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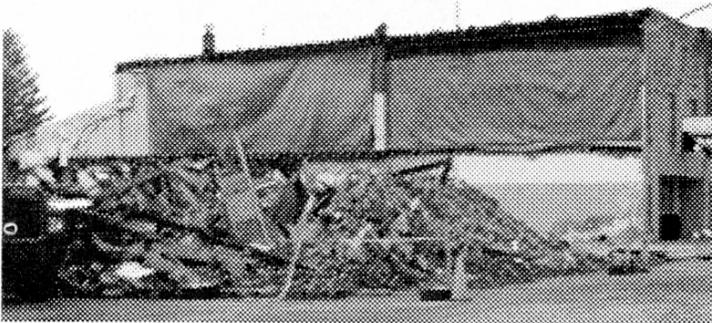
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GONE. Jackson Services completed the demolition of the former Toner Hotel Tuesday afternoon. All that remains of the stately landmark is a pile of rubble to be hauled away. The

plastic covered east side of the Community State Bank can be seen in the background. The covering was installed to keep out snow and rain until a new wall can be erected.



The Toner Hotel just prior to 1900.

Town Council Holds December Session

The Kewanna town council conducted its regular December meeting Thursday evening at the town hall.

Local resident, Alan McPherson, inquired about the location of town minutes and how far back they date. He also requested that the council consider the benefits of hiring a town manager and asked about hunting ordinances, the welcome signs, use of jake brakes and plans for the vacant lot at Main and Logan Streets.

The town marshal submitted his written monthly report noting one traffic arrest, four traffic warnings, one criminal arrest, three accident reports, 31 calls answered one vehicle check and 1,518 miles patrolled. He also reported he would be purchasing uniforms and another radio for the department.

Town superintendent, Mike Molitor, also submitted his written report noting that leaf pickup has been completed and trucks readied for plowing snow. The Christmas decorations were checked out and made ready for hanging. The sewage treatment plant has been shut down for the winter. The water works pumped a total of 1,223,100 gallons of water during November.

The council discussed resumes and applications for the position of assistant superintendent and set a tentative time to interview a prospective employee.

The council signed a proposal from Leary Construction to clean and inspect the water tower next spring.

Ordinances #120706-A and 120706-B, increasing water and sewage rates, were introduced by title and a hearing date was set for 7 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2007.

A special meeting was set for 5 p.m. Thursday, December 28, to conduct year-end business including appropriation transfers. A special meeting was also set for 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 18, at the town hall to hire an assistant for the town superintendent.

HEART Receives Grant

The Fulton County Community Foundation announced 16 grants totaling \$91,122 dollars last week.

The recipients included Kewanna HEART (Hometown Expansion and Revitalization Team), which received \$5,000 to help support the Kewanna Fall Festival in September. Tom Mate, festival chair, accepted the award.

Other recipients were Hope Hospice, \$6,696; Holiday Art Tour, \$950; Rochester Schools, \$6,000; Downtown Action Committee (Rochester), \$7,500; Habitat for Humanity, \$5,000; Youth Baseball (Rochester), \$10,000; Grass Creek Lions, \$2,500; Fulton Improvement Committee, \$10,000; Safe Kids, \$10,000; Rochester Lions Club, \$6,976; Rochester Optimists, \$2,000; Junior Achievement, \$1,600; and Area Five, \$1,900.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for December 13, call 574-223-3326.

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It was noted that the town's application for a grant to pay for work at the sewage treatment plant has been denied.

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VFW Christmas Party, Dec. 17

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for youngsters in the community Sunday, December 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infant through 11 years of age are welcome.

The youth will be involved with crafts and cartoons from 2 to 3 p.m. and Santa will visit from 3 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Caston Christmas Programs

The Caston Elementary School will present its annual Christmas program Thursday evening, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Mr. and Mrs. Byrn will conduct the program in which each grade level will be performing music from a different country.

The Caston Jr./Sr. High students involved in band and chorus will present their Christmas program Monday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m. in McHale Auditorium, Logansport.

All parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend.

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Werner Lights on Display

Jerry and Shirley Werner, 950 South and 1100 West, Kewanna, invite area residents to view their annual Christmas light display. The lights will be on from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. December 16 through January 1.

From Kewanna, travel south on State Road 17 to the first stop sign, continue south to county road 950 south, turn right and follow the lights to the corner of 950 south and 1100 west. Feel free to make a circle through the barn lot off of county road 1100 to see the displays in the back. The Werners wish everyone a happy holiday.

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Year-end Meeting Set

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 28, at the town hall to conduct year-end business, including appropriation transfers and to set meeting dates for 2007.

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Special Meeting

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session Monday, December 18, at 4:30 p.m. at the town hall to hire a new assistant street, water and sewage superintendent.

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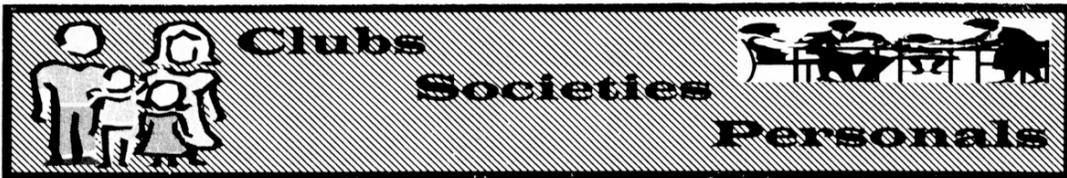


This is a view of the 200 block of East Main Street when horse-drawn wagons were the mode of transportation and streets were dirt in dry weather and mud in

wet weather. The Toner Hotel can be seen on the right. The left side of the photo shows People's Drug Store, now The Village Market.

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



Methodist Women Enjoy Christmas Carry-in/Meeting

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met Monday evening, December 11, in the home of Carol Jo Hickle for its annual Christmas carry-in and meeting.

Following the meal, a short business meeting was held. Beth Weller gave the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.

The group's annual soup and sandwich luncheon and bake sale held in November was discussed.

In lieu of a gift exchange, the members brought items to take to the Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport. Plans were made to deliver these items, along with those collected for this year's "mitten tree", leftovers from the recent rummage sale, and monetary gifts to the center.

The rest of the evening was spent visiting.

The group will not meet in January and February. The next meeting will be the first Monday in March.

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Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree

For many years, the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas tree has been on display at the First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester during the month of December. The tree is not adorned with sparkling lights but

with special Christmas bulbs. The bulbs are not special because of their monetary value or their elegant design. They are special because the people of the community have chosen these Christmas bulbs to commemorate their loved ones whom they have lost. Some even have chosen them to honor some special person in their lives who has been a blessing to them.

When people send a \$10 donation to Hope Hospice in memory or in honor of a person, that person's name is hand written upon the bulb and carefully hung upon the tree to be displayed during December. Their names are also entered into a book of remembrance that will be on display beside the tree in the foyer of the First Federal Savings Bank.

The public is invited to stop by the office of Hope Hospice at 420 Main Street in Rochester to make their donations and to fill out a form with the information of the person to be honored. Forms will also be available at First Federal Savings Bank. Those donating, honorees and the families of memorialized persons are invited to an open house on Wednesday, January 10, from noon to 3 p.m. at the hospice office. At that time the commemorative ornament will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season.

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Send In Your News

Master Gardener Classes

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Fulton County will be conducting Master Gardener classes beginning Tuesday, January 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Classes will be held every Tuesday afternoon for 12 consecutive weeks at the fairgrounds in Rochester. Sessions will include several topics including: soils, plant nutrition, plant growth, diseases, insects, weeds, lawns, trees, vegetables, flowers, houseplants, fertilization and pesticide safety. Participants will receive a notebook and have a chance to participate with others interested in gardening. The cost for the course is \$100. To receive a Master Gardener certificate after completing the course, participants will need to volunteer 35 hours of time to the Cooperative Extension Service in a variety of community service projects related to gardening.

