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**THE LAKE BRUCE
CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
NEWS**

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its regular monthly meeting and the second hearing on the sewer rate ordinance Thursday, November 8, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. All directors were present as well as eight freeholders.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved as was the treasurer's report. Chairman Norm Steigely covered the correspondence received during the month. He noted that correspondence with Rural Development is very active at this time as they are trying to get ready for closing on the federal grant and loan in the amount of \$4,716,000.

Kathy Fisher reported that she had attended the zoning meeting for the change requested by the district on the railroad property the district purchased and that it has been approved. Treasurer Rick Tompos reported on his efforts to find a company to handle the sewer billing for the district. He noted that he had initially received six proposals, but after receiving the district's requirements, two withdrew their applications. Another two reported they were not able to move forward until a later date. That left only two possible companies. Contracts from these companies are still forthcoming.

The board approved a motion to give the treasurer authority to pay any taxes as they come due on properties the district purchased as a requirement for federal funding. To date, the district has received one bill for the railroad property in the amount of \$14.44.

Steigely reported that the application for Phase 2 of the dredging project for 2008 has been sent to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This is for dredging channels on the east and south side of the lake. The application for 2007 was not approved due to lack of funds at the state level. The district will know sometime in April of next year whether it was successful this time. If successful, the dredging will take place in the fall of 2008 or the spring of 2009, depending on the weather.

Wightman-Petrie's report basically said that not much has been done since the October meeting as the district cannot move forward until Rural Development has finished all the paper work and the loan closing takes place. He did state that both successful bidders on the project have made contact asking about progress on the funding as official award letters cannot be signed until the grant and loan are closed.

**NOTICE TO
RESIDENTS**

The Town of Kewanna and Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department will begin flushing and pressure testing fire hydrants in Kewanna Saturday morning, November 17, at 8 a.m. The flushing process could cause water to be rusty for a time.

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**Local Author
Featured on Open
Studio Today**

Local author Alan McPherson will be a guest on *Open Studio* aired on PBS-WNIT Channel 34, South Bend-Elkhart, Thursday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. The TV interview will note his latest Indiana books.

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**Recycling Days
Fri., Nov. 2nd;
Nov. 16th & 30th**

Steigely reported that three board seats will be vacated in February, 2008. They are the seats now occupied by Kathy Fisher of District 3, Rick Tompos of District 4, and Brad Glasson of District 5. Persons elected to fill these positions will serve a four-year term. Any freeholder wishing to fill a position needs to fill out a nomination form to be on the ballot and return it postmarked by December 1, 2007. Nomination forms can be received by calling the district's secretary at 574-653-2824.

Ed Belmonte of V3, the company responsible for monitoring the treatment results and planning under the LARE program, gave a report. He stated that this year's spraying was not very effective and that a different chemical will probably be used next year. He also said that a five-year plan will be put together for the DNR if the district wants to continue the LARE program. The LARE program allows the district's spraying program to be subsidized by the DNR. He went on to mention that as more lakes are utilizing the LARE program, the money for each lake is being lowered. Ed gave a video presentation that lasted about 20 minutes that explained the monitoring program V3 is doing for the district. It also showed the various weed problems the district is having and what happened with the program last year.

Steigely reported that he had received a message from Bob Robertson of the Department of Fisheries stating that only 250 muskies were put in Lake Bruce this year due to a shortage of fish.

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13.

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**Ladies Auxiliary to
Serve Breakfast**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will serve an all-you-can-eat biscuit and gravy breakfast Saturday, November 17, at the post on Railroad Street. The breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. and the cost will be a free will donation.

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**United Ministries
Accepting Christmas
Basket Applications**

The United Ministries of Fulton County is accepting applications for its Christmas basket project. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, November 23. These applications are available at the Fulton County Food Pantry, Sunshine Cleaners, Quick Clean Laundry, RSVP Office in Rochester or you may fill out the form below.

United Ministries is also accepting food and toy donations to be distributed in the Christmas baskets.

The last day to drop off food and toy donations at the Fulton County Fairgrounds is December 10.

The Christmas baskets will be delivered Saturday, December 15.

Volunteers are needed to package and deliver the baskets. Interested persons should call Cheryl Brown at 574-223-2740.

**Caston/Manchester
Basketball Scrimmage
November 15**

The Caston Comets varsity basketball team will host Manchester in a pre-season basketball scrimmage tonight (Thursday, Nov. 15) at 6 p.m. The cost of admission will be four cans of food or \$4. All food will be donated to the Cass County Tourney food drive. Money collected will be used to purchase canned items.

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**Football Players
Selling Powercards**

The Caston football players are selling Powercards. The cost of the card is \$10 and the card entitles the holder to discounts at a variety of area businesses. The cards will be on sale at the girls' basketball games November 16 and 17 and at the boys' basketball home opener on November 24.

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**AREA FIVE MENU
Kewanna Fire Station**

Monday, Nov. 19 - Hot dog sandwich, mashed potatoes, cabbage, apple spice cake and milk

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dressing, cherry cobbler and milk

Friday, Nov. 23 - site closed

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**The News
In Brief**

All county government offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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**James F. Talbott VFW Post No.
1121**

November Activities

November 11 - Balloon release for veterans, 4 p.m.

November 13 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 17 - Biscuit and gravy breakfast, 7 to 11 a.m.

November 20 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

November 22 - Happy Thanksgiving! VFW closed.

November 25 - Open Sunday at noon. Euchre at 1 p.m. Free lunch.

November 27 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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Genealogy Luncheon

The annual Fulton County Genealogy luncheon will be held at noon Tuesday, November 20, at the Streamliner Central in Rochester. Members should be aware that this is a change of date. Election of officers, planning for 2008 and a show and tell session will constitute the program. Everyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend.

**2007
United Ministries Christmas Basket
Application**

(Print)
Name _____

Address _____
Street address (No PO Box number)

City _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **A contact Number**
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Person submitting family

Name _____

Phone _____
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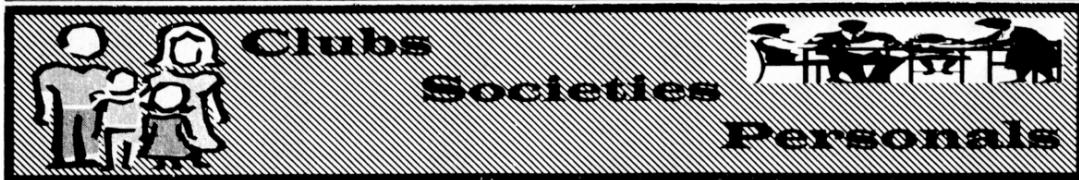
REQUIREMENTS: First and Last Names of each person in family.

Name	SEX	AGE
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2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____

Deadline for Submitting Names is November 23, 2007

Please return application to:
**United Ministries Christmas Basket
P O Box 531
Rochester, IN 46975**

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE BASKET: Must have street address, phone number and last names of each person in family. **Delivery Day Saturday December 15, 2007.**



Circle of Love Meets

The Circle of Love of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church met in the home of Joan Schultz for its November meeting. Jean Bangel asked the 12 women present to stand for the pledges to the American and Christian flags as well as to recite The Purpose. Plans were made for December and the Christmas season. The December meeting will be in the home of Connie Perkins.

