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### Lt. Governor Skillman Awards Town of Kewanna a \$490,245 Community Focus Fund Grant

Monday, December 17, at a Statehouse ceremony, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman awarded the Town of Kewanna a \$490,245 Community Focus Fund grant for wastewater improvements. The grants are funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Kewanna officials were in Indianapolis Monday morning where they were presented with a grant award in the amount of \$490,245 for upgrades at the sewage treatment plant. Pictured

(OCRA). Thirty communities and counties across the state were awarded a total of more than \$13 million in Community Focus Fund grants.

The Town of Kewanna will use the grant to install new lagoon liners and a fence around the lagoon to protect citizens and animals as well as to update pumping stations. The project

here are Bob Murphy of R. P. Murphy and Associates, grant writer for the project; Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman; and Jeff Finke and Doran Collins, members of the Kewanna town council.

will eliminate algae problems and prevent contamination of the town's drinking supply. The updates will eliminate the escape of lagoon water through outdated liners and protect citizens from associated safety hazards.

"Governor Daniels and I are committed to the sustainability and vitality of our state's rural communities," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "The Community Focus Fund grants provide communities with the resources they need to achieve their long-term development goals and eliminate the barriers that stand in the way of their economic success."

The Community Focus Fund grants are awarded twice annually through a competitive application process. The grants support long-term community development projects for small cities and towns. Eligible projects include but are not limited to: community and senior centers, special needs facilities, water system improvements, and sewer system improvements.

Earlier this year, Lt. Governor Skillman awarded \$12,468,474 in Community Focus Fund grants to 26 Hoosier communities.

*The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs was created by legislation in 2005, making rural Indiana a major focus for the first time. Lt. Governor Becky Skillman was appointed as the first-ever Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. For additional information on OCRA and its programs visit [www.in.gov/ocra](http://www.in.gov/ocra). For updates from the Lt. Governor and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.in.gov/lgov](http://www.in.gov/lgov).*

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### Notice

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas.

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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 13, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Four of the five directors were present as well as 10 freeholders and two guests.

The minutes of the previous meetings were unanimously approved as was the treasurer's report. Norm Steigely, chairman, covered the correspondence received during the month. He noted he had received correspondence from Rural Development requesting quite a bit of paperwork to get ready for the loan/grant closing on December 20. He also mentioned that the approval letter for the loan/grant has been received and that a request for copies of public information had been received during the month.

Steigely reported that he has been in touch with Steve Tennant of Tennant's Dredging in regards to reclaiming the ground where the holding area was located. He stated that he is ready to do so as soon as it dries out enough to work the ground.

A donation of \$150 was given to the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department to help cover the cost of operating the community room.

Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave a progress report on the sewer construction project and said that most everything is completed for Rural Development and as soon as the federal closing takes place, contracts will be sent to the two low bidders. They will have one year from December 21, 2007, to bring the project to completion.

Steigely reported that the district received only three completed nomination forms by the December 1 deadline for the three director seats that will become open in February. They were from Richard Tompos, Kathy Fisher and Brad Glasson, all current directors. He also reminded everyone that elections will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008. The annual meeting will take place at 7 p.m. the same date. The board approved a motion to allow the chairman to appoint poll judges for the election.

One of the requirements for the federal loan is to have a bond in place on the treasurer in the amount of \$130,270, the amount of one year's payment to the USDA. Pfenninger Agency, who insures the district, will add that amount to the current bond of \$15,000. Liability insurance will also be provided for the land for the building sites. Once buildings are completed, insurance will also be required on them.

The first sewer bills will

### Christmas Eve Service at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host its annual candlelight Christmas Eve service Monday, December 24, at 11 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to share in this special celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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### Holiday Light Display

Jerry and Shirley Werner once again invite everyone to enjoy their holiday light display. The Werners' display will be lit daily from 6 to 10 p.m. beginning Sunday, December 9. The couple lives at the corner of 950 S and 1100 W, southwest of Grass Creek. A drive off of 1100 W leads to the back displays.

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### Special Meeting

The Kewanna town council will conduct a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 27, to conduct year-end business, including appropriation transfers. This meeting will be held at the new town hall building, 308 S. Logan Street.

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### Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH is offering a Heartsaver CPR class January 29. Class starts at 6 p.m. and will end at approximately 10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration form or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited, so call early and reserve your place.

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probably be coming out in January. The amount will be \$46.88 per month until the project is operational, then it will be \$73.50 per month. Discussion also took place on what to do with vacant lots so that those who have intentions of building on them can decide whether they would rather make the monthly interest payment on the federal loan or pay a connection fee of \$6,300 after the project is completed. All vacant lots still need to be identified. If you have a vacant lot and have intentions of building on it, please contact the district in writing at Lake Bruce Conservancy District, P.O. Box 97, Kewanna, IN 46939.

The district is currently finalizing the sewer use ordinance and may have to get it passed prior to any billing. The district will be in touch with its attorney to see if it is necessary or if verbiage in the sewer rate ordinance is sufficient.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 10. All meetings are open to freeholders and interested parties.

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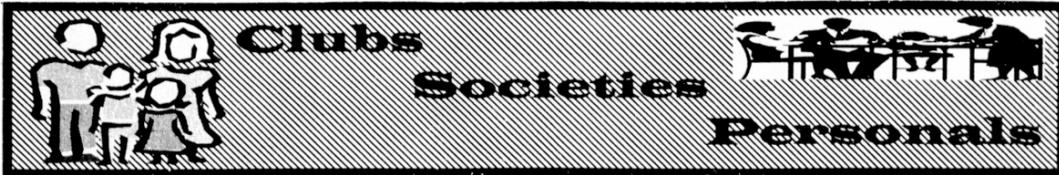


**GOOD WILL  
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May you be blessed with the glories of the season. Our heartfelt thanks to all.

# The Observer

Joe and Karen Good



### Shidakers to Celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Former Kewanna residents, Lester and Lois Shidaker, will observe their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Wednesday, December 26. The couple now resides at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester and would appreciate cards and letters from friends and acquaintances. Their address is 1729 Wabash Ave., Apt. W-108, Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, IN 46975. Lester and the former Lois Lambert were married in 1937 by Rev. Worl. Lester owned and operated the Sunoco Service Station in Kewanna for 40 years and Lois was the bookkeeper for the business.

The couple has three daughters, Janice Bleeke and her husband, Dave, Fort Wayne; Linda Worl

and her husband, Bill, Huntertown; and Trudy Cilek and her husband, Dewayne, Crown Point. They also have five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A private family dinner will be held at Wynnfield Crossing in celebration of the occasion.

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### Grandchildren of Local Couple Appear in Play

Michael LaFollette and Rebecca LaFollette, grandchildren of Tom and Barb LaFollette, recently appeared in a production of *The Christmas Story* at the LaPorte Theater. Michael played the part of Ralphie and Rebecca portrayed Helen.

