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Tax Statements Coming

Fulton County Auditor Denise Chandler reports that she has completed the calculation of the 2006 pay 2007 property taxes for Fulton County. She has released the tax information to the Fulton County Treasurer Judy Reed for collections and the State has approved a November 30, 2007 one installment due date for this year. If you have any questions, call the county auditor's office at 574-223-2912 or the county treasurer's office at 574-223-2913.

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Chicken Pie/Ham Loaf Supper at Star City

The Star City United Methodist Church will serve its annual chicken pie/ham loaf supper Thursday, October 25, at the church. The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Carry-outs will be available.

The Star City United Methodist Women will host a bazaar beginning at 4 p.m. offering homemade cookies, noodles, baked goods and crafts.

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Leaf Burning Banned

Kewanna residents are reminded that the burning of leaves during the months of October and November is unlawful. Leaves should be raked to the edge of the street where town employees will pick them up. Pick up will begin as soon as the leaves start coming down in a greater volume.

Persons violating this ordinance will receive a warning for the first offense. A second and subsequent offense will result in fines ranging from \$25 to \$100.

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Trick or Treat Night, October 31

Trick or treat night in Kewanna will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 31. Residents who welcome the trick or treaters are asked to keep an outside light burning during the trick or treat hours. Parents should caution their children to stop at those houses only. Trick or treaters should carry a light and wear reflective clothing so they will be visible to motorists.

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**Rochester License Branch
Hours**
Tues., 8:30-7:00
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Sat., 8:30-12:30
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Recycling Dates
Friday, Oct. 5th &
Friday, Oct. 19th

New Software Allows Taxpayers to Pay Online

FreedomPay, a new software from Certified IT, a Bloomington-based information technology company, has been launched in Fulton County. FreedomPay will allow taxpayers to pay their property taxes, as well as any other county taxes, online. Taxpayers will be able to view a detailed listing of their taxes, broken down into tax type, annual fees, balance due and any delinquent fees. FreedomPay offers more detailed information than any other system currently available.

Taxpayers can pay by American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or debit. FreedomPay software is free to the county, however, there is a 2.75% processing fee for the taxpayer to pay their taxes online. A portion of the processing fee may go into a technology fund established by the county to upgrade computers, software and other technology related products and services. Taxpayers can rest assured that their transactions are secure as FreedomPay uses Authorize.net, one of the top payment gateways used on the Internet. Allen County was the first county in Indiana to introduce FreedomPay to its residents over one year ago. Kosciusko and Elkhart counties also implemented FreedomPay and have reported much success with the product. Nineteen other counties have also gone live with FreedomPay including White, Starke, Tippecanoe and Boone.

Fulton County residents can access FreedomPay by going to www.fultontax.net or by calling 1-800-809-5849. Any operational questions regarding FreedomPay can be directed to the Fulton County treasurer, Judith Reed.

Fulton County believes the system to be a great service to the taxpayer. It will give them access to their property tax information 24/7. They will not have to wait for normal business hours to visit or call the treasurer's office to obtain their property tax information.

Certified IT is a leading regional provider of managed computer networks, offering high caliber software and network management services. Their certified consulting staff of Senior Network Engineers has a comprehensive knowledge of the field in order to accurately assess the computer needs of businesses and governments in the Midwest

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, October 15 - Smoked sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, spiced apples and milk

Wednesday, October 17 - Meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, cookie, wheat bread and milk

Friday, October 19 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, corn, Mandarin oranges and milk

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Council Sets Trick or Treat Night

The Kewanna town council set the local trick or treat night for Wednesday, October 31, when it met Thursday evening, October 4. Trick or treat hours will be 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In other action the board introduced an ordinance regulating the use of consumer fireworks in Kewanna. The third reading and adoption vote will take place at the council's November meeting.

A complaint concerning noise resulting from the use of jake brakes was discussed. The council will check on what other municipalities do to control the use of jake brakes.

Town superintendent Mike Molitor submitted a copy of M.E. Simpson's report on the unidirectional water main flushing the company recently performed. He also submitted his written monthly report, which noted repairs to the town mower. Mike and his assistant attended an all-day seminar near Peru. Black dirt was hauled to Phillips Street so repairs could be made to the landscape where a new drain tile was installed. Five protective posts were installed around the new catch basin at Phillips and Logan Streets. Town employees received instruction on using the new hand held meter reading device and software. A chlorine lead was repaired at the south well house. Work was started on cold patching potholes. Main Street and the town lot were cleaned up for the festival. The water works pumped a total of 1,223,700 gallons of water during September.

Tony Pesaresi gave the September fire report noting four town responses, one fire and three medical, and four township responses, also one fire and three medical. Training involved hose testing.

Marshal Dennis Price reported that he would conduct a Halloween safety night at 7 p.m. October 24 at the fire station. His monthly report noted eight traffic warnings; four criminal arrests; one accident report; 50 calls answered; one vehicle check; and 1,375 miles patrolled.

The council discussed replacing the sign at the medical clinic and the town's welcome signs. The clerk was asked to acquire quotes.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post October Activities

October 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

October 23 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October 27 - Halloween party for children, infant to 11 years of age, 2 to 4 p.m.

October 27 - Adult Halloween party with Hit and Run band, 9 p.m. to ??

October 28 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food, euchre at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Public Meetings Set on Area Zoning Ordinance

The Fulton County Area Plan Commission has set several public meetings on the Area Zoning Ordinance. The local meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Persons interested in reviewing the ordinances pertaining to Kewanna can do so at the clerk-treasurer's office, 110 E. Main Street. The entire county ordinance will be available for review at the clerk's office and the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.

Other public meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, October 15, at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Rochester; 7 p.m. Thursday, October 18, at the Akron Community Building; and 9 a.m. Saturday, October 20, at the Fulton Community Building.