Interested persons should contact Mark Kepler, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1009 West Third Street, Rochester, IN 46975 or telephone 574-223-3397. Class size is limited.

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Vendors Wanted for Bridal Show

Organizers of the 7th annual "Touch of Elegance Bridal Boutique" are seeking home-based business entrepreneurs who may have some interest in attending the event. This one-day bridal show will be held Sunday, January 28, 2007, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Brandywine Complex in Monticello.

Each year, this event continues to attract several brides-to-be from all over North Central Indiana. A great indicator of past success is the fact that many vendors continue to return year after year, with some vendors having participated every year since 2001. The organizers have once again invited all the traditional bridal-related businesses throughout central Indiana. But, it is the organizers belief that there may be some non-traditional or home-based businesses in Fulton or Cass counties who have an interest in participating in the 2007 show. Any Fulton or Cass county citizen with a connection to weddings, parties, catering, entertainment, formal attire or setting up a new home (housewares, furniture, real estate, etc.) who would like to receive an invitation to this event should call 574-583-8933.

The 2007 show will be more exciting than ever with a new "Battle of the Brides" event

during the show. This new contest will allow brides to win prizes from participating vendors in a fun-filled grand finale.

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Christmas Display at Museum

The public is invited to visit the Fulton County Museum and view over 50 decorated Christmas trees and displays. The exhibit will be on display until January 3. The museum and gift shop are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed holidays.) The gift shop offers a variety of unusual consignment items and lots of stocking stuffer items.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 December Activities

December 9 – Men's meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 – Ladies Auxiliary party prep at 6 p.m.

Dec. 16 – Card drawing at 7 p.m.

Dec. 17 – Children's Christmas party with Santa, 2 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve party. Open at noon.

Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas. VFW closed.

Dec. 26 – Men's meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 – Open Sunday. Band, Hit and Run, starts at 8 p.m.

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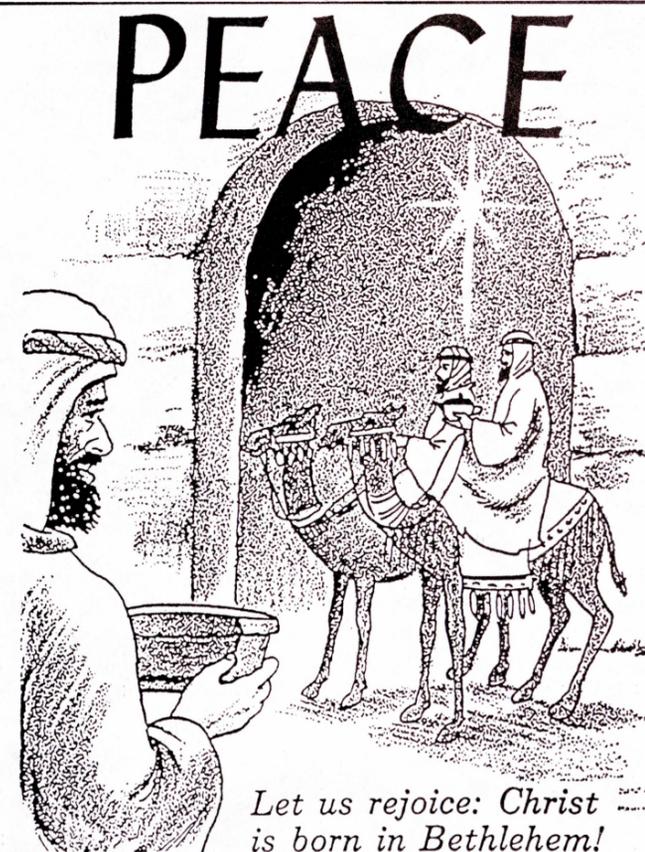
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 4
Admissions - None
Dismissals - None

December 5
Admissions - Dolores Musselman, Logansport
Dismissals - John Delworth and Peggy Kelly, Rochester