The director presented Michael with the official Red Rider 200-shot, carbine action, range model air rifle after the show. He was thrilled. Michael, who is 13, memorized almost all of the lines in the play and assisted other actors when they needed a

prompt.

Rebecca performed really well, too, in the sold-out performance.

Barb reports that the kids had fun, but are relieved that the play is over, noting that it is a lot of pressure at their age.

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### Rochester VFW Hosting Benefits

VFW Post #1343 in Rochester will be hosting two benefit events for John Larson, the post's commander and a Vietnam veteran. The Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding a bake auction sale Sunday, January 6, from 3-6 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate baked items for the sale should have them at the post by 1 p.m. that afternoon. The post is also hosting a fund-raising event Saturday, January 19, from noon until 7 p.m. The afternoon event will feature three bands, lots of food, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. The money raised will go to help cover John's medical and living expenses resulting from his recent illness and hospitalization. Donations can be made to the John Larson Benefit Account at the Lake City Bank in Rochester. Those having questions about either event can

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**TORRIE KAYE CRISSINGER**  
 Keith and Stephanie Crissinger, Kewanna, are the parents of a

daughter born at 9:37 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at Logansport Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and one ounce, was 19 1/4 inches long, and has been named Torrie Kaye. Torrie has two sisters, Peyton, age 7, and Kennedy, age 10. The grandparents are Kenny and Mae Eastwood of here and Dave and Elaine Crissinger, Winamac.

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### James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 Activities

December 11 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

December 16 - Children's Christmas party with Santa Claus, 2 to 4 p.m.

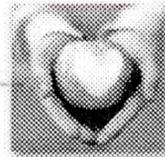
December 18 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve. Open at noon.

December 25 - Merry Christmas

December 30 - Open Sunday at noon. Free food and euchre at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

December 31 - New Year's Eve party with band "Hit and Run", 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



### Health Bites from the heart

of the staff of Woodlawn Hospital

## Avoiding a Christmas Coronary

# Time is Muscle



At this time of year, Emergency Rooms are bustling with heart attacks brought on by too much holiday cheer. Emergency room doctors call it "Christmas Coronary."

Stress of the holiday is obviously a factor, people are off of their normal schedules and forget to take their medications as they normally would. They are smoking and drinking more than they normally would. Creating what experts call the "perfect storm" for a heart attack.

And there is a difference when you compare having a heart attack in August compared to December. It's called denial. Nobody wants to leave a holiday dinner, when they're not feeling well so they tough it out, or they don't want to interrupt anybody's holiday celebration. Holiday etiquette aside, this is not the time to be polite.



*Believe it or not, Christmas day is the deadliest day for heart attack patients, followed by the day after Christmas and New Year's Day.*

The typical symptoms are, of course, chest pain radiating up into the jaw or down the arm. People will often be sweaty, pale. There are also more subtle signs to look for like nausea, shortness of breath, and lightheadedness.

And there are ways to make sure your holiday doesn't include a trip to the hospital. Stay on your normal schedule, exercise, take your medications, and eat and drink in moderation.

Time is also of the essence. If you suspect a heart attack—get to the hospital. Time is muscle—and the longer you

wait the more heart muscle you lose. So take care of yourself this holiday season and let what you feel in your heart come from the joy of the holiday.

*The staff of Woodlawn Hospital extends our heartfelt gratitude to residents of the communities we serve for allowing us to take care of your health care needs throughout the year. At this very special time, our single wish to each and every one is for peace, prosperity, happiness, and health during this holiday season and throughout the new year.*

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**HOSPITAL NOTES....**

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December 10  
 Admissions - none  
 Dismissals - Ashley Prater and daughter, Akron; Constance Herrell and son, Marilyn Cannedy and Edward Provost, Rochester  
 December 11  
 Admissions - Darlene May, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Laura Williams, Rochester  
 December 12  
 Admissions - none  
 Dismissals - Darlene Mays, Rochester  
 Births - Michelle Kohls, Rochester, a daughter; Nikki McNew, Rochester, a son; Trevor and Tia Heishman, Macy, a son  
 December 13  
 Admissions - Donald Scheffer, Rochester  
 Dismissals - none published  
 Births - Michael and Heather Forrestal, Rochester, twin daughters  
 December 14  
 Admissions - Paul McIntosh, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Nikki McNew and son, Rochester; Donald Scheffer, Rochester  
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**PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

December 8  
 Admissions - Michelle Schramm, Monticello  
 Dismissals - Ashlie Martmann and son, Lucas Scot Alexander  
 December 9  
 Admissions - Carole Anderson, Jean Button and Marjorie Fritz, Winamac  
 Dismissals - Gary Scheffer, Rochester  
 December 10  
 Admissions - David Terry, Winamac  
 Dismissals - Carole Anderson, Winamac; Michelle Schramm, Monticello  
 December 12  
 Dismissals - Barbara Simonin, Winamac  
 December 13  
 Admissions - Orlyn Kasten, Mildred Bennett and George King, Winamac; Ronald Hamman, Kewanna  
 Dismissals - Jean Button, Winamac  
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 By donating blood you have the potential to help save up to three lives. Your gift of life may treat cancer patients, premature babies, burn victims or people with blood disorders.

You can help boost the blood supply this holiday season by donating blood Thursday, December 20, at the Akron United Methodist Church from 1 to 7 p.m. Each presenting donor at this blood drive will receive a gift and can center a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

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

Rylee Daugherty, who is being treated for neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer, will be spending six weeks in Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and would appreciate Christmas cards and/or letters from family, friends and acquaintances. She also enjoys working with sticker books, etc.

Rylee is the daughter of former Kewanna resident, Andrea Troutman Hook, and Jim

Daugherty. Andrea updates a journal daily telling about Rylee's progress and care. It can be accessed at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) and typing in ryleendaugherty where you can sign Rylee's guest book and leave her a message.

Her address for cards and letters is Rylee Daugherty, Room 5156-A, Stem Cell Unit, Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202-5200.  
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**MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE**

Christmas time is once again upon us, a time to reflect upon life, friends and family. We choose this time to remember our great treasures in our loved ones. For the last ten years, Hope Hospice has also chosen this season to memorialize the lives of those we have had the privilege to know. These are the people who have forever touched our lives. Hope Hospice has done this by placing a Memorial Christmas Tree on public display at the First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester. Again, this year the tree has been placed there to serve as a public memorial for those who have impacted our lives.

Hope Hospice has ordered especially beautiful Christmas bulbs which will be hand inscribed with the names of loved

ones and hung upon the tree to rekindle the memory and honor those special people in our lives. A book of remembrance is also on display listing the names of all the honorees in the foyer of First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester.

The public is invited to join others in celebrating the life of a loved one, by making an honorary or memorial gift to Hope Hospice. For a contribution of \$10.00 or more, a personalized Christmas ornament will be created in honor or memory of a loved one, or special individual. Honorary or memorial gifts for the Memorial Christmas Tree will be accepted through December 29, 2007.