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Senior Citizen Dinner, October 15

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve its annual senior citizens dinner Monday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grass Creek Fire Station. All former and current senior citizens in the Grass Creek community are welcome to invited. Those attending should bring their own table service. Food and drink will be provided.

All Lions Club members are asked to support this effort with their attendance and a covered dish. There will also be entertainment and door prizes.

Lions members should also contact senior citizens in the community and invite them to the dinner.

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Annual Art Show, October 20 and 21

Diane Tesler, Kewanna, will host her ninth annual art exhibition from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, at her Works in Progress Studio, 101 E. Main Street, Kewanna. This year's event is entitled *Roadside Attractions*. The festivities will also include live acoustic music.

The show will include work completed by Diane this summer as well as works by Wade Bussert, Sheri Cook, Billy and Li Chia Cooper, Gretchen Copen, Braxton Eikenberry, Cyndi Fisher, Gib Foster, Ray Guess, Shari Herd, Mary Hickey, Clare and John Hoinville, Gail Karas, Mike Kenny, Lindsey Kozubik, Linda Leasure, Susan Mahoney, Larry Overmyer, Leonor Papai, Daniel Peterson, Cheryl Phelan, Lori Roberts, Jim Scott, Mary Carlos Seal, Jeff Skersick, Leslie Straniero, Steven and Jennifer Weinert, Jackie Welsh and Kay Westhues.

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Rural Development Provides Loans and Grants for Home Repair

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for low interest loans for general repairs and home improvements.

Very low-income rural homeowners who find their home is in need of repairs may not be aware of this very affordable loan program. USDA Rural Development funds can be used to replace leaking roofs, furnaces, windows, hot water heaters, electrical wiring, plumbing, or to add insulation. Repairs for accessibility items such as modifying a bathroom with grab bars and fixtures or a ramp into a home for wheelchairs are also eligible uses.

USDA Rural Development funds are available for other repairs to improve or modernize a home, or to remove health and safety hazards. Housing repair and rehabilitation loans are funded directly by the government. Loans up to \$20,000 with an interest rate of one percent annually may be repaid over a 20-year period. For example, the monthly payment on a \$1,000 loan can be as low as \$5 a month.

Housing repair and rehabilitation grants up to \$7,500 are only available to rural homeowner/occupants who are 62 years old or older and do not have the income to repay a loan. Loan/grant combinations can be made to elderly applicants who can repay the full cost of a loan. Loan and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Funding is available to very low-income rural residents living in areas with a population of 20,000 or less who own (or are paying a mortgage payment) and occupy a dwelling in need of repairs and are unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.

For more information about USDA Rural Development programs call Rural Development's local office in Plymouth at 574-936-2024, Ext. 4 or email Melissa.Christiansen@in.usda.gov.

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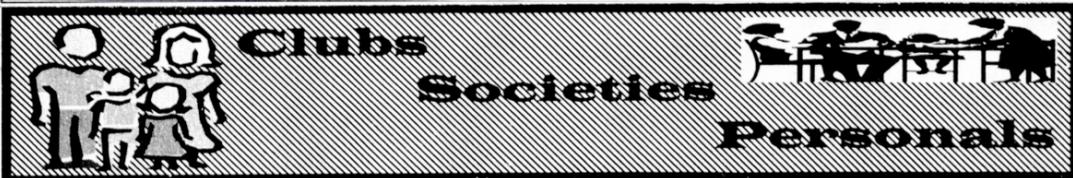
Notice to Voters

Registered voters in Kewanna who would like to vote absentee in the November 6 town election should contact the town clerk-treasurer at 574-653-2112.

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Rural Youth Reunion Held

The 22nd annual Fulton County Rural Youth reunion was held Sunday, October 7, at Jesse's Steakhouse in Rochester. Fredrick Van Duyn offered the blessing before the meal.

Members enjoyed reminiscing about old times and when the first Rural Youth was started.

Those present for the occasion included Patsy Evans, Maxine Smith, Richard Greer, Orville Thomas, Robert and Martha Peterson, Fredrick Van Duyn, Marjory Phillips, George and Gloria Burton, Romaine Wentzel, Charles and Lola Riddle, Evelyn Braman and Ellen Walsh. Guests included Joe and Elsie Master of Rochester and Lloyd Tillman of Claypool.

Patsy Evans was in charge of arrangements for this year's event. Next year's reunion will be October 5 with Ellen Walsh in charge of arrangements.

Submitted by Patsy Evans

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Covered Bridge Festival

October 12-21, 2007

It's time again for the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival.

This 10-day countywide event always starts on the second Friday in October and this year's dates are Oct 12-21. The festival offers you activities and events countywide and the shining stars are Parke County's 31 historic Covered Bridges.

Headquartered on the

courthouse lawn in Rockville, Indiana, since 1957, you will find food served by many of the not for profit organizations of the county that use funds from the Festival to promote their organizations throughout the year. A large tent and streets around the courthouse filled with crafters and vendors for your shopping delight are open daily from 9 am to 6pm. Some have been here since the festival began. Free entertainment will be scheduled on the south side of the courthouse throughout each day.

Bus tours leave the square daily from the tour booth located on the northwest corner of the square. Guided tours take you through the county to make stops at communities in the county and of course to see Covered Bridges along the way. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, under 12 is \$5.00 and lap sitters are free. For reserved tickets please call 765-569-5226 or email pci@ticz.com. Choose from one of three routes, Red, Yellow or Brown. Each is unique and different. The Red tours the southern part of the county with stops in Bridgeton and Rosedale. Yellow travels north through Country Farm Communities, Turkey Run State Park with a stop at Tangier where they serve the famous "Buried Beef" and a stop at Bloomingdale, a Quaker Community. The Brown Route travels west where you learn the history of the Wabash & Erie Canal with a stop in Montezuma and historic Mecca with a one-room schoolhouse and a tent filled with all handmade products. See 5-6 bridges on each route.

