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Holiday Art Tour, December 1 & 2

Six Fulton County artists will open their studios to the public Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2, for a Holiday Art Tour (H.A.T.) Participating in the free, self-guided tour are Jim Scott, Braxton Eikenberry, Gib Foster, Barbara Lutterbein, Gail Karas and Pat Thompson. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The tour offers everyone the opportunity to shop for unique gifts and visit with the artists about their work and their studios, most of which are located in historical buildings. Refreshments will be offered and there will be drawings for prizes at each location.

Tour maps are available at holidayarttour@rtcol.com, the Fulton County Community Foundation office, 800 Main St., Rochester, or elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

The first holiday art tour was held in 2005. The following year, the Fulton County Fund for the Arts was established to promote the arts in Fulton County throughout the year. The tour is made possible through sponsorships of area businesses and individuals. Each sponsor contributing \$100 or more will receive a collectible, limited edition poster.

Sand Hill Studio is an historic landmark. Built in 1846 as a school, the building was moved in 1890 and became the Sand Hill Methodist Church. In 1976, Jim Scott purchased the abandoned church and restored it for use as his home and studio. Jim will be showing original paintings and giclee prints of his work, which is done in the style of fantasy realism, sometimes taking old masters' subject matter and using them in a contemporary form. Guest artist Mercedes Brugh will also be exhibiting delicate etched glass jewelry.

Eikenberry Glass Studio, established in 1975, is housed in a post and beam constructed granary from the mid-1800s that was relocated from Eikenberry's family farm. Commissioned work, restoration and fine finished stain glass are his specialties. Stained glass windows, other glass objects, paintings, photography, jewelry and pottery will be available by the Granary Group of Braxton Eikenberry, Gretchen Coplen, Rachelle Houchin, Wade Bussert, Jeff Skersick, Mike Kenney, Larry Houchin and Joe Chomyn.

Rain Creek Studio owner Gib Foster purchased a 100-year old Sears kit barn in 1975 and moved the barn to the Mount Zion-Millark Mill watershed of Lake Manitou on 10½ acres along Rain Creek, a natural wetlands habitat. Gib will be exhibiting original paintings, hand pulled drypoint etchings, drawings, small bone sculptures and computer generated art prints, along with new paintings of contemporary

Town of Kewanna Receives Grant

The Town of Kewanna was notified last Wednesday, November 14, that it has been awarded a Community Focus Fund grant in the amount of \$490,245 for wastewater improvements. The grants are funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant program and administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Kewanna will use the grant funds to make improvements at the sewage treatment plant, including replacing the liners in two lagoons, fencing in the lagoons to keep deer off of the new liners, replace piping and valves, and aerator units. Additional blowers will also be installed.

According to Lt. Governor Becky Skillman 30 rural communities and counties will share in a total of \$13,353,495 in grant money awarded last week. Other communities in this area receiving grants are the Town of Medaryville which received \$196,560 for a special needs facility and the Town of Winamac which received \$525,000 for wastewater improvements.

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landscapes.

Sky Studio, the home and quilting studio of owner Barbara Lutterbein features a turn-of-the-century nail counter from her grandparents lumberyard. Quilts and a variety of textile gifts, purses, fabric bowls, home décor and gifts for quilters will be displayed by Barb and other artists in her gallery.

Artistic Impressions, owned by Gail Karas, first opened in downtown Rochester to other artists and specialized in art, flowers and unique gifts. Now a country studio in a big, red barn, Gail has included a group she calls backyard artists. Watercolors, oils, acrylics, pastels, sketches, stained glass, photo cards and one-of-a-kind treasures will be offered by Gail, Lisa Cumberland, Steven and Jennifer Weinert, Linda Leasure and Diane Graham.

Brush Tracks Studio is a dream fulfilled by artist, Pat Thompson. A full-time working studio and gallery is in the front part of her 100+ year old home in Rochester. New works of art will be revealed along with Pat's original acrylic paintings, limited edition prints, gift items, cards, bookmarks and more.

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Chandler Elected President of Association

Indiana auditors have elected Fulton County Auditor Denise Chandler to serve as their affiliate president in 2008, according to the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC). Chandler, who currently serves as vice president, will succeed Dubois County Auditor Martha Wehr in leading the Indiana Auditors' Association next year.

"It is an honor to represent all 92 Indiana County auditors as their association president and I look forward to working with both the legislature and auditors to bring the taxpayers of Indiana true property tax relief," said Chandler.

The AIC works closely with the Indiana Auditors' Association to determine their legislative goals. Chandler currently serves on the AIC Board of Directors in her role as vice president of the Indiana Auditors' Association and will continue serving on the AIC board through her term as president. All AIC board members are county elected officials, 12 of whom are elected from each of the AIC's six districts by county elected officials in their respective districts. Other board members are the presidents and vice presidents of the following associations: Assessors' Association; Auditors' Associations; Clerks' Association; Commissioners' Association; Coroners' Association; Council Association; Highway Association; Recorders' Association; Surveyors' Association and Treasurers Association. The remaining five board members are county elected officials who make up the AIC Executive Board, all of whom are elected to that position by the AIC board of directors.

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

Bomb Threat at Caston

Caston elementary, junior high and high school students and staff were evacuated from the school last Thursday, November 15, after the corporation received a bomb threat. Fulton County Sheriff's Department, assisted by police from Tippecanoe and White counties and the Indiana State Police, searched the facility along with canines but found no evidence of any explosive devices.

Students left the premises at 12:30 p.m. and were bussed to their homes. The building was found to be clear of any bomb at 1:45 p.m. Students and staff resumed their regular school routine Friday morning. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, November 26 – Smoked sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, spiced apples and milk

Wednesday, November 28 – Meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, fig Newton, wheat bread and milk

Friday – Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, corn, Mandarin oranges and milk

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Season Basketball Tickets on Sale

Caston boys' basketball season tickets are now on sale at the Caston bookstore for \$32 (eight games). The price of admission at the door will be \$5 per person. Also, Comet 25 tickets are now on sale. This 30-punch card is \$25. Each punch is a dollar and the card can be used at all junior high and high school events at Caston. Both of these tickets will be on sale at the first boys' basketball game Saturday, November 24, when the Comets take on North Miami.

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Reminder to Taxpayers

The due date for paying property taxes in Fulton County - November 30, 2007 - is fast approaching. To accommodate taxpayers, the Fulton County Treasurer's office will be open until 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, and until 6 p.m. Friday, November 30.

Tax payments are also being accepted at Lake City Bank offices, the Kewanna branch of Community State Bank, by credit card at www.fultontax.net/ 1-800-809-5849, and by mail. The envelope in which your tax payment is mailed must be postmarked before November 30, 2007.

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The Fulton County Commissioners will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m. Monday, November 26, in the Fulton County Office Building conference room to appoint a new assistant highway supervisor.

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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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**Kewanna Town Council
Meetings**
First Thursday of Each Month
7 p.m. – Town Hall

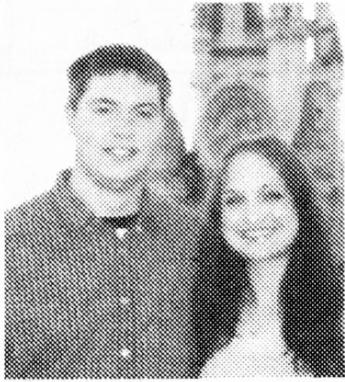
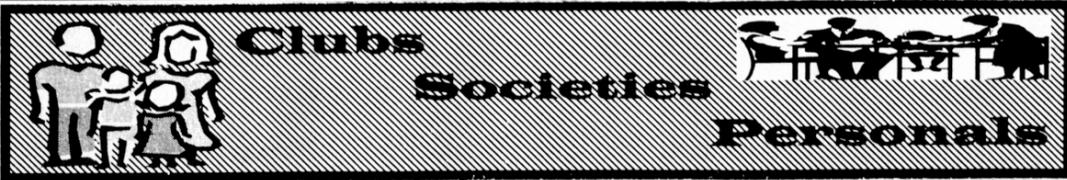
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BALLOON RELEASE – Approximately 90 balloons honoring veterans and

servicemen were released into the air Sunday afternoon, November 11, at the James F. Talbott VFW

Post on Railroad Street. The event was sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Post.



Couple Plans Holiday Wedding

Karrie Chantel Johnson of Kewanna and Justin Wayne Goelz of Fort Wayne announce their engagement and wedding plans. The couple will be married Saturday, December 22, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

The future bride is the daughter of Tom and Jane Johnson, Kewanna. She is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth High School and is currently attending Indiana University South Bend majoring in social studies education with a minor in Spanish education.

The prospective groom is the son of Wayne and Julie Goelz, Fort Wayne. He is a 2002 graduate of Heritage High School and earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Indiana State University in 2007. He is a middle school band director for West Noble Community Schools.

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Lillix Cook Celebrates 2nd Birthday

Lillix Cook, Kewanna, celebrated her second birthday Saturday, November 17, at a party held at Chuck E. Cheese in Kokomo.

Those helping her celebrate the occasion included her great-grandparents, Pat and Euel Birge, Kevin and Pam Birge, Matt and Kayla Hunter, Ryan, Elisha and Kirsten Prater and Jeff, Dana and Spencer Markley, all of Rochester; her grandparents, Jesse and Ruth Cook, cousins, Edward Cook, Ryan Samsel and

Jessica Samsel and her aunt, Alice Samsel, all of Logansport; Felicia Carpenter and Taylor and Judy and Zach Markley of Winamac; Melissa Behny and Finian of Fishers; and her great-grandmother, Babe Markley, her grandparents, Dan and Julie Markley, her mother, Ashley Birge, her father, Joshua Cook, Bill Reutebuch, Macee Hinderlider and Janie Hudkins, all of Kewanna.

Everyone enjoyed playing games, eating pizza and cake, and socializing.

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St. Luke's Celebrates Reformation Day

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winamac celebrated Reformation Day Sunday, October 28 with special songs such as Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" and "God's Word is Our Great Heritage". The Sunday school children sang their special

songs to the congregation and distributed packages of jellybeans with the following prayer attached:

"Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Orange is for the sun so bright.
Black is for the sin we made
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hours of sorrow.
Pink is for the new tomorrow.
A bag of jelly beans - so colorful and sweet - is a prayer, is a promise, and a special treat."

The interim pastor, Mel Meyer of South Bend, continued the sermonette for the children about Christ knocking on the door. He spoke on which side of the door Christ knocks as well as whom and how we should answer.

Following the service, many adjourned to the church basement for an Autumn Fest treat of cake baked and decorated by Susette McCormick and ice cream. The Sunday school members participated in a spiritual scavenger hunt designed by Ken and Louise Gudas. The students were divided into small groups

and the high school helpers accompanied them around the church following the given clues. They were awarded prizes for finding the spiritual objects.

The Sunday school hosted a bake sale Sunday, November 18. Practice for the Christmas program to be given December 16 during church service will begin November 25. The program, titled "Sleep-over at the Stable", promises to be fun and meaningful.

The Sunday school will participate in a food pantry collection in January. The collected items will be given to a needy family or the local food bank.

Sunday school superintendent Millie Redweik recognized the teachers: Shelley Graves, craft leader; Marsha Olds, pianist; Kathy Zellers and Amanda Kistler, special music directors; as well as Bible story tellers and

Louise Gudas, who taught memory verses and about the Lutheran Church.

Redweik also thanked the high school helpers - Tyler and Ryan Abbott, Becca and Michelle Gudas, as well as Quest and Merissa Fritz. Pastor Meyer was remembered for his spiritual guidance and approval of the programs; Karen and Gene Haschal for providing craft items for the continued use of the Sunday school and last and most important, those in the congregation who continue their support and monetary gifts unceasingly.

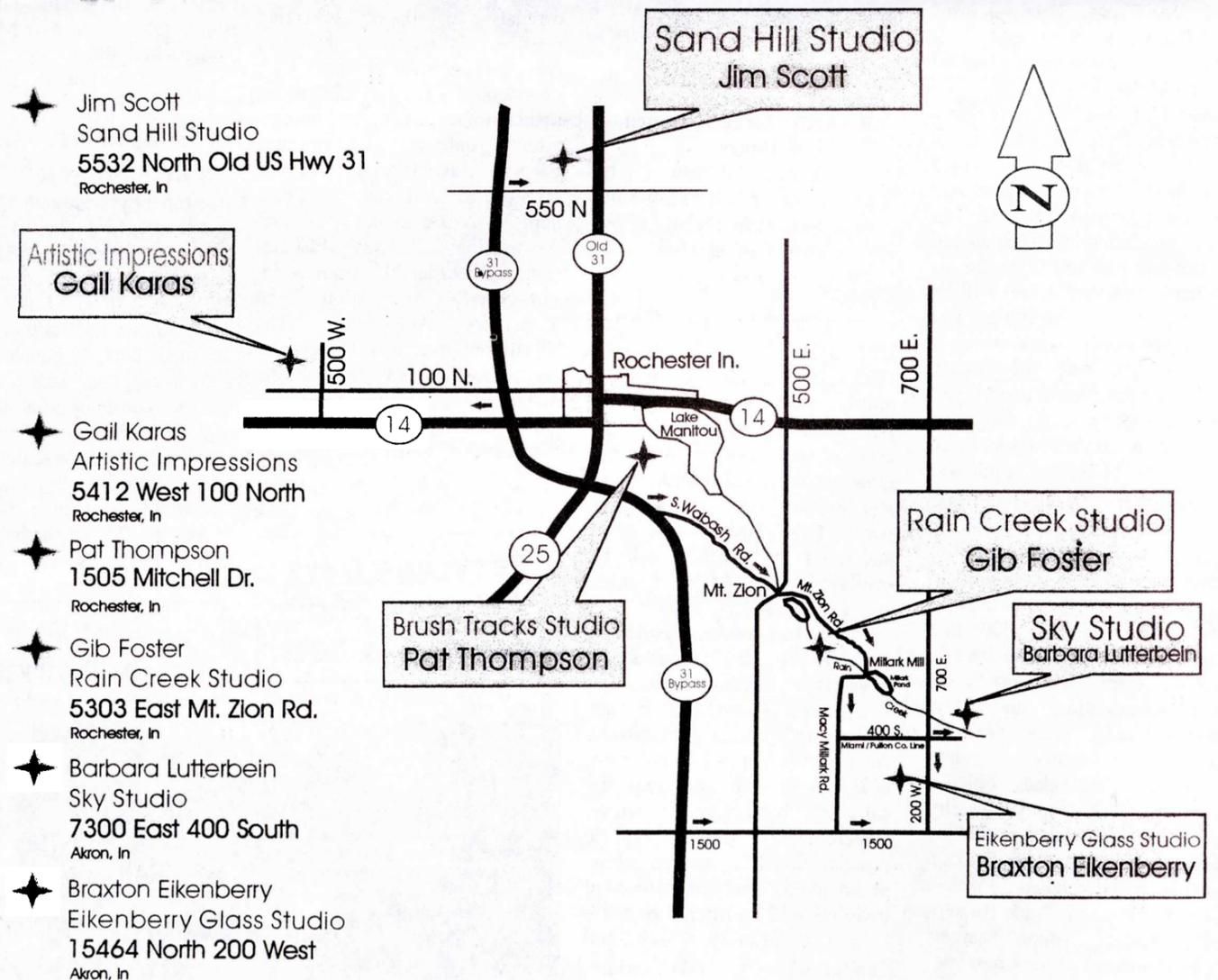
Submitted by: Millie Redweik
Sunday School Superintendent

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 9
Births - Michael and Angela Fincher, Rochester, a son
November 12
Admissions - Jordan Jennings, Rochester
Dismissals - Krystal York and son and Angela Fincher and son, Rochester; Angela Coleman, Twelve Mile
Births - Isaac and Nichole Snavelly, Argos, a son
November 13
Admissions - Florence Gunter, Logansport; John Pyle and John Myers, Rochester
Dismissals - James Funk, Rochester
Births - Mistie Foust, Rochester, a daughter
November 14
Admissions - William Lotz, Silver Lake
Dismissals - none published
November 15
Admissions - Kirsten Taylor, Argos; Robert Cannedy, Rochester
Dismissals - Edna Holloway, Rochester; Nichole Snavelly and son, Argos
Births - Andrew and Melissa Barenie, Rochester, a son
November 16
Admissions - Doug Marburger, Silver Lake; Gladys Deeds, Rochester
Dismissals - Florence Gunter, Logansport; William Lotz, Silver Lake; Mistie Foust and daughter, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 9
Admissions - Opal Steel and Bud Krohn, Winamac
Dismissals - Brittany Ragsdale, Winamac
November 10
Admissions - Jeanette Johnsen, Winamac
Dismissals - Kathryn Sommers, Kewanna; Hugh Wilbourn, Star City; Alma Good, Winamac
November 11
Admissions - Marla Carrillo and Robert Teske, Winamac; Leona Shidler, Star City; Orva Cottrell, Buffalo
Dismissals - Vera Clark, Winamac
Births - Maria Goreti and Jesus Marie

Carrillo, Winamac, a daughter, Isabel Grace Carrillo
November 12
Dismissals - Opal Steel, Winamac
November 13
Admissions - Rita Williamson, Winamac
Dismissals - Bud Krohn Sr., and Maria Carrillo and daughter, Winamac
November 14
Admissions - William Doty and Meredith Gilsinger, Winamac
Dismissals - Rita Williamson, Lester Manis and Jeanette Johnsen, Winamac
November 15
Admissions - Hannah Poenix and Alana Ingram, Winamac
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DEATHS

JOSEPH H. RICHARDS

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 17, 2007 in the Union Presbyterian Church, Union, Kentucky, for Joseph H. Richards, 84, Florence, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 24, at the Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. A gathering will be held at the Richards' country home immediately following the burial. Mr. Richards died Monday, November 12, 2007 at St. Luke Hospital West, Florence, Kentucky.

Born July 20, 1923, in Indianapolis, he was the son of the late Steven and Gladys (Brunk) Richards. Mr. Richards was the owner of CDM Corporation and a member of the Union Presbyterian Church, A.O.P.A. and the Navy League.

Survivors include his wife, Thayne (Wallace) Richards, Florence, Kentucky; one son, Douglas Richards, Clinton, New Jersey; two daughters, Lisa

Richards, Columbus, Ohio, and Dana (Richards) Skulan, Union, Kentucky; and four grandchildren.

A visitation was held at the Union Presbyterian Church two hours prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Union Presbyterian Church, 10261 Highway 42, Union, KY 41091. The Stith Funeral Home, Florence, Kentucky, was in charge of arrangements there. On-line condolences can be sent to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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BETTY J. URBIN

Graveside services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2007, in the Fulton Cemetery for Betty J. Urbin, 80, Fulton, with Rev. Kenneth Cole officiating. Mrs. Urbin died at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born April 3, 1927 in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Ned and Retha (Irven) Warfield. She was married October 26, 1947, in Logansport to Gerald Urbin.

A homemaker, she is survived by her husband; four daughters, Madge Smitley and her husband, Phil, Bunker Hill, Alma Halterman and her husband, Ted, Rochester, Gail Urbin, Rochester, and Nanette Stark and her

husband, Dennis, Winamac; five sons, Ned Urbin and his wife, Eunice, Larry Urbin and his wife, Brenda, and Rex Urbin and his wife, Glenda, all of Kewanna, Dale Urbin and his wife, Annette, Logansport, and Brian Urbin and his wife, Tammy, Troy, Texas; two sisters, Loma Lou Collins and Charlotte Mae Robbins, both of Kewanna; 35 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandchild, two brothers and two sisters.

The Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, was in charge of arrangements.
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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU
November 26 - 30**

Elementary Breakfast
Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon toast, string cheese, juice and milk
Thursday - Muffin, Yogurt, juice and milk
Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch
Monday - Sloppy Joe, fries, cherry cobbler and milk
Tuesday - Nachos, mixed vegetables, pineapple, muffin and milk
Wednesday - Pizza, green beans, orange, cookie and milk

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

Friday - Grilled cheese, potato soup, peaches, graham cracker and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Pepperoni pizza, California blend vegetables, cookie, pineapple and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Ravioli, cheese breadstick, peas, pears (HS), grapes (MS), and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice salad bar
Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, orange juice cup, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Tacos, lettuce and cheese, peach crisp, and milk. Choice - potato bar
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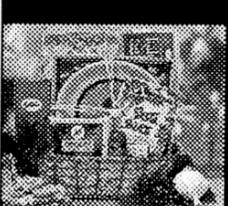
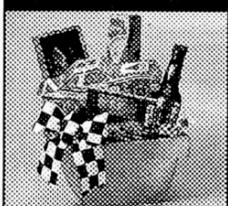
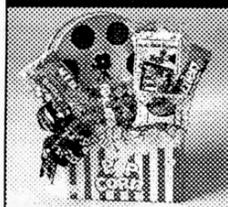
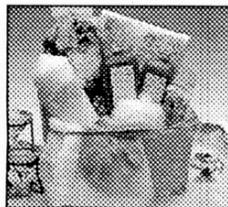
**Indiana State Fairgrounds
Upcoming Events**

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.

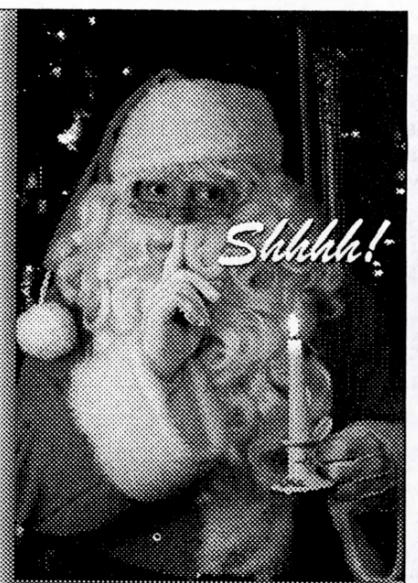
Super Sunday Indy Automotive Sway Meet & Car Sale: Nov. 25 in the West Pavilion & South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Mid-America Promotions (708) 563-4300 or www.midamericapromotions.com.

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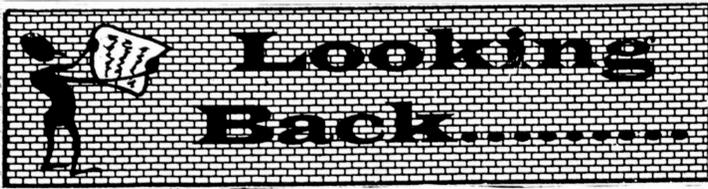
The employees of Woodlawn Hospital are generously donating items and creating baskets for their first silent themed-basket auction. The highest bidder for each basket will be notified on Friday, November 30. Payment by cash or check, made payable to Fulton County United Ministries, will be accepted.

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.

- Bidding is open to the public -

Any merchant or organization wishing to donate items to place in baskets may contact Deb Huffman, Director of Community Relations, at 574-224-1179.





Fifty Years Ago
November 21, 1957

Mrs. Martha M. Douglass, 87, of near Grass Creek, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Logansport. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Harrison Funeral Home, Royal Center, with Rev. Gene Sellers officiating. Survivors include a son, Elmer, also of Kewanna.

C. E. Whybrew, Kewanna, hit an abutment of a narrow bridge on State Road 16 Thursday evening, Nov. 14. Oncoming headlights blinded him, causing the accident. Little damage was done to the car and he was not injured.

Joyce Anderson and Linda McVay were initiated into the Order of Rainbow for Girls at Fulton Monday evening. Attending from here were Ruth Ann Anderson, Lois Kumler, Lelia Tomlinson, Naomi Mills, Thelma Johnston, Pat Kistler, Jessie Urbin, Martha Ann Cook, Bonnie Walters and Mr. and Mrs. John Urbin.

Forty-Five Years Ago
November 21, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sommers of near Thornhope have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Edgar E. Sayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Sayers, Kewanna. No date has been set for the wedding. Mary is a senior at Star City. Her fiancée is a 1960 graduate of Winamac High School and is engaged in farming.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Keith Smith home on North Toner Street Saturday night to extinguish a fire in a small shed. The origin of the fire is not known.

Johnny Vigus, Kewanna, is a patient at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Kewanna Church of Christ for Esther Foglesong, 47, Kewanna, who died at 10 a.m. Thursday. She had been ill about six months. Rev. Carl Yount officiated and burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Foglesong was a former schoolteacher.

Marilyn McColley was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner

Sunday evening hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson. Marilyn will leave soon for school in Indianapolis.

The local Cub Scouts held a pack meeting Nov. 17. Mike Clyde and Gene Ley carried the flags. Receiving awards were Corky Heiden, Kevin Smith, Gene Ley and Donnie Reason.

