Lafayette residence.

He was born July 3, 1972, in Logansport to Michael Wayne and Vickie Baer Beall.

Sean was a 1990 graduate of Winamac Community High School and a 1994 graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington. He had been employed for 12 years by radio station WKHY in Lafayette where he was known as "Marley", the overnight radio personality and creative services director. He had previously been employed with WHZR radio in Logansport. He enjoyed playing the guitar and music, especially the Beatles. He had an appreciation for comedy, a zany wit and a unique sense of humor.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Vickie and Don Berry, Logansport; his father and step-mother, Michael and Kaye Beall, Muncie; two brothers, Nathan Berry and Kyle Berry, both of Logansport; two sisters, Rebekah Beall, Greenville, South Carolina, and Kristen Berry, Logansport; his maternal grandparents, Bob and Marilyn Baer, Logansport; his paternal grandmother, Agnes Kroft, and her husband, Robert, Logansport; his step-grandmothers, Betty Hughes, Palmetto, Florida, and Donna Berry, Rochester; two nieces, Bethany Berry and Maia Berry, both of Logansport; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ernest L. Beall, and a niece, Lilyn Berry. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. this evening (Thursday, January 25) at the Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with his father, Rev. Michael W. Beall, officiating. Friends and relatives will be invited to offer personal remarks and remembrances during the service.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

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FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS



January 22, 2007
CRIME / ACTIVITY: BURGLARY
CASE NUMBER: 25-336-06
LOCATION: 2497 South 925 East
Akron, Indiana

SUMMARY: During the daytime hours of 11-12-06 the suspect made entry to the victims residence and once inside committed the theft of personal items. Anyone with information is requested to contact Crime Stoppers. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to \$1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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February Blood Collection Dates

There are two blood collections dates scheduled for Fulton County during February. The first collection date is Thursday, February 15 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka Street, Akron. The second collection date is Tuesday, February 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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Carr Trial to Start March 21

According to an article in the *Culver Citizen*, a jury will begin hearing evidence in the murder trial of Jim Carr Wednesday, March 21, in Fulton County Superior Court.

Carr, 58, of Winamac is being held in the Fulton County jail ahead of the shooting of a friend, Roy A. Shaffer, Kewanna, in the face with a 16-gauge shotgun November 4, 2006 resulting in death.

Carr worked several years as a reporter for the *Journal* in Winamac. He also worked as a correspondent for the *Culver Citizen* and covered sports for *The NewsHawk* in Starke County. He had also recently worked as a cook at a Monterey tavern and as a bartender in Winamac.

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High Speed Chase Involves Kewanna Men

Michael D. Howard, 42, Kewanna, remains in the Fulton County Jail as a result of a recent high-speed chase.

The incident started in Rochester when Howard refused to stop for a Rochester police officer that spotted him failing to yield. According to reports, Howard sped west from Rochester at speeds reaching 100 mph, leading officers into Pulaski County and then to Kewanna where he intentionally hit five police cars and damaged several yards. The chase lasted about an hour before Howard gave up and stopped his vehicle. He was jailed on felony charges of resisting arrest and driving while being a habitual traffic offender as well as misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangerment and criminal recklessness with a motor vehicle.

Also arrested was a passenger in his vehicle, Mark E. Howard, 41, Kewanna. He was charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest and public intoxication.

The chase involved officers from Rochester, Fulton County, Akron, Kewanna, Pulaski County and Indiana State Police.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

85th Annual Indianapolis Home Show: Jan. 26 - Feb. 4 in the West Pavilion, South Pavilion & Exposition Hall. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission: \$9; children 6-12 \$4; children 5 and under free.

Keystone Auto Dealers Show: Feb. 1-3 in the South Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: free

Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction: Feb. 2 & 3 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 6 to 9 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$1. Scouts in uniform, free

Purdue Ag Alumni Lecture "Ag Forecast": Feb. 3 in the Old National Bank Grand Hall. Presentation begins at 9:30 a.m. Admission: free

Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry with speakers Capt. James Lovell & former NASA Director Gene Kranz: Feb. 3 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Presentation begins at 11:30 a.m. Admission: \$20 (advance sale only). Tickets and information: www.agriculture.purdue.edu/agalumni/fishfry07.html.

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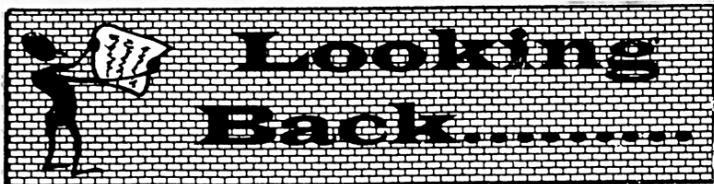
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Looking Back.....

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 18, 1952

Mrs. Violet Bernice Smith, 42, died Friday afternoon, January 11, in Woodlawn Hospital. Born in Kewanna, she had resided in South Bend until she became ill several months ago. Survivors include her husband, Charles Smith; her mother, Mrs. Charles Corsaut, Kewanna, two brothers and two sisters, Robert and Dorothy, both of South Bend, Mary Kathryn Harper and Delbert Corsaut, both of here.

The Kewanna High School basketball team and the junior high team won their county tourneys. The Indians defeated Richland Center 57-44 in the final game Saturday night at Rochester. The junior Indians got by Akron 24-23 to win their championship. The community held a carry-in supper and celebration Monday evening. Dr. Paul Heinsen was in charge of the program. Other speakers included Fred Graffis, John Urbin, Earl Rouch and Rev. Forrest Howell.