Forms listing the donor and the person being acknowledged by the contribution are available at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester and at the Hope Hospice office, 420 Main Street in Rochester. The completed form and a contribution for each ornament should be mailed to Hope Hospice, Memorial Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975.  
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**Merry Christmas**

It's time to gather with family and friends to sing songs of holiday cheer and celebrate this glorious season. Hearty wishes for every happiness.

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**Good Hunting**

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**New Plan to Give Thousands of Uninsured Hoosiers Quality Health Care**

(STATEHOUSE) Dec. 17, 2007 — The state will begin accepting completed applications for the new Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP),

which will provide health care for thousands of Hoosier adults. State Rep. Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer) voted for the legislation creating this program during the 2007 legislative session.

“Due to increased cost of health insurance over the years, many Hoosiers have been deprived of quality health care services,” said Gutwein. “This is a great opportunity for Hoosiers to get basic health care coverage. I encourage people in need of health care to take advantage of the program and to do so soon, because it does work on a first-come, first-serve basis.”

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be between 18 and 64 years old, have a household income between 22

percent and 200 percent of the federal poverty level and must have been uninsured for at least six months.

The program differs from traditional entitlement program because enrollment is dependent upon available funding, and eligibility will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, participants will be required to make a modest financial contribution to the plan, providing incentives for individuals to price shop and look for the best values in medical services and prescriptions.

Those whose income is too great to qualify for the program, but who are still uninsured, may buy into the HIP program and will not receive state subsidy.

For more information on HIP and to download an application, visit [www.hip.in.gov](http://www.hip.in.gov) or call 1-877-GET-HIP-9. Plan coverage officially begins in January 2008.

Rep. Gutwein encourages local constituents to contact him with questions

or concerns through e-mail at [h16@in.gov](mailto:h16@in.gov), or by calling the Statehouse toll-free at 1-800-382-9841. It is also possible to write him at 200 W. Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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**WRESTLING**

**Caston Super 6**

Round 1  
LaVille, 54; Manchester, 21  
North White, 51; Triton, 27  
Tippy Valley, 35; Caston 31

Round 2  
LaVille 42; Triton 33  
North White 52; Caston 24  
Tippy Valley 48; Manchester 30  
Round 3

Caston 42; Manchester 30  
North White 40, LaVille, 39  
Triton 36; Tippy Valley 30  
Round 4

LaVille 56; Tippy Valley, 18  
North White 60; Manchester 24  
Triton 41; Caston 30

Round 5  
North White 49; Tippy Valley 29  
Triton 42; Manchester 30  
LaVille 43; Caston 21

**Weight Class Champions**

103 – Matt Lindsay, Triton  
112 – Dustin Stone, North White  
119 – Tayler Judy, Tippy Valley  
125 – Zach Troxel, LaVille  
130 – Garrett Redweik, Caston  
135 – Danny Kline, LaVille  
140 – Travis Rowe, North White  
145 – Blake Hoffer, Triton  
152 – Justin Richards, LaVille  
160 – Kevin Russell, North White  
171 – Bracken Kennedy, Manchester  
189 – Chad Ulmer, Triton  
215 – Blaire Miller, Manchester  
HWT – Dominick Byrns, Manchester

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**Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....**

The next meeting of the library board will be Thursday, December 27, at 6 PM in the library.

New books at the library:

**ADULTS:**

**Christian Fiction**— *After The Leaves Fall* by Nicole Baart; *King's Ransom* by Jon Beazely; *Let Them Eat Cake* by Sandra Byrd; *Crimson Eve* (#3 of the Kanner Lake series) by Brandilyn Collins; *Blessed Assurance* by Lynn Cote; *Falling for You Again* (#3 of the Four Seasons series) by Catherine Palmer and Gary Chapman; and *Facing The Giants* by Eric Wilson.

**Christian Nonfiction**—3:16 *The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado and *When Your Soul Aches* by Lois Mowday Rabey.

**General Fiction**— *Stone Cold* (from the Camel Club series) by David Baldacci.

**Large Print General Fiction**— *The New Year's Quilt* (from An Elm Creek Quilts novel series)

by Jennifer Chiaverini and *Lord John and the Brotherhood of The Blade* by Diana Gabaldon.

**Large Print Mystery Fiction**— *Third Degree* by Greg Iles and *Creation in Death* (from the Eve Dallas mystery series) by J.D. Robb.

**Science Fiction**— *Joust* by Mercedes Lackey; *The Skies of Pern* and *Lyon's Pride* by Anne McCaffrey; *The Iron Dragon's Daughter* by Michael Swanwick; and *Robot Blues* by Margaret Weis and Don Perrin.

**Nonfiction**— *The Ship and The Storm* by Jim Carrier and *The World is Flat: A Brief History of The Twenty- First Century* by Thomas L. Fried

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**EARTH TALK**

**Questions & Answers About Our Environment**

*Dear EarthTalk: Where does all the medical waste from labs, doctor's offices and hospitals go? Does it just get put in a barrel and buried? Do they dump it in the oceans? With all the waste that is probably generated, it would be interesting to know where all those vials of blood and stuff go.*

-- Lee Senat, Haverford, PA

Medical waste is defined as the "biological byproduct of the diagnosis, treatment or immunization of human or animal patients" and includes so-called "sharps" (needles and scalpels), lab cultures and stocks, blood and blood products and any other wastes generated from sick patients or patients with infectious diseases. Such wastes have traditionally been disposed of by burning, either onsite at large medical or veterinary facilities, or offsite by licensed contractors that specialize in handling infectious materials. In most cases, incineration has been found to be effective in neutralizing potentially infectious agents.

But incineration, whether for medical or other purposes, doesn't come without its health and environmental risks. The process generates some highly noxious pollutants, such as mercury and dioxin. Despite modern pollution control equipment on smokestacks, some of this discharge becomes airborne where it can foul the air and end up in waterways. And the incinerator ash left over after burning is usually sent to local landfills, where the pollutants can seep into soils and groundwater if not properly contained.

Given such problems, many of the nation's largest medical waste incinerators have been shut down in recent years in the face of more stringent regulations promulgated under the U.S. Clean Air Act. In their place a wide assortment of alternative methods, including autoclaving (steam sterilization),

chemical disinfection, irradiation and enzymatic (biological) processes have emerged. Today more than 100 different technologies are in use in place of incineration. Once medical waste has been decontaminated by any of these methods, it usually ends up in landfills alongside regular municipal solid waste.

Most of us never even thought about medical waste until it started washing up on beaches in New Jersey in 1987 and 1988 in an event that became known as the "Syringe Tide." The event hit the New Jersey tourism industry hard, costing it almost \$1 billion in lost revenues. It also served as the basis for Barbara Ehrenreich's book, "The Great Syringe Tide" and reportedly was the inspiration for the line "hypodermics on the shores" in Billy Joel's 1989 hit, "We Didn't Start the Fire."