Antique stores and shops around the brick lined streets of Rockville invite you stop by for a visit. You never know where you might find that one of a kind item you have been looking for or something no one else has. The Covered Bridge Art Gallery on the north side of the square is open daily for your viewing of

local artist's works on display.

The Historic Ritz Theater is home to the Parke Players. Located ½ block west of the square, they provide entertainment or the traditional melodrama for the entire family during the festival. Tickets are \$6.00 for all seats and the doors open 1 hour prior to curtain time. The presentation this year is "Love Rides the Rails" and will be presented each evening of the festival except Tuesday when the Jackson Township Community Band will perform.

Billie Creek Village is a turn of the century village located 2 miles east of Rockville on US 36. 30 historical buildings and home of 3 Covered Bridges is open daily with attractions and special events. Admission is \$5.00, Seniors \$4.50, 12 to 3 years old \$3.00 and under 3 is free. You might like to take the tractor shuttle from the Old Jail (tourist information center at 127 S Jefferson) to Billie Creek and leave your car parked. Tractor Shuttle runs continuously through the day and is included in your admission to Billie Creek Village.

Bridgeton offers a wide array of crafters and vendors, a gristmill, 1878 House and Case Log Cabin, and of course the Bridgeton Bridge rebuilt in 2006.

The Historic Mansfield Roller Mill, Mansfield Bridge and hundreds of vendors and crafters are open daily in Mansfield. A Shopper's Delight make sure you plan a stop.

The Old Jail at 127 S Jefferson is Parke County's Tourist Information Center or the Old Railroad Depot at 401 East Ohio (ample bus parking and restroom facilities) for all of your Parke County information. Please contact Parke County Incorporated at P.O. Box 165, Rockville, In 47872 or email pci@ticz.com for a map of the county

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with marked covered bridge routes, lodging listings and events schedule so that you may plan your visit during the Festival or throughout the year or visit www.coveredbridges.com for more information about Parke County. We are here to help you plan your visit to the "Covered Bridge Capital of the World"

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CASTON MENU

October 15-19

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Sausage, egg and cheese sandwich, potatoes, juice, iced grahams and milk. Comet Café - French bread pizza

Tuesday - Pork patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and brown gravy, mixed fruit, vanilla wafers and milk. Comet Café - chicken fillet and fries

Wednesday - Taco salad, corn, Jell-O with peaches, breadstick and milk. Comet Café - breaded cheeseburger and fries

Thursday - Pasta with meat sauce and pepperoni, lettuce salad, applesauce, garlic bread and milk. Comet Café - tacos

Friday - Warm ham and cheese sandwich, potatoes, Mandarin oranges, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - baked potato bar, chili soup

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Attend Church Sunday

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Haunted Halloween Trail
Saturday, October 27, 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

Woodlawn Hospital's Annual Haunted Halloween Trail will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2007** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the pond walking trail.

Children under age 12 and their families are invited to wander along the trail, where they will encounter a frightful variety of Halloween characters, creatures, and displays.

This community event is free of charge.
Halloween costumes are optional.

Happy Halloween



HOSPITAL NOTES....

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

September 27
Births - Colleen Eve and Mitchell H. Jones, Sr., Knox, a son, Philip Andrew Jones

September 28
Dismissals - Barbara Clark, Winamac; Lorraine Hughes, Star City

September 29
Admissions - Gale Good, Winamac
Dismissals - Colleen Jones and son, Knox

September 30
Admissions - Jeff Kolczak, Winamac
Dismissals - Robert Arlt, North Judson

October 1
Admissions - Thomas Ball and Beulah Pierrou, Winamac; Allison Housinger, Monticello

October 2
Admissions - Melva Jean Smith, North Judson; Kaiya Wagoner, Knox
Dismissals - Beulah Pierrou, Jeff Kolczak and Gale Good, Winamac

Births - Melva Jean Smith and Richard Jason Warner, North Judson, a daughter, Kandece Elaine Warner

October 3
Admissions - Helen Podell and Robert Fritz, Winamac; Anna Aberle, Francesville

Dismissals - Galen Howard, Knox; Ann Minix, Logansport

October 4
Admissions - Doris Fritz, Francesville; Dober Martin, Winamac

Dismissals - Robert Fritz and Thomas Ball, Winamac; Allison Housinger, Monticello; Melva Smith and daughter, North Judson

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DEATHS

DARL W. SUTTON

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 10, in Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for Darl W. Sutton, 85, Winamac. Rev. Dan Burgess officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Mr. Sutton died at 8:23 a.m. Saturday, October 6, 2007, at Pulaski Health Care Center.

Born October 5, 1922, at Winamac, he was the son of William Frank and Minnie L. Burgess Sutton. He was married June 4, 1950 at Kewanna to Beulah G. Enyeart, who survives.

A lifelong resident of the Winamac area, Darl was a retired mechanic and had worked at Fritz Buick in Winamac for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Earl Sutton.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com.

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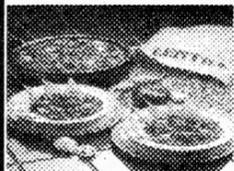
To Reserve the Fire Department Community Room Call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622

Evenings

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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 Hope Hospice Bereavement Support Group Thursday, October 18, at 7 p.m. in the Hope Hospice office, 420 Main St., Rochester.

The video *Heaven's Not a Crying Place* by Joey O'Connor will be shown. The video will help attendees understand why it is so important to deal with your child's questions about life, death and heaven in a sensitive and compassionate way.

The Hope Hospice Bereavement Support Group meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. and is free of charge. The public is cordially invited to participate.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet October 13 at 10 a.m. 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. Joe Nies, registered pharmacist, will be the guest speaker. For more information call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The next sibling class at PMH will be held Saturday, October 27, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indianapolis Fall Home Show: Oct. 12 - 14 in the Toyota Exposition-Hall. Hours: Fri. 4 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5.75 adults; \$3.75 children ages 6-12. Contact: Kevin Hummer 800-756-4788 or www.rjpromotions.com.

Indiana Standardbred Horse Sale: Oct. 12 - 13 in the Champions Pavilion. Sale begins at 10 a.m. both days. Admission: free. Contact: Maria King or Tim Konkle (765) 759-9900.

Coats for Kids: Oct. 13 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Julia Sipes (317) 637-5551.

U.S. Coin Operated Game Auction: Oct. 13 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: doors open at 8 a.m.; auction 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Ric Stephan (812) 333-9939 or

www.usamusement.com.

dB Drag Racing: Oct. 13 - 14 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: \$10. Contact: 800-655-0010 or www.dbdragracing.com.

Indiana Ice vs. Ohio Jr. Blue Jackets: Oct. 13 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Face-off is 7:05 p.m. Admission: \$11 - \$15 (\$2 off for children 12 & younger and seniors 62 & older). Tickets are available through the State Fairgrounds ticket office at (317) 927-1482. For more information, visit www.indianaice.com.

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk: Oct. 14 in the 4-H Exhibit Hall & Farm Bureau Insurance Celebration Park. Hours: registration at 12:30; walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Katie Borth (317) 575-9620 ext. 18 or www.alzindiana.org.

Indiana Ice vs. Cedar Rapids: Oct. 19 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Face-off is 7:05 p.m. Admission: \$11 - \$15 (\$2 off for children 12 & younger and seniors 62 & older). Tickets are available through the State Fairgrounds ticket office at (317) 927-1482. For more information, visit www.indianaice.com.

Indianapolis Swap Meet & Hobby Show: Oct. 20 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 &

younger free. For more information, visit www.indyadmirals.org.

Great Train Expo: Oct. 20 - 21 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Randy Bachmann (630) 279-5094 or www.greattrainexpo.com.

Indiana Ice vs. Chicago: Oct. 20 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Face-off is 7:05 p.m. Admission: \$11 - \$15 (\$2 off for children 12 & younger and seniors 62 & older). Tickets are available through the State Fairgrounds ticket office at (317) 927-1482. For more information, visit www.indianaice.com.

Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car Sale: Oct. 21 in the West Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Kenneth Hanna (708) 563-4300 or www.midamericapromotions.com.

Midwest Reptile Show: Oct. 21 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 & younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550 or www.midwestreptile.com.

National FFA Convention: Oct. 26 - 27 in the West Pavilion, Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Pioneer Our Land & Northwest Pavilions, Toyota Exposition Hall, Ag/Hort Building, Pepsi Coliseum & Old National Bank Grand Hall. Con-

tact: Jim Armbruster (317) 802-4334.

Indy Cat Club Show: Oct. 27 - 28 in the Farm Bureau Building. Hours: Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5; \$3 seniors and children 9 & younger; \$10 for family. Contact: Eva Poe (317) 738-8164 or www.indycatclub.com.



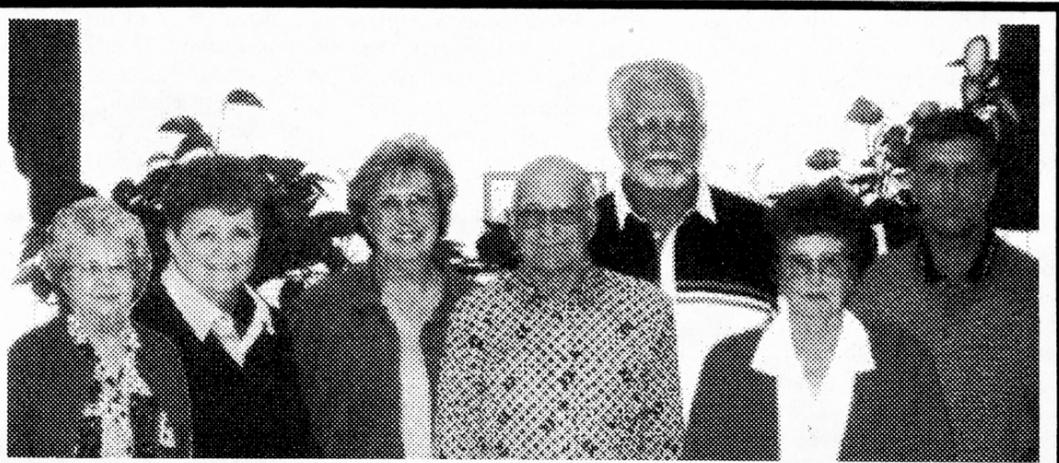
Micah Lee Rans

Kyle and Stacy Rans, Royal Center, are the parents of a son born Friday, October 5, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 7 1/2 pounds, was 20" long and has been named Micah Lee Rans.

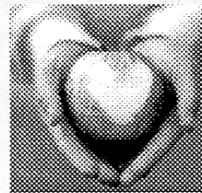
Grandparents are Gordon and Andie Newlin, Logansport; Robert L. Rans, Culver, and David and Kathleen Patty, Logansport.

Great-grandparents include Larry and Elaine Rans and Betty Hickle, Kewanna.

Marie Larkin of Winamac is the new arrival's great-great-grandmother.



LOOK! Virgil is the center of attention. Happy "80th" Birthday from your brothers & sisters



Health Bites from the heart
of the staff of Woodlawn Hospital

5 Common Myths about Breast Cancer

Myth 1: Having a risk factor for breast cancer means you'll develop the disease. No risk factor either alone or in combination with others means you'll definitely get breast cancer. There are various factors that may increase your risk of developing the disease. Some of these appear to increase your risk only slightly. They include smoking, drinking (more than five alcoholic drinks per week year after year), getting your first menstrual period before age 12, continuing to have periods after age 55, and not having your first full-term pregnancy until after age 30. If you have a number of these, the increase in risk can start to be more meaningful.

Myth 2: If there is no breast cancer in your family, then you're not at risk for the disease. Every woman is at risk for breast cancer. So are some men! For any individual woman, an inherited abnormality is the strongest risk factor, but only about 10 percent of all cases of breast cancer are due to inherited abnormalities. About 85 percent of women who develop the disease don't have a family history. That's why it's important for all women to get screened regularly.

Myth 3: Breast cancer is passed only from your mother, not your father. We now know that breast cancer genes can be inherited from your dad's side of the family. So ask relatives about cases on both sides and in both men and women. About 2,000 cases of male breast cancer are diagnosed in the US each year. In fact, male breast cancer is most closely associated with a BRCA2 abnormality. So if there's a man in the family who's had breast cancer, be sure to tell your doctor.

Myth 4: No matter what your risk factors are, you really don't have to worry about breast cancer until you're through menopause. The odds of getting the disease do increase as you age. But breast cancer can occur at any age. That's why all women need to be vigilant. Though experts recommend yearly mammograms starting at age 40, your doctor may suggest that you start even earlier if you have a family history of breast cancer at a young age.

Myth 5: Wearing a bra or using antiperspirants and deodorants increases your risk of breast cancer. These are two Internet rumors that never seem to quit. It's not true that wearing a bra, especially underwire bras, traps toxins by limiting lymph and bloodflow in your breasts, increasing risk. There's also no proof for the claims that antiperspirants and deodorants cause cancer by keeping the body from sweating out the cancer-causing substances that build up in the breasts, or because they contain harmful chemicals that are absorbed through the skin.



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BY THE WAY.....

I would like to commend Tom, Diane and Luke Mate for orchestrating a very successful and enjoyable Kewanna Fall Festival. Tom and his crew put in untold hours and effort into organizing the event again this year.

To me, the really neat thing about the festival is the free entertainment provided by the various organizations/businesses, which Tom coordinated. Thanks to Community State Bank, Kewanna Metal Specialties and Winamac Coil Spring, many people enjoyed the free circus. According to circus owner Baron Julius Von Uhl, he can accommodate about 850 people per show and all six shows during the festival were filled to capacity.

Two stages, one at the north end of the festival area and one at the south, offered free entertainment all three days.

And, I saw a lot of youngsters (and some not so young) enjoying the free amusement rides sponsored by WROI, Fulton-Marshall Co-op (now North Central Co-op), Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, The Observer, Ron's Carpet Service, Luke's Auction, Smith, Sawyer Smith, Inc., Woodlawn Medical Professionals, Crop Fertility Specialists, Key Discount Tire, Rochester Moose Lodge, BotanicChoice.com and Irving Materials, Kewanna plant.

Also lending financial support to his event were the Fulton County Community Foundation, REMC Operation Roundup Trust,

Northern Indiana Public Service Co., Rochester Telephone Co., Wal-mart (Rochester), Fulton County Tourism, Gas America Services, Inc., Embarq and First Federal Savings of Rochester.

Tom should also be commended for arranging for workers to clean up before, during and after the festival, making the town a better place for us all.

Another positive effect of the festival was the sprucing up that several property owners and Main St. business owners accomplished for the festival. Ron Hamman painted is Main St. Building and filled planters with mums; the entries to Kewanna Kafe and The Observer were re-carpeted; and rehabbing at the Community State Bank, Diane Tesler's Works in Progress Art Studio, and The Kibitzer coincidentally took place just in time to greet festival goers. Also, town employee Danny Chew worked hard at filling potholes and clearing vegetation from the business district that spraying failed to kill earlier.

In spite of all his hard work, Tom barely paused before starting plans for next year's event - filling out grant applications and securing vendors in attempts to make next year's festival bigger and better.

KJG

Recycling Dates
Friday, Oct. 5th &
Friday, Oct. 19th

The News In Brief

Allied Waste picked up a total of 3,026 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during September.

The Fulton County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee will have an informational meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 17, at the county office building in Rochester.

The Fulton County Board of Health will meet in regular session Tuesday, October 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the small conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester.

Work began this week on the patching, milling and resurfacing of Indiana 25 from the U.S. 31 interchange to 18 Street on the south side of Rochester. Traffic will be restricted to one lane controlled by flaggers between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Work is expected to be completed November 15.

EASTERN PULASKI MENU

Elementary Breakfast October 15-19

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk
Wednesday - Waffle, juice and milk
Thursday - Muffin, yogurt, juice and milk
Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Hamburger sandwich, baby carrots, fruit salad, muffin and milk
Tuesday - Foot long hot dog, fries, grapes, ice cream cup and milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice and milk

Thursday - Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn on the cob, chocolate sundae, grapes and milk

Friday - Chicken nuggets, potato soup, applesauce, whole wheat bread and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Chicken quesadilla, corn, salsa, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk.

Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Pepperoni pizza, California blend, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese breadstick, peas, applesauce and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Chicken strips, potatoes, peanut butter sandwich, fruit mix, and milk. Choice - salad bar

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—William Ellery Channing

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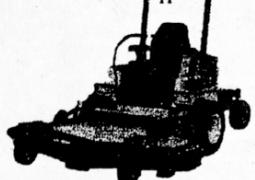
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LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Kanawha Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 210 South White St.
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Lancaster, South Carolina 29720
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF South Carolina FEIN: 57-0380426 NAIC CODE: 65110
CONTACT PERSON: Jill Cottrell PHONE: 803 283-5324 EMail: jill.cottrell@kmgamerica.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 491,142,549
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 28,776,789
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 12,765,581
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 6,126,055
Policy Loans	\$ 18,163,223
Premium Notes	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 19,895,544
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 7,809,784
Other assets	\$ 24,160,900
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 608,840,425

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 234,425,098
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 231,366,504
Policy and Contract Claims--Life	\$ 1,416,100
-Accident and Health	\$ 10,319,541
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ 1,037,507
All other Liabilities	\$ 57,991,900
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 536,556,650

Special Surplus Funds	\$ 10
Capital Stock	\$ 4,624,469
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 65,579,058
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 2,080,248
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 72,283,775
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 608,840,425

Debbie R. Paskoff
Signature

Debbie R. Paskoff
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Vice President

Frances S. Griggs
Signature

Frances S. Griggs
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Asst. Secretary

Fire-Make It Personal

By Judy Comoletti

It is practically impossible to read the newspaper or watch the local television news without learning about a fire that has destroyed a property, maimed someone or even claimed a life. But, for many, something like a fire is simply not personal until it hits close to home, which is exactly what happened to the people living in the nearly 400,000 homes across the country that reported fires in 2006. Fire is personal and everyone must realize that they have a personal responsibility to not only prevent fires, but also to be prepared to escape if one should occur.

Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13) is the perfect time to take a few moments to review fire prevention and safety guidelines. For more than 80 years this awareness campaign has been reminding the public that in many cases personal actions can directly influence fire prevention and safety. This year's theme focuses on home fire escape planning and urges everyone *Practice Your Escape Plan!*

What could be more personal than having tragedy strike in a place where many people feel the safest - their home? Being vigilant about fire prevention and safety is important in all areas of life, but being mindful of these issues in the home is especially important. In 2006, 80% of the people that died in fires in the United States were lost because of home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

A poll conducted for the National Fire Protection Association showed that only 23% of households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Although many households reported having a plan, the majority had not practiced it. Practicing a home fire escape plan is extremely important; if a fire occurs there may be as little as two minutes to escape. Having an escape plan in place that has been practiced will save precious moments and make it more likely that occupants of a home will be able to get out alive.

Take responsibility by preparing to escape from a home fire before a fire occurs. Develop a plan and practice it. Start by making sure that smoke alarms are installed inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area on every level of the home. Maintain smoke alarms and test them once a month. Being alerted to a fire is the first step in being able to escape from one.

Create a home fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside. Make sure the plan allows for specific needs in the household. Some studies have shown that some children and some adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm and may need help waking up. Learn about the needs of household members before there is an emergency. Practice the plan at least twice a year

Be prepared to act: If the smoke alarm sounds, go to the closest exit. If there is smoke on the way out, turn and use the second way out. If exiting through smoke, get low under the smoke on the way to the exit. Move quickly, but stay calm.

Everyone runs the risk of experiencing a fire. News outlets will continue to report on fires, but the next time a fire is in the news let it serve as a personal reminder that many times fires are preventable and being prepared to escape from one can mean the difference between life and death. Fire - it is personal. To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.

Judy Comoletti is assistant vice-president of public education for the National Fire Protection Association. ###

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Non-LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston
ADDRESS: 100 Liberty Way
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Dover, NH 03820
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Massachusetts
CONTACT PERSON: Jeffrey Wentworth
FEIN: 04-6076039
PHONE: 603-749-2600
NAIC CODE: 65315
EMAIL: jeffrey.wentworth@libertymutual.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 6,507,117,570
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 1,472,648
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 85,306,952
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 0
Other assets	\$ 3,444,720,012
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,457,191,093

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 4,814,318,652
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 824,533,249
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 30,012,774
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 12,907,276
All Other Liabilities	\$ 3,912,441
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,322,184,043
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 750,000
Capital Stock	\$ 2,500,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 416,500,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 29,572,658
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 449,322,658
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 10,457,191,093

Signature: Edmund F. Kelly (President) / Dexter R. Legg (Secretary)
State Form 1143 (R/10-87)

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LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Kansas City Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 3520 Broadway
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Kansas City MO 64111-2565
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF State of Domicile
CONTACT PERSON: David Laird
FEIN: 44-0308260
PHONE: David Laird
NAIC CODE: 65129
EMAIL: dlaird@kclife.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 2,112,980,930
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 106,302,540
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 382,677,430
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 49,250,441
Policy Loans	\$ 75,197,065
Premium Notes	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 27,769,626
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 26,998,713
Other assets	\$ 532,912,594
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,314,089,339

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 2,249,382,856
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 4,036,850
Policy and Contract Claims-Life	\$ 13,499,441
-Accident and Health	\$ 3,316,996
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ 1,169,366
All Other Liabilities	\$ 670,917,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,942,323,165
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 0
Capital Stock	\$ (97,322,264)
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 25,852,304
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 443,236,134
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 371,766,174
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 3,314,089,339

Signature: R. Philip Bixby (President) / William A. Schalekamp (Secretary)
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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF FULTON
IN THE FULTON CIRCUIT COURT
ANNUAL TERM, 2007
CAUSE NO. 25C01-0610-ES-00070

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF NADA C. HERROLD, DECEASED

Notice on Final Account, Petition to Settle and Allow Account, and Petition for Authority to Distribute Remaining Assets and Close Estate to All Persons Interested in the Estate of NADA C. HERROLD, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that John C. Herrold and Joyce M. Douglass, as personal representatives of the above-named estate, have filed a report of final accounting together with petition to make distribution of remaining assets to the parties believed entitled thereto. The same will come up for action by the Circuit Court of Fulton County, Indiana, on the 1st day of November, 2007, at 8:30 a. m. EDT unless persons interested in said estate appear on or before said date and show cause, if any there be, why such accounting should not be approved or unless such person makes proof of heirship and claim any part of such estate now shown by such report.

Letty McKee, Clerk of the Fulton Circuit Court

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Letter To The Editor

Zoning: Back to the Future?

Civic-minded citizens who read through the current, somewhat lengthy, Fulton County Zoning Plan will discover, not surprisingly, the government document has its share of detailed complexities.

For those unaware of what zoning is about, zoning is defined as regulated land use, designating permitted uses of land based on segregated map zones, separating one set of land use from another (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, etc.)

Politically, and in legal terms, zoning is a government exercise of police power over real property rights. Despite the seemingly strong government overtones, the zoning plan, in the document's own words, will promote "responsible development and growth for Kewanna and Fulton County."

Regardless of one's personal opinion or vote, whether zoning is best or unnecessary, it is more than likely zoning will be adopted by the Zoning of Kewanna. However, zoning is not a fixed document written in stone, but can be democratically amended and changed.

Zoning, the advocates say, "protects the property owner and preserves the integrity of the property." Therefore, it is presumed that all citizens will be affected to some degree by the adoption of zoning.

Now, if you please, let's 'escape' the aforementioned and use your imagination, and imagine that the town fathers, back in 1845, decided that Kewanna, then known as Pleasant Grove, would establish "the ideal place to live." The new town site occupied valuable level, plateau-like landscape which rose, high and dry, out of the surrounding wetlands. The setting was filled

with a spacious oak and hickory grove, and would make a fine township center.

Housing and residential were considered top priority; a peaceful and safe place to live. The founders swore that they would always protect the sanctity of home, and instilled this value into their descendants.

A commercial district was necessary for the pioneers to make the transition to permanent settlers. A Main Street was constructed in the heart of the settlement, with an emphasis on civic pride. To help maintain the place, small parks were established downtown. Prosperity ruled. The surrounding countryside was drained and cleared, and Kewanna became an agricultural marketplace. Two railroads were built, and supplied the town with transportation.

Life was good until World War I, the rise of the modern industrial age, the Great Depression and WW II, but the town fathers never forgot their commitment and neither did their descendants, that Kewanna is the "ideal place to live".

After WW II, the town leaders with their future foresight and dedication to the ideal, declared by proclamation to create a historic district on Main Street, and preserve the history, rather than tear it down. An industrial park was established away from the residential neighborhood, about a mile southeast of town, beyond the cemeteries. A "green belt" of old farm fields was purchased to enhance the quality of life for its residents. The open space of alfalfa fields serves as a vast park land. A large wildlife area, the Tamarack bog northeast of town, was purchased for aquifer development. After the railroads ceased operation, they became recreational trails and one section served as a highway bypass to connect SR 17 to the industrial park. Annexation extended the corporation town limits.

Thus, anything that threatened

the "ideal place to live", Kewanna, a.k.a. Pleasant Grove was challenged by the town and its citizens since 1845.

Whereas, over the years of incorporation, Kewanna has maintained its image as an "ideal place to live", and serves as a model to other communities, wherever.

Alan McPherson

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We would like to send a special thank you to Tom and Luke Mate and everyone affiliated with the Kewanna Fall Festival. It was our pleasure to escort Chief White Eagle and his wife, Bobbie Bear, in the parade. We would also like to thank the parade judges for selecting our '57 Chevy Bel-air convertible for first place in the antique car division.

Tom and Barb LaFollette

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Kewanna Pro Hardware would like to thank the judges for the scarecrow contest - Jim and Mary Hickey and Wade Bussert, and also all who entered the contest. Winners were Brantin and Laiyne Stevens who received \$50 for first place, Kara and Zachary Smith, \$25, for second place and the third place prize money of \$10 each went to Tierney Lloyd and Haley Small. Hopefully, next year we'll have many more entries so that the whole downtown area can be decorated for the festival and fall season.

Kewanna Pro Hardware also sponsored the children's games during the Fall Festival in which \$135 was awarded to the winners. Approximately 35 children participated. Games/races played in each category (4-6 age group; 7-9 years; and 10-12 years) were the egg on spoon race, three-legged race and the water balloon toss. Next year, an adult category may be added on seeing how much fun the adult organizers had with the leftover water balloons! We especially appreciated and want to thank Stan and Sheila Small and Jan and Tierney Lloyd for their help during this event.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fulton County Claims ADVERTISING CLAIMS for October 15th, 2007

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DENISE J. CHANDLER
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR
Pub. 10/11/07

Thank You... We want to express our thanks to Tony Pesaresi, First responders, Union Twp. Fire Dept., and Paramedics from Rochester for their quick response to our emergency on Sunday morning, Sept. 30th.

Also, to Dr. Utes, the emergency room staff at Pulaski Memorial Hospital and the nurses.

For the visitors who came to St. Vincent Heart Center, the home visits, everyone who called or sent get-well wishes to express concern for Jerry.

Our family members for trips to Indy, phone calls to check on him and to our two sons who are taking care of harvesting.

Jerry and Kay Brown

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I would like to thank my daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki, for being there for me while I was in the hospital and recuperating in their home. A special thank you to: all my children and granddaughters; my sister, Janel; and my brother, David for their many phone calls. And a grateful thank you to Dr. Charles Heinsen, his staff, and the staff of Starke Memorial Hospital for their great care.

Ruth Cogdill

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ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Alabama FEIN: 63-0124600 NAIC CODE: 65331

CONTACT PERSON: PHONE: EMAIL:

ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 3,717,301,199
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 687,532,867
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 19,031,562
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 9,944,158
Policy Loans	\$ 192,497,538
Premium Notes	\$ 1,856
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 16,633,095
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 10,754,901
Other assets	\$ 272,997,812
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,926,694,788

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 3,791,623,134
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 246,483,817
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$ 22,350,851
Policy and Contract Claims—Accident and Health	\$ 26,060,500
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ 1,527,054
All other Liabilities	\$ 160,862,014

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 4,248,907,370

Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	\$ 42,390,708
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 63,629,174
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 571,767,536

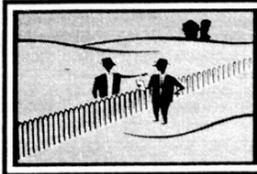
Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 677,787,418
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 4,926,694,788

James L. Mayton, Jr.
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(Print Name)
Vice President & Controller

Jamie L. Jones
Signature

Jamie L. Jones
(Print Name)
Second Vice President



Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Barb Hieber was in LaPorte recently. She took care of a few errands before meeting her daughter, Sue Janes, for lunch at Colima, a Mexican style restaurant.