The War Department has informed relatives of the death of Pvt. Lloyd Alderfer in Korea on December 30. He was the brother of Fred Alderfer of here.

Theodore Ness, 78, retired Fulton County farmer residing east of Grass Creek, died Sunday afternoon at his home. Survivors include three sons, Charles, Kewanna, Roy, Rochester, and Harry,

Logansport; two daughters, Margaret Swaim, Hammond, and Zella Prouty, Logansport; sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Janet Rae Urbin entertained her Sunday school class Friday evening, January 11, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Urbin. Games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Urbin. Guests included Bobbie Kumler, Alan Walsh, Larry Fisher, Larry Cunningham, Billy Ingram, Jerry Brown, and Judy Miller.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holiday, Kewanna, Tuesday in Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

The January meeting of the Kewanna Saddle Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Sayers. The club voted to hold future meetings at the Odd Fellows Hall instead of the members homes. After the business meeting, a wedding shower was held for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warmbrod.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 17, 1957

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Leonard McIntire to Jane Ann Willoughby on Friday, January 11, at Muncie. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Willoughby, Detroit, Michigan, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oval McIntire, Rt. 2, Kewanna.

The EUB youth fellowships of

Fulton County enjoyed a skating party at the Rochester rink Monday night. Attending from here were Sharon Ogden, Beth Bayless, Lulu Belle Peters, Charlotte and Marlene Skinner, Bill Werner, and Rev. and Mrs. James Thomas.

Mrs. Russell Walters entertained at a birthday party Friday afternoon for her son, Charles, who was celebrating his fourth birthday. Guests included Bob Partridge, Herbie Zellers, Mike and Timmy Smith, Kent Cook, Jack Urbin and Rickey Rouch.

Marion Chizum, a Union Township resident, was elected president of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for 1957 when the commissioners convened for their first regular meeting of the year.

Gladys Brown, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown, Kewanna, slipped on a step at school last week and broke a bone in her right foot. The foot is in a cast.

Dean Kumler, Kewanna, who was injured in an automobile accident a few days ago has been moved from White County Memorial Hospital in Monticello to Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Frazier, Marion, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Darlene, to Eugene Robert Thomas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Thomas, Grass Creek. Miss Frazier will graduate from Marion Business College in March and her fiance will graduate from Purdue in June.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 18, 1962

Ernest L. Kopp, 61, of South Bend died Thursday, January 11, at St. Joseph's Hospital after a year's illness. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Helena White and Mrs. Katherine Orr of Kewanna.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham, St. Charles, Missouri, a son, Craig Stephen. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham of Grass Creek are

the paternal grandparents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mollencupp, Kewanna, a 9 pound, 14 ounce son on Tuesday.

Bob Burton and Bill Downhour, both members of the Union Township Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club have been awarded trophies for the most outstanding work completed in 4-H crop projects in the county for 1961. Bob's trophy was for his soybean crop and Bill's for corn.

Steve Rude of West Lafayette, formerly of Kewanna, met with an accident Saturday near Lafayette on State Road 25. The car he was driving collided with a truck driven by Theo Ryan of Monticello. Rude is a patient in a Lafayette hospital where he is being treated for a fractured left leg and pelvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Urbin and family of Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Warfield, Raymond Warfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robbins spent Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warfield and family in Rochester and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Public Notice

AUBBEENAUBEE TOWNSHIP

Fulton County

Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

	Cash Balance at Jan. 1 2006	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash Balance at Dec. 31 2006	Investments at Dec. 31, 2006	Total Cash & Investments at Dec. 31, 2006
FUNDS						
Township	10,965.04	14,295.18	19,333.51	5,926.71		5,926.71
Township Assistance	8,800.75	-	846.00	7,954.71		7,954.75
Fire Fighting	57,998.42	148,952.85	194,563.64	12,387.63		12,387.63
Dog	568.00	200.00	268.00	500.00		500.00
Levy Excess	2,355.00	261.00	-	2,616.00		2,616.00
Cemetery	8,784.98	16,528.65	11,940.00	13,373.63		13,373.63
Host Fees	92,447.79	26,137.48	108,000.00	10,585.27		10,585.27
SUBTOTALS ALL FUNDS	181,919.98	206,375.16	334,951.15	53,343.99		53,343.99
Investment Sales		7,110.32				
Transfers In		108,000.00				
NET RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS		91,264.84				

	Township Fund	Twp. Assistance Fund	Fire Fighting Fund	Cemetery Fund
General Property Taxes	6,664.09	-	30,330.12	4,357.28
Financial Institution Tax	76.00	-		50.00
Auto and Aircraft Excise Tax	446.52	-	2,032.23	291.95
Certified Shares (CAGIT)	3,204.25	-	6,408.50	3,204.25
Property Tax Replacement Credit (CAGIT)		-		
Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax (CVET)	146.32	-	182.00	95.68
Interest Earned				44.17
Contractual Services	2,040.00			
Fire Protection Contracts			2,000.00	
Cemetery Receipts				1,375.00
Sale of Investments			108,000.00	7,110.32
Transfer of Funds				
Miscellaneous Receipts	10.00			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,295.18	-	148,952.85	16,528.65