Forty Years Ago
November 22, 1967

Caston Educational Center was dedicated Sunday. The modern one-story structure was built at a cost of \$2.7 million.

Sonya Showley, Kewanna, a sophomore at Indiana University, pledged the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She was among 450 I.U. coeds initiated into social sororities during fall rush.

J and Sally Masteller, students at Purdue, will spend their Thanksgiving vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller.

Thirty-Five Years Ago
November 23, 1972

An open house was planned for Sunday, Nov. 26, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin, Kewanna, to celebrate the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. Their children, Larry, Steve, Chuck, Tami and Deana, hosted the event.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoover and Jeff entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Jennifer Hoover who was celebrating her 10th birthday.

Girl Scout Troop 219 met Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the local Methodist Church. Jenny Hoover, Ginny Warfield, Jackie Downhour and Shelly Cornelius, who are working on badges, gave reports to the group.

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enjoyed a carry-in supper at its November meeting last week. Election of officers was held. Chosen to serve were Elston Sayers, president; Don Woolington, vice president; Audrey Williams, secretary; Darla Greer, treasurer; and Wilma Van Duyne, reporter.

Thirty Years Ago
November 17, 1977

The Kewanna Indian girls varsity basketball team lost its season opener Tuesday evening to visiting Oregon-Davis, 50-44. The game was a close contest with the lead changing hands several times. Deana Baldwin, who was sidelined most of last year, was the leading scorer for Kewanna with 21. Kelly Good tallied 15, Sue Frasa, 6, and Judy DeWitt, 2.

The Kewanna United Methodist Women enjoyed a Thanksgiving carry-in Thursday evening in the church annex. There were 18 members and six guests present. Guests included Fern Master, Margaret Brennan, Ida Mullins, Florence Kruger, Nellie Henry and Rev. Fred Kuebler, who presented the entertainment.

The Union Township 4-H clubs held their achievement night Monday, Nov. 7. Ann Bauman and Judy Shrader lead the Wohelo club. The Happy Hoosiers club is led by Richard Earp. The sponsoring committee for the Union Township clubs is

composed of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koebecke, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rude, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangle and Ronald Shrader.

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On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 18210 Crane Nest Drive, 3rd Floor
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Tampa, FL 33647
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF NY
CONTACT PERSON: Brenda DeMott

FEIN: 13-5581829
PHONE: (813) 983-4100
NAIC CODE: 65978
EMAIL: staterreporting@metlife.com

| ASSETS OF COMPANY | | (Nearest dollar) |
|---|-----------|------------------------|
| Bonds (Schedule D) | \$ | 135,002,701,064 |
| Stocks (Schedule D) | \$ | 9,747,143,848 |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B) | \$ | 34,324,987,225 |
| Real Estate (Schedule A) | \$ | 3,586,248,084 |
| Policy Loans | \$ | 5,566,344,832 |
| Premium Notes | \$ | 0 |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E) | \$ | 1,327,407,775 |
| Deferred and Uncollected Premiums | \$ | 1,506,791,665 |
| Other assets | \$ | 89,495,863,711 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 280,557,488,204 |

| LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS | | |
|--|-----------|------------------------|
| Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts | \$ | 106,993,318,304 |
| Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies | \$ | 7,199,448,028 |
| Policy and Contract Claims—Life | \$ | 2,169,858,985 |
| —Accident and Health | \$ | 230,583,156 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued | \$ | 91,862,430 |
| All other Liabilities | \$ | 154,675,908,474 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ | 271,359,949,377 |

| SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Special Surplus Funds | \$ | 1,750,909,544 |
| Capital Stock | \$ | 4,944,667 |
| Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus | \$ | 5,785,924,427 |
| Unassigned Surplus | \$ | 1,655,760,189 |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders | \$ | 9,197,538,827 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS | \$ | 280,557,488,204 |

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On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: American Modern Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 7000 Midland Blvd.
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Amelia, OH 45102
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Ohio
CONTACT PERSON: Nicole Taylor

FEIN: 86-6052181
PHONE: (513) 947-5272
NAIC CODE: 65811
EMAIL: ntaylor@amig.com

| ASSETS OF COMPANY | | (Nearest dollar) |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Bonds (Schedule D) | \$ | 35,600,921 |
| Stocks (Schedule D) | \$ | 14,782,946 |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B) | \$ | 0 |
| Real Estate (Schedule A) | \$ | 0 |
| Policy Loans | \$ | 0 |
| Premium Notes | \$ | 0 |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E) | \$ | 2,871,734 |
| Deferred and Uncollected Premiums | \$ | 290,446 |
| Other assets | \$ | 4,514,998 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 58,061,045 |

| LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts | \$ | 16,818,868 |
| Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies | \$ | 9,790,486 |
| Policy and Contract Claims—Life | \$ | 804,461 |
| —Accident and Health | \$ | 737,169 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued | \$ | 278,356 |
| All other Liabilities | \$ | 8,478,709 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ | 36,908,049 |

| SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Special Surplus Funds | \$ | 0 |
| Capital Stock | \$ | 2,500,000 |
| Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus | \$ | 7,000,000 |
| Unassigned Surplus | \$ | 11,652,996 |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders | \$ | 18,652,996 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS | \$ | 58,061,045 |

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On the 31st day of December, 2006

COMPANY NAME: The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 720 E. Wisconsin Avenue
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Milwaukee, WI 53202
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Wisconsin
CONTACT PERSON: Gwen C. Canady