While there were few if any cases of people getting sick from exposure to such waste on beaches—medical waste poses a far greater risk to health care workers than to casual beachgoers—the events served as a wake-up call to federal and state governments charged with ensuring public safety. In response, Congress passed the Medical Waste Tracking Act (MWTA) in 1988, which classified different types of medical waste and called for the creation of a "cradle-to-grave" tracking system requiring medical facilities and waste haulers to account for the proper handling and whereabouts of the waste they handled.

Congress only funded MWTA

for two years, but various states have since enacted their own laws and protocols based on standards set by the original legislation. Not surprisingly, the toughest laws are in place in New Jersey and other Northeast shoreline states.

**CONTACT:** Medical Waste Tracking Act of 1988, epa.gov/epaoswer/other/medical/mwpdfs/mwta.pdf.

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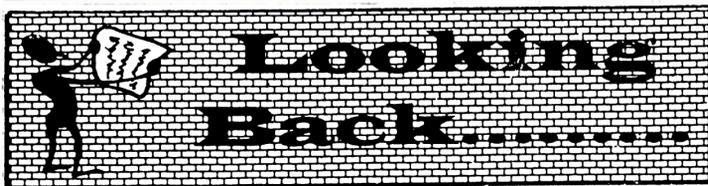
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**SIXTY YEARS AGO****December 18, 1947**

Mrs. David Besse entertained the Kewanna Business Girls Club at her home west of town Monday evening. Miss Ruth Elston was elected secretary-treasurer. Contests and bunco were enjoyed with prizes going to Delores Ackert, Margaret Brennan, Ielda Crabb and Jane Minthorn.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Elra Hogan. A gift exchange was enjoyed.

The Philathea Class of the Kewanna Church of Christ met with Mrs. John Cummings Friday, November 28. Eight members were present. Plans were made for the Christmas meeting which will be December 26 at the home of Mrs. Bessie Platt.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Heinsen and family will spend from Friday until Monday in Port Clinton, Ohio, and will attend the wedding of Mrs. Heinsen's younger brother.

Mrs. Harlan McKinsey was hostess to the WSCS of the Kewanna Methodist Church last Wednesday. Twenty-five members were present. Mrs. Geneva Metzger was in charge of devotions and the group enjoyed a gift exchange.

Jesse Weller and son and local town officials put up the town's Christmas lights this week, after local merchants prevailed on Northern Indiana Public Service to allow them to be used. At first it was thought the company would not allow the lights as it puts additional strain on the power lines. The lights were purchased last winter by the town board. This year, a lighted cross was erected on the town lot.

**Fifty-Five Years Ago****December 19, 1952**

Services were held this week for new born twins of Mr. and Mrs. Devon St. Clair. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. The twins died shortly after birth Tuesday.

A Christmas cantata, "The Choir of Bethlehem" will be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at the Methodist Church. The adult choir and junior choir will combine for this presentation. Choir members include Mrs. Ada Baker, Kenneth Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fisher, Mrs. Richard Fisher, George Hoover, Forrest Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler, Pat Kumler, Harlan McKinsey, Kenneth Miller, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Kenneth Woolington, Mary Ruth Anderson, Jeannie Brown, Vivian Brown, Sharon Hizer, Sharyn Johnston, Bob Kumler, Judy Miller, Sandra Miller, Steve Skersick, Dana Shull, Janet Urbin, Jeanne Anne Urbin, Frank Van-Duynne, Allen Welsh and Nedra Zellers.

Mrs. John Lisey reports that their son, John Jr., remains in serious condition following an auto accident in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. John suffered fourteen lacerations,

a fractured shoulder, fractured hip, one knee cap torn off and the other injured and six broken ribs.

Edith Costello was hostess to the St. Ann's Social Club Thursday, December 11. Rose Ley was her co-hostess. Prizes were won by Bertha Perry, Alice Shanley, Mrs. Peter Dwyer, Margaret Walsh and Margaret Sheets. The door prize went to Helen Crist.

Linda Shidaker was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner recently hosted by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shidaker, Bremen. Others helping her celebrate were her parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker, Jancie and Trudy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie hosted a carry-in birthday supper recently honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Loyd Woolington and Bert Gillespie. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiland, Mr. and Mrs. Vause Polen, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Meter and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Woolington.

**Fifty Years Ago****December 19, 1957**

Richard Baldwin and Raymond Weller, who were injured in an auto accident near Lafayette a few days ago, are improving and expect to be home for Christmas.

Frank W. Hoover, 79, of North Manchester died Sunday at the Tarrett Nursing Home in Wabash. He was the father of Galen Hoover of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley have gone to San Bernadino, California, for an indefinite stay with Major Ed Ley and family.

Members of the Rosary Society and Holy Name Society of St. Ann's Catholic Church met Wednesday evening in the basement of the church and elected officers. Rosary Society officers include Edith Costello, president; Louise Wood, vice president; Kathryn Orr, secretary; Margaret Brennan, treasurer; and Irene Hendrickson, parish chairman. Holy Name officers include Loyal Bugby, president; Roy Reinhold, vice president; and John Henry Scheetz, secretary-treasurer. A short program was given by Kathy Ley, Jane Lord and Mary Ann Bauman.

Mrs. Henry Montz was hostess to the Firemen's Auxiliary Thursday evening of last week. The group decided to sell aprons to raise money for a resuscitator. Christmas refreshments were served to seven members and three guests - Mrs. Loyd Woolington, Mrs. Claude Weller, and Vivian Montz. Mrs. Willard Clark won the door prize.

Mrs. Clara Stoudt, Rt. 3, Kewanna, who suffered a stroke at the home of her son, Foster, about three weeks ago, is improving.

Sam Woods of Kewanna suffered

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Notice of 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 By the Fulton County Area Plan Commission

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 were hereby adopted by the Fulton County Commissioners on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Akron Town Council on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Rochester City Council on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Fulton Town Council on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and the Kewanna Town Council on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with the effective date being known as January 1, 2008.

**Legal Description:**

Land that is effected is all land situated within the boundaries of Fulton County, Indiana

As required by IC 36-7-4-610 the following is a summary of the Fulton County Zoning Ordinance, as well as, a summary of the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, and Fulton County Subdivision Ordinance, listed above:

**The Fulton County Zoning Ordinance Summary:**

Article One: Basic Provisions  
 Article Two: General Zoning Districts  
 Article Three: Zone Map  
 Article Four: Districts  
 Article Five: Development Standards  
 Article Six: Administrative  
 Article Seven: Processes, Permits, and Fees  
 Article Eight: Nonconforming Structures, Lots, and Uses  
 Article Nine: Enforcement and Penalties

As required by IC 36-7-4-610, the following is the entire text of the penalty and forfeiture provisions found in Article 9 of the Fulton County Zoning Ordinance listed above:

**9-1.1 Authority**

The Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, the legislative bodies holding authority within Fulton County, and the Executive Director are designated to enforce the provisions, regulations, and intent of this Ordinance. All remedies and enforcement shall comply with the powers set forth in IC 36-7-4-1000 et. al. and all other applicable state law.

**9-1.2 Violations**

Complaints made pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance shall be investigated by the Plan Commission office. Also, any suspected violations by the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Bodies, or the Executive Director shall be investigated. Action may or may not be taken depending on the findings. The degree of action will be to the discretion of the investigating person(s) and should reflect what is warranted by the violation.

**9-1.3 Inspection of Property**

Investigations of property may be done so by the Plan Commission Staff either from a right-of-way without permission of the property owner, or adjacent property (with permission), or from the property suspected of a violation once the inspector has presented sufficient evidence of their authorization and described the purpose of the inspection to the owner, tenant, or occupant at the time of the inspection.

In the event that the investigator(s) is (are) denied entry, the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Bodies, or the Executive Director, and providing there is evidence of violation of this Ordinance, may apply to the court of jurisdiction to invoke legal, applicable, or special remedy for the enforcement of this Ordinance or any applicable ordinances adopted under state code. The application shall include the purpose, violation(s) suspected, property address, owner's name if available, and all relevant facts. Additional information may be necessary as requested by the court.

The warrant issued shall order the owner, tenant, or occupant shall permit entry by the Executive Director for the purposes documented in the application for the warrant.

**9-1.4 Responsibility of Violations**

The owner, tenant, or occupant of any property or building, or part thereof, shall be responsible for the violation. Architects, builders, developers, or agents thereof may also be found responsible for the violation if evidence of their involvement or negligence is found. Ultimately, if fault is not clearly found in whole or in part in persons other than the Owner, the Owner shall be held responsible in whole or in part as warranted by the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Bodies, or the Executive Director.

**9-1.5 Liability**

A structure that is raised or converted, or land used in violation of this Ordinance or its subsequent amendments may be deemed a common nuisance and the owner or possessor of the structure or land is liable for said nuisance.

**9-1.6 Violations During the Construction/Building Process**

Any three members of the Plan Commission, including at least one officer, and/or Zoning Administrator may place a Stop-Work-Order or Violation Notice on any land/property improvement process. Stop-Work-Orders shall be issued by written letter which shall state the violation and that work or illegal activity must stop immediately until the matter is resolved. This letter shall be posted in a conspicuous place or be delivered/mailed to the owner, developer, property manager, tenant, or occupant. Any three members of the Plan Commission, including at least one officer, or Zoning Administrator must meet with the person(s) served the Stop-Work-Order notice within seven (7) days of such a request to meet. A Memorandum of Agreement shall be drafted stating the conditions in which construction or action may be resumed. This Memorandum of Agreement must be signed by the owner, developer, property manager, tenant, or occupant that has caused or is responsible for the violation and the Zoning Administrator or any three members of the Plan Commission including at least one officer.

If any type of work is resumed after a Stop-Work-Order is issued, and prior to the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement, the owner, developer, property manager, tenant, or occupant that has caused or is responsible for the violation will be fined \$500 per day for every day that the work resumes. Fines will automatically accrue each day without any further notices being sent.

**Reasons for a Stop-Work-Order include:**

- Not complying with Development Standards and/or any regulations of the Zoning or Subdivision Control Ordinance.
- Not obtaining a Location Improvement Permit.
- Not meeting the conditions or commitments of a special exception, variance, or building permit.
- Not meeting the conditions of Development Commitments, Development Plans, Detail Plans, or covenants which are enforceable by the Plan Commission.
- Not obtaining any other permit necessary for site/property improvement as called out in local Code, Zoning Ordinance, or Subdivision Control Ordinance.
- Illegal use or expansion of use of building/ structures or building/structures and land in combination.

**9-1.7 Types of Violations**

The following items shall be deemed civil zoning violations, enforceable by the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Bodies, and the Executive Director. Penalties may be imposed based on the provisions set forth in this Article.

- The placement or erection of a primary structure, secondary structure, sign, structures or any other element determined by the Plan Commission or Executive Director to not conform to the provisions or explicit intent of the Zoning Ordinance and that has not specifically been granted.
- The maintenance of a primary structure, secondary structure, sign, accessory structure, or any other element determined by the Plan Commission or Executive Director to not conform to the provisions or explicit intent of the Zoning Ordinance and that has not specifically been granted.
- Failure to obtain an Location Improvement Permit when required.
- Conducting a use or uses that do not comply with the provisions or explicit intent of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, or Floodplain regulations, and which have not specifically been granted.
- Any failure to comply with the Development Standards and/or any regulations of the Zoning Ordinance or Subdivision Control Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, or Floodplain regulations, Location Improvement Permit.
- Proceeding with work under a Stop-Work-Order or a violation of a Memorandum of Agreement.
- Any failure to comply with commitments or conditions made in connection with a rezoning, Special Exception, Developmental Standards Variance, Use Variance or other similar or documentable commitment, including verbal agreements during official Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Legislative Body meetings.
- Continuing work without required inspections.

**9-1.8 Procedure for Violations**

There shall be a three step procedure for violations of this Ordinance. These steps are as follows:

- Any three members of the Plan Commission including at least one officer, the Zoning Administrator or designated representative of the Plan Commission or County Commissioners shall issue a Notice of Fines and Penalties to the person(s) who have committed, in whole or in part, a violation. The citation may be served by personal service, by certified mail, by First Class U.S. Mail, or by placement in a conspicuous place on the property where the violation occurs and shall serve as notice that a civil zoning violation has been committed. The Notice of Fines and Penalties is a warning to the violator(s) that a Violation has been determined and that it must be corrected within fifteen (15) days of the mailed date of notice or posting of notice, with the fifteenth day expiring on a business day.
- Any three members of the Plan Commission including at least one officer, the Zoning Administrator or designated representative of the Plan Commission/legislative bodies shall issue a Notice of Violation to the person(s) who have committed, in whole or in part, a violation. The Notice of Violation is a citation that states the fines and penalties for the violation. Once written notice is given to the Plan Director stating the intention to comply, the person(s) in violation will have fifteen (15) days to pay said fees and/or comply with the penalties with the fifteenth day expiring on a business day. The person(s) in violation must correct the violation within fifteen (15) days or face additional Notices of Violation.
- If the person(s) in violation refuse to pay or comply with the penalties, or correct the violation, after Notice the Plan Commission or County Commissioners may pursue court action through the court of jurisdiction. Fines and liens against the property may also be pursued until the matter is resolved.

**9-1.9 Fines and Penalties**

The Board of Zoning Appeals by mandatory injunction in the Circuit or Superior Court of the county against the owner or possessor of the real estate, may require the removal of a structure erected in violation of this Ordinance, or the removal of any use or condition in violation of this Ordinance.

Monetary fines will be imposed for each civil violation determined upon a single inspection as follows:

First Violation	\$50.00
All Additional Violations	\$50.00 each

Additional monetary fines will be imposed for each additional notification for each civil violation. Notices for violations shall be sent no sooner than fifteen calendar days after the previous notice, with the fifteenth day expiring on a business day.

