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Business Plan Workshop, Nov. 29

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about business feasibility (can I make money at this?) and writing a business plan at free training workshops offered by the Small Business Development Center. The workshops will be held November 29 at the FEDCO office, 822 Main St., Rochester. Business feasibility will be addressed from 8 to 10 a.m. and help with preparing a business plan will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone applying for the business plan competition sponsored by FEDCO is encouraged to attend both sessions. To register for the workshop, call 574-223-3326.

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FEDCO Offering Grant Money to Start/Expand Businesses

The Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), in cooperation with the Fulton County Council, is offering seed money for new businesses or businesses that want to expand. Persons wanting to take advantage of the start-up/expansion capital must submit a business plan. These plans will be reviewed by independent business experts. Qualifying awards will not be less than \$25,000 and could be as high as \$100,000. The funds must be used to expand or establish a business in Fulton County. FEDCO will further assist the winners with finding additional sources of funding.

According to Tom Tucker, Executive Director of FEDCO, the primary purpose of this business competition is twofold: to partially fund the start-up/expansion of businesses in the county and to diversify Fulton County's economy.

Jim Widman, president of the Fulton County Council, noted that FEDCO will host a class Wednesday, November 29, for those who might have a great idea, but are unsure of how to construct a business plan. FEDCO will also provide, free of charge, additional consulting regarding your plan.

FEDCO will be accepting business plans beginning December 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007. The plans will be reviewed and qualifying winners chosen by March 20. The plans will then go to the Fulton County Council for a final review and the results announced April 17.

For more information, contact FEDCO at 1-888-229-9374.

**Recycling Dates
 December 1st, 15th
 & December 30th**

Holiday Art Tour, December 2 and 3

A desire to support and promote the arts has prompted four Fulton County area artists to open their home studios for holiday shopping. This free, self-guided, Holiday Art Tour 2006 will be held Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 3, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The tour offers guests the opportunity to visit with the artists about both their work and the creation of their studios. Guests can enjoy refreshments at each studio and a relaxing day of shopping for unique gifts.

The four participating artists/studios include:

The Sand Hill Church, located north of Rochester at 550 N and Old Highway 31 (Main Street in Rochester) is the home and studio of artist Jim Scott. Originally a school located on the Tippecanoe River, the building which is now a studio was moved to its present site in 1890 and became the Sand Hill Methodist Church. Jim moved to the area in 1976 and purchased the abandoned church. He restored it for use as his studio and residence. Jim will be showing his original paintings, including new three dimensional works, and giclee prints of his work. His work is done in the style of "fantasy realism", sometimes taking Old Master's subject matter and using it in a contemporary form. Guest artist Mercedes Brugh of Frozen Music - Composed Glass Jewelry, will also be exhibiting at Sand Hill Studio. Mercedes etches delicate patterns in glass and then pools clear glass over the etchings to create necklaces, earrings and bracelets.

Pat Thompson, Brushtracks Studio, and Gail Karas, Artistic Impressions, will be showing original paintings, limited edition giclee and watercolor prints, pastel drawings, sketches and creative cards in Pat's 100-year-old home. Pat's home is located just two blocks east of Wynnfield Crossing at 150 S. Mitchell Drive. Take U.S. 31 to Wabash Avenue and look for the signs.

Gib Foster, Rain Creek Studio, moved to the Rochester area in 1975, purchased a 100-year-old Sears kit barn and moved the barn to the Mount Zion-Millark Mill watershed of Lake Manitou. His barn studio and gallery are situated on ten and one-half acres along Rain Creek, a natural wetlands habitat. He will be showing his paintings, hand-pulled drypoint etchings, drawings, small bone sculptures and computer generated art prints. New works of contemporary landscape paintings will also be featured. Barbara Lutterbein of Sky Studio will be exhibiting quilts and other textile gifts at Rain Creek Studio this year. From U.S. 31 south of Rochester, turn east on Wabash Road and watch for the signs.

Braxton Eikenberry's stained class studio was established in

Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society. There are 50 prizes in all, totaling more than \$4,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is December 16, 2006.

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. If you wish a winner's list, please enclose a stamped return envelope.

1975 and is currently in a post and beam construction mid-1800s granary relocated from his family's farm. Commissioned work, restorations, and fine finished stained glass are specialties of Eikenberry Glass Studio. Exhibiting with Braxton will be the "Granary Group", local artists including jeweler Larry Houchin, painters Wade Bussert, Gretchen Coplen and Rachelle Houchin, photographer Mike Kenny and others. From U.S. 31 south of Rochester, turn east on Miami County Road 1500 N. Travel three miles to Miami County Road 200 W and turn north. The studio is the first residence.

The tour is being supported with grants from the Fulton County Tourism Commission and the Fulton County Community Foundation and contributions from individual artists and Fulton County residents and businesses.

A map and directions to the studios can be obtained by e-mailing holidayarttour@rtcol.com or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Holiday Art Tour, 100 W. 9th St., Suite 106, Rochester, IN 46975. Additional inquiries can be answered by calling 574-223-6575.

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Rochester Organization Wins Award

Camp-We-Can in Rochester has won a Compassion Capital Fund Award from the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI). The agency was among 22 winning community and faith-based nonprofits selected from among 150 applications reviewed. Two winners from each of Indiana's nine Congressional Districts were selected, as well as four at-large winners. The other winner in District 2 was the Center for Rural Outreach and Public Services of Winamac/Knox.

Camp-We-Can is a special camp designed to serve children enrolled in K-12 who have an identified disability or disease - those who otherwise may never be able to attend a camp due to their limitations.