FEIN: 39-0509570
PHONE: 414-665-4285
NAIC CODE: 67091
EMAIL: gwenicandy@northwesternmutual.com

| ASSETS OF COMPANY | | (Nearest dollar) |
|---|-----------|------------------------|
| Bonds (Schedule D) | \$ | 70,393,405,976 |
| Stocks (Schedule D) | \$ | 9,254,802,134 |
| Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B) | \$ | 19,362,990,248 |
| Real Estate (Schedule A) | \$ | 1,489,267,673 |
| Policy Loans | \$ | 10,995,233,475 |
| Premium Notes | \$ | 0 |
| Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E) | \$ | 2,874,030,929 |
| Deferred and Uncollected Premiums | \$ | 1,530,561,329 |
| Other assets | \$ | 29,061,650,017 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 144,961,941,781 |

| LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS | | |
|--|-----------|------------------------|
| Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts | \$ | 94,138,464,419 |
| Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies | \$ | 4,420,128,307 |
| Policy and Contract Claims—Life | \$ | 262,835,316 |
| —Accident and Health | \$ | 34,745,920 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued | \$ | 22,076,061 |
| All other Liabilities | \$ | 34,399,315,899 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ | 133,277,565,922 |

| SPECIAL SURPLUS FUNDS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Special Surplus Funds | \$ | 0 |
| Capital Stock | \$ | 0 |
| Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus | \$ | 0 |
| Unassigned Surplus | \$ | 11,684,375,859 |
| Surplus as regards Policyholders | \$ | 11,684,375,859 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS | \$ | 144,961,941,781 |

Edward John Zore (Print Name) President
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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *A Promise to Remember* by Kathryn Cushman; *Finding Marie* by Susan Page Davis; *Fancy Pants* by Cathy Marie Hake; *Till Morning is Nigh* by Leisha Kelly; *Scarlet* by Stephen R. Lawhead; *When The Niles runs Red* by Diann Mills; and *Violette Between and Worlds Collide* by Alison Strobel.

Large Print General Fiction— *Book of The Dead* (a Kay Scarpatta novel) by Patricia Cornwell; *The Chase* by Clive Cussler; *Falling Man* by Don DeLillo; *A Week from Sunday* by Dorothy Garlock; *North River* by Pete Hamill; *Taken by Storm* by Tami Hoag; and *Family Acts* by Louise Shaffer.

Large Print Christmas Fiction— *The Gift* by Richard Paul Evans.

Science Fiction— *First Rider's Call* by Kristen Britain; *The World of Tiers* by Philip Jose Farmer; *Against The Odds* by Elizabeth Moon; *The Firebird Trilogy* by Kathy Tyers.

Large Print Nonfiction— *History of The Millennium (So Far)* by Dave Barry.

JUVENILES:

Teenage Christian Fiction— *Project: Girl Power*, *Project: Mystery Bus*, *Project: Rescue Chelsea* and *Project: Take Charge* (#1- #4 of the Girls of 622 Harbor View series) by Melody Carlson; *Just Jump* (#1 of the Double Dutch Club series) by Mabel Elizabeth Singletary; and (from the Goofyfoot Gurl series) *Let There be Lighten Up!* by Drigz Abrot and *When Dolphins Fly, Come and Play* and *Out of The Soup* by Tony Weistock.

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The Path to Good Citizenship

Lee Hamilton

"My job is to make the country work, and help it to come together." I don't remember the name of the young woman who said that, but I certainly remember the circumstances. It was at a high school in the southern Indiana congressional district I once represented. As a member of Congress, you get asked regularly to speak at high schools, and I always tried to comply.

I also tried to meet with small groups of students beforehand to talk about what being an American meant to them. I was especially interested in how they

saw the responsibilities of citizenship - and in particular, whether they saw dimensions to it that went beyond simply voting.

It has been a while since I made visits like these. Those young people have grown up and, I'm sure, forgotten our conversations. I still think about their comments, however. I do not want to suggest they were typical; indeed they were not. That's one reason their statements have stayed with me for years. Then, too, they were so young - most of them couldn't even vote - yet displayed none of the disconnection or apathy that we so commonly attribute to teenagers.

Some, for instance, were focused on their own road forward. "My job is for me to become the best I can be," one student said, while another added, "Mine is to overcome all the obstacles, and succeed." Both reflected not only the opportunities this country affords its residents, but the obligation this imposes on us to take advantage of them despite the challenges we sometimes encounter. "My job is to have a good, decent, hard-working family," said another - a purely personal goal, in one sense, but a boon to society in another.

Other students thought of their responsibilities in what amounted to moral terms. "My responsibility is to do the right thing, always," one told me, while another was determined "to respect everyone, get along with them, treat them decently, work with them, and try to help them." This emphasis on integrity and generosity of spirit acknowledged that how we behave toward others is also a part of good citizenship - that sometimes, doing the right thing can reverberate throughout a community.

Much of the time, the young people I spoke with thought of citizenship in broad terms. They'd obviously pondered what it meant to be a citizen of their own towns, their nation or even the world. They talked about "making my town and my neighborhood better, and improving them in any way I can," as one put it. They spoke about having "been given a marvelous country, and it is our job to pass it on better than we found it."

They talked, too, about their responsibility as U.S. citizens to promote their country's strengths wherever: "My job," one said, "is to help keep the country free - and to share that freedom with others." And they saw a role for themselves not just in political terms, but in environmental ones, speaking of their obligation to "protect the earth: the water, soil and air," as one said. These sentiments were often

couched in simple terms, but they expressed complex ideas. In particular, they took it as a given that part of being a citizen is building on the strengths or doing all one can to reverse the shortfalls of the communities and the nation they lived in.

Not only did their comments show real insight into our democracy, they brought home a crucial point: There is no single path to good citizenship. These students all saw different ways of being a citizen, and I don't think it's over-reaching to say that our country thrives because it gives us all the chance to interpret our place in it in our own fashion. Those who work hard and focus on raising a family or on becoming experts in their field contribute just as surely as those who tutor in schools, organize rallies to fight some injustice or volunteer to protect U.S. interests abroad. Indeed, as a society we depend on multiple interpretations of what makes for

good citizenship.

Every time I left one of these high-school gatherings, I felt reinvigorated and reassured. For what came home to me time after time as I talked with those students was that we would face a grim future indeed if they weren't thinking about citizenship at all.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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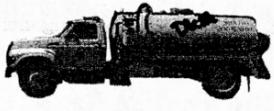


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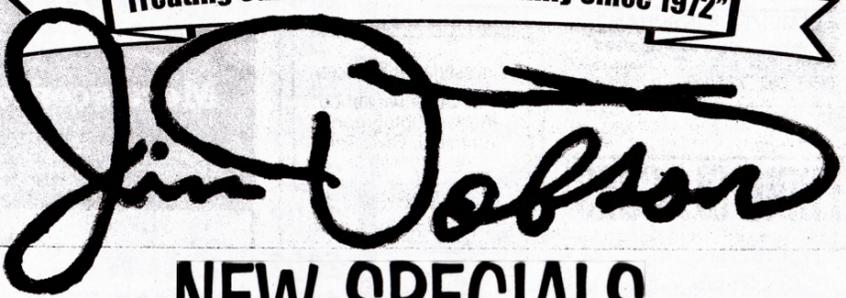
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Caston Top Ten

The following students have been named the "top ten" at Caston in their respective grade levels for the last grading period.