Second Notice	\$100.00 per civic violation
Third Notice	\$200.00 per civic violation
Fourth Notice	\$400.00 per civic violation
Each Additional Notice	\$800.00 per civic violation

No single civil violation shall exceed two thousand dollars (\$2000.00). Payment of any violation shall be made to the Treasurer who shall deposit the funds in the General Fund or Planning Commission Fund as determined by the legislative bodies. A receipt of payment must be recorded and a receipt issued to the person making payment.

Additional notices of a single civil violation issued within eighteen (18) months of one another, will be considered a continuance of the first notice of violation, and fines will automatically begin to accrue in accordance with above stated monetary fines. A warning letter is not required to be sent with each additional notice of violation within eighteen (18) months of the first notice.

**9-1.10 Appeals or Trials**

- Any person receiving a notice of violation and/or fines may appeal the violation and/or fine to the Board of Zoning Appeals. A written statement from the person in violation shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator via Certified Mail at least three (3) days prior to the date the fine is due.
- Fines due will be postponed until the BZA has made a ruling as to the violation and/or fine. The person(s) in violation shall have thirty (30) days to file for a hearing with the BZA. Also the person(s) in violation shall have a maximum of two (2) years to complete the hearing process with the BZA. Failure to meet these deadlines will reinstate all fines due by the person(s) in violation.
- No additional notices will be issued by the Plan Commission in the event the person(s) in violation has (have) submitted a written statement of their intention to Appeal or go to trial.

**9-1.11 Enforcement, Remedies and Injunctive Relief**

- The Plan Commission or any enforcement official designated by this Ordinance may bring an action in the Circuit or Superior

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Court of the County to evoke any legal, equitable, or special remedy, for the enforcement of any ordinance or regulation created under IC 36-7-4, and its subsequent amendments this includes but is not limited to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, etc.

- The plan commission or any enforcement official designated by this Ordinance may also bring an action in the Circuit or Superior Court of the County to enforce:
- All agreements between plan commission or its designees which have been recorded as covenants in connection with a subdivision plat, a development plan, or a planned development.
  - All commitments made in accordance with IC 36-7-4 et al.
  - All conditions imposed in accordance with IC 36-7-4 et al.
- B. The Board of Zoning Appeals, or any enforcement official designated by this Ordinance may bring action in the Circuit or Superior Court of the County to restrain a person violating IC 36-7-4 et al. or any ordinance adopted under IC 36-7-4 et al. which includes but is not limited to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, etc.
- C. The Board of Zoning Appeals or any enforcement official designated by this Ordinance may also bring an action in the Circuit or Superior Court of the County for a mandatory injunction, directing to remove a structure erected in violation of this Ordinance or applicable state code.
- D. If the Board of Zoning Appeals, or its designated enforcement official is successful in its action, the respondent shall bear all costs of the action.
- E. An action to enforce a commitment made in accordance with IC 36-7-4 et al. may be brought in the Circuit or Superior Court of the County by:
- Any person who is entitled to enforce a commitment made in accordance with IC 36-7-4 et al. under the rules of the Plan Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals in force at the time the commitment was made; or
  - Any other specially affected person who was designated in the commitment.

Article Ten: Board of Zoning Appeals  
Article Eleven: Definitions

Article Four: Design Standards  
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The Fulton County Comprehensive Plan Summary:

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The Fulton County Subdivision Ordinance Summary:

- Article One: Basic Provisions
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The Fulton County Zone Map Summary:

- Agricultural District (AG)
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- River Residential (RR)
- Suburban Residential (SR)
- Residential Cluster (R1)
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- Downtown Commercial (DC)
- Highway Commercial (HC)
- Village Commercial (VC)
- General Commercial (GC)
- Industrial Park/Manufacturing (IN)
- Intensive Use (IU)
- Airport Overlay (AO)

A copy of the entire Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, Fulton County Zoning Ordinance, Fulton County Subdivision Ordinance, and Fulton County Zone Map, and all information pertaining thereto, are on file and available for examination at the Fulton County Public Libraries and at the Fulton County Plan Commission Office at 125 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 012, Rochester, Indiana during regular business hours.

Fulton County Plan Director, Casi Cramer

**Aubbee Grads Plan Reunion**

Plans are underway to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of Aubbeenaubbee High School. The focus of this first gathering will be on classes from 1964 through 1974. The get-together is not just for graduates of Aubbee or Culver, but also for former classmates who may have attended Aubbee only briefly. Other interested persons are also welcome to attend.

A hog roast will be held Saturday, August 2, 2008, at the Leiters Ford Community Building from 12 noon until 6 p.m. with lunch beginning at 1 p.m. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks (non-alcoholic). Donations will be accepted to offset expenses.

Planners are seeking current addresses of individuals who attended Aubbee and were in the 1964-1974 classes. Please contact a committee member if you have information or questions, or if you would like to help with planning and organizing the gathering.

Current committee members include Sherry Engle Anderson 574-653-2625 [farmhair@rtcol.com](mailto:farmhair@rtcol.com); Donna Rawles Baker 574-842-2368; Margaret Nelson Barrett 574-542-4598; Debbie Bell Berger 574-784-3427 [sdberger@netzero.net](mailto:sdberger@netzero.net); Nancy

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**Essay Contest For Students**

Manitou Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is offering two \$25 prizes for the best essay in two categories. American History Essay Contest is for grades 7 and 8, and the topic is "I Spy-Espionage During the American Revolution."

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest is for grades 9 - 12. The topic is "How did the four voyages of Columbus change our perception of geography and alter world economics?"

All students living in Fulton County are eligible. Essays should be sent to Shirley Willard, Manitou Chapter Regent, 3063 S 425 E, Rochester IN 46975. For more information call 223-2352. Deadline is January 5, 2008.

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**LOOKING BACK...**

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some broken bones in his foot a few days ago while at work at Farm Bureau, Rochester.

**Forty-Five Years Ago  
December 20, 1962**

Raymond Hinderlider, Union Township trustee, has announced the organization of a kindergarten the second semester. Final arrangements have been made to establish the class in the basement of the library.

A miscellaneous shower was held Monday evening, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Bill Ingram for Kathryn McKinney, bride-elect of James Brown. Co-hostesses were Janet Rae Burkett, Pat Foust and Linda Shidaker. Games were

conducted with prizes going to Mrs. Virgil Zellers, Mrs. Oren Anderson and Mrs. Helen Worl.

The Cubs Scouts held their pack meeting and Christmas party at the town hall December 15. Flag bearers were Bob Clyde and Doran Collins.

The Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary held its annual Christmas party at the Kewanna library Monday evening, December 10. Mrs. Burdette Garner presided at the meeting. Mrs. Roy Deckard gave devotions. Mrs. Earl Mills was in charge of the program. Forty-two persons enjoyed the gift exchange and refreshments.