The agency will receive up to 120 hours of coaching and technical assistance from IYI on fundraising, strategic planning, program evaluation, technology, and other nonprofit management issues. At the end of the coaching period, the organization will be eligible to receive a financial award of more than \$20,000 to strengthen its ability to expand or enhance programs for youth.

The CCF awards were made possible through an \$865,350 federal grant presented to the IYI by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families as part of its national Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program. This is the third year the IYI has been awarded CCF funding.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Kewanna town council will meet in executive session Wednesday, December 6, at 5 p.m. at the town hall to receive information about and/or interview prospective employees per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5).

New Book, Music and Dancing at Open House

Adventure on White High Island is a children's book set at Nyona Lake and written by Jane Davis Smith, who spent summers there in a house trailer from 1979 to 1985. The book is an adventure in which a girl named Heidi Smith and her little brother Scott explore the wooded island in the middle of Nyona Lake. They discover a hidden house and laboratory inhabited by a Nazi war criminal who had escaped from a prisoner of war camp in Arizona during World War II. The author will present her book and sign autographs at the Fulton County Museum on Dec. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. The book is soft cover, has 97 pages and sells for \$16.95.

The museum's Christmas open house will be Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Swingin' Dudes will square dance from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

The museum will be festive with over 50 decorated Christmas trees. Volunteers will play the grand piano from the former Colonial Hotel. The public is invited to come and sing along. Free refreshments will be available. The museum gift shop has many books and items about Fulton County that are not found anywhere else. Hand-crafted items include blankets and pillows with antique tractors or Indiana college teams, iron sets made by local blacksmiths, ceramics, round barn Christmas ornaments, and much more.

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**Kewanna Community
 Food Pantry
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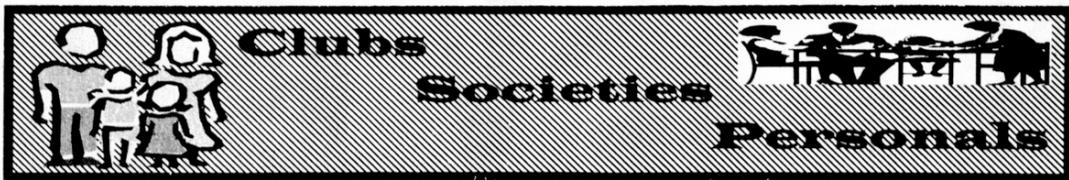


Jackson Services continues its work of demolishing dilapidated buildings east of the Community

State Bank on Kewanna's Main Street. By Tuesday afternoon, about the only thing left standing

was the old Foner Hotel.

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Redweiks Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Robert John Sr. and Mildred (Millie) Ellen Gudas Redweik of rural Kewanna recently marked their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple and their children and grandchildren spent a week in a cabin at the Wisconsin Dells in July. They enjoyed the indoor/outdoor water parks, a pontoon boat, jet skis, swimming, eating out, pottery making, and the spa as well as a tour on the ducks (a World War II landing boat). Their family includes Robert Jr. and Alisa Dubuisson Redweik, Hayley Allison, Madison Taylor, Kirsten Renee and Lanier Michelle, all of Tomball, Texas; (Donald) Larry Jr. and Anita Meta Jo Redweik Doan, Larry III (Trey) and Ryohn Parker, Twelve Mile; David Antony and Lora Gail Dillman Redweik, Garrett Robert and Graham Antony Joseph, also of Twelve Mile; and Michael Patrick and Susan Jane Redweik Wood, Kourtnee Susan and Kailee Allyn Baird and Michael Patrick Wood II, of Jeffersonville, Ohio.

The first week of November, Robert and Millie journeyed to Omaha/Bellevue, Nebraska, to attend the national home schooling volleyball tournament in which their eldest granddaughter, Hayley Redweik, was participating. Hayley's team finished 12th out of 31 teams. The Redweiks met and spoke with teams from Indiana as well as all over the U.S.

While in Omaha, the Redweiks met and visited with Robert's cousins who planned a 50th anniversary party for the celebrants at the home of Vaiva Sarka and Rocky Keehn, Daina, Audra and Ryder, all of Gretna, Nebraska. Other cousins present were Ruta Lileikis Baesler, Ruta Trautrimas Kallio, Jonas and Marta Trautrimas Sarka, Laima Sarka Starcic and Sofia, Michael and Alma Sarka Tomasello and Elena and Paul Sarka, all of Omaha; Drs. Martin and Pat Vorhees Trautrimas of Fremont, Nebraska. Also joining in the festive evening were Robert Jr.

and Alisa Redweik, Hayley, Madison, Kirsten and Lanier.

The Sarka and Trautrimas families are known here through their visits to the Redweik home.

Never to be forgotten is the surprise get-together on November 11 at Tippecanoe Place in South Bend, hosted by the Redweik family. Attending were Robert Redweik, Jr., Larry and Anita Doan, Trey and Ryonnn, and David and Lora Redweik, Garrett and Graham, all of Twelve Mile; Edmund and Patricia Gudas and Dr. Jennifer Gudas, all of Kewanna, and Christine Gudas of Indianapolis. The couple was gifted with many mementos as well as a cake baked by Anita and a huge bouquet of golden roses.

Not in the least was a night out at Marti's Place in Hebron with good friends Bob and Beverly Ludwig Powers. The Redweiks were gifted with a woven coverlet commemorating their 50th anniversary.

The anniversary couple also received numerous congratulatory cards – a celebration to be remembered always. Their parents are the late Karl Gottfried and Emma Meta Jokubait Redweik of North Judson and Joseph and Antonia Agatha Arndt Gudas of Kewanna.

Robert and Millie Redweik were married at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Judson. Their attendants were Johanna Gudas, maid of honor, and Arthur Redweik, best man. Bridesmaids were Edwina Gudas (Martin), Yarda Dumasius (Scudder), Jimmie Nell Parish Gudas (Foerg) and Meta Fetingis (Manion). The groomsmen included Rudolf Zelaitis, Edwin Redweik, Joseph Gudas Jr. and Edward Dumasius. Ushers were Algird Joseph Gudas and Ewald Redweik. The officiating pastor was Rev. Gilbert Raedke.

Millie's flowers were a cascading bouquet of white orchids and lily of the valley. The attendants were dressed in waltz-length hunter green crystallite gowns with elbow length sleeves and a single strand of delta pearls. They wore green hats with veils. Millie's dress was a waltz length

Chantilly lace and tulle gown over slipper satin. The long sleeves ended in bridal points and the rounded neckline was accented with tulle and sequins and a strand of pearls, a gift from the groom.

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LaFollettes Enjoy Cruise

Tom and Barb LaFollette, accompanied by her mother Pauline Eikenberry, have just returned from a seven-day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. The cruise was a belated 90th birthday gift for Pauline and a celebration of Tom and Barb's 45th wedding anniversary.

The Caribbean Princess (which holds 3,400+ passengers and a crew of 1,000+) is a beautiful ship, 14 and 17 decks high, with five dining rooms, a buffet, four lounges, a pizza place, Scoops Ice Cream Bar, a grill, a full-size outdoor movie screen, a spa and exercise room, running track, many shops such as jewelry, clothing, fragrances, souvenirs, liquor and tobacco, a beautiful theatre holding 1,000+ where they held stage performances with beautiful costumes, singing, dancing by professionals as well as amateur crew personnel. There were also comedians, magicians and karaoke.

The ship's first stop was the island of St. Maarten/St. Martin,

which is split with 3/5 of the island owned by the French – St. Maarten, and 2/5 owned by the Dutch – St. Martin. The trio took a tour of the island via an air-conditioned bus to learn of the island and its history.

St. Thomas was the next stop where they enjoyed an open-air bus tour. They took a cable car to the highest point on St. Thomas, overlooking the famous Magens Bay.

Both islands boast elaborate restaurants, jewelry shops featuring diamonds, sapphires, tanzanite and other gems at very impressive prices, silks, linens and liquor. The sandy beaches are absolutely beautiful and the color of the ocean is breathtaking. The standard of living seems to be higher on St. Thomas.

The dining aboard ship was exquisite. Passengers had their choice of room service 24/7, the buffet, which the LaFollettes used for breakfast mostly, then the various dining rooms for lunch and dinner where they were served five-course meals by some of the best waiters and maitre d's they have ever experienced. The wait staff came from countries such as Romania, Poland, Portugal and the Philippines to

name a few. They all spoke English and were there to please.

Some of the cuisine the trio tried included mussels, escargot, mahi mahi, flying fish, king crab, prawn, lobster, prime rib, Beef Wellington, and salmon to mention a few. The food, including hot and cold soups and desserts, were wonderful.

There were two formal nights, which the LaFollettes enjoyed. One night they held a Champagne Fountain Party. The head maitre d' for the ship built a pyramid of 720 champagne glasses. He poured champagne into the top glass which spilled over to fill those below. It was quite unique. It was possible to have your picture taken assisting him with the champagne.

The week went by too soon, but the LaFollettes report they will have wonderful memories!

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 13
Admissions - Tristen Grubbs, Rochester; Hollis Babb, Lucerne; Lawrence Beam, Argos; Jennie Galloway, Kewanna; Juanita Teghtmeyer, Akron; Berne Jones, Argos
Dismissals - Jovy Peterson and daughter, Kewanna; Carl Grubbs, Rochester; Hollis Babb, Lucerne; Lawrence Beam, Argos; Jennie Galloway, Kewanna

November 14
Admissions - Donald Furnivall, Mildred Walker, Sharon Bogseth and Ernest Parker, Rochester
Dismissals - George Jackson and Tristen Grubbs, Rochester

Births - Lori Beyel, Rochester, a son
November 15
Admissions - None published
Dismissals - Dale Miller, Akron; Berne Jones, Argos

November 16
Admissions - Michael Bright and Chloe Floyd, Rochester; Lisa Fleck, Akron; David Shambarger, Macy
Dismissals - Lloyd Weaver, Macy; Juanita Teghtmeyer, Akron; Lori Beyel, Rochester

November 17
Admissions - Ronald Thompson, Akron; Kathrine Ulerick, Twelve Mile
Dismissals - Mildred Walker and Sharon Bogseth, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
November 10
Admissions - Lowell Reinhold, Winamac
Dismissals - Kellie White and son, Knox; Lowell Reinhold, Winamac

November 11
Admissions - None
Dismissals - Wynonna Fitz, Winamac

November 12
Admissions - Evelyn Grieger, Francesville
Dismissals - Scott Shidler, Medaryville; Matilda Lamb, Kewanna

November 13
Admissions - Amy Zorich, North Judson; Rebecca Godoy, North Judson; Spring Wall, Winamac; Amanda Archer, Medaryville
Dismissals - Spring Wall, Winamac

Births - Markus Wein and Amanda Archer, Medaryville, a daughter, Mckinsey Dawn Wein; Dustin Large and Rebecca Godoy, North Judson, a daughter, Katelyn Corirenne Large

November 14
Admissions - Amber Stigall, Winamac;

Lisa Dunfee, Knox; Dorothy Tuley, Winamac
Dismissals - Amy Zorich and son, North Judson; Rebecca Godoy, North Judson
Births - Michael Murray and Amy Zorich, North Judson, a son, Gaige Liam Murray; Max Pakosz and Amber Stigall, Winamac, a daughter, Kirra Jade Pakosz; Seth and Lisa Dunfee, Knox, a daughter, Allison Ann Dunfee

November 15
Admissions - Sierra Vitallo, Winamac; Madolynne Werner, Winamac; Michael Rice, Star City
Dismissals - Evelyn Grieger, Francesville; Lisa Dunfee, Knox

November 16
Admissions - Carl Anspach, Winamac; Margaret Lobdell, Winamac
Dismissals - Allison Dunfee, Knox; Amber Stigall and daughter, Winamac; Lloyd Banks, Culver

DEATHS.....

NORA M. CHANEY

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Delong for Nora M. Chaney, 87, formerly of Delong. Rev. Floyd Allen and lay person, Bob Thompson, officiated and burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Monterey. Mrs. Chaney died at 4:43 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Born February 4, 1919, in Berea, Kentucky, she was the daughter of William S. and Mary E. Rainey. She moved to Indiana in 1934 and was married September 25, 1937 in Leiters Ford to Harry R. Chaney, who preceded her in death.

A homemaker, she loved and was loved by her children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends and was known by many as "Grandma Chaney". She was a member of the Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church. She enjoyed collecting salt and pepper shakers, Noah's Ark memorabilia and cupid dolls.

Survivors include three

daughters, Shirley Clingler, Delong, Sharon Stevens and her husband, Hermel, also of Delong, and Joyce Trusty, Culver; one son, Kenneth Chaney and his wife, Millie, Wakarusa; 21 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Mattie Rainey of Plymouth (formerly of Kewanna) and Eunice Chaney, Edgerton, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, a son, one granddaughter, a great-great-granddaughter, four sisters and six brothers.

The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, was in charge of arrangements.

HERMAN HENRY MOON

Herman Henry Moon passed away Thursday, November 16, 2006, in the Eastland Health Care facility in Eastland, Texas.

Born November 4, 1919 at Lake Bruce, he was the son of Charly and Dora Maud (Guise) Moon. He lived most of his adult life in California and Texas. A carpenter, he enjoyed his collection of clowns.

Survivors include one nephew, Don Woolington, Kewanna; three great-nephews, Mike and Mark Woolington, Logansport, and Richard Woolington, Indianapolis; and a great-niece, Karen Shank, Winamac;

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Helen Woolington and Dorothy Moskel, and two nephews, Dean Woolington and Charles Woolington.

No services or visitation was held.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, November 28, 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 Saturdays, December 2 and 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the PMH conference center. There will also be a breastfeeding class December 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the classes.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, December 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. EDT. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The PMH Mother's Group will meet Wednesday, November 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. Topics will include issues on feeding and baby care. Call 574-946-2113 for more information. There is no charge for this group.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records.

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

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital has launched its new and user friendly web site. It provides very useful information about free support groups, employment opportunities, scholarships available, educational offerings, physicians on staff and their web sites, department contact information; services offered, and the history of Pulaski Memorial Hospital with pictures. Please visit www.pmhnet.com

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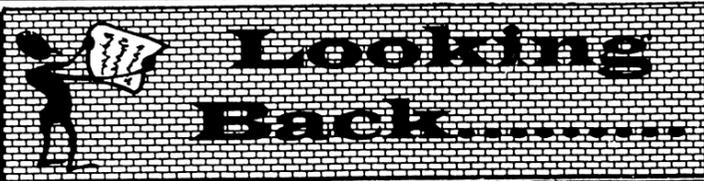
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**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

November 23, 1951

Mrs. Thelma Feece, 44, died at 12:45 a.m. Monday at her home in Leiters Ford after an illness of 18 months. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Leiters Ford Methodist Church and burial was in the Leiters Ford Cemetery. Mrs. Feece was a sister of Mrs. Everett Murhling of Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huffman, Rt. 2, Kewanna, are the parents of a son, Alan Lee, born November 17 in Memorial Hospital, Logansport. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 1½ ounce.

Three Boy Scout leaders from here, David Besse, Louis Welsh and Harold Woolington, went to Camp Buffalo Sunday to help cut Christmas trees. The trees will be

sold all over this section of Indiana with proceeds going to the Scouts.

Three cars were damaged in an accident which took place at 12:45 p.m. Sunday in front of the Louderback Garage in Rochester. Homer D. Geller, Rt. 5, Rochester, fell asleep and drove into cars owned by Ralph Kough, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and Allen Baker, Rochester, which were parked at the curb. Geller was enroute to visit his wife who is a patient at Woodlawn Hospital. He was in Texas when he learned of his wife's illness and had spent hours on the road to be at her bedside.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Loma Urbin, Rochester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Urbin of here, and Roy Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Baker, Culver. The wedding

took place Friday afternoon, November 16, in the home of Rev. H. F. Bulger, Kewanna. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will make their home in Culver. They are both graduates of Kewanna High School and he is employed by the Bendix Co. in South Bend.

The November meeting of the Prairie Grove Home Economics Club was held Wednesday, November 14, in the home of Mrs. Ernest Brockey. A report on Achievement Day was given by Mrs. Robert Masteller. The lesson on nylon and rayon was given by Mrs. Masteller and Mrs. Doyle Kinley.

Dr. Paul Heinsen, Kewanna veterinarian, and Cecil Fields, Grass Creek, attended a district meeting Monday, November 19, of the County Livestock Disease Control Committee held in LaPorte.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

November 22, 1956

The Key Theatre closed its doors for the last time Monday night. Owner-operator Joe McPherson has considered this move for some time due to lack of business.

Miss Mildred Ellen Gudas became the bride of Robert John Redweik during a wedding ceremony Saturday afternoon, November 10, in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gudas Sr., Rt. 3, Kewanna, are the parents of the bride. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Redweik Sr., Rt. 2, North Judson. Two hundred and fifty guests attended the reception held that evening at the Winamac American Legion Hall.

Pvt. John Cunningham has arrived home from Camp Pendleton, California, to spend a few days in the Everett Cunningham home.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Orin Silburn home east of Kewanna Wednesday morning, November 21, to extinguish a fire caused by an over-heated oil space heater. Damage was estimated at about \$50.

A birthday party was held Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livengood for their granddaughter, Susan Rae Scheerer, who was one year old. Present were her other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Scheerer and her aunt, Julia Scheerer, of Peru, Connie Cowles, Randy and Donnie Weller and Judy Bennett.

A family Thanksgiving and farewell dinner was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hickie in honor of their son, Howard, who left Wednesday morning for Indianapolis where he

received his assignment to serve with the Armed Forces. Sunday evening, a farewell party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyatt.

The Wayne Township Farm Bureau held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the Grass Creek school. Lyman Hill was in charge of the meeting. Devotions were given by Mrs. Florance Hendrickson. Charles Riddle was the guest speaker, reporting on the state convention. Mrs. Elmer Douglass showed pictures which she had taken on various trips, as well as of local scenes.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

November 23, 1961

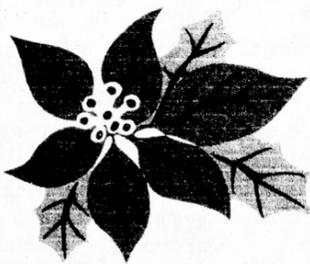
Richard R. Kumler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler of Kewanna, completed recruit training October 20 during ceremonies at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

The Kewanna Methodist Evening Fellowship met Sunday evening in the church annex for a carry-in supper. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Partridge and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan were the hosts.

Kewanna's junior high team topped Aubree Thursday night 36-20. Ron McColley led Kewanna with nine points. Mark Deckard hit 8 and Jim Talbott and Ken Robbins each added 7 points.

The Zion Gospel Chapel Missionary Society Met Wednesday evening, November 8, with Mrs. Leona

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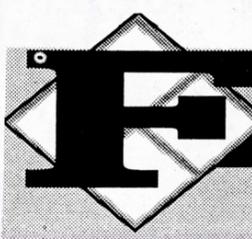
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Overmyer. The lesson and devotions were given by Mrs. Tot See. Mrs. Amanda Wentzel conducted contests which were won by Patricia Hamilton and Mrs. Emma Wentzel.

Debbie Gilliland celebrated her birthday last Monday. She was nine years old. Mike Smith and Verl Kreamer were absent from the third grade this week. (Tepee Talk)

Mary Barger, Kewanna, is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

The Worthwhile Club met at the home of Mrs. Artha Kreamer for its November meeting. The meeting included a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Mrs. Lydia Stingley offered grace before the meal. Mrs. Annetta Besse, president, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Tillie Smith gave the safety lesson.

FORTY YEARS AGO

November 24, 1966.

Raymond A. Lebo, 60, Kewanna, died Friday morning at his home. An employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, he was a member of the Community Church and the Logansport Eagles Lodge. Services were held Sunday afternoon in the Harrison Funeral Home and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Mrs. Warren Gillespie was hostess to the Social Club when it met for its November meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bessie Agnew has returned home from Kokomo where she spent a few days in the home of her son, Wayne, and family. She reports her granddaughter, Myrna.

who recently underwent skin grafting, in satisfactory condition.

Patricia McKinney, Kewanna, is a patient at Woodlawn Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Bremen spent Sunday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson.

Shirley Fultz spent the weekend at Purdue with Carol Cox and attended the football game.

Mrs. Goldie Zahniser of Ocean Side, California, has been a house guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner. Mrs. Zahniser received word that William Kennell of Watseka, Illinois, has suffered a heart attack. Mrs. Zahniser has gone to Watseka to help care for him. Mrs. Kennell and Mrs. Zahniser are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donathen and son and Mrs. Cora Hollis spent Saturday evening in Lafayette with Susan Donathen who is a student at Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson of South Bend and Mr. and Mrs. John Enyeart and family of Michigan City spent the weekend here with Mrs. Ersa Enyeart and other relatives.

Send In Your News

FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE HOURS Mon. thru Thurs. 8 to 4 Friday, 8 to 5 CLOSED Sat. and Sun.

CASTON MENU

November 27 - December 1 Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Spanish or plain hot dog, French fries, corn, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - pretzel with cheese

Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, peas & carrots, dinner roll, and milk. Comet Café - whopper and fries

Wednesday - Pork barbecue sandwich, tater tots, peaches, brownie and milk. Comet Café - walking taco

Thursday - Chili soup, baked potato, broccoli, crackers and milk. Comet Café - tenderloin and fries

Friday - Hot ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit, sugar cookie and milk. Comet Café - pizza and popcorn chicken salad

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

November 27 - December 1 Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Wednesday - Peanut butter crackers, yogurt, juice and milk

Thursday - Danish, string cheese, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Ham and cheese sandwich, pickle, chips, raisins and milk

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe, green beans & potatoes, fruit, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Cheese bread, baked potato, apple and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, banana, hot roll and milk

Friday - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, gold fish crackers, peaches and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Pizza, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk. No choice.

Tuesday - Taco salad with cheese, chips, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Hot dog, tator tots, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Chili soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pickle, orange juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Breaded chicken sandwich, peas & carrots, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - potato bar

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, November 27 - Smoke sausage, winter blend vegetables, peas & carrots, pineapple, bread and milk

Wednesday, November 29 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, brownie delight, bread and milk

Friday, December 1 - Chicken/broccoli casserole, Capri blend vegetables, salad, cherry cobbler, wheat bread and milk

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Attend Church Sunday

Season Basketball Tickets on Sale

Caston boys' basketball season tickets are now on sale in the high school book store. The price for eight home games is \$24. The season tickets will also be available at the Comets' first home game, December 8.

Ten- and five-game punch cards are also available any time during the year. These can be used at junior high, junior varsity and varsity events. The 10-game punch cards sell for \$30 and the 5-game punch card is \$15.

Caston is also selling all-session girls and boys tickets for the Cass County basketball tournaments. The all-session ticket is \$15 and is good for all girls and boys games.

The girls will compete November 21 and 22 while the boys' tournament will run December 1 and 2. Single session tickets will cost \$5.

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Cookbooks for Sale

The Fulton Improvement Committee will begin selling their one-of-a-kind cookbooks in December. The cookbook contains 634 recipes collected from group members, family and friends including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. The recipes include the contributor's name.

The cookbook is available from committee members or at Mary's Stitch and Knit, Fulton. All proceeds will go to the Liberty Township Community Building Project.

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Send In Your News

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF FULTON COUNTY OF PROPOSED TAX RATES

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, on the budgets, tax rates and tax levies submitted by the tax levying officials of the several taxing units of the County. Rates of taxation on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property are hereby proposed, subject to the appeal for State, County or other purposes for 2006 payable 2007.

Table with columns for various taxing units (AUBBEE-NAUBBEE, HENRY, LIBERTY, NEWCASTLE, RICHLAND, ROCHESTER TWP, UNION CASTON, UNION ROCH, UNION PULASKI, WAYNE, AKRON, FULTON, KEWANNA, ROCHESTER CITY) and rows for STATE RATES, COUNTY RATES, AVIATION RATES, CIVIL TWP RATES, LIBRARY RATES, SCHOOL RATES, and CITY/TOWN RATES.

Ten or more taxpayers or one (1) taxpayer that owns property that represents at least ten percent (10%) of the taxable assessed valuation in the political subdivision affected by the county board of tax adjustment's action on a political subdivisions budget objecting to such budgets within ten days from the date of publication of this notice. All appeals shall be in writing addressed to the Department of Local Government Finance naming specifically the items in the budgets to be appealed and shall be filed with the County Auditor. The Auditor shall forward the statement, with the budget to the Department of Local Government Finance for consideration. This notice is given in compliance with Acts of 1937, Chapter 119, as amended by Acts of 1947, Chapter 41, and the rights of taxpayers and the manner of filing objections are set forth herein.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2006

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Denise J. Chandler, Fulton County Auditor

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New books at the library:

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Christian Mystery Fiction— *Stranded* (#4 of An Ivy Malone Mystery series) by Lorena McCartney and *Widows & Orphans* (#1 of A Rachel Flynn Mystery series) by Susan Meissner.

JUVENILES:

Ages up to 10 Fiction— *My Mom's Wedding* by Eve Bunting; *New Dog in Town* by Gail Herman; *The Trouble with Tilly Trumble* by Lynn Manuel; *Rooster can't Cock- A- Doodle- Doo* by Karen Rostoker- Gruber; *Henry and Mudge and The Great Grandpas* (from the Henry and Mudge series) by Cynthia Rylant; and *The Treasure Map* (from the Treasure Island series) by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Teenage Fiction— (from the Tales of Young Americans series)

Rebekkah's Journey by Ann E. Burg; *The Last Brother* by Trinka Hakes Noble; and *Mackinac Bridge* by Gloria Whelan.

Youth Nonfiction— *D is for Dancing Dragon: A China Alphabet* by Carol Crane; *Everyone Counts: A Citizen's Number Book* by Elissa Grodin; *R is for Race: A Stock Car Alphabet* by Brad Herzog; *H is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet* by Devin Scillian; and (from The American Legends series) *The Legend of Ohio* by Dandi Daley Mackall, *The Legend of Michigan* by Trinka Hakes Noble and *The Legend of Minnesota* and *The Legend of Old Abe* by Kathy- Jo Wargin.

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Local Items

Mary Ann Barkey of Camden was a recent afternoon guest of Shirley Bussert.

Bill and Wilma Lytle of Logansport and Gene and

Wilodean DeWitt of Oxnard, California, were Sunday evening guests of Luther and Shirley Bussert for coffee and dessert.

Eric and Rev. Denise Gilbert and Kayla, Eleanor Davault, Judy Collins and Joe and Karen Good enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Log House Restaurant near Argos. Rev. Gilbert, former pastor at the Kewanna and Lake Bruce United Methodist Churches, was the guest speaker for Pleasant Hill's 125th anniversary celebration Sunday morning.

Jackie Heidenreich, John Lincoln and Larry and Linda Vogel enjoyed breakfast Sunday morning at Lynn's Coffee Shop.

Judy and Jack Graham hosted the Wilson family Thanksgiving gathering Sunday. The event was held in Royal Center. Their guests for a wonderful day of visiting were their children, Emily of Indianapolis and Kurt of Lucerne; their son and his family, Nathan and Emily Graham and Lucas; Judy's mother, Wilma Wilson; Judy's sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center; her brother and his family, Tim and Deb Wilson, Taylor and Kaylee; her sister-in-

law, Nicki Wilson of Rochester; her nephews and their families, Scott and Darla Foerg and Allison of Logansport and Seth and Stacy Wilson and Caleb of Rochester; and her niece and family, Kim and Ed Shroder, Ethan, Garrett and Keatin of Royal Center.

Julie Brown had a fun time Sunday attending a 9th birthday party held in honor of Luke Sutton. The event was hosted by Luke's parents, Wendy and Steve Sutton.

Mary and Earl Bangel hosted their family's Thanksgiving get-together Sunday. Their guests for dinner and some work were Linda Bangel and Mary and Earl's sons and their families, Darel and Nancy Bangel and Andrew of West Lafayette, Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis and Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac.

Jackie Heidenreich joined Jane and Bob Walters and their family for an early Thanksgiving gathering Sunday.

Tom and Linda Garner were in Valparaiso Sunday evening. They had a wonderful time visiting with their daughter and her family, Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Tamara Eisan, Nov. 26; Breanna Fairchild, Joe Good and Angela Thomas, Nov. 27; Tia Allor, Andrew Buswell, Bill Evers and Raeann Hunter, Nov. 28; Jackie Agnew, Harold Dittman, Jack Hogan, David Jones, Morgan Kegaris and Jerry Kimble, Nov. 29; Hali Berry, Megan Easterday and Rich Powell, Nov. 30; Don Bennett, Sharon Carlson, Jeff Good and Kathy Patty, Dec. 1; and Cindy Eisenbrenner, Matthew Moss and Shirley Zartman, Dec. 2.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnston, Nov. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Paul and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Nov. 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mills, Nov. 30.

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Grass Creek Lions Selling Fruit

The Grass Creek Lions Club is once again selling fruit including grapefruit, oranges, red apples and yellow apples. The citrus fruit sells for \$24 a box, red apples, \$32.50 and yellow, \$35.00. They also offer the fruit in half boxes, quarter boxes, or by the piece.



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Letter To The Editor

Overmyer Breakfast Benefit Successful

Friends of Randy Overmyer would like to thank everyone for attending the breakfast benefit at the museum November 11. The benefit was deemed successful and is much appreciated.

Proceeds will go toward medical expenses incurred from an automobile accident on September 14. Overmyer has a long road ahead of him and is undergoing therapy. Eventually he will have a hip replacement surgery.

Special thanks to Rochester Meat and Deli - Linc Townsend; Culligan Soft Water - Jim Downs; numerous bakers who donated baked goods for the bake sale, Mary Meyer and Virgil Sutton for their craft items, ladies from the Fulton County Historical

Society and everyone who donated toward this project.

A benefit fish and chicken fry will be held Saturday, December 9, at the museum. Tickets are available from Pro-Tree or Sell Stuff for You and the Fulton County Historical Society Museum. For further information or to volunteer to help, call 574-223-4436.

Melinda Clinger and Friends of Randy Overmyer
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Thank You for Fish Fry Support

The Fulton County Historical Society board of directors would like to thank everyone who attended the fish and chicken fry, November 4. Proceeds earned from this event will help pay operating expenses for the museum.

Special thanks to Dean Foods, Wilson's Corn Products, Fulton County Co-op, and Ernie Hiatt for helping to make this event a success.

The next event at the museum will be our annual Christmas open house December 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and December 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. Over 50 Christmas trees will be decorated with several different themes and local pianists will play the baby grand piano from the Colonial Hotel at various times during the day. Anyone interested in playing the piano, please give the museum a call at 574-223-4436. Refreshments will be served.

Melinda Clinger, Museum Director
Ruby Reed, FCHS President
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Saving Downtown for Posterity

Regretfully, rather than preserving and restoring our downtown landmarks, the Kewanna historic district on Main Street is being demolished.

Local government and private parties have failed to see the

dilapidated downtown buildings as "historic gold".

As the community languished with the removal of the local township school in the 1970s, no positive leadership emerged to alter the town's decline. No effort was made by the Kewanna town board, who has an entrusted duty to serve the best interests of the community, to save downtown via tax incentives, grants or declaring an economic revitalization zone. If the town board hired a town manager, they would work together to obtain the hometown grants that would save such historic landmarks as the Toner Hotel from becoming another parking lot.

A.D. Toner (1834-1915), Kewanna's town father and most prominent citizen, has left a rich legacy. The past could lead to a brighter future for Kewanna if we in the present would only see it. Preservation and restoration of the buildings on Main Street would create a special community for residents and visitors alike. While nearly all small towns across America are suffering decline, Kewanna could stand out as a community that cared and respected its heritage. People want to live in a community they can take pride in and that pride is reflected in the downtown heart.

A century from now, the citizens of Kewanna would be indebted, that we, the present-day citizenry and its governmental leaders saved Kewanna's downtown for posterity. Saving our historic landmarks require a community spirit that has not been seen for some time.

As one early 19th century local historian wrote regarding A.D. Toner, "he is progressive and ever ready to contribute to the improvement of the town." We, too, should be moreover in the 21st century or future Kewanna will look like today's Grass Creek.

Alan McPherson
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana, will on the 4th day of December, 2006, up to the hour of 9:30 a.m. EST receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of said county for the following items in accordance with specifications available at the office of the Auditor, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, In. 46975.

BID ITEM #1 One (1) New 2007 or Current Model Year Single Axle Dump Truck with Dump Body, Hoist, Hydraulics and Underbody Scraper
BID ITEM #2 One (1) New 2007 or Current Model Year Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Dump Body, Hoist, Hydraulics and Underbody Scraper

Bids will be opened and read aloud on Monday, December 4, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. EST, at the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Room, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN. All bids to exclude State and Federal taxes. Each bidder is to state time of delivery. The Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids. All bids shall be submitted on FULTON COUNTY BID FORM obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's Office, and each bidder shall accompany his/her bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Auditor of Fulton county in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of Contract.

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Auditor of Fulton County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT BY THE FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Fulton County Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana will hold a Public Hearing at the Fulton County Office Building in the Commissioner's Room, 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana on December 4th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. on the petition of Michael Stephen for the approval of a zone map amendment request with attached commitments, which would allow the below stated plot to be amended from a Rural Residential District to a Village Commercial District.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
PT NE C W 1/2 NW, 0.50 Acre
SE N HWY 14 NW NW, 0.37 Acre
24-30-4 Henry Township, Total tract equals approximately 0.87 Acre.

A copy of this Petition, and all information pertaining thereto are on file and available for examination prior to the Public Hearing at the Fulton County Plan Commission Office at 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana by appointment only by calling 574-223-7667. No appointments on Holidays. Written comments in support of or in opposition of the Petition may be filed with or mailed to the Fulton County Commissioners (125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975) prior to the Public Hearing, or filed with the Auditor's Office at the Public Hearing.

Said Public Hearing will be open to the public and any comments for or against the Petition will be heard at this meeting.

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend, phone (574) 223-2912 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Denise J. Chandler
Fulton County Auditor
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	(Nearest dollar)
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Stocks (Schedule D)	101,066,538
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	15,890,915
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Other assets	10,727,628
TOTAL ASSETS	402,001,277

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	105,825,937
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	31,250,861
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	88,466,914
Reserve for Taxes	3,041,613
All Other Liabilities	30,263,281
TOTAL LIABILITIES	258,848,606
Special Surplus Funds	36,488,492
Capital Stock	2,500,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	1,250,000
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Surplus as regards Policyholders	143,152,671
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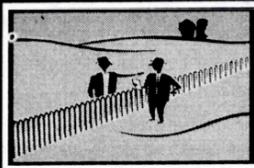
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CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Leonard and Nancy Evers had company Monday, Nov. 13. Arriving late in the day for a visit and bringing along supper was their son, Robert Evers.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Tuesday, Nov. 14. Coming by in the evening for a chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan was a recent houseguest of her parents, Mary and Earl Bangel.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Kokomo Tuesday for some shopping. They stopped by Martino's Italian Villa to visit with Mike and Angie Martino and a friend, Tom Miller. Later they attended the funeral of a dear friend, Marilyn Ferguson, of Logansport who passed away November 10.

Julie Brown traveled to Caston Elementary School Thursday, Nov. 16. She was a guest of her "munchkin" and fourth grader, Luke Sutton, for Special Person's Day.

Patricia and George Hoover of Rochester had several working visitors Thursday. Coming for a wonderful day of visiting and making noodles for the holidays were Patricia's brothers, Dick Kumler of LaFontaine and Bob Kumler of Rochester, and their aunts, Ruth Ann Anderson, Mildred McColley and Beth Weller. To help everyone keep up their energy, Patricia served homemade vegetable soup for lunch. (Everyone received a jar of leftover soup to take home for supper.)

Pauline Scales visited Caston Elementary School Thursday afternoon. She was a guest of her great-granddaughter and

kindergartener, Ally Wiese, for Special Person's Day.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Friday, Nov. 17. They had a nice time visiting with Jon's father, Stuart Gast.

Jerry and Kay Brown had several guests over the weekend. Coming up for a little hunting were their son, Kerry Brown of Shelbyville, and Kerry's friends, Tim Marlow and Ed Reutebuch of Sellersburg and Steve Stowers of Rushville.

Earl and Mary Bangel had visitors Saturday, Nov. 18. Coming from Indianapolis to do some hunting were their grandson, Kevin Bangel and his friend, Andrew Summit.

Karina, Nick and Shelby Bohac and a friend, Kyle Melton, were Saturday guests of Tom and Barb LaFollette. The group helped Nick celebrate his 8th birthday with dinner, cake, ice cream and presents.

Larry and Linda Vogel of Grafton, Wisconsin, arrived early Saturday for a weekend holiday visit with Larry's mother, Jackie Heidenreich. In the evening, they were supper guests of Larry's sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Mike Molitor.

Romayne Wentzel was in Winamac Saturday. She enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving as a dinner guest of Teresa and Don Ortman.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of houseguests over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for some deer hunting were her great-nephew, Casey Espinoza, and his son, of Atlanta, Indiana.

Don and Pauline Scales traveled to Columbia City Saturday. They enjoyed celebrating an early Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden, and their children and their families, Matt and Angie Heiden, Austin and Audrey of Plainfield, Illinois

and Jaime Heiden and Cody and Winston Bickley of Columbia City.

Jerry Brown and Kerry were in Rochester Saturday evening. They had an exciting time attending the high school girls' basketball game. Jerry's

granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church celebrated its 125th anniversary Sunday morning, Nov. 19. Seventy-seven people, including some from as far as Michigan and Oklahoma, were in attendance for the special service.

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