Seniors - Kelly Arthur, Jordan Beck, Lacey Birge, Kylee Hall, Reegan Homburg, Heath Sommers, Elliott Rowe, Courtney Tam, Lindsey Thompson and Mason Weller

Juniors - Hannah Black, Eli Fred, Frost Fry, Amy Hathaway, Lacey Hubenthal, Elias Jones, Austin Moss, Skylar Powlen, Erica Zartman and Ethan Zartman

Freshmen - Stoney Dale, Maxwell Foreman, Savannah Frye, Jacob Gamble, Brant Gerald, Logan Goff, Brantlet Hartman, Morgan Herrold, Danielle McPeak, Jada Powlen and Faye Righter-Scott.

previous night, November 16, when they hosted Pioneer beating them 48-46 in overtime. The other two losses were at Wabash and Rossville. The Lady Comets began Cass County Invitational play Tuesday evening at Logansport.

The Caston JV Lady Comets also lost to Rochester Saturday evening, 28-22. Brittany Baldwin led Caston with eight points.

The Caston varsity wrestling team defeated White's Institute Monday evening, 53-18. Winning by pins were Zach Ault, Garrett Redweik, Evan Pulliam, David McMenamin, Health Sommers, Austin Ault, Gage Waltz and Lee Waltz. Wil Holloway won by forfeit. Winning his JV match was Kevin Howard by a pin.

CASTON MENU

November 26 - 30

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Pork patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, animal crackers, Mandarin oranges and milk. Comet Café - Spanish hot dog and fries

Tuesday - Pepperoni pizza pocket, green beans, corn chips, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - hamburger and fries

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, chocolate-chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - chili soup and corn chips

Thursday - Pasta with pepperoni meat sauce, lettuce salad, Jello with fruit, garlic toast and milk. Comet Café - tenderloin sandwich and onion rings

Friday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, tater tots, carrots and dip, peach crisp, and milk. Comet Café - stuffed crust pizza

Attend Church Sunday

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, November 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH hospice center. Rhonda Kletz RN BSN, Education Manager, will be the guest speaker. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

A one-day prenatal class will be held Saturday, December 1, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 4:30 p.m. in the PMH conference

center. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH there is no charge for the class.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, 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.

Sports Shorts

The Caston varsity girls' basketball team was defeated by Rochester Saturday, November 17, 46-30, giving the Comets a 1-3 record for the season. The Comets lone win came the

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CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Minneapolis MN 55401
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: Minnesota
CONTACT PERSON: Dowayne Lummus

ASSETS OF COMPANY table with columns for asset type and value. Includes Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, Policy Loans, Premium Notes, Cash & Short Term Investments, Deferred and Uncollected Premiums, and Other assets.

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS table with columns for liability type and value. Includes Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts, Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies, Policy and Contract Claims-Life, Accident and Health, Taxes, Licenses and Fees due or accrued, and All other Liabilities.

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Signature lines for Donald W. Britton (President) and Joy M. Bonoff (Secretary). State Form 3887 (R/10-07)

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COMPANY NAME: Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company
ADDRESS: 4333 Edgewood Rd NE
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE: Cedar Rapids, IA 52499-3310
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: IA
CONTACT PERSON: Marla Tursi

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State Prepared For Winter Heating Season

The state is well-prepared to help Hoosiers who need financial assistance with winter fuel costs during the upcoming heating season, Governor Mitch Daniels said.

"We've taken all the steps we can again this year to be ready to help Hoosiers. In addition, the state's largest utility companies will help people whose incomes are above 150 percent of poverty, much like the Help Thy Neighbor program has the last two years. We appreciate that," said the governor.

Daniels started the Help Thy Neighbor heating assistance program in 2005 to extend home heating assistance to households with incomes between 150 and 200 percent of the poverty level, households that typically are not eligible for traditional financial assistance. Since then, more than 30,000 families have been helped.

A grant from the Lilly Endowment, private donations and contributions from Vectren, Citizens Gas and NIPSCO (Northern Indiana Public Service Company) funded the \$7 million program - which was administered by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana. Now, the three utilities will launch a similar effort through

their own company programs and combined, are expected to provide nearly \$2 million this winter.

"Serving all of our customers is very important," said Ed Simcox, president of the Indiana Energy Association. "Indiana winters can be harsh, but there are heating programs available to those in need of aid."

Daniels said the state expects to have \$56 million in available funds through Indiana's Energy Assistance Program (EAP). That includes \$44 million of federal funds, \$6.9 million from a special allocation of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds previously ordered by the governor, and \$4.7 million in contingency and carry-over funds from the 2006-07 program year. Those funds are available to help individuals and families with incomes up to 150 percent of the poverty level who need help paying their winter heating bills. Daniels increased the level of eligibility from 125 percent of the poverty level to 150 percent of the poverty level two years ago.

Last winter, the state's served 143,616 households across Indiana, providing \$44.3 million. The average household benefit was \$308.80. To improve on accessibility and customer service, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, which oversees EAP,

has required Community Action Agencies to utilize interactive voicemail software to handle large call volumes, to accept mail-in renewals beginning in July and to allow households to schedule appointments as well as take applications on a walk-in basis.

For more information about winter warmth programs, customers should contact their local utility company. For information about the state's Energy Assistance Program contact the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority at 1-800-872-0371

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Be Safe When Decorating With Lights

(SPM Wire) Holiday lights can look great on your tree and adorning your home's exterior, but safety should be at the top of your list when decorating.

During the holidays, many people put themselves at increased risk to fire and electrocution. Each year holiday decorations and Christmas trees account for almost 2,000 fires and cause more than \$41 million in property damage.

The simple truth: many of these fires could be prevented. Almost a quarter of all Christmas tree fires are started because a tree was placed too close to a heat

source. And according to a recent study by the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) more than 20 percent of Americans do not take the simple step of turning off lighted decorations before going to bed.