December 6
Admissions - Donald Cooley, Macy
Dismissals - None published

December 7
Admissions - Christopher Figlio, Bonnie Jones and Julia Timbers, Rochester
Dismissals - Donald Cooley, Macy

December 8
Admissions - Ada Fugate and Howard Jones, Rochester
Dismissals - Genevere See and Bonnie Jones, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

December 1
Admissions - Kathy Wylie, Winamac
Dismissals - Betty Zehner, Monterey, Katelyn Large, North Judson; Ruby Dennis and son, Winamac

December 2
Admissions - none
Dismissals - Rita Mrozinski, Winamac

December 3
Admissions - none
Dismissals - none

December 4
Admissions - Cherena Hopper, Winamac; Billy Wittworth, Delong
Dismissals - Darl Depoy, Francesville

December 5
Admissions - none
Dismissals - Cherena Hopper, Winamac

December 6
Admissions - None
Dismissals - None

December 7
Admissions - Richard Compton, Royal Center
Dismissals - none

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DEATHS.....**LOWELL MAX RANS**

Lowell Max Rans, 69, Washington, Utah, died Sunday, December 10, 2006, at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Born March 22, 1937 in Kewanna, he was the son of Roy and Fay Rans. A 1955 graduate of Kewanna High School, he was the retired owner/manager of L & S Fire Extinguishers. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; two sons, Max Rans, Boston, MA, and Eric Rans, Costa Mesa, CA; two sisters, Virginia Agnew, Kewanna, and Lorene Wood, Valparaiso; two brothers, Joe Rans, Akron, and Larry Rans, Kewanna; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

The Palm Mortuary, Las Vegas, Nevada, was in charge of arrangements.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, December 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 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.

PMH has launched a 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 a history of PMH with pictures. This web site is www.pmhnet.com.

The PMH Mother's Group will meet on December 16 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.

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.

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.

Social Security representatives will not be coming to PMH for the month of December. They will return again in January and follow their regular schedule.

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**To Reserve the Fire Department Community Room
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Evenings
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**Indiana State Fairgrounds
Upcoming Activities**

Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show: Dec. 12-14 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free.

Disturbed, Stone Sour & Fly Leaf Concert: Dec. 15 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; concert starts at 7 p.m. Admission: \$25 & \$35. Tickets are available at the State Fairgrounds box office at 317-927-1482; all Ticketmaster outlets; Ticketmaster charge-by-phone at 317-239-5151; or www.ticketmaster.com

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Dec. 15-17 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free

Hoosier Cup Cheer, Dance & Jump Rope Championships: Dec. 16-17 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10/day.

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Send In Your News

Pregnancy & Diabetes

Gestational diabetes affects about 4% of all pregnant women usually beginning in the fifth or sixth month of pregnancy.

High sugar levels in your blood can be unhealthy for both you and your baby. If the diabetes isn't treated, your baby may be more likely to have problems at birth.

You will need to follow a diet suggested by your doctor, exercise regularly and have blood tests to check your blood sugar level.

Gestational diabetes usually goes away after the baby is born, but it makes you have a higher risk for diabetes in your next pregnancy and later in life. That is why it is important for you to continue exercise, eat a healthy diet and watch your weight. If you do these things, you may not get diabetes when you are older.