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Millie Redweik Attends Conference

Millie Redweik of rural Kewanna attended the annual conference of the Environmental Education Association of Indiana (EEAI) November 2-4 at McCormick's Creek State Park. The theme of the conference was investigations in nature: 007 James Bond - Bonding with Nature; CSI - Science Based Research; and Sherlock Holmes - Investigating Nature. Redweik, president, opened the meeting with a welcome to the 95 attendees. She thanked the conference planning committee which was composed of Mary Cutler, Darci Zolman, Carole Koo, Paul Steury, Carissa Lovett, Cathy Meyer and Paul McAfee.

Millie also introduced the EEAI board of directors: Deb Sachs,

vice president; Brad Rody, president-elect; Jules Erwin, secretary; Marvin McNew, treasurer; Teresa Rody, past president; and directors-at-large, Jan Hosier, Rena Whiteleather and Megan Gutierrez.

The three-day event included hikes, field trips, a keynote speaker, and various learning sessions.

Several awards were presented at the Saturday evening banquet.

Next year's conference will be held at the Marten House in Indianapolis and will feature a pirates theme with emphasis on exploration, education and destination. Dates will be November 14, 15 and 16. If you are interested in attending, please call or email Jules Erwin at 812-320-6621/juleserwin53@hotmail.com.

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Indiana Beach Offers New Blog Page

Indiana Beach Amusement Resort has been committed to providing quality family fun for over 80 years. During its off-season, however, Indiana Beach is working to make certain that its guests continue to stay in touch and learn of "All the Fun Things They Love to Do" at Indiana Beach. At the amusement resort's website, www.IndianaBeach.com, they've launched an online blog page: *View From the Crow's Nest*.

"The *View from the Crow's Nest* is a unique and personal way for

all of us at Indiana Beach to connect with all of our guests and to share details about what's going on while we prepare for 2008," offered Tom Spackman, Jr. of Indiana Beach. "The internet offers an excellent opportunity to bridge the gap of the winter off-season, and we're delighted to continue to enjoy the opportunities it presents."

"It's our intention that the *View from the Crow's Nest* continues to evolve and become 'the place' where guests can find all the latest updates and details for Indiana Beach," added Spackman. "As we update the website, announce new attractions, talk about new events, and continue our season, the *View from the Crow's Nest* will be the first thing updated to notify all of our guests from all over the world."

With a successful 2007 season behind them, and promises of something spectacular in 2008, Indiana Beach is gearing up for a fantastic summer, all while keeping its guests warm all winter long with the *View from the Crow's Nest*. Indiana Beach Amusement Resort will open for 2008 on May 3, and will continue daily operation beginning May 10. Visitors can receive additional information about Indiana Beach at www.IndianaBeach.com or by calling 574-583-4141.

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Madison Candlelight Tour of Homes

The 26th annual Nights before Christmas Candlelight tour of homes will be held November 23, 24 and 25 and November 30, December 1 and 2 in Historic Madison.

This festive tour features four public historic sites including the Lanier Mansion, the Sullivan House, the Masonic Schofield House and The Heritage Center all decked out in Christmas finery. The tour also highlights

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five beautiful private homes not normally open to the public. Most of the sites are located in the historic district, which boasts the largest collection of 19th century architecture in Indiana.

The tour of homes is sponsored by the Madison Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lanier State Historic Site and the Masonic Schofield House.

Adult tickets are \$15 (\$12.50 in advance through Nov. 9); and \$5 for children ages 5-15. Tour hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 800-559-2956.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

International Festival: Nov. 15 - 18 in the West Pavilion. Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (schools only); Fri. 3 to 10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m. Admission: \$9; children 6-12 \$6; children 5 and younger free; \$7 advance tickets available at Marsh Supermarkets. Contact: Pat Hubley (317) 236-6515, ext. 106 or www.indyinternationalfestival.org.

Fall Indiana Golf & Travel Show: Nov. 16 - 18 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 3 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 12 and younger free. Contact: John Valant (317) 578-3011 or www.golfexpos.com.

America's Best Cheer & Dance: Nov. 17 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 11 a.m.; competition begins at noon. Admission: \$10; children 7 and younger free. Contact: Jack Greco (800) 414-8778 or www.americasbestcheer.com.

ODC Indianapolis Winter Fair (Fine arts and crafts): Nov. 17 - 18 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7 and good for both days; children 12 and younger free. Contact: (614) 486-7119 or www.ohiocraft.org.

Midwest & Great Lakes Region Cat Show: Nov. 17 - 18 in the Ag/Hort

Building. Admission: \$5; seniors \$2.50; family of 5 admitted for \$12; children 10 and younger free. Contact: Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573 or www.cfagreatlakes.org.

Midwest Reptile Show: Nov. 18 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550.

Budweiser Fight Night Boxing: Nov. 20 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bouts begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$20, \$30 & \$35. Contact: Indiana State Fairgrounds Marketing Dept. (317) 927-7524.

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Nov. 23 - 25 in the Ag/Hort Building, Northwest Pavilion & Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or www.stewartpromotions.com.

Indiana Ice vs. Cedar Rapids: Nov. 24 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 Sway Meet & Car Sale: Nov. 25 in the West Pavilion & South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Mid-America Promotions (708) 563-4300 or www.midamericapromotions.com.

Hoosier Antique Show: Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$6. Contact: Amy Cox (317) 432-3662 or www.coxshows.com.

Gem Street USA: Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Jane Strieter-Smith (216) 521-4367 or www.gemstreetusa.com.

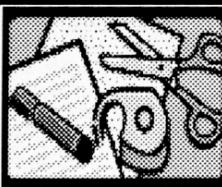
Hoosier Beef Congress: Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 in the West Pavilion, South Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Dawn Davis (317) 872-2333 or www.hoosierbeefcongress.com.