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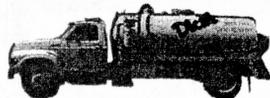
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## AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA ENCOURAGES HOOSIERS TO SEE THEMSELVES AMONG THE MANY "FACES OF INFLUENZA"

HOOSIERS ENCOURAGED TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU

Indianapolis, November 29, 2007 - Health experts recommend annual influenza vaccinations, better known as the *flu shot*, for more than 220 million people in the U.S. Despite this recommendation, influenza immunization rates fall far short every year. In Indiana, between 315,000 and 1.26 million Hoosiers will suffer from influenza in an average year.

The American Lung Association of Indiana has partnered with other health organizations to bring Faces of Influenza, a national educational campaign, to Indiana. This multi-year public awareness initiative helps Americans put a "face" on this serious disease and recognize annual influenza immunization as an important preventive measure to protect themselves and their loved ones every year.

"Influenza is not the common cold. It's a serious respiratory illness that is easily spread and can lead to serious complications and even death. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent influenza and its complications," reminds Nancy Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Lung Association of Indiana. Celebrities, public health officials, and everyday people have joined the Faces of Influenza campaign sharing personal stories about their experiences with the disease and encouraging influenza vaccination among recommended groups. These faces include people who fall into one or more of the high-risk groups recommended for annual immunization by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC).

"Despite serious health risks associated with influenza, many people, including people with chronic health problems, young children, and those 50 years of age and older, are not getting immunized," says Norman Edelman, MD, Chief Medical Officer of the American Lung Association. "More than 2 out of 3 Americans should be vaccinated every year, which means it's likely each one of us knows someone whose well-being, good health, or life depends on getting an influenza immunization each and every year."

On a national level, actress and mother Jennifer Garner is the spokesperson for the Faces of Influenza campaign. Other celebrities' "faces" featured are: actor Dean Cain, who played Superman on ABC's *Lois and Clark*; Olympic Gold Medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi; Dr. Joyce Brothers, well-known psychologist and advice columnist; Joy Behar, comedian and co-host of ABC's *The View*; Olympic Gold Medalist Vonneta Flowers; and actor Peter Gallagher, star of Fox's *The OC*.

The Lung Association is also working with everyday Americans from across the country, including two families who lost their young children to influenza — one a 6-month-old twin boy; the other a 4-year-old girl. Others in the program have asthma, diabetes, or other chronic medical conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). One individual is pregnant, and participates to help emphasize the importance of immunization for women who will be pregnant during influenza season.

### About Influenza

Influenza, along with its complications, is a serious respiratory illness. On average, 36,000 Americans die and about 226,000 people are hospitalized each year. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent influenza and its complications. Adults and children with chronic medical conditions, such

as asthma, COPD, heart disease, weakened immune system, diabetes, and others, are at increased risk for complications from influenza and should be immunized every year. People 50 years of age and older, pregnant women, and children 6-59 months of age, as well as their household contacts should also be vaccinated to help prevent influenza-related complications and the spread of this dangerous disease.

Vaccination typically begins in October and can continue through March. In most seasons, influenza virus activity peaks in February or March, so vaccination throughout the entire influenza season is beneficial and recommended.

### Faces of Influenza Awareness Activities

The initiative also includes educational materials for consumers and health-care providers, as well as the national distribution of news television and radio public service announcements featuring Jennifer Garner and the high-risk groups recommended for influenza immunization. The Lung Association has developed a Web site, [www.facesofinfluenza.org](http://www.facesofinfluenza.org), where consumers and health-care providers can find more information about influenza and the importance of immunization. Visitors to the site can also view the photographs and stories featured in the Faces of Influenza Portrait Gallery, view the public service campaign, and utilize the Lung Association's Flu Clinic Locator, [www.flucliniclocator.org](http://www.flucliniclocator.org), the largest on-line directory of public influenza clinics.

### About the Flu Clinic Locator

In addition to this new campaign, the Lung Association continues to offer its Flu Clinic Locator as a public service. By typing in their 5-digit ZIP code, site visitors can receive a list of immunization clinics in their area. Site visitors may also schedule appointment reminders and sign up to receive seasonal influenza news. The Flu Clinic Locator remains active as long as public

influenza immunization clinics are offered.

### About the American Lung Association

Beginning our second century, the American Lung Association is the leading organization working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Lung disease death rates continue to increase while other leading causes of death have declined. The American Lung Association funds vital research on the causes of and treatments for lung disease. With the generous support of the public, the American Lung Association is "Improving life, one breath at a time."

### For More Information

For more information about the Faces of Influenza educational initiative, visit [www.facesofinfluenza.org](http://www.facesofinfluenza.org). For more information about the American

Lung Association or to support the work it does, call 317-819-1181 or visit [www.LungIN.org](http://www.LungIN.org). The American Lung Association's Faces of Influenza educational initiative is made possible through a collaboration with sanofi pasteur.



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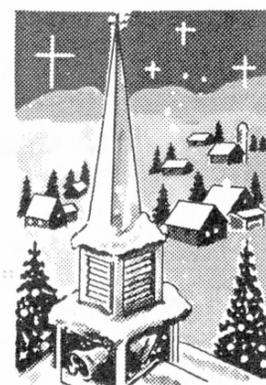


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**Close Out Holiday Season With Safety in Mind**

*National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories urge consumers to practice safety when putting away holiday decorations*

(NORTHBROOK, Ill.) **December 18, 2007** - Homes have been decorated, gifts will soon be unwrapped and New Year's resolutions are ready to fill everyone's thoughts. With the onset of post-holiday activity, it's important to keep safety at top of mind.

That's why the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), an independent safety testing organization, are joining together this post-holiday season to remind consumers to practice safety as they put away holiday decorations.

According to the NFPA, 13 percent of the home fires attributed to Christmas trees have occurred in January. The NFPA recommends consumers remove real trees from their home and properly dispose of them once their holiday celebration ends.

"Christmas trees - real or artificial - can be a significant fuel source if a fire occurs in your home," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications at the NFPA. "Even a well-watered tree should be taken down after four weeks. If you decorated your real tree right after Thanksgiving, it should be discarded the week after Christmas."

Christmas trees are not the only holiday decorations that need prompt attention after the holidays. All electric decorations should also be taken down and put away.

"Holiday lights are considered seasonal and should not be up longer than 90 days," said John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager for UL. "If you leave decorations out any longer, they will be more prone to damage,

which could cause an electrical shock or fire hazard."

As you unplug and store holiday decorations, the NFPA and UL would like to remind you that practicing safety now can keep decorations in working condition and prevent potential hazards from occurring next year. Following are safety tips consumers can use any time when putting away seasonal decorations:

1. To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can damage the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.
2. As you're putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect each for flaws. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken or cracked sockets or frayed or bare wires.
3. Do not place a faulty set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.
4. Take the initiative now and throw out worn light strings. Shop for replacements during after-Christmas sales or add lights to your Christmas decoration list for next year.
5. Be sure to pack lights appropriately. No one likes to untangle a web of lights. When preparing your holiday lights for storage, consider purchasing a holiday light storage reel, or create your own system.
6. Store electrical decorations in a dry place, such as a suitcase, where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children

and pets to ensure that cords and wires are not damaged in storage.