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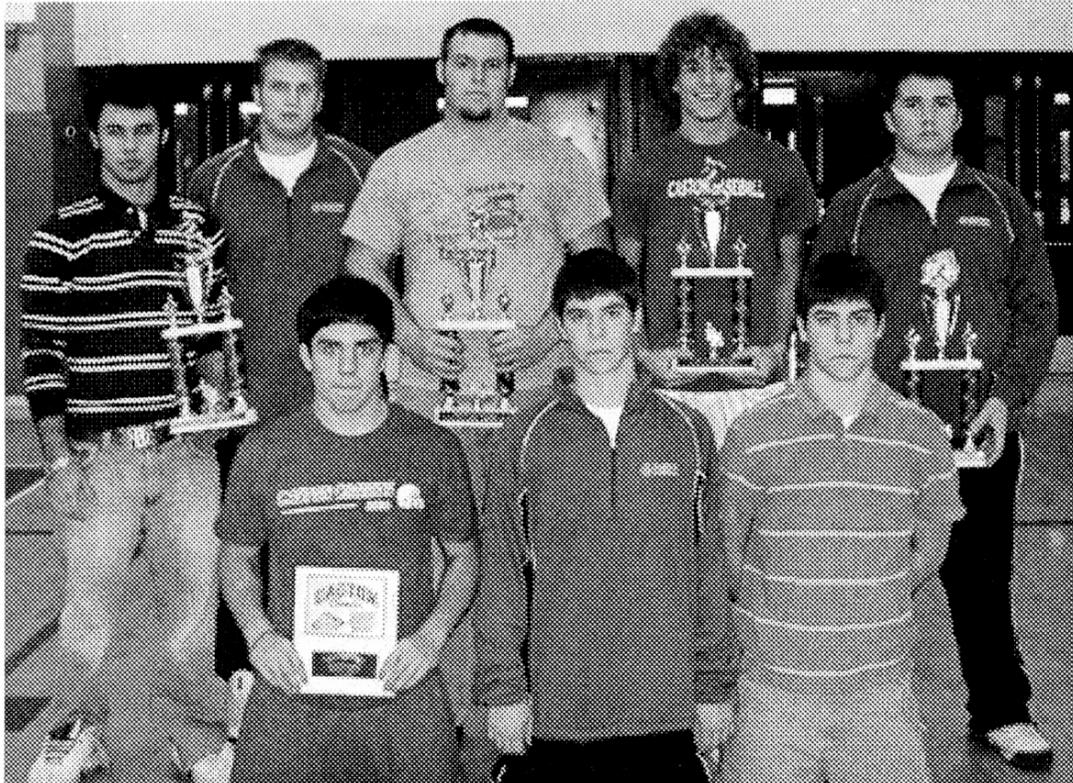
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Caston Comets Football Awards 2006

1st Row (l to r) Austin Ault, Ryan Williams, Ryley Williams
2nd Row (l to r) Adam Offutt, Kegan Townsend, Branden Justice, Josh Skinner, Ethan Zartman

Comets Snag First Victory

The Caston varsity boys basketball team captured its first victory Friday evening with a 36-32 double-overtime win over visiting Carroll.

The Comets took an early 4-0 lead, but then didn't score until late in the first half. The Cougars had a 17-11 lead at the halfway mark. Ethan Zartman hit a three-point shot at the beginning of the third quarter to cut that lead in half. Kam Scott had a good fourth quarter helping the Comets knot the score at 27 at the end of regulation play. The score was tied at 30 at the end of the first overtime. Caston then hit eight of 10 free throws to seal the win.

The Comets (1-3) will host Frontier Friday night.

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CASTON ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 15 - Varsity boys wrestling invitational at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 - Varsity boys wrestling invitational at Caston, 9 a.m.; varsity/JV boys basketball with Frontier at Caston, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Girls varsity/JV basketball at Culver, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21 - 8th grade boys basketball at Triton, 5 p.m.; 7th grade boys basketball with Triton and Caston, 5 p.m.; girls varsity/JV basketball with Carroll at Caston, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22 - Boys varsity/JV basketball Community State Bank tourney at Culver 6 p.m.

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Caston Elementary Collecting Plastic Bags

Caston Elementary students are collecting plastic shopping bags (no salt bags or shrink wrap) until April 13. The bags can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the elementary office. They will be delivered monthly to a designated location in

Logansport. The Cass County school collecting the most bags will receive a piece of furniture made from recycled plastic and will be recognized at the annual Earth Day activities involving third graders.

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**CASTON MENU
December 18 - 20
Breakfast**

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

Monday - Barbecue sandwich, seasoned potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Comet Café - cheese stuffed breadstick

Tuesday - Turkey and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, dirt pudding and milk. Comet Café - submarine sandwich and chips

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, French fries, corn, ice cream treat and milk. