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Kewanna Fall Festival, Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1

The Kewanna Fall Festival will open at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, with carnival rides, games, food vendors, arts, crafts, flea market items, paint ball, a climbing wall, obstacle course, dime roll, plinko board and more. The various booths will close at 10 a.m. Saturday hours will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday booth hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lavern Yoder will offer horse drawn buggy rides from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Lynn's Restaurant will serve a fish fry beginning at 4 p.m. Friday; a biscuit and gravy breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday; and pizza by the slice from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

There will be free carnival rides from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday sponsored by various businesses including WROI Radio, Fulton-Marshall Farm Bureau Co-op, Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, The Observer, Ron's Carpet Service, Luke's Auction, Smith Sawyer Smith Insurance, The Kibitzer, Total Equips, Key Discount, Rochester Moose Lodge No. 1107, Mentone Chiropractic and Irving Materials. Various entertainers will appear on the Main Street stage.

There will be free circus performances at 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. (handicap and senior citizens only), 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday courtesy of the Community State Bank, Kewanna Metal Specialties and Winamac Coil Spring.

Wrestling events are scheduled for 9 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday.

The Nightshift Band will perform from 7-10 p.m. Friday night, while The Kibitzer will feature karaoke with Tom and Mony beginning at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Don Kegarise's hand-carved replica of the Dentzel Carousel will be on display Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 114 E. Main Street, the building now owned by Ron Hamman.

The Tippecanoe Twirlers and Swingin' Dudes will display their square dancing skills from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday on the Main stage. Kim Hoover of Hoots to Howls will present a wildlife show at 1 p.m. and Mike Horney - Tribute to Frank Sinatra will take the stage at 1:45 p.m.

The Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department will offer various demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The winners of the scarecrow contest, sponsored by Kewanna Pro Hardware, will be announced at 2:45 p.m. Saturday.

Kewanna Pro Hardware will sponsor children's contests for ages 4 to 15 beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, on stage. The contests will include bubble blowing, water balloon (2-person teams), egg race, watermelon eating and a

Scarecrow Contest

Kewanna Pro Hardware is again sponsoring a scarecrow contest in conjunction with the Kewanna Fall Festival. The scarecrows will be judged and then used to decorate Main Street for the festival and throughout the month of October.

Entry forms and contest rules can be picked up at Kewanna Pro Hardware or Community State Bank. Cash prizes will be awarded during the festival to the top three winners.

All scarecrows must be brought to Kewanna Pro Hardware on or before Tuesday, September 26.

Auction Articles Needed

Anyone who would like to donate articles to be auction off during the Kewanna Fall Festival should call Don Hibner at 574-653-2700.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit a local Habitat for Humanity project.

Festival Committee Selling Candles

The Kewanna Fall Festival committee is selling candles at the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank. The candles come in several fragrances and sell for \$5. One dollar from the sale of each candle will benefit the festival.

The Kewanna Fall Festival will be held Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1. Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. is sponsoring the event.

AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, September 25 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, au gratin potatoes, green beans, strawberries and milk

Wednesday, September 27 - Meat loaf, baked potato, lima beans, pineapple, wheat bread and milk

Friday, September 29 - Carry-in treasure hunt.

Tim Mikesell will offer hayrides from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Children under 10 may ride free with a paying adult.

American Pride - Tribute to America will be on stage at 4:30 p.m. and J. J. Brooks, an international singer from Wales, will entertain from 6 to 7 p.m.

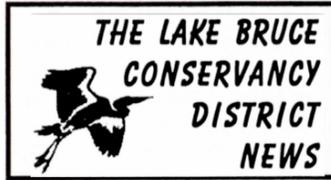
The Kibitzer will sponsor a Kewanna idol contest from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Applications are available at the Kibitzer. The first prize is \$100.

The Fulton County Historic Power Association will host an antique tractor show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Gospel singers, Earnie Parker and friends, will entertain from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

A 50-50 drawing will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, just prior to the benefit auction.

The festival will culminate with a parade at 3 p.m. Sunday. Larry Kimble is in charge of the parade.



The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its monthly meeting Thursday, September 14, in the Kewanna Fire Department's community room. All five directors were present as well as eleven freeholders of the district. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as well as the treasurer's report.

Chairman Norm Steigely covered correspondence received by the district during the month. It was reported that a letter had been received from Robert Engle stating that he was withdrawing the use of his property as a sediment basin. Also received was an e-mail from Gwen White of the DNR stating that tier land 2 surveys would not be paid for by the DNR. Upon receipt of this letter, Weed Patrol was contacted. Tony Cunningham said that the district would not be billed for the surveys (\$5800) by Weed Patrol for the work they did this year. He went on to say that he would not be doing any further surveys for the DNR in the future. Norm stated he had contacted JF New to get a quote on what they would be charging to do surveys in 2007. A letter from Steve Gottschalk, appraiser, stating that properties do not lose value or take longer to sell if they are near a vacuum station was received and forwarded to the Fulton County Commissioners. The board did receive an approval letter from Army Corps of Engineers for work in the wetlands (SW side of lake). We probably will not use this site as changes have been made in the design of the sewer project.

On old business covered: Norm Steigely attended the last hearing on the CFF grant at the Fulton County Commissioners meeting on August 21st and it was approved by the Commissioners. Director Tom Davies said that nothing new has happened on the dry hydrants to date. He stated that he should have some information for the board by the next meeting. It was mentioned that the vegetation along the channel near South Park Road will be treated next week. Also a lake survey will be done and they will be letting us know if we need any fall treatment.

New business covered: Fliers were handed out to the people in attendance about the Hydraulic in Lake Manitou. Norm explained that it is a very serious problem and that all the lakes in the area need to be on the look out for this highly dangerous weed. He explained that this could turn into a much more costly weed to eradicate that anything we have seen thus far. Estimates are that it may cost a million dollars to get it out of Lake Manitou. Board members have information on it

if anyone would want more information.

The board approved the lease of land from Joe Rude for construction of a 10-acre sediment basin on his property to put the sediment from the dredging project. The cost is \$150 per acre for each year until the land is reclaimed for farming. It is hoped that with the cooperation of Mother Nature, we can complete everything on the west side of the lake by April 15, 2007.

A contract was signed with Tennant's Industrial Dredging of Terre Haute to dredge 4 to 4.5 acres on the west side of the lake starting this fall. The cost is \$100,100. of which \$ 87,000 is covered by the LARE Grant the District was awarded by the DNR. Steve Tennant answered questions from those present. It is important to note that anyone who has property along these areas should get their piers and boats out of the water prior to dredging or their area will not be able to be dredged.

Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie gave a progress report on the sewer project. He reported that things are moving along as scheduled on the meeting hall design, treatment plant design and wetland permitting. He went on to say that major changes have occurred due to the change in final design of the project. After calculating information from the aerial topo maps, it was determined by AirVac that two vacuum stations would be necessary instead of one. The locations of the stations would be one on 1125 W and the other near Hoosier-Hide-Away. They are presently negotiating with two willing land owners about purchase of their property. It was noted that the cost of the project would not be dramatically impacted by these changes.

The district will not be able to get all the paperwork together for the CFF grant application in time for the fall deadline. The board tried unsuccessfully to get a letter of credit from a bank so we could meet the deadline. To overcome this, we will be applying to Rural Development for a larger grant than what we were going to ask. If we do not get it we will re-submit the CFF application for the spring round. We should know what direction we will take in December.

The board passed a motion for the treasurer to pursue finding a commercial bank to deal with as our status has drastically changed when we took on the sewer project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department community room. It is open to all freeholders and interested parties.

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Mill Creek Family Restaurant Slated To Open In Fulton

Alan and Tonya Cates are pleased to announce the opening of the Mill Creek Family Restaurant in Fulton. Located on State Road 25, the restaurant hopes to be open by October 1st.

Alan has 27 years in the food service industry, with most of those years being spent managing the former Amber's Restaurant in Logansport. He hopes to bring Fulton and the surrounding areas a place to come to enjoy a home cooked meal in a friendly, small town, smoke free environment.

Family owned and operated, Mill Creek Family Restaurant will offer a separate menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner along with a children's menu. Hand cut USDA choice steaks, seafood, home cooked meals and homemade soups are a just a sample of the many items that are sure to please any palate.

The Mill Creek Family Restaurant's hours of operation will be Tuesday thru Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Benefit for Steve & Alison Foster Family, Oct. 14

A pork tenderloin benefit dinner will be held Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. EDT in the Winamac High School cafeteria. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation. Those who wish to dine-in should enter through the south entrance. Those wanting carry-outs should pull through the front drive.

The Tippecanoe Christian Church organized the benefit for the Fosters who recently lost an infant child and are now facing medical and funeral expenses.

Notice to Veterans

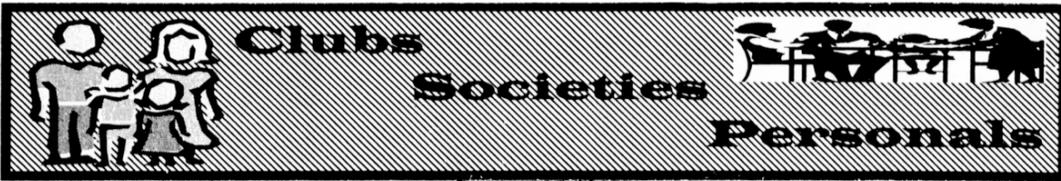
Veterans from all branches of military service will be recognized during the *American Pride - Tribute to America* program at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, during the Kewanna Fall Festival. All servicemen and former servicemen are asked to be present for the occasion, which will be held on the Main Street stage.

Career Fair at Monticello

A community career fair will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 21, in the Brandywine Convention Center of the Best Western Hotel in Monticello.

This is an opportunity for job applicants to meet with perspective employers from White County. Participating employers will be accepting resumes during this event.

Professional trainers will be conducting resume writing classes and offering entrance testing in math to potential applicants wishing to achieve greater employment potential.



16th Annual Bazaar at Fulton U.M. Church

The Fulton United Methodist Church will host its 16th annual bazaar Friday, October 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The bazaar offers a large variety of crafts, homemade mincemeat and regular and cholesterol-free noodles. A 91" x 91" handmade quilt will be raffled off and attendees can enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls and lunch.

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Adult Education Classes at Local Library

Landmark Adult Education classes have begun another school year at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. The classes are for anyone who is 16 years of age or older and who is not currently enrolled in school. The class not only prepares people to take the GED test but also gives them an opportunity to brush up on the basic skills necessary to enroll in college or become a better parent or employee.

The Landmark Adult Education classes are offered at the library on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Stop in at the library or call 574-653-2011 for more information.

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Basket Bingo at Winamac

The Pulaski County Extension Homemakers will host a Longaberger Basket Bingo Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. EST at the VFW in Winamac.

Pre-sale tickets are \$20 (20 games) and can be purchased from any Homemaker or the Extension Office. There is limited seating. Proceeds will go towards the community building.

For more information, call 574-946-6010 or 574-946-3412.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121

Sat., Sept. 9 – Men's meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Sun., Sept. 10 – District meeting at Logansport, 2 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 12 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 16 – Hog roast, 4 to 7 p.m. Card drawing at 7 p.m. Karaoke, 8 p.m. to midnight

Sun., Sept. 24 – Open Sunday at noon. Free lunch, euchre at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Tues., Sept. 26 – Men's Auxiliary meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Farm Bureau District Seminar, Sept. 26

District 1, Indiana Farm Bureau, will hold its fall seminar Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Knox High School. Registration will start at 6:15 p.m. EDT.

Burkett Catering will cater the meal. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person. Those planning to attend should RSVP to their County Woman Leader by Sept. 19. In Fulton County, that is Betsy Gardner.

The guest speaker will be Carolyn Hegel, 2nd vice president of Indiana Farm Bureau. Comments will also be heard from Bob Herrold, district director; John Newsom and Wayne Belden, field representatives; Mark and Denise Scarborough, District 1 Young Farmer representatives and Dolores Surfus, District Woman Leader.

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Youth Essay Contest Deadline, Oct. 17

All 8th grade students in Indiana are invited to participate in the annual essay contest sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, and Sen. Richard Lugar.

"Feeding Our Bodies, Fueling the Future" is the theme for the essay contest.

The contest began in 1985 and is designed to increase the awareness of young Hoosiers as to the significance of Indiana agriculture, how it relates to the food supply and to their personal health. This year's theme expands that focus to agriculture's role in the production of fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

Contest brochures were mailed to public schools as well as to home school representatives in early September. The brochure is also available as a PDF file on the Indiana Farm Bureau website www.infarmbureau.org. All essays must be mailed to your local Farm Bureau county woman leader and must be postmarked no later than October 17.

Essays will be judged on the basis of correct grammar and punctuation, spelling, understanding the topic, neatness and overall

appearance, originality and creativity.

More information is available from your county Farm Bureau or your school principal. One boy and one girl from each of Farm Bureau's 10 districts will be chosen as finalists. The state winners – one boy and one girl – will be honored at Indiana Farm Bureau's annual convention, December 8 and 9, and will win a trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

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Diabetic Education Classes



A series of group classes will be offered to anyone interested in learning more about managing Diabetes.

Class Dates: October 11, 18, 25

Class Times: 1-3 pm or 6-8 pm

Location: Woodlawn Hospital Ambulance Garage

Cost: \$10 (for series)

Instructors: Jean Herd, FNP-CS, Maureen Neeley, FNP-C, & Cheryl Brandt, Dietitian

Class 1 — What is diabetes, monitoring, regulating blood glucose, medications and exercise.

Class 2 — How what you eat affects diabetes, label reading, dining out, meal planning.

Class 3 — Learning to live with diabetes, personal health habits, sick-day guidelines, long-term complications, changing behavior, putting the pieces together.

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RSVP by October 3 to Karla Meyer, RN, Coordinator of Diabetic Education at 574-224-1268.

Reminder: Our Diabetic Support Group meets every third Wednesday from 1:00pm—2:00pm.

HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 September 9
 Births - Charles and Nicole Evans, Winamac, a son
 September 10
 Births - Eddie and Allyson Lawson, Rochester, a son
 September 11
 Admissions - Zachary Herd, Kewanna; David Alderfer, Mentone
 Dismissals - Wendy Reinartz and son, Kelly McCall and daughter, Jennifer O'Dell and son, Rochester; Linda Thomas, Zachary Herd and Luna Mullins, Kewanna; Jeanette Smith and daughter, Monterey; Domingo Santiago, Akron; Shana Leed and daughter, Argos; David Alderfer, Mentone
 September 12
 Admissions - Joshua Rhodes and Dorothy Jackson, Rochester
 Dismissals - Nicole Evans and son, Winamac
 Births - Jennifer Brown, Culver, a daughter; Amanda Moore, Akron, a son
 September 13
 Admissions - Carl Rude, Kewanna; Florence Hunter, Rochester
 Dismissals - Allyson Lawson and son, Rochester
 September 14
 Admissions - Janice Norman, Tippecanoe; Everett Hoffman, Akron; Wayne Landis, Mentone
 Dismissals - Mable Blacketer, Rochester; Jennifer Brown and daughter, Culver
 Births - Steven and Tammy Vigar, Rochester, a daughter
 September 15
 Admissions - Adrian Vaughn, Leiters Ford; Cheryl Tarter, Rochester
 Dismissals - Joshua Rhodes and Florence Hunter, Rochester; Amanda Moore and son, Akron

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 September 8
 Admissions - Ryleigh Blankenship, Winamac; Dismissals - Lea Mullins and son, and Covert Graves, Winamac
 Births - James McCray and Tracie Young, North Judson, a daughter, Chantel

Elsie Jillian McCray
 September 9
 Admissions - Leandro Mata, Mission, Texas; Mary Perosky, Star City
 Dismissals - None
 Births - Mary Perosky, Star City, a son, Nathan David Perosky
 September 10
 Admissions - None
 Dismissals - Leandro Mata, Mission, Texas; Tracie Young and daughter, North Judson
 September 11
 Dismissals - Justice Napier, LaPorte; Donald Lane, Walkerton; Dana Field, Winamac; David Blystone, Rochester; Milton Poston, Kewanna
 Dismissals - Mary Perosky and son, Star City; James Johnson, Winamac
 Births - Darrin and Dana Field, Winamac, a son, Eric Devon Field
 September 12
 Admissions - None
 Dismissals - Ryleigh Blankenship, Winamac; Harold Chambers, Star City
 September 13
 Admissions - Chantale Bergeron, North Judson; Les Stigen, Winamac
 Dismissals - Donald Lane, Walkerton; Freida Bartlett and Dana Field and son, Winamac
 Births - Tim Wireman and Chantale Bergeron, North Judson, a daughter, Kaitlynn Jan Wireman
 September 14
 Admissions - Petrina Hopkins and Kelly Penicaro, Kewanna; Kristen Webb, Knox
 Dismissals - None

failing health for eight weeks.
 Born January 6, 1953, in Plymouth, he was the son of Harold E. and Barbara A. Personette Peters. He had lived in the Rochester area for fifteen years, moving there from Culver. He was married May 6, 1995, to Pamela Rose Campbell, who survives. He was owner and president of Leiters Ford LP Gas and a member of the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church. He enjoyed spending time in the pool, golfing and deer hunting.
 Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Tammy Jean Shedrow and her husband, Wade, Monterey; four sons, Jason Allen Peters and his wife, Tracy, Plymouth, Timothy Dean Peters, Plymouth, Nickolas Roy Overmyer and Justin Paul Overmyer, Rochester; six grandchildren; one sister, Donna Jean Wynn and her husband, Greg, Plymouth; one niece; and his mother and step-father, Betty and Myrl Crum, Argos. He was preceded in death by his father, a sister and his grandparents.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church.

DEATHS.....

LARRY DEAN PETERS
 Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Larry Dean Peters, 53, Rochester. Rev. Karen Welling and Rev. Melvin Merrell will officiate and burial will be in the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Mr. Peters died at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at his residence. He had been in

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH is offering a Healthcare Provider class Sept. 28. Class starts at 6 p.m. EDT and will end approximately at 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 to reserve your place. Classes may be rescheduled if paid participants number less than six by Sept. 25.

PMH's New Mother's Group will meet Sept. 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the board room. This group will meet every other Wednesday. Topics will include issues on feeding and baby care. Call 574-946-2113 for more information.

Sandy Roth RNC, NP of Monterey Family and Women's Health Services is hosting a free breast cancer awareness seminar Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the clinic in Monterey. Gift packs and refreshments will be provided. Register for the seminar by calling 574-542-2552, however, walk-ins are welcome.

PMH and the Pulaski County American Cancer Society are sponsoring a "Look Good Feel Better" workshop Monday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PMH oncology office. Certified cosmetologists will teach cancer patients how to apply special make-up, and the use of hair coverings to enhance their appearance. To register for the event, call Joan Lauder, OCN, at 574-946-2180. RSVPs are required.

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, Sept. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH conference center. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

Prenatal classes will be held on consecutive Thursdays, October 5 through November 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the PMH conference center. There will be a breastfeeding class held on November 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. For registration, 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 classes.

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Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$	1,631,224
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$	4,375,750
Other assets	\$	342,377
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	35,071,694

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Losses	\$	
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$	1,187,555
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$	
Reserve for Taxes	\$	107,816
All Other Liabilities	\$	25,685,842
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	26,681,213
Special Surplus Funds	\$	
Capital Stock	\$	3,000,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$	
Unassigned Surplus	\$	5,390,482
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$	8,390,482
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$	35,071,694

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CASTON MENU
September 25 - 29
Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, cookie and milk. Comet Café - Chicken and French fries

Tuesday - Breadsticks with meat and cheese, mini cubes, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - tacos

Wednesday - Ravioli, lettuce salad, pears, bread & better and milk. Comet Café - foot long hot dog, French fries

Thursday - (Brunch) sausage/egg/cheese bun, potatoes, apple juice, cookie and milk. Comet Café - submarine sandwich

Friday - Barbecue rib sandwich, seasoned potatoes, pineapple, and milk. Comet Café - taco salad

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Caston Cross Country

Caston hosted the Cass County cross country meet Monday evening with the Comets improving their times and efforts.

Jordan O'Neal finished 4th for the JV boys and McKenna Harmon was 12th for the JV girls while Brittany Scales finished 21st.

Heath Gearhart finished 8th for the varsity boys with Albert Collins moving up to 21st, Garrett Redweik 22nd, Payton Dailey 23rd, Heath Sommers 26th, Robbie Lewark 27th and Rodney Clemans 28th.

Michelle Centers also ran a good race finishing 4th for the varsity girls. Veronica Sheets was 16th, Alison Chandler 21st, Kassie

Hoagland 22nd, Aurora Berg 24th, Shyanne Oberg 25th and Kaley Kellenberger 27th.

Final Results

Varsity Boys: Pioneer, 27; Logansport, 36; Lewis Cass, 78; Caston, 100

Varsity Girls: Logansport, 26; Pioneer, 40; Lewis Cass, 79; Caston 87

The Comets ran in an invitational at Carroll Tuesday, Sept. 12, on a wet, soggy course. Both teams finished 8th. Michelle Centers paced the Lady Comets while Heath Gearhart was the first Comet across the finish line.

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Sports Shorts

The Caston 8th grade volleyball team was defeated by Winamac Sept. 12, 18-25, 25-22, 10-15. Chelsea Livits had 7 points and 3 kills. Jada Powlen and Miraha Moss each had 6 points and Dana Miller and Misty Gearhart chipped in 2 points each. Dana also had 1 kill.

The Caston varsity Lady Comet volleyball team lost to North White Sept. 14, 25-18, 25-9, 25-7. Keisha Brown had 5 points, 7 assists and 4 kills. Kaylyn Herrold had 4 kills and 6 blocks; Kylee Hall had 4 kills and Erika Swartzel had 3 digs.

The JV volleyball team also lost to North White 9-25, 8-25. Meghan Myers had 6 points, Brittani Binder had 1 block and Courtney Porterfield had 2 digs.

The Caston varsity football team fell to visiting South Central Friday evening, Sept. 15, 27-13.

The Comets, 0-5, will travel to North White Friday, Sept. 22.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds

Upcoming Events

25th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts 4-Wheel & Off-Road Jamboree Nationals presented by Toyo Tires: Sept. 22-24 in the Toyota Trucks Grandstand, Farm Bureau Building, Infield & Natural Resources Building. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$18 adults, \$10 children ages 3-12, free for children under 3. Advance tickets available at O'Reilly Auto Parts and Ticketmaster locations.

Midwest Reptile Show: Sept. 24 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5, children 8 and younger free.

Indianapolis Renfro Fall Boat & RV Show: Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 4 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$6, \$5 seniors (60+), free for children 12 and under.

8th annual Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show: Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$3 (good all three days); children 15 and younger are free

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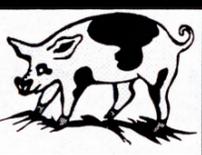


George Godfrey, Athens, Illinois, blessed the Potawatomi Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail highway sign located on the west side of Old U.S. 31, just south of Indiana 110 by the County Landfill Friday, Sept. 15. Godfrey is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and had an ancestor on the 1838 Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas. There are now five historic trail highway signs in Fulton County, the first in the nation. They were sponsored by the Manitou

Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution. Other counties will follow with highway signs marking the trail across their county so motorists, hikers and bikers can follow the 660-mile route to Kansas and find the 78 Trail of Death historical markers at each camp site. All the historical markers were erected by volunteers at no expense to taxpayers. For more information and pictures of all 78 markers, see www.potawatomi-tda.org.

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The next meeting of the library board will be Monday, September 25, at 6 pm in the library.

New books at the library:
ADULTS:

General Fiction— *Ricochet* by Sandra Brown; *6 Rainier Drive* (from the Cedar Cove series) by Debbie Macomber; *Fool Me Once* by Fern Michaels; *Judge & Jury* by James Patterson; *Sandcastles* by Luanne Rice; *Morrigan's Cross* (#1 from the Circle Trilogy) by Nora Roberts; and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Large Print Fiction— *Fool Me Once* by Fern Michaels and *Morrigan's Cross* #91 of the Circle Trilogy by Nora Roberts.

Mystery Fiction— *A Deadly Hand* by Carol Costa and *Grim Finale* (a Liz Rooney mystery) by Dorothy P. O'Neill.

Western Fiction— *Shannon's Express* (a Sheriff Shannon western series) by Charles E. Friend; *Riding Fence* by A.H. Holt; and *The Outcast of Spirit Ridge* (from the Keystone Ranch series) by James C. Work.

Nonfiction— *Insight* by Sylvia Browne.

JUVEENILES:

Prevention Nonfiction— *The Story of Chocolate* by C.J. Polin.

Ages up to 7 years Nonfiction— from the Clubhouse Reader's series: *Can It Live Here?* By Jennifer Blizin Gillis; *Lan's Plant* by Sandy Riggs; and *A Truck Can help* by Judy Kentor Schmauss.

Teenagers Fiction— *The Legend of Bass Reeves* by Gary Paulsen.

Picture Books— *An Island Grows* by Lola M. Schaefer.

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**Kewanna Fall Festival
Sept. 29, 30, & Oct. 1**

Local Items

Virginia Agnew of here and her daughter-in-law, Pam Agnew of Rochester, have returned home from Atlanta, Georgia, after spending ten days with Alfredo, Kelly and Lucas Barquin. While there, Virginia's 12th grandchild, Virginia was born to Alfredo and Kelly. Sofia Grace checked in at 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Virginia and Pam helped take care of the new arrival, her two-year-old "big brother", and mom and dad, too.

Julie Brown enjoyed attending the Caston vs. Winamac elementary football game Sunday.

Vera Ambrose and Wilma Wilson were among those who enjoyed attending the Dittman family reunion Sunday. The event was held in the community room of the local fire station.

Kathy Fisher and Rita Foust paid a visit to Gail Scheeringa Sunday. Gail is temporarily restricted to "stay off her feet".

Kay and Jerry Brown had a caller Sunday. Stopping by for a visit was Kay's sister, Karen Kruger.

Shirley Zartman was among those who enjoyed attending the special program Sunday afternoon at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The program was entitled "Disney Spectacular Plus" and was presented by the Peabody Entertainers from North Manchester.

Barb Hieber and JoAnne Tsoodle had a nice time attending a local auction Sunday.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Savannah Bitterling, Brandon Long and Angie Whiteman, Sept. 24;

Debbie McGee and John Wegner, Sept. 25; Chad Lowry, Sept. 26; Jay Burkett, Mary Fisher, Nathan Miller, Dawn Nikolich, Jane Strong and Donny Weller, Sept. 27; Heather Green, Jane Johnson and Joshua Robson, Sept. 28; Jerry Brown, Jane Green and Carrie Brown, Sept. 29; and Abigail Troutman, Sept. 30.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swafford and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wolf, Sept. 24 and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Birge, Sept. 27.

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Thirty-two players enjoyed this year's Kewanna golf outing last Thursday at Pond View Golf Course. Two teams finished the 18-holes tied at 10 under par. The winning team was selected by the toss of a coin and included (left to right) Sven Johnson, Sandy Sutton, Joe Pesaresi and Rich Moise. Members of the other team carding a 10 under were

Rod Hall, Bruce Foster, Buzz Davis and Randy Hall.

Bill Lucas was closest to the pin on #1 and Sonny Small was closest on #10. Each received a sleeve of golf balls donated by Dick Mitchell of Harris Waste Management Group, Inc.

Thanks to Pond View Golf Course for the use of the course and the great food.

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On the 31st day of December, 2005

COMPANY NAME: Westfield Insurance Company
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CITY, STATE ZIPCODE: Westfield Center, OH 44251-5001
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Ohio FEIN: 34-6516838 NAIC CODE: 24112

CONTACT PERSON: Jeffery S. Gillentine PHONE: 330-887-6278
EMAIL: financialreporting@westfieldgro.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY

Bonds (Schedule D)	(Nearest dollar)
Stocks (Schedule D)	1,050,377,325
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	424,726,063
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	0
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	37,543,860
Other assets	302,144,417
TOTAL ASSETS	1,913,489,206

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	520,989,233
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	153,850,390
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	435,529,426
Reserve for Taxes	14,974,097
All Other Liabilities	208,265,767
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,333,608,913

Special Surplus Funds	196,918,953
Capital Stock	4,700,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	5,145,547
Unassigned Surplus	373,115,793
Surplus as regards Policyholders	579,880,293
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	1,913,489,206

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COMPANY NAME: Ohio Security Insurance Company
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CITY, STATE ZIPCODE: Fairfield, OH 45014
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF OH FEIN: 31-0541777 NAIC CODE: 24082

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Weekley PHONE: (513) 603-2268 EMAIL: donna.weekley@ocas.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY

Bonds (Schedule D)	(Nearest dollar)
Stocks (Schedule D)	7,153,363.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	0.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	2,197,356.00
Other assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	13,468,121.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	0.00
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	0.00
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	0.00
Reserve for Taxes	0.00
All Other Liabilities	362,200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	362,200.00

Special Surplus Funds	0.00
Capital Stock	3,500,430.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	1,499,570.00
Unassigned Surplus	8,105,920.00
Surplus as regards Policyholders	13,105,920.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	13,468,120.00

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Professional landscape designer and former agriculture, botany, and horticulture teacher answers local reader's questions about gardening, plant care and maintenance, and flowering choices.

Q. I really love mums every fall, but most of the mums I buy don't come back the next spring. The ones that do make it the next year look straggly. Is there anything I can do to make them look as good the second time around? - Kathy M.

It's time for some garden excitement. Chrysanthemums have long been regarded as the choice flower for late season color. And, oh, what color they have now in shades of yellow, pink, orange, red, bronze, purple and white. The flower types are equally as diverse from daisy, anemone, semi-double, buttons, pompoms and double.

A simple gardening technique called "pinching" makes mums compact and encourages branching. The plants grow more compact and produce more flowers. Just like pinching a cute kid's cheek, pinching is done with the thumb and forefinger. The new growth is removed. Pinching can be just the removal of the new emerging leaves or it can be down several inches to a side bud.

Pinching encourages branching because it removes the dominant bud. Consider the top new growth as the "queen" bud. Normally the "queen" bud gets the majority of the food and growth hormones. She grows and thrives. All the side buds are the "ladies-in-waiting". When the "queen" is removed, dominance spreads out to the "ladies-in-waiting". The side buds now get more food and growth hormones and they grow. Since it takes time for the side buds to get moving, pinching usually delays flowering. This delay can be to your advantage because continual pinching can extend the flowering season.

Mums are short day/long night plants. Flowers are initiated when the day length (actually the length of darkness) reaches a certain period. They naturally bloom as the days get shorter in the late summer. The period of darkness required to initiate blooming

depends on the cultivar. By careful cultivar selection a garden could have blooming mums from August through October. Florist mums require a very long night so they do not set buds until late in the season and are often killed by frost before they ever have a chance to flower in the garden.

Most outdoor mum varieties are now listed as garden mums and not hardy mums. Cold tolerance is only one essential attribute for mums to live through the winter. Mums are best planted in full sun in well-drained soil. One of the reasons mums fail to live through the winter is overly wet soils in fall and winter. Soil drainage can be improved by adding compost to the soil and planting in a slightly raised area.

Mums are best planted in spring to assure better establishment and therefore winter survival. In spring mums are generally available as four inch pot plants, but they will grow quickly into sizable plants by fall. In order to produce bushy well-branched plants, mums need to be pinched two or three times during the growing season. The first pinch is done when the plants are about six to eight inches tall. After these branches grow six inches or so they should be pinched again continuing until July 4th. Pinching promotes numerous flowers and reduces the need for staking.

For fall-planted mums flowering takes precedence over root growth and establishment. The second best time for mum planting is late August to early September to allow at least some time for establishment before cold weather sets in.

Mums have a shallow, fibrous root system so water thoroughly during hot, dry weather. After flowering has ceased, trim off old flowers and fertilize with a low nitrogen fertilizer such as 5-10-10. Mums also respond well to additional fertilizer during the growing season.

After the ground freezes trim off the dead stems and place them back on top of the plant crown. Mulch with shredded leaves for additional winter protection. If you buy mums this fall, look for plants in bud with only a little

color showing. Plant as soon as possible and keep soil moist but not soggy. Mums are just what the garden needs for a burst of late season color.

For professional advice visit www.metzgerlandscaping.net and send a question or Leesa Metzger

Recycling Days
Sept. 9th and
Sept. 22nd

Key Waste picked up a total of 2,913 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during August.

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NAIC CODE: 24066
EMAIL: donna.weekley@ocas.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 29,273,353.00
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 0.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 0.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 2,257,209.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 0.00
Other assets	\$ 7,128,493.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 38,659,055.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 0.00
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 2,508,065.00
All Other Liabilities	\$ 662,023.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,170,088.00

Special Surplus Funds	\$ 0.00
Capital Stock	\$ 3,374,043.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	\$ 13,648,270.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 18,466,653.00
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 35,488,966.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 38,659,054.00

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Annual Asbestos Report

According to Caston School Corporation's annual asbestos report, the areas which contain asbestos materials are the classrooms with the original floor tile. Areas that have new tile, such as the elementary gym lobby, room 216 and room 244 have vinyl composition tile, which do not contain asbestos products.

The condition of the vinyl/asbestos flooring and other areas are monitored on a regular basis as required by AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) regulations.

The sixth of the three-year inspections (as required by AHERA) was conducted during the summer of 2006. An EPA certified inspector conducted this inspection. The next inspection will be conducted during the summer of 2009.

Copies of all inspection reports and the school's management

plan are available for review in the office of the superintendent of schools. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the superintendent's office.
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU September 25 - 29

Elementary Breakfast
Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - Breakfast burrito, juice and milk
Wednesday - Donut, yogurt, juice and milk
Thursday - Peanut butter crackers, string cheese, raisins and milk
Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch
Monday - Pork tenderloin, tator tots, apple, cookie and milk
Tuesday - Pizza burger, mixed vegetables, applesauce, graham crackers, and milk
Wednesday - Omelet, hash browns, orange, cinnamon founts

and milk
Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, pineapple, garlic bread and milk
Friday - Chicken nuggets, potato soup, fruit ice, whole wheat bread and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Corn dog, tator tots, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Sloppy Joe, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Tomato soup, crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, pickle spear, applesauce and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Taco snacks, corn, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - Cheese dippers, potatoes, salsa, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - potato bar
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Land Use Conference, Oct. 31

Farmers, local government officials and anyone else interested in land-use issues should plan to attend the 9th annual "Communities at the Crossroads" conference, sponsored by the Indiana Land Use Consortium and set for October 31 at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis.

Subtitled "Balancing Land Use for a Prosperous State," the day-long conference will focus on the connections between land use, economic development, and quality of life for all Indiana citizens. The consortium, founded in 1997, is an ad hoc collection of groups interested in land use. Indiana Farm Bureau is among the more than 40 member organizations.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to browse the commercial exhibits at the conference throughout the day. Registration is \$90; student registration is \$45. The consortium is also offering a limited number of partial scholarships. Registration forms are available at the consortium's website www.indianalanduse.org.
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On the 31st day of December, 2005

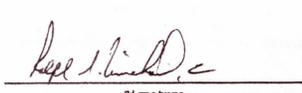
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ADDRESS: 9450 Seward Road
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CONTACT PERSON: Donna Weekley PHONE: (513) 603-2268 EMAIL: donna.weekley@ocas.com

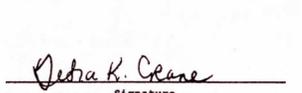
ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 3,071,641,976.00
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$ 675,404,814.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$ 0.00
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$ 25,899,434.00
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ -15,411,353.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 335,274,506.00
Other assets	\$ 178,461,973.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,271,271,350.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 1,629,464,813.00
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 410,074,555.00
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 645,578,755.00
Reserve for Taxes	\$ 30,651,820.00
All Other Liabilities	\$ 550,956,081.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,266,726,024.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$ 0.00
Capital Stock	\$ 4,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	\$ 230,507,439.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 769,537,876.00
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 1,004,545,315.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 4,271,271,339.00

 Signature
Ralph S. Michael III
 (Print Name)
 President

 Signature
Debra K. Crane (Sr VP/Genl Counsel)
 (Print Name)
 Secretary

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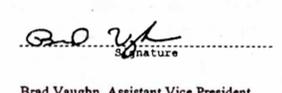
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ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF: South Dakota FEIN: 46-0417363 NAIC CODE: 24047
CONTACT PERSON: PHONE: EMAIL:

ASSETS OF COMPANY (Nearest dollar)

Bonds (Schedule D)	\$ 6,645,730
Stocks (Schedule D)	\$
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	\$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	\$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	\$ 2,019,755
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	\$ 511,502
Other assets	\$ 145,599
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,322,586

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$ 198,765
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$ 432,658
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$ 877,652
Reserve for Taxes	\$
All Other Liabilities	\$ 1,028,958
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,538,033
Special Surplus Funds	\$
Capital Stock	\$ 1,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	\$ 1,800,000
Unassigned Surplus	\$ 3,484,553
Surplus as regards Policyholders	\$ 6,784,553
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 9,322,586

 Signature
Brad Vaughn, Assistant Vice President
 (Print Name)
 President

 Signature
Bryan Kienholz, Secretary
 (Print Name)
 Secretary

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Garage/Yard Sale Fri. & Sat., Sept. 29 and 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 201 W. Main St., Kewanna. This moving sale will include vintage clothing, 3-way lift chair, antiques, books, household items and misc. yard equipment.
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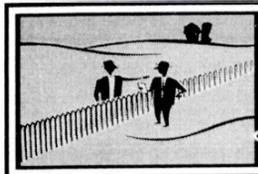
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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Monday morning, Sept. 11, Tim Cogdill of Macy arrived for a visit with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. They enjoyed sitting on the front porch having coffee and catching up on all the family news.

Barb Hieber was in South Bend recently. After taking care of an errand, she enjoyed the Art Beat fair that was held throughout the city.

Rita and David Foust traveled to Kokomo Tuesday, Sept. 12, to visit with Rita's mother, Eva Buzzard. Eva accompanied them home for an extended visit. Also visiting with the Fousts were Rita's cousins, Johnny and JoAnne Courts and Peggy Burge of Kokomo, Jean Lint of California (who were staying at the Hoosier Hideaway). Everyone in the family had a great time visiting back- and- forth throughout the week.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and Bob and Carol Broda were among those who enjoyed the wings dinner served at the Rochester Moose lodge Tuesday evening. Joining them for a visit during the meal were the LaFollettes' daughter and grandchildren, Karina Bohac, Shelby and Nick, and Shelby's friend, Kyle.

Mildred McColley had a houseguest one day last week. Joining her for a working visit was her son, Ron McColley of Frankfort.

The Birthday Club met Wednesday, Sept. 13, at The Bagel Place in Rochester. Gathering for an afternoon of visiting were Doris Woolington, Wileta Wilson, Betty Leazenby, Barb Gast, Martha Ann Cook and Florence Baldwin.

Eva Buzzard, Peggy Burge, Johnny and JoAnne Courts, Rita and David Foust and Jean Lint were joined by Jean's best friends Wednesday. Coming down from Bloomfield, Michigan to join in the fun were David and Peggy Waikal.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had company Thursday, Sept. 14. Coming up for a visit were Bud and Ingrid Landis of Kokomo and Ingrid's mother, Herta Fischer of Nila, Germany. The group enjoyed some catching- up, dinner, driving around the area and checking on the new barn and chicken coop the LaFollettes recently erected. From Lake Bruce, the Landises and Herta were headed for Chicago. Herta was to catch a flight home to Germany that evening.

Don and Pauline Scales traveled to Ft. Wayne Thursday. After taking care of some errands, they were joined by their daughter, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City, for a visit over lunch.

Wilma Wilson had company recently. Staying as her houseguest for a few days was her sister, Vera Ambrose of Byron Center, Michigan.

Karen Kruger of Brownsburg was a weekend houseguest of her mother, Mary K. Williamson near Winamac.

Linda Garner and her mother, Pauline Scales, enjoyed a day out together Friday, Sept. 15. They did some shopping and had lunch in Logansport.

Helen Miller had company over the weekend. Staying as her houseguests for a few days were her granddaughter and family, Suzanne and Mike Crump, Katie and Tyler, of Muncie.

Nadine Moberly had a houseguest recently. Paying her a birthday visit for a few days was her daughter, Janet Eaton of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pauline Brown traveled to Fairland Saturday, Sept. 16. She enjoyed spending the day as a guest of her son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton.

Stuart and Rachel Gast of

Winamac were joined by their son and daughter- in- law, Jon and Barb Gast, for a visit Saturday. The foursome had a delightful time helping Stuart celebrate his 94th birthday with dinner at the Indian Head Restaurant.

Several members of Helen Miller's family traveled to Hobart Saturday. They had a fun time watching Katie Crump participate in a soccer match.

The Lake Bruce Association's annual Souper Soup Surprise tasting contest was held Saturday. This year's winner was Carol Broda's tortilla soup. Thirty-five locals attended the event to enjoy the many soups that were submitted for tasting (and the numerous desserts, also).

Several members of the Evers family had a great time Saturday evening during an overnight campout at Salamonie Reservoir.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Sunday, Sept. 17. Arriving early in the day for a visit were their daughter and grandson, Amanda Wassermann and Zach of Valparaiso. In the afternoon, the group was joined by the Garners' son, T.J., for a trip to Caston and the elementary football game. The Garners' grandson, Trey Young of Twelve Mile, is a player for Caston.

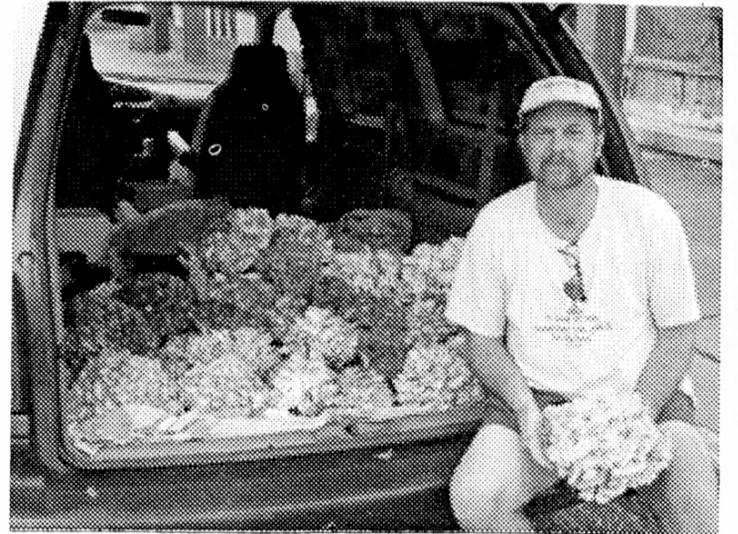
Grace Harmony hosted a special program at the Kewanna Church of Christ Sunday morning. Following the program, a carry- in luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Mathilda Lamb had several visitors Sunday. Stopping by for an energetic visit were her grandson and his family, Brian and Pam Gallagher, Drew, A.J. and Jake of Ft. Wayne, and her brother, Dave Besse. Later in the afternoon, Mathilda and Dave headed for Star City and dinner at the Oak Grove Restaurant in honor of Dave's birthday.

Judy Scott of Frankfort was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The event was in honor of her birthday and hosted by her mother, Helen

Miller. Helping them mark the occasion with dinner and a lot of visiting were Judy's husband, John Scott; her daughters and their families, Nancy Mann,

Travis and Trevor, of Russiaville and Suzanne and Mike Crump, Katie and Tyler; and her grandson, Patrick Mills of Russiaville.



Local mushroom hunters Wade Bussert (pictured) and Jeff Skersick filled the back of Wade's van one day last week with fall mushrooms - hen of the woods and sulphur shelf. The duo is also avid spring mushroom hunters.

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Dawn rescued a spectator who collapsed at a basketball game at Grace College in February. As a trained professional, Dawn initiated early CPR and delivered defibrillations using an AED.

Thanks, Dawn, for being a good neighbor!

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