	Gross Amount
To Whom Paid	
Trustee Pay	3,692.00
Clerk - Sonja Easterday	2,000.00
Advisory Board - Al Barrett	500.00
Advisory Board - Dennis Reinholt	500.00
Advisory Board - Pat Foust	500.00
Total Personal Service	7,192.00
4-H Leader - Carol Chileen	250.00
4-H Leader - RaeAnn Reichard	250.00
Total Recreational Service	500.00
L&B Country Oasis	33.52
USPS	117.00
Wal-Mart	88.88
Bob's Lock & Key	6.50
Appraisal Research	499.00
Total Supplies	744.90
Sprint-Embarq	749.54
Nipsco	2,597.44
Rochester Sentinel	424.15
The Observer	286.68
B&M Lawncare	5,000.00
Bond - Jennings Insurance	120.00
Going Places Travel	502.80
Jennings Insurance	1,043.00
In. Twp. Assn. Inc.	150.00
Total Other Services	10,873.61
CVS	126.68
Wal-Mart Pharmacy	113.32
Zehner Excavating - Burial	200.00
Total Medical Direct	440.00
L&B Country Oasis	200.00
Nipsco	200.00

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TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND

I, Gary Feece, Trustee of Aubeenaubee Township, Fulton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Gary Feece, Aubeenaubee Township Trustee
Telephone: (574) 542-4440

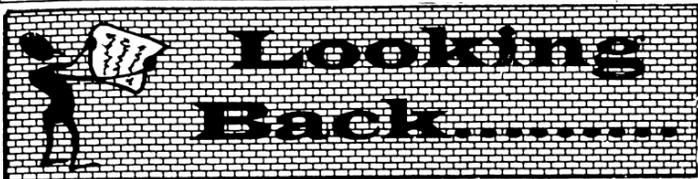
Date this report was to be published: January 18, 2007

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Aubeenaubee Township at its annual meeting, this 9th day of January, 2007.

Pat Foust, Aubeenaubee Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 9th day of January, 2007.

Aubeenaubee Township Board
Allen Barrett, Secretary
Dennis Reinholt
Kathy L. Sidors



THIRTY YEARS AGO January 27, 1977

The Kewanna Indians ended a 10-game losing streak Saturday when they edge their hosts, White's Institute, 69-68. Eric Colvin turned in his top performance of the year scoring 23 points. Bob Evers, who has been pacing the Indians, scored 20 points and Dave Evers and Don Bennett each added 11 points.

Claudia Weller has been named the local winner of the General Mills Search for Leadership contest. Claudia is yearbook editor, student council president, member of the Sunshine Society, senior class vice president and school office helper. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weller, Kewanna.

The Kewanna town board has appointed Jim Carr as clerk-treasurer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Richard Baldwin.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for Mollie Marie Corbett, Rt. 4, Rochester. Burial was in the Sharon Cemetery. Survivors include one son, Maurice, Kewanna; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 22, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luhnnow of here announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Ann, to Jacob Henry (Hank) Riffle. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Riffle Sr., Rochester. No date has been set for the wedding.

Harriet Stoudt was the guest of honor at a birthday open house held Sunday in honor of her 75th birthday. Her family hosted the event in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Abie Baldwin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Doty and Brian and helped Brian celebrate his birthday. Afternoon guests for ice cream and cake also included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bailey.

Helen Shadle, Lera McKinney, Alice Sisinger and Dean Murhling attended the travelogue on "American Byways" in Rochester Sunday afternoon.

TEN YEARS AGO January 30, 1997

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. this morning (Thursday, Jan. 30) at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Covert L. Wentzel, 72, Kewanna. Mr. Wentzel died at 12:52 a.m. Monday in Pulaski Memorial

Hospital, Winamac. Rev. Ivan Augsburg will officiate and burial will be in the Bruce Lake Cemetery.

The James F. Talbott VFW Ladies Auxiliary presented a new U.S. flag to the local library Tuesday evening. Pictured at the presentation were Linda Hawkey, librarian; Wade Bussert, library board president; Ruth Cogdill, auxiliary secretary; Betty Gudeman, auxiliary president; Carol Bauman, assistant librarian; and Josephine Hyatt, library board member.

Martha Ann Cook hosted the Birthday Club Thursday evening, January 23. The guest of honor was Wileta Wilson. Others attending the get-together were Barb Gast, Florence Baldwin and Pauline Brown.

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Freedom: Making the Grade

by Ed Feulner, President
The Heritage Foundation

Teachers give report cards for a reason: So students (and their parents) will know what subjects they're doing well in, and where they need to improve.

This week marks the release of the 13th annual *Index of Economic Freedom*, published by The Heritage Foundation and *The Wall Street Journal*. It gives each nation an overall grade, and it also measures economic freedom in 10 distinct categories, so each country can identify its strengths and weaknesses.

This year, Americans have a reason to cheer — but also reason for concern.

For the moment, the United States is doing quite well in the *Index*. We're ranked fourth overall, trailing only Asian tigers Hong Kong and Singapore and fast-rising Australia. Our economic freedom score, 82 out of a possible 100, is a solid B. The *Index* editors are tough graders: nobody got an A.

As with any good report, the *Index* indicates what we must improve, if we intend to remain an economic powerhouse. Consider our lowest score in any category, 67.5 in "Freedom from

Government". We get a "D" in this category because it includes government spending. Put simply, our government spends far too much (as a share of GDP) — and makes far more promises than it can afford to keep.

The evidence is overwhelming. Real annual federal spending has nearly doubled since 1980 and seems to be picking up speed. Indeed, it's up 45 percent since President George W. Bush took office. At the end of last year, federal spending topped 20 percent of our entire Gross Domestic Product.

Most worrisome is the growth of entitlement programs. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are all promises. And politicians are always on the lookout to sweeten benefits for today's retirees, who are avid voters. The problem is that it will be virtually impossible for the next generation of taxpayers to pay for these expensive promises.

How bad is it? If today's entitlement-driven budget is simply left on autopilot, federal spending will reach 50 percent of GDP by 2050. Americans would be working as much for the government as for themselves. So much for "freedom from government."

The *Index* reveals problems on the other side of the budgetary coin: taxation. Here, our biggest shortcoming is particularly obvious, and the rest of the world is exploiting it.

The problem? The United States has the world's second highest corporate tax rate, trailing only Japan. Even socialist France has a lower corporate tax rate, and French President Jacques Chirac recently introduced a proposal to slash his country's rate from 33 percent to 20 percent.

Higher corporate tax rates put American companies at a significant competitive disadvantage. They penalize workers, and cost consumers, too. After all, corporations don't pay taxes — people do. American corporations pass on the cost of their higher

tax burdens to their customers where possible and also sharpen the pencil on payroll costs.

Meanwhile, America's top personal income tax rate is nothing to brag about, either. It's 25 percent higher today than it was when Ronald Reagan left office, and things may soon get worse. If we allow the 2001 and 2003 pro-growth tax cuts to expire, the top tax rate will climb to nearly 40 percent. That would create huge economic problems, slowing growth, investment and job creation.

The lesson of the new *Index* remains the same as it was in past years: Economic freedom and prosperity are inextricably linked. In nation after nation, year after year, greater economic freedom yields greater riches for the people.

Our report card shows the United States is thriving — for now. We're doing better than last year, when we were number 10 in the world. But that's principally because the *Index* has been revised to include labor freedom, and the U.S. has one of the least restrained labor markets anywhere, while European economics have choked off employment opportunities with red tape that pushes up unemployment.

But the U.S. has plenty of work ahead. We need to slash spending and lower tax rates to make sure the United States remains a beacon of economic freedom for the world.

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Sports Shorts

Silas Zartman scored the game winning shot in Caston's 42-40 victory over North White Saturday night. The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Comets, who are now 4-7 for the season and 2-2 in Midwest Conference play.

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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

General Fiction— *Quentins* by Maeve Binchy; *Truth to Tell* by Nancy Bond; *High Tide and The Mulberry Tree* by Jude Deveraux; *Places to Stay The Night* by Ann Hood; *River's End* by Nora Roberts; and *The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger.

Mystery Fiction— *Death at The Wheel* (A Thea Kozak mystery) by Kate Flora and *Daughter of The Stars* by Phyllis Whitney.

Nonfiction— *Letters from Africa, 1914-1932* by Karen Blixen; *Celebrate The Season: 1999* edited by Vicki L. Ingham; *In My Hands* by Irene Gut Opdyke; *Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq* by Thomas E. Ricks; *The Holy Spirit in Action* by Frank J. Sheed; and *Once Upon A Time* by J. Randy Taraborrelli

JUVENILES:

Preschool Fiction— *Frank was A Monster Who wanted to Dance* by Keith Graves; *We Share One World* by Jane E. Hoffelt; and *Looking for Moose* by Phyllis Root.

Ages Up to 10 Years Fiction— *Bumposaurus* by Penny McKinlay and (from the Go Diego, Go series #1 and #2) *Diego's Wolf Pup Rescue* by Christine Ricci and *A Humpback Whale Tale* by Justin Spelvin.

Teenage Fiction— *Flicka: Untamed Spirit* by Judy Katschke and *Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer.

Youth Nonfiction— *America The Beautiful* by Katharine Lee Bates.

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

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

Caston Athletic Events

Thurs., Jan. 25 – Jr. High girls basketball at home with Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 26 – Boys JV and varsity boys basketball at Pioneer, 6 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 – Boys Jr. High basketball tourney at Pioneer, 9 a.m.; girls 5th grade basketball at North Miami, 9 a.m.; boys varsity wrestling sectional at Twin

Lakes, 9:30 a.m.; boys JV and varsity basketball at Taylor, 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 29 – Freshman boys basketball at Pioneer, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 30 – 5th grade girls basketball at home with Argos, 4:30 p.m.; Jr. High girls basketball at Winamac, 5 p.m.; girls JV and varsity basketball at Winamac, 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 2 – Boys JV & varsity basketball at home with Argos, 6 p.m.

Public notice

UNION TOWNSHIP

Fulton County

Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2006 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2006

Funds	Beginning Cash Fund Balances 01/01/2006	2006 Receipts	2006 Disbursements	Ending Cash Fund Balances 12/31/2006	Investments at 12/31/2006	Total Cash & Investments at 12/31/2006
Section I						
FUND TYPE: GENERAL						
101 General Fund	\$36,357.72	\$48,770.94	\$40,227.45	\$44,901.21	\$0.00	\$44,901.21
Total by Fund Type:	\$36,357.72	\$48,770.94	\$40,227.45	\$44,901.21	\$0.00	\$44,901.21
FUND TYPE: SPECIAL REVENUE						
202 Dog	\$361.00	\$76.50	\$70.75	\$366.75	\$0.00	\$366.75
4501 Federal Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1111 Firefighting	\$157,242.37	\$35,706.44	\$175,231.32	\$17,717.49	\$0.00	\$17,717.49
61 Rainy Day Fund	\$7,244.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,244.00	\$0.00	\$7,244.00
840 Township Assistance	\$9,149.75	\$6,855.19	\$6,974.46	\$9,030.48	\$0.00	\$9,030.48
Total by Fund Type:	\$173,997.12	\$42,638.13	\$182,276.53	\$34,358.72	\$0.00	\$34,358.72
FUND TYPE: DEBT SERVICE						
1182 Fire Equipment Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total by Fund Type:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FUND TYPE: CAPITAL PROJECTS						
1190 Cumulative Fire	\$20,405.58	\$9,774.99	\$15,129.00	\$15,051.57	\$0.00	\$15,051.57
Total by Fund Type:	\$20,405.58	\$9,774.99	\$15,129.00	\$15,051.57	\$0.00	\$15,051.57
FUND TYPE: AGENCY						
108 Levy Excess	\$3,393.00	\$521.00	\$3,393.00	\$521.00	\$0.00	\$521.00
Total by Fund Type:	\$3,393.00	\$521.00	\$3,393.00	\$521.00	\$0.00	\$521.00
Subtotal All Funds:	\$234,153.42	\$101,705.06	\$241,025.98	\$94,832.50	\$0.00	\$94,832.50
Section II						
Less:						
Investment Sales		\$0.00				
Investment Purchases			\$0.00			
Transfers In		\$3,914.00				
Transfers Out			\$3,914.00			
Net Receipts and Disbursements		\$97,791.06	\$237,111.98			

RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2006

	General Fund	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Dog	Cum. Fire	Levy Excess
General Property Taxes	\$27,277.37	\$718.41	\$22,432.59	\$0.00	\$8,841.36	\$0.00
Financial Institution Tax	\$39.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Auto & Aircraft Excise Tax	\$2,946.30	\$76.68	\$2,262.68	\$0.00	\$891.79	\$0.00
Certified Shares (Local Option Tax)	\$11,239.00	\$6,052.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Replacement Credit (Local Option Tax)	\$2,337.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax	\$272.90	\$7.10	\$106.16	\$0.00	\$41.84	\$0.00
Dog Tax Licenses	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
County Reimbursement for Services	\$536.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	995.53					
Miscellaneous Revenue - Other	499.00		\$9,805.01			
Transfer of Funds - Other	2,293.00		\$1,100.00			\$521.00
Refunds - Other	\$299.84					
Total Receipts	\$48,770.94	\$6,855.19	\$35,706.44	\$76.50	\$9,774.99	\$521.00

INDEBTEDNESS

	Short Term Debt
Outstanding 1-1-2006 (Beginning year)	\$0.00
Principal Issued During Year	\$34,000.00
Principal Retired During Year	\$0.00
Outstanding 12-31-2006 (Ending Year)	\$34,000.00
Interest Paid During 2006 (Full Year)	\$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS

To Whom Paid:	Amount
Fund: 101 General Fund	
Dept: Twp. Fund - General Government	
Object: Personal Services	
A&E Maintenance	\$200.00
Arthur S. Gudas	\$5,500.00
Gale Field	\$2,100.00
Jim Cuyart	\$500.00
John Mollencupp	\$45.00
Margaret J. Gudas	\$500.00
Nip Lawncare	\$2,340.00
Paul Bauman Jr.	\$4,935.00
Sandy Sutton	\$4,962.32
Total Personal Services	\$500.00
Object: Supplies	\$21,582.32
Boyce Forms	\$24.58
Total Supplies	\$24.58
Object: Other Services and Charges	
A&E Maintenance	\$75.00
Appraisal Research Corp.	\$499.00
Arthur Gudas Mileage/Office Rent	\$1,848.08
CNA Surety	\$100.00
Cunningham Maintenance	\$1,280.92
Eaton Fencing	\$3,205.44
Embarq	\$373.87
Indiana Township Association	\$150.00
Jay Cunningham	\$286.46
Kewanna Post Office	\$95.37
Kewanna Pro Hardware	\$259.28
Kewanna Water Works	\$369.48
Kewanna Youth League	\$1,725.09
Nipso	\$1,278.02
Smith Sawyer Smith	\$3,846.00
Sprint	\$368.09
The Observer	\$303.68
The Rochester Sentinel	\$337.66
United States Treasury	\$916.11
Total Other Services and Charges	\$17,317.55
Object: Capital Outlay	
Anco Office Supplies	\$891.00
L&J Custom Tables	\$350.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$1,241.00

To Whom Paid:	Amount
Object: Transfers of Funds	
Levy Excess	\$62.00
Total Transfers of Funds	\$62.00
Total	\$40,227.45
Fund: 202 Dog	
Dept.: Dog	
Object: Other Services and Charges	
Boyce Forms	\$9.75
Fulton County Auditor	\$42.50
Township Fund	\$18.50
Total Other Services and Charges	\$70.75
Total	\$70.75
Fund: 1111 Firefighting	
Dept.: Firefighting	
Object: Personal Services	
Kewanna Firemen Association	\$4,998.50
Stangle Farms	\$420.88
Total Personal Services	\$5,419.38
Object: Supplies	
Chief	\$165.96
Total Supplies	\$165.96
Object: Other Services and Charges	
5 Alarm Fire	\$2,758.59
Chief	\$741.20
Fire Services Inc.	\$422.50
Fulton-Marshall L.P.	\$825.43
IMI	\$155.01
L&S Trucking	\$175.00
Pro Air Inc.	\$237.50
Smith Sawyer Smith Insurance	\$1,187.04
St. Paul Travelers	\$436.50
The Observer	\$7.44
The Rochester Sentinel	\$54.00
Town of Kewanna	\$4,483.66
Total Other Services and Charges	\$11,483.87
Object: Capital Outlay	
Bluegrass Tank & Equipment	\$83,202.11
Burns Construction	\$9,650.00
Emergency Vehicles Inc.	\$65,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$157,852.11
Object: Transfers of Funds	
Levy Excess	\$310.00
Total Transfers of Funds	\$310.00

To Whom Paid:	Amount
Total	\$175,231.32
Fund: 840 Township Assistance	
Dept.: Township Assistance Administration	
Object: Supplies	
Boyce Forms	\$26.56
Total Supplies	\$26.56
Object: Transfers of Funds	
Levy Excess	\$20.00
Total Transfers of Funds	\$20.00
Total	\$46.56
Dept.: Township Assistance Direct Assistance	
Object: Other Disbursements	
Fulton County REMC	\$707.39
Hoosier Propane	\$417.38
Kewanna Water Works	\$618.58
Leiters Ford L.P. Gas	\$671.00
Nipso	\$4,437.66
Total Other Disbursements	\$6,852.01
Object: Medical, Hospital and Burial	
CVS	\$75.89
Total Medical, Hospital and Burial	\$75.89
Total	\$6,927.90
Fund: 1190 Cumulative Fire	
Dept.: Cumulative Fire	
Object: Capital Outlay	
Capital Outlay - Total	\$15,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$15,000.00
Object: Transfers of Funds	
Levy Excess - Total	\$129.00
Total Transfers of Funds	\$129.00
Total	\$15,129.00
Fund: 108 Levy Excess	
Dept: Levy Excess	
Object: Transfers of Funds	
Fire	\$1,100.00
Township	\$2,293.00
Total Transfers of Funds	\$3,393.00
Total	\$3,393.00
Total	\$241,025.98

State of Indiana, SS: Fulton County I, Arthur Gudas, Trustee of Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Arthur Gudas, Union Township Trustee Telephone: (574) 653-9088

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Union Township at its annual meeting, this 15th day of January, 2007.

Jay Cunningham, Union Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 15th day of January, 2007.

Township Board Jay Cunningham John Mollencupp Sandra Sutton

Recycling Dates Friday, Jan. 12th Friday, Jan. 26th



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
 - Fluorescent 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
 - (Any item containing Freon)

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NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE
SECOND COMMISSIONERS SALE
FULTON COUNTY INDIANA
BEGINNING 01/31/2007
10:00 AM FULTON COUNTY TIME
STATE OF INDIANA

FULTON COUNTY

The following properties will be sold at public auction on 01/31/2007 at 10:00 am in Fulton County at the Fulton County Office Building to the highest bidder and will be sold for an amount which has been determined by the County Commissioners.

In the initial offering, the properties were offered for an amount which was not less than the sum of:

- (A) 100% of appraised value if the assessment is more than \$2000, those properties assessed at less than \$2000 will be sold for the assessed value, and
- (B) appraisal costs; and
- (C) title search costs; and
- (D) recording fees; and
- (E) advertising costs; and

If the property is sold, a Commissioners Deed will be issued. The property may not be sold to a person who is ineligible under IC 36-1-11-16.

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which may have been listed in error, or which otherwise become ineligible for sale either prior to 01/31/2007 or during the duration of the sale.

This notice of Commissioner's sale, and the sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for Commissioners, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-11 et seq.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2007. The following listed properties will be offered on 01/31/2007 for the amount that is not less than the amount listed unless otherwise noted.

* pending appraised value
Detailed information may be reviewed at the Auditor's Office located in the Government Center.

Sale ID: 1
25001-105016-01 \$575.00 McKenzie Bryant & Jackie LOTS 31-32 BLK 1 TIPP SHORES UNIT 1 971G Willow Dr

Sale ID: 3
25003-112040-00 \$25.00 Lynn Joyce E 0031204000 STRIP S 1/2 SW 1-30-4 .11A. On St Rd 19 W Of 1200 E Nw Of 794 St Rd 19

Sale ID: 4
25004-179011-00 \$125.00 Coast Plymouth Tax Lien 0047901100 2ND FLOOR S PT LOT 72 O P. AND 3RD FLOOR ATTIC 661-00037-00,755-79011-00 Se Cor Of Sr 14 & Sr 19

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of lots and land owned and declared surplus to county needs by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Given under my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners dated this 18th day of January, 2007.

Denise Chandler, Auditor Fulton County Indiana

NOTICE OF THE ACTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HORACE G LUNSFORD TILE ARM CAUSE NO. 4-2006

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Reconstruction Rate Report and establish a Maintenance Rate Report of the Fulton County Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, and a hearing will be held before the Drainage Board on the Schedule of Assessments at 9:30 A.M. E.S.T., Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in the Fulton County Commissioners/Council Room in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 East Ninth Street, Rochester, Indiana
FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Roger D. Rose, Chairman
Richard A. Powell, Vice Chairman
Mark J. Rodriguez, Member
Don Towne, Fulton County Surveyor
Pub. 1/25/07

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about March 16, 2007, Fulton County intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the Office's Community Focus Fund of the State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: construction of a sewer treatment and collection system for the Lake Bruce Conservancy District. The total amount of CDBG

funds to be requested is \$500,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons is \$286,932. The applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$2,889,700 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: USDA Rural Development grant and loan funds.