That's why the experts at ESFI are urging holiday revelers to follow important safety advice when decorating for the season.

* Before you begin, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all electrical decorations.

* Inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire.

* Prevent shock by plugging outdoor decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

* Avoid plugging in too many holiday lights and other decorations into a single outlet. Overloaded outlets can overheat and cause a fire.

* Be careful not to mount or hang light strands in any way that might damage the cord's insulation.

* Use only lights and electrical decorations that have been certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory

such as UL, CSA or ETL.

* Before using electrical products outdoors, make sure the product is approved and marked "for outdoor use."

* Send warranty and product registration forms to manufacturers. That way, they can notify you promptly in case of a recall or safety concerns.

* Turn lights and other decorations off when you leave or go to bed.

Remember, good safety habits are still the best prevention against electrical hazards all year long.

For more holiday electrical safety information, visit ESFI online at www.holidaysafety.org.

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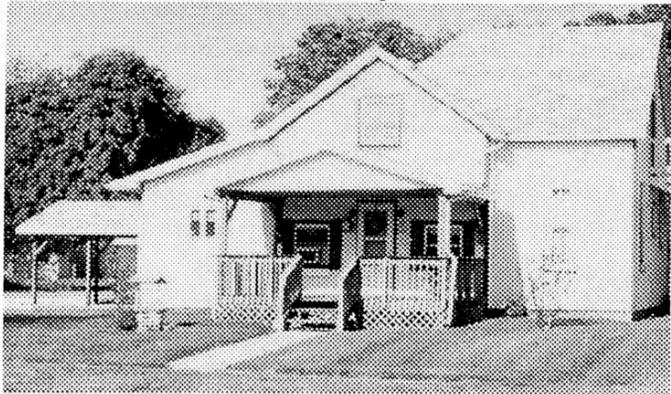
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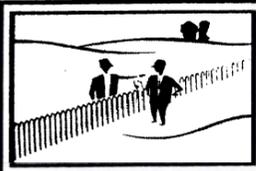
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By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Helen Miller will be having company for the next couple of weeks. Arriving Wednesday, Nov. 14, for a two-week visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Fred Blume of Fallbrook, California.

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Wednesday. Stopping in after work for a chat was her granddaughter, Julie Nies of Winamac.

Don and Pauline Scales had visitors Thursday, Nov. 15. Coming over in the afternoon for a visit were their daughter, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City, and their granddaughter and great-grandson, Jaime Heiden and Cody of Ft. Wayne.

Earl and Mary Bangel had guests arrive Friday, Nov. 16. Joining them for a weekend visit and to do some deer hunting were their son and grandson, Bruce Bangel and Kevin of Indianapolis, and Kevin's friend, Andrew Summit.

Bob and Carol Broda, Nub and Bunny Brogdon and Tom and Barb LaFollette enjoyed a wonderful day out Friday. They took advantage of the nice weather to check out the new Farmers' Market at the junction of Indiana 19 and 20. Two of the four levels are now occupied with plans for the third level nearing completion. After visiting the market, the group enjoyed dining out together.

Wilma Wilson had guests Friday. Arriving late in the day for a visit and joining her for supper were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center.

Kay and Jerry Brown were in Rochester Friday evening. They had a wonderful time attending the high school girls' basketball game. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Friday evening. They were dinner guests of their daughter and family, Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick. Everyone had a wonderful time helping Nick celebrate his 9th birthday with cake, ice cream, and lots of presents.

Nancy Evers joined her daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester, and her daughter-in-law, Maria Evers, for a very enjoyable morning of holiday shopping Saturday, Nov. 17. They were among the many who attended the annual Fulton

County Crafters' craft show held at the fairgrounds near Rochester.

Ruth Cogdill had a surprise visitor around noon Saturday. Her granddaughter, Candice Field, dropped in to say hello. They had an enjoyable visit and were both able to talk to Ruth's daughter, Linda Ligocki, who called just after Candice arrived. Candice was looking forward to a trip to Indianapolis Sunday. She and several of her friends were going down to attend the Colts football game.

Jerry Brown traveled to Caston High School Saturday evening. He was attending the Rochester vs. Caston high school girls' basketball game in which Molly McKinney was playing.

Mary and Earl Bangel hosted their family's Thanksgiving celebration Sunday, Nov. 18. Joining them for a wonderful day-long visit were their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan; their son and his family of West Lafayette, Darel and Nancy Bangel and Sara; their son and his family of Winamac, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce; their son and his family of Indianapolis, Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob; and Andrew Summit.

Kay and Jerry Brown had company Sunday morning. Stopping by for a visit were Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; her

sister, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg; and her brother, John Williamson.

Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne hosted the Wilson family Thanksgiving celebration Sunday. Most of the family was in attendance including Judy's mother, Wilma Wilson.

Julie and Barb LaFollette traveled to Merrillville Sunday. They had a wonderful time attending a performance of the Oak Ridge Boys at the Holiday Star Theatre. Afterward, they ate at the Outback restaurant. Their outing was an anniversary gift from their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte.

David and Rita Foust are getting settled and very much enjoying their new home in Plymouth. Beth and Ray Weller returned home Monday afternoon, Nov. 19, following a weekend stay in Lebanon, Ohio. While there, they had a wonderful time visiting with their daughter, Beth Ann Deckard; their daughter and her family, Linda and Steve Tufts, Lauren and Leah; and their granddaughter and her husband, Kirsten and Rob Kaufman. Beth and Ray were the recipients of a wonderful surprise via modern technology. They were able to

visit through a videophone hook-up with their son, Don Reason and his family in Tre'voux, France, everyday during their visit. This was the first time they had seen their grandsons in five years.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Krystal Smith, Nov. 25; Tamara Eisan, Nov. 26; Breanna Fairchild, Joe Good and Angela Thomas, Nov. 27; Tia Allor, Andrew Buswell, Bill Evers and Raeann Hunter, Nov. 28; Jackie Agnew, Harold

Dittman, David Jones, Morgan Kegarise and Jerry Kimble, Nov. 29; Hali Berry, Megan Easterday and Rich Powell, Nov. 30; and Don Bennett, Sharon Carlson, Jeff Good and Kathy Patty, Dec. 1.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cook, Nov. 25; Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Paul and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Nov. 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mills, Nov. 30.

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