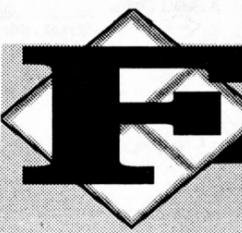
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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 2
Births - Robert and Gina McMillen, Argos, a son
November 5
Admissions - Cindy Rabey, Tippecanoe; Jeannine Moran, Twelve Mile
Dismissals - Dorothy Swoverland, Deedsville; Alicia Henriott and Cassandra Gross, Rochester; Cindy Rabey, Tippecanoe; Gina McMillen and son, Argos
November 6
Admissions - Edna Holloway, Richard Gaines and Andrew Rausch, Rochester
Dismissals - none published
Births - James and Allitia Aikins, Warsaw, a daughter
November 7
Admissions - James Funk, Rochester
Dismissals - Jeannine Moran, Twelve Mile; Andrew Rausch, Rochester
Births - Kevin and Faye Woodcox, Rochester, a daughter; Savannah Garbison, Plymouth, a daughter
November 8
Admissions - Tyrone Stidham, Rochester
Dismissals - Richard Gaines, Rochester
Births - Krystal York, Rochester, a son; Angela Coleman, Twelve Mile, a son
November 9
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Allitia Aikins and daughter, Warsaw; Faye Woodcox and daughter, Rochester; Savannah Garbison and daughter, Plymouth; Tyrone Stidham, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 2
Admissions - Wanda Parks, Winamac
Dismissals - Isaiah Leach, North Judson; Marjorie Nicolas, Winamac
November 3
Admissions - Lyric Ross, Medaryville; Irene Shepperd, Medaryville; Robert Teske, Medaryville
Dismissals - Lester Manis, Winamac
November 4
Admissions - Rafah Shabazz, Monterey
Dismissals - Wanda Parks, Winamac; Lyric Ross, Medaryville
November 5
Admissions - Hugh Wilbourn, Star City
Dismissals - Kimberly Anthony, Medaryville; Irene Shepperd, Medaryville
November 6
Admissions - Kathryn Sommers, Kewanna; Alma Good, Winamac
Dismissals - Robert Teske, Medaryville
November 7
Admissions - Susan Downing, Winamac; Brittany Ragsdale, Winamac
November 8
Dismissals - Susan Downing, Winamac
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DEATHS

PHILLIP BLAINE "WHITEY" HURLBURT, SR.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, November 12, 2007 at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Phillip Blaine "Whitey" Hurlburt, Sr., 75, Lake Bruce. Pastor Mark E. Pilger officiated and inurnment will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce. Mr. Hurlburt died at 7 a.m. Thursday, November 8, at his residence.

Born April 30, 1932 in Kewanna, he was the son of the late Lovell J. and Francis C. (Engel) Hurlburt.

Whitey was a member of the Northeast Indiana District Council of Carpenters Local #615. He was also an avid fisherman and enjoyed going to river boat casinos. He was a carpenter before retiring in 1994 from DeJager Construction Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He also formerly owned and operated Whitey's Bait Shop at Lake Bruce.

Survivors include a son, Phillip B. Hurlburt, Jr., Lake Bruce, two daughters, Tammy J. Smyth and her husband, Gregory, Sharpville, and Sherrill L.

Maggart and her husband, David, Noblesville; a step-son, Steven C. Bedwell, Peru; a twin brother, Kenneth Wayne Hurlburt and his wife, Elizabeth, Thornhope; a brother, Chester L. "Son" Hurlburt and his wife, Ida, San Angelo, Texas; two sisters, Catherine Wright, Logansport, and Patricia Branson and her husband, Carl, Griffith; five grandchildren, Melody Barrows and her husband, Nick, Allison "Pee Wee" Roop and her husband, Adam, Carla Hurlburt and Jim Emerson, and Adam Andrew Bedwell; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, Clifford Lane Jr., Kerstynn, Kimberly and Cole Lane, Trenton Hershey, Owen and Garrett Roop and Ryley Emerson; two step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulaski Memorial Hospice, Box 279, Winamac, IN 46996. Online condolences may be made to the Hurlburt family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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GERALDINE "DEAN" ROBINSON MURHLING

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Geraldine "Dean" Robinson Murhling, Kewanna. Rev. Steven McPeck officiated and burial was in the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Murhling died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, November 8, at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Born September 20, 1909 in Delong, she was the daughter of Letcher A. and Nora Deck Robinson. She was married June 8, 1929 in Rochester to Everett Vermont Murhling, who passed away October 6, 1998.

A homemaker, she especially enjoyed crocheting afghans. She was a 1927 graduate of Leiters Ford High School and a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Edward E. Murhling, Kewanna, and Larry L. Murhling and his wife, Kay, Rochester; six grandchildren, Robert Clyde and his wife, Barb, Kewanna, Michael Clyde and his wife, Carol, Lavonia, Georgia, Gwen

Hott and her husband, Joe, Kewanna, Nancy Luketich and her husband, Pete, Hammond, Bill Murhling and his wife, Julie, Fishers, and Amy Wilson and her husband, Damon, Indianapolis; 12 great-grandchildren, Christy Deweese, Jeff Hott, Teresa Hott, Ian and Sara Luketich, David, Nicholas, Anna and Katie Murhling, Jarrod Hickle, Wesley Hickle, and Carrie Fairchild; two brothers, Letcher "Bun" Robinson, Brownsburg, and William Robinson and his wife, Dorothy, Milford. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Violet Clyde, and four sisters, Avanelle Brockway, Madonna Kelly, Thelma Feece and Olive Robinson.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening and one hour prior to the services Wednesday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, a miscarriage or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH in Winamac for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass, White and Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building in Winamac providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment, and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic at the Healthy Family office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac during business hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records. Call 574-946-6017 for more information.

Families First is offering a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6071 to schedule an appointment.

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Recycling Days
Fri., Nov. 2nd;
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU November 19 - 23

Elementary Breakfast
Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk
Wednesday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk
Thursday and Friday - Thanksgiving break, no school
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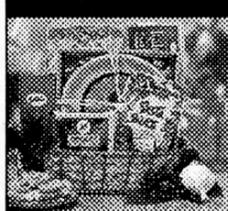
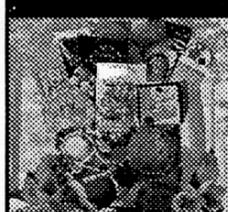
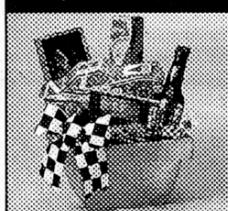
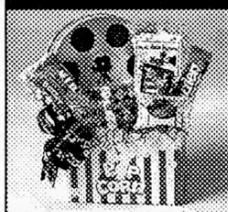
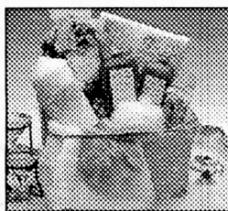
Elementary Lunch

Monday - Pepperoni pizza, corn, fruit salad, cookie and milk
Tuesday - Baked potato, cheese filled breadstick, yogurt, apple and milk
Wednesday - Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baby carrots, banana and milk
Thursday and Friday - Thanksgiving break, no lunch

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Sub sandwich, tator tots, peaches, cookie and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Chili soup/crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pickle spear, orange juice cup, and milk.
Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Chicken quesadilla, corn/salsa, pears, brownie and milk.
Choice - salad bar.
Thursday and Friday - Thanksgiving break, no lunch
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The employees of Woodlawn Hospital are generously donating items and creating baskets for their first silent themed-basket auction. The highest bidder for each basket will be notified on Friday, November 30. Payment by cash or check, made payable to Fulton County United Ministries, will be accepted.

This is an employee fundraising event to assist Fulton County children and families in need. ALL proceeds from this auction will be presented to United Ministries for their Christmas Basket Program.

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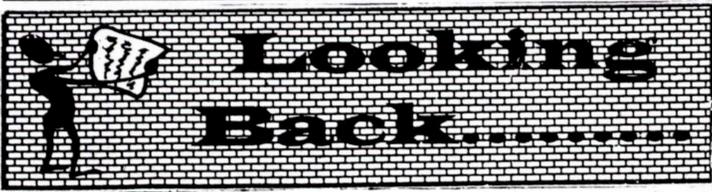
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The Collins Funeral Home at the corner of Smith and Main Streets is completed and the public is cordially invited to visit this new Kewanna establishment. Clyde Collins, the owner, is a registered and Licensed embalmer and funeral director. His uncle, the late Frank Barger, was a funeral director here for many years.

Eileen Hollis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hollis, Kewanna, and Charles W. Donathen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Engle, also of Kewanna, were married November 9 in the Kewanna Church of Christ. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Dux.

An article appeared in the Hoosier Democrat at Flora concerning the visit of Mrs. Laura Hood, 89, of near Kewanna to the Flora community. The article noted that Mrs. Hood is a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

The senior class at Grass Creek presented their play "People Are Funny" November 11 to a very large audience. The play was directed by Mr. Tennis and Neva Mikesell.

Fifty-Five Years Ago
November 13, 1952

Frank Buckingham, 68, Fulton County bailiff, suffered a fatal heart attack at 4:05 p.m. Monday at his home in Rochester. He had just returned from his duties at the courthouse when he had the attack.

Ellen Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peters of Winamac, and Gene Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Horn, Kewanna, were married Sunday afternoon at the Pleasant Hill Church. Rev. E. Frank Highley performed the ceremony.

Joan Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moyer, will appear November 26 on station WFBM in a television program with the Marion County Rural Youth. The program is entitled "Bring Out The Fiddle."

Mrs. Marvin Rife gave a wedding shower Sunday for Mrs. Marion Caniff, the former Millie Irene Evans of Niles, Michigan. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rife and son Jim, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans and Iris, Mrs. D. Nickles, Mrs. Lee Evans, Mrs. Maurice Rocco, Mrs. Wayne Davis, Mary Collins, Esther Bixler, and Ida Mullins and Jean.

The 20th Century Club turned back the hands of time November 6 at the Grass Creek school and relived for an evening, their school days. Mrs. Richard Thomas and Mrs. Leonard Beehler received the prizes for being the most appropriately dressed for school.

Fifty Years Ago
November 14, 1957

Mrs. Laphon (Ruth) Overmyer, 39, died Wednesday morning, November 13, at Carneal Hospital in Winamac after a short illness.

Survivors include her husband, four small children - Thomas, 8; Daniel, 6; James, 4; and Susan, 2; and one sister, Harriet Stoudt.

Aubrey Zellers resigned as assistant night marshal when the Kewanna town board met November 6.

Henry Montz suffered a cut nose and had the ligaments torn loose in his neck Sunday when a tire which he was filling with air at his filling station blew up.

Jean Dauge, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dague, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was admitted to Memorial Hospital in Logansport Saturday where she is being treated for burns suffered when her clothes caught fire while standing by a stove.

Janice Rife, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Rife, Rt. 2, Kewanna, caught her arm in the wringer of her mother's washing machine Saturday causing considerable bruising.

Sylvester Siudut, a farmer from near Knox, has purchased the Kewanna 5 & 10 Store from Mr. and Mrs. Marion Salathe. Mr. Siudut took over the business November 14.

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

COMPANY NAME: New York Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 51 Madison Avenue
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: New York, NY 10010
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: New York
CONTACT PERSON: Kenneth Roman
FEIN: 13-582669
PHONE: 212-576-5324
NAIC CODE: 66915
EAMIL: kenneth_roman@newyorklife.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 64,410,846,141
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 8,287,316,918
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 8,081,938,042
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 548,452,425
Policy Loans	\$ 6,248,041,219
Premium Notes	\$ 1,205,771
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 2,947,339,128
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 1,282,796,166
Other assets	\$ 21,875,866,027
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 113,703,802,057

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 63,823,390,201
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 1,857,361,355
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$ 427,220,978
—Accident and Health	\$ 75,309,881
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ 52,400,149
All other Liabilities	\$ 36,169,846,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 102,403,529,292

Special Surplus Funds \$ 391,338,000
Capital Stock \$
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus \$
Unassigned Surplus \$ *10,308,934,765

Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 13,300,272,765

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 113,703,802,057

Angelo Scialabba Signature
Susan Ann Thrope Signature
Angelo Scialabba (Print Name)
Susan Ann Thrope (Print Name)
First Vice President Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary

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On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: National Life Insurance Co.
ADDRESS: 1 National Life Dr.
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Montpelier, VT 05604
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: VT
CONTACT PERSON: Craig Anderson
FEIN: 03-0144090
PHONE: 802-229-3189
NAIC CODE: 66680
EAMIL: CAnderson@NationalLife.co

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 4,691,831,929
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 393,079,272
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 861,229,492
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 46,111,156
Policy Loans	\$ 564,280,950
Premium Notes	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 129,751,843
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 73,569,004
Other assets	\$ 1,404,867,331
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,164,720,977

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 5,271,613,167
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 516,277,871
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$ 32,595,543
—Accident and Health	\$ 3,964,595
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ (171,148)
All other Liabilities	\$ 1,632,451,821
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 7,456,731,849

Special Surplus Funds \$ 4,056,472
Capital Stock \$ 2,500,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus \$ 107,123,400
Unassigned Surplus \$ 594,309,255

Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 707,989,127

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 8,164,720,977

Thomas H. MacLeay Signature
James K. McQueston Signature
Thomas H. MacLeay (Print Name)
James K. McQueston (Print Name)
President Secretary

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

COMPANY NAME: NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY FOR LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
ADDRESS: 525 WEST VAN BUREN
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: CHICAGO, IL 60607
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: ILLINOIS
CONTACT PERSON: BRUCE D. ADAMS, CONTROLLER
FEIN: 36-2428931
PHONE: 605-335-5700
NAIC CODE: 66974
EAMIL: BADAMS@NACMLIFE.C

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 4,895,237,686
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 66,279,454
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0
Policy Loans	\$ 74,216,455
Premium Notes	\$ 0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 117,876,561
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$ 15,755,075
Other assets	\$ 282,646,008
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,451,981,239

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$ 4,224,139,245
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$ 0
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$ 30,653,399
—Accident and Health	\$ 0
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$ 4,747,953
All other Liabilities	\$ 792,782,371
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,052,321,968

Special Surplus Funds \$ 0
Capital Stock \$ 2,600,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus \$ 256,675,523
Unassigned Surplus \$ 140,483,748

Surplus as regards Policyholders \$ 399,659,271

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 5,451,981,239

Thomas M. Meyer Signature
Stephen P. Horvat, Jr. Signature
Thomas M. Meyer (Print Name)
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New books at the library:

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Christian Fiction Unabridged Audiobooks— *The Storekeeper's Daughter* written by Wanda E. Brunstetter, read by Christina Moore, 9 hours in length on 8 cassettes; *A Lady of High Regard* written by Tracie Peterson, read by Barbara Caruso, 9 hours in length on 8 cassettes; and *Expect The Sunrise* written by Susan May Warren, read by Julia Gibson, 8.5 hours in length on 8 cassettes.

Large Print Christian Christmas Fiction— *Where Angels Go* by Debbie Macomber.

JUVENILES:
Ages 10 and Under Christian Christmas Fiction— *The Legend of St. Nicholas* by Dandi Daley Mackall.

Teenage Christian Fiction— *Isle of Swords* by Wayne Thomas Batson; *Mexico* (from the Notes from A Spinning Planet series) and *Playing with Fire* (#3 of The Secret Life of Samantha McGregor series) by Melody Carlson; *Big Break, Sold Out, Overload and Reality Tour* (#5 -#8 of the Chosen Girls series) by Cheryl Crouch; and *Jazz Off-Key* and *Storm Warning* (#7 and #8 of the Faithgirlz series) by Dandi Daley Mackall.

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LOCALS

Jackie Heidenreich and Ellie Enyart were among those who enjoyed attending the Veterans' Day dinner at the Winamac VFW post Sunday afternoon.

Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick, of Rochester were Sunday evening supper guests of Karina's parents, Barb and Tom LaFollette.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Roger Flint, Bonnie Kumler, Susy Meyer and Dottie Sommers, Nov. 18; Paul Fraser, Jack Graham, Jamie Moss, Noah Parker, Emma Short, Luke J. Sutton and Theresa Urbin, Nov. 20; Jennie Carey and Evan Smith, Nov. 21; Don Reason III and Trey Young, Nov. 22; Tina Agnew, Pat Birge, Brad Bitterling, Brittany Cogdill, Lillix Cook and Howard Swafford, Nov. 23; and Kip Cook, Taylor Corbett, Josh McCray, Sophia Shaw, Paige Simpson, Alexander Wentzel and Don Wentzel, Nov. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Donathen will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Nov. 20 and Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Hines will be celebrating theirs Nov. 21.

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November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

In 1983, when President Ronald Regan designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Month, fewer than 2 million Americans had the disease. There are currently more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and almost 10 million people caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

Caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease poses special challenges. Although memory loss is the most widely known symptom, as the disease progresses it also causes confusion, loss of orientation, and frequently, changes in personality and behavior. Individuals with Alzheimer's require increasing levels of care, supervision and provision for their safety.

The Alzheimer's Association, provides a number of programs and services that help people affected by Alzheimer's at every stage of the disease including a 24/7 toll-free helpline (800.272.3900), informative web site www.alz.org/indiana, and local services including information and referral, care consultation, support groups, and

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10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's disease ©

Memory loss that disrupts everyday life is not a normal part of aging. This checklist of common symptoms can help individuals recognize signs of Alzheimer's disease.

- 1 - Memory loss
- 2 - Difficulty performing familiar tasks
- 3 - Problems with language
- 4 - Disorientation to time and place
- 5 - Poor or decreased judgment
- 6 - Problems with abstract thinking
- 7 - Misplacing things
- 8 - Changes in mood or behavior
- 9 - Changes in personality
- 10 - Loss of initiative

If you or someone you know is having many of the 10 warning signs, see a doctor to find the

cause. Early diagnosis gives you more opportunity to get treatments and plan for your future. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter can help individuals as they search for a diagnosis and services available in their area. Contact them at 800.272.3900.

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ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	218,484,317.00
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	897,921.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0.00
Policy Loans	\$	15,043,799.00
Premium Notes	\$	0.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	7,257,417.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	3,650,553.00
Other assets	\$	4,719,600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	250,053,607.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		(Nearest dollar)
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	206,820,595.00
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	7,678.00
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$	2,939,861.00
Accident and Health	\$	0.00
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	324,835.00
All other Liabilities	\$	16,116,897.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	226,309,866.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$	0.00
Capital Stock	\$	2,500,000.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	20,311,966.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$	931,775.00
Surplus as regards Policy holders	\$	23,743,741.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	250,053,607.00

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Dear EarthTalk: We've all seen the current generation of hybrid cars, but what vehicles do the automakers have coming out that are even greener? -- Brian Smith, Seattle, WA

No longer just the domain of the Japanese, greener cars are forthcoming from just about all of the major automakers. Toyota will improve on its hot-selling Prius by adding a plug so owners can juice up the batteries overnight and make it at least six miles before switching over to the car's gasoline-powered internal combustion engine. Toyota's president hinted that the plug-in hybrid, though still in the prototype stage, could attain double the fuel efficiency of the current Prius, which gets 46 miles per gallon.

While gas-electric hybrids are all the rage today, carmakers are also looking at other technologies, though none are on the market yet. Mitsubishi's new concept car, the iMiEV, runs for more than 120 miles exclusively on electricity stored in high-capacity lithium-ion batteries, and sports small electric motors on

each of the front wheels, as well as another propelling both back wheels. Nissan is also getting into electrics with its Mixim concept car, which can reportedly go 155 miles on a single rapid-charge (20-40 minutes only). While Nissan says it has the technology to mass-produce the Mixim today, costs remain too high to make feasible from a marketplace perspective.

General Motors (GM) recently released a prototype of its futuristic Chevrolet Volt. This concept car is designed to go 40 miles on just its batteries, but it has an onboard gasoline-powered internal-combustion engine (not connected to the wheels) that can recharge it on the fly. GM hopes to make the Volt available to consumers within three years, but because of slow lithium-ion battery development, competitors wonder if such a timeline is too ambitious.

On the fuel-cell front, Honda already has a few dozen of its zero-emission hydrogen-powered 2007 FCX sedans on the road, and plans to lease 100 or so more of the sleeker 2008 model. Honda will only lease the vehicles to a few lucky individuals, since each FCX costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to produce.

General Motors is launching a "test" fleet of a 100 fuel-cell powered Chevrolet Equinox SUVs in select cities across the U.S. in 2008. The company will also set up hydrogen refueling stations in the same locales.

The program will last two years and GM engineers hope to glean important information on how to improve its fuel cells to perform better at lower cost.

South Korea's Hyundai is also getting involved in fuel cells, launching a U.S. test fleet of some 300 of its Tucson SUVs. The company also recently unveiled its i-Blue concept car, a decidedly space-age vehicle that reportedly can cover 372 miles before needing to refuel. The company says that it will put fuel cells into mass production by 2015, if not sooner.

Automakers are responding to growing environmental concerns—and consumer demand—by producing vehicles that our grandparents would not recognize as cars. The dream of futuristic vehicles may just yet become a reality.

Dear EarthTalk: Short of buying a new hybrid or other "green" car, are there ways I can make my existing vehicle more eco-friendly? I bought my car recently and am not quite ready to give it up. -- Bettie Hilliker, Lansing, MI

Choice of vehicle may well be the biggest factor in determining the environmental impact of your automobile-based travels. But a considerable amount of energy is used—and pollutants emitted—in the production of any new vehicle, including hybrids and other more fuel-efficient options. As a result, many environmentalists believe that practicing good driving habits and performing adequate maintenance on an older car are probably better options for the environment than causing the production of a new vehicle.