Pauline Scales was treated to lunch by her granddaughter, Cindy Wiese, Tuesday, Oct. 2. They enjoyed a pleasant visit over the meal at the Kewanee Kafe.

Barb LaFollette and her mother, Pauline Eikenberry, spent Tuesday in Kokomo. They did a little shopping, dined at the Golden Corral restaurant and enjoyed ice cream at Scoops.

Ruth Cogdill met her daughter, Jane Teeter of Bluffton, at the Bob Evans in Wabash Wednesday, Oct. 3. They had a wonderful visit and caught up on all the family news involving Ruth's granddaughters, Jaclyn, Jessica and Jenni.

Jackie Heidenreich and her daughter, Jaime Short of Indianapolis, (who had arrived the evening before) traveled to Jefferson, Wisconsin Friday, Oct. 6. They enjoyed spending the weekend as houseguests of Jackie's daughter, Lola Pruess. In the evening, they attended a birthday party in the home of Jackie's grandson, Randy Kuptz. They also had the opportunity to visit with Jackie's daughter, Judy Metye of Cedar Grove, and Judy's daughter, Melanie Hendschel of Elkhart Lake, during their visit to Wisconsin.

Mildred McColley had a visitor late Friday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat was her son, Ron McColley of Frankfort. (Ron had been to a public school insurance meeting in Winamac earlier in the day.) In the evening, they attended the chicken and noodle dinner hosted by the local Relay for Life team.

Barb Hieber was in South Bend taking care of business Friday. While there, she took the opportunity to go through the Super Wal-Mart on the south edge of town.

Wilma Wilson had company Friday. Stopping by late in the evening and treating her to pizza in Winamac were her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne.

Rachel Cogdill and her fiancé, Travis Scholz, of Indianapolis spent Saturday, Oct. 6, with Rachel's grandmother, Ruth Cogdill. They had a wonderful visit. Rachel and Travis helped Ruth with many inside and outside household chores. (Mother Nature, you have your temperatures mixed-up, but we will take it as it is 27 degrees and snow in Anchorage, Alaska.)

Ruth Ann Anderson, her daughter and granddaughter, Joyce Luhnnow and Angie; and her granddaughter and family, Chris and Hank Riffle, Kyle and Brittany, of Akron, enjoyed a wonderful day Saturday. They attended the wedding of Ashley Kamp and Rich Morris at Potato Creek State Park. Ashley is Ruth Ann's great-great niece.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for

an overnight visit were Sue Janes and Tom and Joey Wilk. They enjoyed going for boat rides and fishing until the early hours of the morning.

Donovan Ritter of Rochester was the guest of honor at a large gathering Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of his 4th birthday and hosted by his parents, Stacy and Rob Ritter. Among the many family and friends in attendance were Donovan's grandfather, Robert Evers, and his great-grandparents, Leonard and Nancy Evers. Everyone enjoyed marking the occasion with cake, ice cream, games, gifts and a lot of exciting noise and energy compliments of the four-year-olds.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Kokomo Saturday. They had a delightful time attending the wedding of Emily Martino and Robert Seburo at St. Patrick's Church. The reception was held in the former officers' club at the Grissom ARB. Emily is the granddaughter of Angie Martino.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Saturday evening. She

attended the benefit supper for her great-granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty. The spaghetti supper was held at the United Methodist Church. Rylee suffers from a very aggressive form of cancer and is undergoing treatment in Indianapolis.

Wilma Wilson had a couple of callers late Saturday. Joining her for a visit and taking her out for supper in Winamac were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center.

Dan and Julie Birge, their daughter, Ashley, and granddaughter, Lilly Cook, and Evelyn Markley of here, Judy Markley of Winamac, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Holloway and Calvin of Rochester attended the coffee house presented by the Caston choir Saturday evening. Lacey Birge and Haley Markley are choir members and Lacey also played the piano.

Maryellyn Tennent recently spent a day with her nieces and their husbands. She accompanied Pam and Russ Dance and Judie and Dick Dewitt to Shipshewana late in the week.

The Whiteman family held their annual reunion Sunday, Oct. 7, in the Winamac city park. Among those in attendance were Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis. Afterward, Karen

escorted Helen home and remained as her overnight houseguest.

Julie Brown was among those who attended the Caston Chargers' football game Sunday afternoon. One of her "munchkins", Luke Sutton, is a player for the Chargers.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Joshua Miller, Kenneth Troutman and Eric Zuck, Oct. 14; Susan Downhour, Chris LaFollette and C.J. Yocum, Oct. 15; Finian Behny, David McPherson and Coleman Rude, Oct. 16; Kayla Metzger, Kelsea Metzger, Marie Mitchell, Pauline Scales and Gary Troutman, Oct. 17; Linda Bauman and Robin Thomas, Oct. 18; Jennifer Mikesell, Oct. 19; and Carter Field, Derek Jones, Joyce Luhnnow, Sunni Mercer, Jennifer Mollencupp, Amy Smith, Mary K. Williamson and Jason Yocum, Oct. 20.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Evers and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mollencupp, Oct. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gibson, Oct. 18; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Shawn Meek and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Root, Oct. 19.

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Caston Football Fundraiser

The Caston football program is hosting a Nelson's Port-a-pit chicken dinner/tailgate party fundraiser Friday, October 12, in conjunction with the Caston/Tri-County football game. This is also senior night.

The cost of the dinner is \$6.50 per dinner and includes a half chicken, baked beans, chips, cookie and drink.

Those wishing to attend the event will need to purchase their tickets in advance. They are available at the Caston Bookstore, the Twelve Mile branch of Community State Bank, or from any football player.

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Benefit Breakfast, November 10

A benefit whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 10, at the Kewanee-Union Township Fire Station. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation and proceeds will go to help with medical expenses for Michele Corbett. Donations are also being accepted at the Community State Bank, Kewanee branch.

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