Fulton County will hold a public hearing on February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm EST, at the Kewanna Community Center, 404 N Toner St, Kewanna, IN to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, 219-253-6658 not later than February 9, 2007. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for prior review to the public hearing as of February 8, 2007 at the Fulton County Commissioners Office located at 125 E 9th St., in Rochester, IN. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Edwin Buswell, Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 127, Monon, IN 47959 not later than February 15, 2007 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Fulton County and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Mr. Norm Steigely of the Lake Bruce Conservancy District at 574-653-2824 or write to 1516 N Lakeshore Dr., Kewanna, IN 46939
Publish 1/25/07

RESOLUTION 010807DB

A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2007.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Drainage Board has established that they will meet on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., unless that Monday falls on a County observed Holiday, then the meeting will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Drainage Board have established meeting times as set out under Indiana Code 36-2-2-6 et seq.;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Fulton County Drainage Board that:

1. The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., unless that Monday falls on a County observed Holiday, then the meeting will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T., in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.

2. Other meetings will be scheduled and a public notice will be given.

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2007.

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Roger D. Rose
Richard A. Powell
Mark J. Rodriguez

ATTEST: Jean E. Cloud, Drainage Board Secretary

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RESOLUTION 011007CB

A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD, OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2007.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Communications Board has established that they will meet on the second (2nd) Wednesday, the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Communications Board have established meeting times as set out under Indiana Code 36-2-2-6 et seq.;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Fulton County Communications Board that:

1. The Fulton County Communications Board will meet on the second (2nd) Wednesday, the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. in the Conference Room at the Fulton County Office Building.
2. Other meetings will be scheduled and a public notice will be given.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2007.

FULTON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
Ronald D. Riggle
Joseph W. Day
Troy DeSonia
David Tofson
W. Earl Gaerte
Greg Halfast
WalkerConley

ATTEST: Jean E. Cloud, Communications Board Secretary

Pub. 1/25/07

LEGAL NOTICE

DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC.

Public notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2007, Duke Energy Indiana, Inc., filed a Verified Petition for authority pursuant to an alternative regulatory plan authorized under Ind. Code § 8-1-2.5 et seq. and Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-6.1, 8-1-8.7, and 8-1-8.8 to defer and subsequently recover engineering and preconstruction costs associated with the continued investigation and analysis of constructing an integrated coal gasification combined cycle electric generating facility.

DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC.
By: Jim Stanley, President

Pub. 1/25/07

National Blood Donor Month

Pat Smith
Director of Media Marketing
pmhnet.com

Since January is National Blood Donor's Month, Pulaski Memorial Hospital addresses some typical questions about blood and donating blood.

What is the most common blood type?

In an emergency, anyone can receive type O red blood cells. Therefore, people with type O blood are known as "universal donors".

Type AB individuals can receive red blood cells of any ABO type; so they are known as "universal recipients". In addition, AB

plasma donors can give to all blood types.

Is there anything I should do before I donate?

Be sure to eat well at your regular mealtimes and drink plenty of fluids.

If I just received a flu shot, can I donate blood?

Yes. There is no waiting period to donate after receiving a flu shot.

Can I still donate if I have high blood pressure?

Yes, if your blood pressure is under control and within the limits set in the donation guidelines.

How will I feel after I donate?

Most people feel great after giving blood. If you feel any abnormal symptoms, let a staff member at the blood donation center or blood drive know. You should avoid lifting heavy objects or strenuous exercise for the next 24 hours. After that you can resume full activity as long as you feel well.

*See next page for Bloodmobile dates in Pulaski Co.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile schedule for Pulaski County:

- Feb. 7 Knights of Columbus, Winamac 11:15 am to 5:15 pm
- Feb. 27 First Christian Church, Francesville 3 to 7:30 pm
- April 4 Knights of Columbus, Winamac 11:15 am to 5:15 pm
- June 6 Knights of Columbus, Winamac 11:15 am to 5:15 pm

Notice!

OBSERVER HOURS:

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Thurs. 8-11am
Fri. 8-11:30 / 12:30-2pm

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INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is announcing a new customer service hotline to answer citizens' questions easily, accurately and efficiently. INDOT's Local Service Center is now available to customers from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time on weekdays by calling 866-849-1DOT (866-849-1368).

"INDOT is a very large agency and sometimes people don't know the right number to call when they have a question," said INDOT Commissioner Karl Browning. "Our friendly Local Service Center staff can provide answers to customer questions and direct citizens to resources for more information."

When customers call the hotline a representative will be available to answer questions, direct customers to the appropriate INDOT section and provide additional information. When the Local Service Center is closed, callers hear a recorded greeting and are asked to leave a message. The messages will be answered the next business day.

INDOT is committed to better serving the needs of its customers. For information about the state transportation and its programs, please visit INDOT's Web site at: www.in.gov/dot.

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Thank You...

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for all that has been given to us at the time of Jim's passing. All the prayers, cards and food were so much appreciated. A big thank you to Pastor John Cochran and also the Baptist Church ladies for the funeral dinner. Last, but not least, thank you to the "Yahtzee ladies" for visiting Jim every day.