According to the website GreenerCars.org, there are many ways to green up one's driving habits. Obeying speed limits, utilizing cruise control and avoiding jackrabbit starts will maximize fuel economy and minimize tailpipe emissions while also preventing unnecessary wear-and-tear. Staying off roads during rush hours is also advisable, as stop-and-go driving burns excess gasoline and promotes smog. Opening vents and windows to cool off instead of using the air conditioner, an inherently inefficient appliance that consumes more fuel and leads to more emissions, is also good advice.

Drivers can also help minimize their environmental impact by keeping their cars well maintained. According to GreenerCars.org, getting regular tune-ups—where a qualified mechanic changes fluids and checks for and corrects problems such as worn spark plugs, under inflated tires, dragging brakes, misaligned wheels and clogged filters—can significantly improve fuel economy and minimize harmful emissions. GreenerCars.org also recommends seeking out low-rolling-resistance (LRR) replacement tires, which are specifically designed to improve a vehicle's fuel economy, when the original ones wear out.

Beyond regular maintenance, a handful of small companies now sell green-friendly fuel additives that purport to increase fuel efficiency while reducing emissions. Such products—including Bluestar Environmental's Omstar D-1280X gas additive and Suntec

Bio-Energy's diesel additive—are normally targeted at fleets of vehicles, but individuals are free to use them as well. Owners beware, though: Use of such products could invalidate automakers' warranties, so read the fine print in your owner's manual before pouring anything out-of-the-ordinary into your fuel tank.

Of course, getting out of your car altogether—or most of the time—is a far greener choice than driving even a well-maintained new or old car conscientiously. Some employers now offer federally-subsidized "commuter choice" incentives whereby workers can derive financial benefits by telecommuting (working from home), or by walking, biking, using public transit or carpooling to and from the office.

Another option is to join a car

sharing service like Zipcar or Flexcar, whereby you pay a modest monthly membership fee and can then rent cars parked nearby by the hour only when needed. The companies operate on both U.S. coasts, as well as in major Midwestern and Canadian cities.

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COMPANY NAME: North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 411 W. Chapel Hill Street
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Durham, North Carolina 27701
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: North Carolina
CONTACT PERSON: Kerry Hanson

FEIN: 56-0340860 NAIC CODE: 67032
PHONE: (919) 682-9201 EMAIL: khanon@ncmutualif.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	79,937,007
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	1,695,833
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	10,866,522
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	25,104
Policy Loans	\$	4,849,403
Premium Notes	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	17,462,514
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	6,895,451
Other assets	\$	18,018,765
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	139,750,599

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	97,083,799
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	428,357
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$	9,497,124
-Accident and Health	\$	1,905,487
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	696,650
All other Liabilities	\$	15,194,278
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	124,805,695

Special Surplus Funds	\$	8,199,544
Capital Stock	\$	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	0
Unassigned Surplus	\$	6,745,360
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	14,944,904
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	139,750,599

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
311 W. Washington St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: MTL Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 1200 Jorie Blvd.
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Oak Brook, Illinois 60522
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: Illinois
CONTACT PERSON: Greg Thompson

FEIN: 36-1516780 NAIC CODE: 66427
PHONE: 630-684-5383 EMAIL: Thompson@Mutualrust.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	837,741,730
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	15,164,291
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	212,139,410
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	7,445,056
Policy Loans	\$	87,338,565
Premium Notes	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	19,605,004
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	21,464,245
Other assets	\$	26,819,498
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,227,717,759

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	983,713,056
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	0
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$	4,355,370
-Accident and Health	\$	0
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	988,332
All other Liabilities	\$	132,462,820
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,121,519,578

Special Surplus Funds	\$	0
Capital Stock	\$	2,500,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	10,250,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$	93,448,181
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	106,198,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	1,227,717,759

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311 W. Washington St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Manhattan National Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 525 Vine Street
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Cincinnati, OH 45202
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: Illinois
CONTACT PERSON: Brian Sponaugle

FEIN: 45-0252531 NAIC CODE: 67083
PHONE: (513) 357-3300 EMAIL: bsponaugle@gafri.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	208,449,537
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	4,910,008
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	0
Policy Loans	\$	8,747,024
Premium Notes	\$	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	15,486,350
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	9,699,173
Other assets	\$	7,688,183
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	254,980,275

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	20,414,922
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	69,880
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$	6,379,739
-Accident and Health	\$	0
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	840,339
All other Liabilities	\$	195,079,301
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	222,784,181

Special Surplus Funds	\$	0
Capital Stock	\$	2,500,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	162,467,887
Unassigned Surplus	\$	-132,771,793
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	32,196,094
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	254,980,275

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
311 W. Washington St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Mutual Service Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 1701 N. Towanda Ave.
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Bloomington, IL
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: Minnesota
CONTACT PERSON: Kelly M. Huls

FEIN: 41-0203970 NAIC CODE: 66419
PHONE: 309-821-2158 EMAIL: kelly.huls@mutualservice.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	267,737,127.00
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	3,619,182.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	28,217,041.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	11,430,715.00
Policy Loans	\$	12,032,837.00
Premium Notes	\$	0.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	15,337,850.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	2,368,552.00
Other assets	\$	5,321,965.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	346,065,269.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	257,503,226.00
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	578,052.00
Policy and Contract Claims—Life	\$	820,511.00
-Accident and Health	\$	1,000.00
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	718,984.00
All other Liabilities	\$	30,464,698.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	290,086,471.00

Special Surplus Funds	\$	4,000,000.00
Capital Stock	\$	2,000,000.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	36,639,809.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$	13,338,989.00
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	55,978,798.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	346,065,269.00

State Form 3887 (R10-07)

Legislator Addresses

Indiana Senate

Tom Weatherwax (R) Indiana State Senate, Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (317) 382-9467 during session or (810) 232-9420; 3012 Woodland Dr., Logansport, IN 46947 (574) 753-3060; s18@in.gov

Indiana House

Eric Gutwein (R) Indiana House of Representatives, Room 4A-3, Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 (800) 382-9841 during session; 710 W. Winding Road, Rensselaer, IN 47978 (219) 866-5828 h16@in.gov; legislative homepage at <http://www.in.gov/h16>

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fulton County ADVERTISING CLAIMS for November 19th, 2007