Additionally, to preserve and ensure the longevity of your holiday decorations:

1. Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around an empty wrapping paper tube or cardboard square. If you wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard, cut a slit in one side of the square. Thread the end of a set of lights through the slit. Wrap the lights around the cardboard, threading the other end back through the slit.
2. Although the box your artificial tree came in may seem like the perfect one to repack it in for storing, this isn't the wisest idea for preservation. The cardboard boxes begin to deteriorate making them more prone to insect infestation.
3. Special ornaments benefit from being stored in their original packaging. If you throw out the original box, store smaller ornaments in an egg carton.
4. Save yourself time next year by thoroughly labeling decorations before storing. Make a detailed inventory on the outside of each container. Number each to keep track of how many you have (for example, Box 1 of 12) and consider taping a piece of wrapping paper on the outside of each container for easy holiday storage identification.

For more information regarding holiday decorating safety, footage of how quickly a dry Christmas tree incinerates or photos related to holiday decoration safety, please visit the UL Newsroom Web site at <http://www.ul.com/newsroom> or the NFPA Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org>.

**About UL**

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**About NFPA**

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org>.

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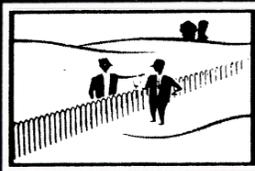
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**Town & Country  
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Linda Garner was among those who enjoyed attending the Caston Elementary School's Christmas program Monday evening, Dec. 10. Her grandchildren, Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn Young, were among the participants.

Ruth Ann Anderson, Joyce Luhnow and Beth Weller were in Logansport Monday evening. They had a wonderful time attending the Dino Christmas program. (Dino is a pianist based in Branson, Missouri.)

Pauline Brown was in Rochester early in the week. She had a nice time delivering goodies to and visiting with Sharlene and Al Haimbaugh and Barb and Fred Brown.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Tuesday, Dec. 11. On their way into town, they picked up Barb's mother, Pauline Eikenberry. Barb and Pauline did some Christmas shopping and dined out together while Tom visited with Tom Miller at Martino's Italian Villa.

Julie Brown did some Christmas shopping in Logansport Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13.

Jackie Heidenreich traveled to Winamac Thursday. She had a nice time attending the Winamac VFW post's Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party in the afternoon.

Beth and Ray Weller had company over the weekend. Arriving for a family Christmas gathering (that was snowed-out)

were their daughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Friday, Dec. 14. Stopping by for a visit and to treat her to dinner at the Edgewater Café in Culver was her son-in-law, Dr. David Parker of Marion, Virginia. (David was spending the weekend in the area visiting with several relatives.)

Linda Garner joined her daughter and granddaughter, Missy Young and Stevanna of Twelve Mile, for some Christmas shopping Friday. They had a fun time while checking out the stores in Plymouth.

Pauline Brown and Julie had company Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15. Stopping by to deliver Christmas gifts and for an entertaining visit were Wendy Sutton, Jake, Luke and Tanner.

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

Mary and Earl Bangel had a houseguest over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for a holiday visit was their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Saturday. They were joined at Riddle Elementary School by their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Shelby. Everyone had a fun

time watching the basketball game in which the Bohacs' son, Nick, was playing.

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Saturday. Coming down from Kalamazoo, Michigan for a family chat was her great-grandson, Nick Oliver. While he was in the area, Nick took the opportunity to do some deer hunting with his grandfather, Dr. David Parker.

Angle Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina arrived safely Saturday (and just before the storm hit) for a two-week visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Ann Zartman and Shirley had afternoon guests Sunday, Dec. 16. Coming over for a visit and bringing along dinner were Ann's daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Rich Green.

Helen Whiteman and Nick Oliver enjoyed dining at the Edgewater Café in Culver Sunday afternoon.

A Christmas message for everyone, "May you have love enough to light the way, Friends enough to gladden the heart, Faith enough to give you peace, Hope enough to brighten your tomorrows." I hope you all have a safe and very Merry Christmas.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so

please remember to give them your best regards) are: Bruce Bangel and Kenan Kimble, Dec. 23; Edward Carr, Emily French and Karon McColley, Dec. 24; Dorothy Lease and Trent Powell, Dec. 25; Robert Bangel, Craig Bitterling, Mike Clyde, Kathy Dees, Gwen Hott and Julie Nies, Dec. 26; Andrew Bangel, Rachel Evers, Amanda Heckeman, Taylor Warner, Beth Weller and Anna Winegardner, Dec. 27; Brennan Cook and Hanna Plummer, Dec. 28; and JoAnn Bowyer, Michael C. Brown, Myranda Glant, Jackie Heidenreich, Sandra Hendrikson, Julie Kline and Brittany Riffle, Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 28.

**The News  
In Brief**

The Caston-Frontier boys' varsity basketball game that was postponed December 15 has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, at Frontier.

Allied Waste picked up a total of 4,747 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during November.

**Tourney Pairings  
Announced**

Pairings for the boys' varsity Community State Bank holiday tourney to be held at LaVille High School December 21 and 22 have been announced. Caston will play Culver at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21, while LaVille will take on Triton at 7:30 p.m. The consolation game will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, December 22, followed by the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for the entire tournament or \$5 each night.

Caston will host the girls' varsity Winning Edge holiday tourney December 28 and 29. LaVille and Triton will square off at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, followed by the Caston vs. Culver game at 7:30 p.m. The consolation game will be played at 6 p.m. Saturday, December 29, and the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices for this tourney are also \$8 for the tournament or \$5 for a single session.

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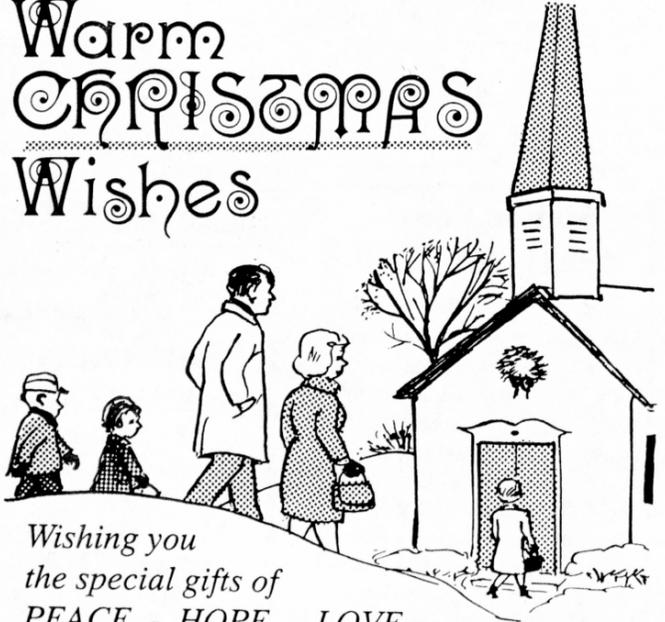
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