To all a special thank you,
The family of Jim Enyart

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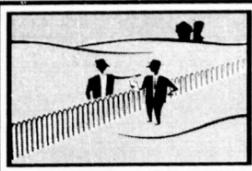
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Your family*



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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Kay and Jerry Brown were in Winamac Monday evening, Jan. 15. They had an exciting time attending the Winamac vs Caston 7th grade boy's basketball game. Their grandson, Michael C. Brown, is a player for Winamac.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Tuesday, Jan. 16. They were among those making pizzas for the Moose lodge's evening meal.

Jerry Brown was in Winamac again Tuesday evening. Michael C. Brown and the Winamac 7th grade boys were playing Logansport's Lincoln Middle School's team that evening.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Thursday, Jan. 18. Stopping by late in the day for a chat was their daughter, Linda Garner.

Ruth Ann Anderson traveled to South Bend Saturday, Jan. 20. She spent a wonderful day helping her daughter, Becky Lincoln, celebrate her birthday. Joining them for the day was Becky's granddaughter, Kahlan Edwards. The trio spent some time shopping at the Barnes and Noble book store and dined at Honker's restaurant.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent hosted a get-acquainted luncheon Saturday. Over 28 of their Lake Bruce neighbors joined them for an afternoon of visiting over ham and beans with cornbread.

Cody Weller of Rolling Prairie was the guest of honor at a family gathering Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of his birthday. Among those helping him mark the event with dinner and all the birthday trimmings were his great-grandparents, Barb and Jon Gast, and his great-great aunt, Betty Leazenby.

Helen Whiteman had several visitors Saturday. Joining her for the day were her granddaughter and her family, Dr. Cathy and Tim Schauer and Jonathan of Kalamazoo, Michigan. In the evening, they were joined by Helen's granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee of Winamac. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up on all the family news over dinner at the Edgewater restaurant in Culver.

Barb and Tom LaFollette left Saturday for an overnight visit

with their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas at LaPorte. The family did several things together Saturday, but concentrated on the New England Patriots vs. Indianapolis Colts football game on Sunday.

Pauline Brown and Julie had company Sunday, Jan. 21. Stopping by early in the day for a visit were Greg and Camile Zimpleman and Addison of Fulton.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Florence Hogan and Elisha Smith, Jan. 28; Joshua Agnew, Denise Baker, Brittney Baldwin, Janece Cook, Betty Hinderlider and Whitney Thomas, Jan. 29; Matthew Coers, Bob Kumler and Sherri Lett, Jan. 30; Bethany Brogdon, Ryan Evans and Scott Foerg, Jan. 31; Darel Bangel, Bill Donathen, Lauren Evers, Dr. Cindy Parker and Robin Whiteman, Feb. 1; Karen Long and Janet Szewcyk, Feb. 2; and Jim Bauman Jr., Charles Evans Jr., Andrea Hook, Mark Howdeshell, Shelley Moore and Robert Personett, Feb. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 31.

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From The Desk Of...

**State Representative
ERIC A. GUTWEIN**
District 16

(STATEHOUSE) – On January 16, Governor Mitch Daniels gave his annual State of the State address. I escorted the Governor to the podium as he prepared to give his speech, which illustrated just how far Indiana has come throughout the past few years, as well as the hard work that it will take to further our progress. Currently, the major issue at the Statehouse is our budget. In 2006, we operated with an honestly balanced budget, the first in a long time. Now we must work to provide Hoosiers with another year in the black. As Governor Daniels said, we can debate whether or not we are a red or blue state, but we simply cannot afford to be a red-ink state. An honestly balanced budget is the key to progress in the Hoosier state.

Governor Daniels also discussed his leasing of the Indiana Toll Road. This has provided several billion dollars for the improvement of our state infrastructure, and funding for improvements to our state's roads and highways through the Major Moves campaign. Major Moves has created jobs, giving Hoosiers the means to be a productive force in the economy.

Education has been a major topic at the Statehouse. The governor is supporting efforts to

make full-day kindergarten a reality. We are now exploring the possibilities of a plan that may be logistically and financially feasible for both schools and taxpayers. With education in mind, Governor Daniels has proposed that the state allow a private company to make an upfront payment to operate the Hoosier Lottery. If this happens, the revenue would be used to pay or develop new college scholarships and professorships to reduce Indiana's "brain drain."

Furthermore, the governor mentioned our military veterans and active personnel, and what the state can do to help them. Governor Daniels is proposing that the state increase the maximum allowable state income tax deductions on military pay, including retirement pay and survivor's benefits, from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year. We must continue working to ease the burden on the members of our armed forces.

When I reflect upon the governor's proposals, I think of the exciting times that lie ahead for Indiana. We are fortunate to have the great leadership of Governor Daniels, and I am eager to continue working with him and my colleagues in the House. Through hard work and cooperation, I believe we can make many accomplishments during the 2007 legislative session.

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'06 Chrysler 300	PW, PLKS, 2.7 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	PW, PLKS, Silver, 19,000 mi.	\$21,995
'05 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	Cloth, PW, PLKS, PS, Inf. Red, 33,000 im.	\$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, PW, PLKS, 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
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'03 Dodge Neon	PW, PLKS, Red, 53,000 mi.	\$8,995
'03 Chrysler T&C LXI	PW PLKS, Leather, Magnesium, 79,000 mi.	\$13,995
'03 Chrysler T&C LTD	Sunroof, Silver, 57,000 mi.	\$19,995
'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 Chrysler T&C LX	PW, PLKS, Rear A/C, White, 80,000 mi.	\$8,495
'01 Chrysler T&C	Quad Seats, Pwr Dr., Champagne, 109,000 mi.	\$7,995

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