AIT Laboratories Inc., 468.00; Adams Ramoo Inc., 582.53; Affordable Lock Service Inc., 70.95; Airmarking Co Inc., 22,654.88; Akron Animal Clinic Inc., 810.00; Alfred Nickles Bakery Inc., 295.10; American Lung Association, 194.60; Anco Inc., 280.10; Anderson, Mike C-P-D-J Inc., 192.47; Arrow Pest Control Inc., 53.63; Atlas Collections Inc., 100.42; Beaird Ed, 341.80; Boyce Forms/Systems Inc., 446.00; Bratemans Inc., 398.98; Burke & Heller, 1,959.66; Burns Tire Service, 4,045.00; CDW Government Inc., 186.33; Cardinal Office Products, 100.30; Carter Lumber, 314.54; Centennial Wireless, 118.56; Chandler Denise J., 257.35; Charm-Tex Inc., 21.60; Culligan of Fulton Co., 8.50; DMC Lasers Inc., 337.00; Decisions Counseling Ctr., PC, 500.00; Digital Intelligence Systems, 234.82; Dreibelbis, Vicki, 51.20; Duke Energy, 2,006.27; EMBARQ, 3,732.45; Edington Ralph, 365.00; Election Division, 600.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 404.00; Enid Tate Shepherd, 997.66; Fine Things, 4.87; First Financial Bank, 58.50; Fulton Co Fairgrounds, 1,000.00; Fulton County Sheriff Fund, 27.25; GCS Service Inc., 439.89; Garver Motors Inc., 417.84; Good Family Funeral Home, 200.00; Good Oil Co Inc., 3,694.57; Hardesty Printing Inc., 98.75; Harrison/Metzger Funeral Home, 100.00; Harter Beverly, 2,223.00; Health Professionals LTD, 2,051.70; Henry Schein

Inc., 160.85; Hess Bruce, 1,398.00; Holiday Art Tour, 100.00; IKON Office Solutions Inc., 517.18; IN Assoc of Co Commissioners, 540.00; IN State Police Training Fund, 252.00; Indiana Land Use Consortium, 90.00; Indiana University (SDT), 40.00; Irving Materials Inc., 776.38; Jensen, Carol, 12.67; Johnson Danielson Funeral Home, 100.00; Kroger Co-Indianapolis Cust Ch, 36.42; Lagrou, Jeffrey & Donna, 725.00; Law Enforcement Training Board, 98.50; Madlem, Gary, 247.60; Norris Investigation, 3,013.01; Martel Electronics Inc., 109.00; Memorial Hospital of S Bend, 1,122.00; Morton, Judge Douglas, 2.11; NAPA Rochester Inc., 69.95; NIPSCO, 12.85; National Academies Of, 110.00; Observer, 622.57; Office Depot, 324.45; Plumlee Maintenance, 960.00; Purdue CES Education Fund, 212.52; Quality Auto Repair LLC, 100.50; Quill Corp., 1,955.73; Reed, Judith, 76.40; Reliable Office Supplies Inc., 965.85; Robert J Kinsey Youth Center, 3,760.00; Rochester Ford Lincoln, Corp., 820.58; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 353.58; Rochester Telephone Co., 4,362.25; Rochester Telephone Co., 527.98; Rochester Water Dept., 1,255.40; Sailors Dan, 445.00; Sawyer J H Inc., 187.04; Shepherd Shannon, 145.60; Sheraton Keystone at Crossing, 187.50; Shireman Penny, 3.20; Shopping Guide News, 58.00; Smith Office Plus Inc., 60.00; Smoke Free Fulton & Kosc Counties, 10.00; Steven R Jenkins Co Inc., 85.98; The Tire Store, 118.90; Tippecanoe Valley School Corp., 25.00; Treasurer Fulton County, 95,087.00; United States Post Office, 656.00; Van Ausall & Farrar Inc., 162.07; Verizon, 211.36; Villalon Rafael, 280.00; Walmart Community BRC, 179.42; Waste Management Inc., 134.85; Wildman Inc., 60.52; Wilson Auto Body Shop, 270.00; Winning Edge Inc., 68.00; Xerox Corp., 53.01; Zimmerman Bros Funeral Home, 200.00.

Grand Total.....\$175,030.82
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON NOVEMBER 13th, 2007.

DENISE J. CHANDLER
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR
Pub. 11/15/07

NOTICE TO FREEHOLDERS OF LAKE BRUCE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
You are hereby notified that the term of office of the Directors representing District 3, presently represented by Kathy Fisher, Director representing District 4, presently represented by Rick Tompos and Director representing District 5, presently represented by Brad Galsson will expire on the date of the Annual Meeting of the district in February 2008.

Nominations to fill the three vacancies on the Board, resulting from such expiring terms, are hereby invited. The persons serving Districts 3, 4 & 5 shall be elected to a term of four years, the original term set by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Each nomination must be submitted to Lake Bruce Conservancy District P.O. Box 97, Kewanna, In 46939 in writing prior to first day of December 2007 and must be signed by five freeholders from the District proposed to be represented by such nominee. Such nominations may be considered as having been submitted prior to said date if properly addressed and have attached sufficient postage and being postmarked prior to said date. Each nominee must be a resident freeholder, or an officer or nominee of a corporate freeholder of the area which they are nominated and must have knowledge and experience in the matters pertaining to the development of the District. Nomination forms are available by calling (574) 653-2824.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lake Bruce Conservancy District
Norman Steigely - Secretary
Pub. 11/15/07

NOTICE OF HEARING ROCHESTER HOMES INC.
Upon Petition for Resolution Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance The Common Council of Fulton County, meeting in Rochester, Indiana, shall on December 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., hold a public hearing upon the Petition for Resolution Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance filed by Rochester Homes Inc., before the County Council, at the County Commissioners' Room, County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana.

At the conclusion of the public hearing the Council may take final action on this Petition for Resolution Approving Waiver of Non-Compliance. All interested parties are welcome to attend and make their concerns, or objections known to the members of the Council, before the Council takes final action.

Denise Chandler, Auditor
Fulton County
Ted A. Wagoner
PETERSON & WAGGONER, LLP
125 East Tenth Street
Rochester, IN 46975
(574) 223-4292 Pub 11/15/07

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, Fulton County Zoning Ordinance, Fulton County Subdivision Ordinance, Fulton County Zone Map, and Fulton County Plan Commission Fee Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that the following legislative bodies will have adoption hearings for the original Area Zoning Ordinances, which include the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, Fulton County Zoning Ordinance, Fulton County Subdivision Ordinance, Fulton County Zone Map, and the Fulton County Area Plan Commission Fee Ordinance at the following specified locations and times:

The Fulton County Commissioners will hold an adoption hearing on the original Area Ordinances referenced above on November 19th, 2007, at the Fulton County Office Building, located at 125 East 9th Street, Rochester Indiana, at 7:30 pm. The Akron Town Council will hold an adoption hearing on the original Area Ordinances, referenced above, on November 20th, 2007, at the Akron Community Building, located at 204 West Rochester Street, Akron, Indiana at 7:00 pm. The Fulton Town Council will

hold an adoption hearing on the original Area Ordinances, referenced above, on December 5th, 2007, at the Fulton Community Building, located at 507 North State Road 25, Fulton, Indiana at 7:00 pm.

The Rochester City Council will hold an adoption hearing on the original Area Ordinances, referenced above, on November 27th, 2007, at the Rochester City Hall, located at 320 Main Street, Rochester, Indiana at 7:00 pm. The Kewanna Town Council will hold an adoption hearing on the original Area Ordinances, referenced above, on December 6th, 2007, at the Kewanna Town Hall, located at 109 East Aurora Street, Kewanna, Indiana at 7:00 pm.

A copy of the Area Plan Commission's recommendation, or certifications, as well as the entire Fulton County Comprehensive Plan and these ordinances, and all information pertaining thereto, are on file and available for examination prior to the hearing for adoption at the Fulton County Plan Commission Office located at 125 East 9th Street, Suite 012, Rochester, Indiana. No appointments on Holidays. Written comments in support of or in opposition of the Petition may be filed with or mailed to the clerk of the legislative body or with the county auditor at or before the adoption hearing.

Said Public Hearing will be open to the public and any comments for or against the Petition will be heard at these meetings. As necessary, the hearing may be continued from time to time as per Indiana Code 36-7-4 (et. seq.)

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend, phone (574) 223-7667 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Fulton County Plan Director, Casi Cramer
Pub. 11/15/07

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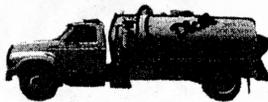
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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

311 W. Washington St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: American General Life and Accident Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 458N American General Center
CITY, STATE ZIPCODE: Nashville, TN 37250
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Tennessee
CONTACT PERSON: Chris N. Aiken

FEIN: 62-0306330 NAIC CODE: 66672
PHONE: (615) 749-2147 EMAIL: Chris_Aiken@aigag.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY		(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$	6,486,345,149
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$	548,261,179
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$	1,013,250,593
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$	54,077,828
Policy Loans	\$	428,828,183
Premium Notes	\$	
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	854,711
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	\$	18,658,284
Other assets	\$	386,578,594
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	8,936,854,521
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	\$	7,856,110,382
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	\$	120,132,480
Policy and Contract Claims-Life	\$	66,402,637
-Accident and Health	\$	26,631,128
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	\$	15,103,569
All other Liabilities	\$	351,990,027
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	8,436,369,923
Special Surplus Funds	\$	
Capital Stock	\$	75,603,885
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	\$	324,064,148
Unassigned Surplus	\$	100,816,565
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	500,484,598
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	8,936,854,521

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A very special thank you to Larry Kimble and RaeAnn Snider for organizing the breakfast. To the members of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department, my co-workers from Pulaski Memorial Hospital, members of the community, my

family and anyone who helped - thank you.

For everyone who attended the breakfast and/or made contributions, again I say thank you.

Michele Corbett

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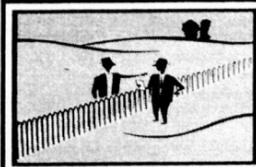
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Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Monday evening, Nov. 5. They enjoyed visiting with friends at the Moose lodge over a supper of sloppy joe sandwiches.

Helen Whiteman had some visitors Monday. Arriving in the evening for a chat and bringing along supper were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski, and one of their neighbors.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Tuesday, Nov. 6. Stopping by in the morning for a visit was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Bob and Carolyn Eikenberry of Greentown were the guests of honor at a farewell dinner Tuesday. The event was hosted by Bob's mother, Pauline Eikenberry, and held in Kokomo. Joining them to say goodbye were Bob's siblings and their wives, Dick and Judy Eikenberry of Kokomo and Barb and Tom LaFollette. Bob and Carolyn are moving to Show Low, Arizona where they will be assisting their

children in missionary work on the Apache Indian reservation.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had a working visitor Wednesday, Nov. 7. Coming down from Valparaiso was Barb's grandson, Joe Wilk. He lent a hand with putting away the boat and outdoor furniture in preparation for winter.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Thursday, Nov. 8. They had an exciting time watching their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, play in the girls' basketball game.

Barb Hieber traveled to Valparaiso Thursday. She had a nice time doing a little shopping and taking care of a few errands.

Kerry Brown of Lawrenceburg and a few friends were in the area Saturday, Nov. 10, to do a little deer hunting. Kerry remained overnight as a houseguest of his parents, Kay and Jerry Brown.

Helen Whiteman was among those who attended the benefit pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday morning. The meal was

on behalf of Michelle Corbett and held in the community room of the local fire station.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of working visitors Saturday. Stopping by to help with some winterizing chores were their daughters, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester and Linda Garner.

Walt and Donna Koebecke and Jerry and Kay Brown were in Warsaw Saturday evening. They enjoyed dining at The Boathouse restaurant. Afterward, they attended a performance by the Oak Ridge Boys at the Wagon Wheel Theatre.

Tim Cogdill of Macy stopped in Sunday morning, Nov. 11, to visit with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. They caught up on all of the family news over a pot of coffee. Tim was in town to attend the yearly reunion with friends, Verlin Klinefelter, Jim Weller and John Vigus. These long time friends look forward to this get-together every year around Veterans' Day.

Mildred McColley had several visitors Sunday. Helping her celebrate her birthday with a wonderful visit were her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Karon McColley of Frankfort; her son and his family, Steve and Ruth Ann McColley and Matt of Muncie; and her grandson and his wife, Rush and Mendi McColley of West Lafayette. They enjoyed dinner at a restaurant in Culver and spent the afternoon winterizing the house.

Stuart and Rachel Gast of Winamac had several visitors Sunday. Stopping in for a chat were their daughter and her family Rosalyn Ann and Doug Paul and Noel of Canterbury, Connecticut, and their son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Barb

Gast.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent enjoyed visiting with Gil and Joyce Vallis Sunday afternoon.

Mathilda Lamb had a caller Sunday. Coming over in the afternoon for a visit was her son, Bill Lamb of Ft. Wayne.

Forrest and Elnora Baker and Joe and Karen Good enjoyed dinner in Logansport Sunday in celebration of the Bakers 69th wedding anniversary.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Sunday. Coming over early in the day for a visit and bringing along lunch was their daughter, Barbara Grandstaff of Kendallville. Later, Linda Garner stopped in to check on them. In the evening, Don received telephone calls from his grandsons, Ryan Heiden of Atlanta, Georgia and Matt Heiden of Columbia City to honor him on Veterans' day and to wish him a speedy recovery.

The Fulton County 4-H Horse and Pony Club held its annual recognition banquet Sunday at the 4-H fairgrounds. The ceremony included the awarding of certificates, trophies and director's chairs with the recipient's name embroidered on the back. Tom and Barb LaFollette received special recognition for their years of

volunteer work during fair week and the annual Fun Show. They were presented with a certificate of recognition signed by all the members of the club and director's chairs with their names on the back.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had several visitors throughout the day Sunday. Arriving in the early afternoon for a visit and bringing along lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Janet and C.J. Yocum. Later in the day, their son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Maria Evers, stopped by for a very nice family chat.

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	Age	2008	NOW
Junior	22 & under	\$175	\$165
Jr. Exec.	23-39	\$360	\$325
Exec. Weekday	40-60	\$360	\$325
Exec. Reg.	40-60	\$399	\$375
Sr. Weekday	61-75	\$325	\$299
Senior Reg.	61-75	\$360	\$325
Super Sr. Wkday	76+	\$300	\$275
Super Sr. Reg.	76+	\$325	\$299
Add Spouse		\$125	\$100
Add Children	13-19	\$50	\$45
Add Children	12 & under		FREE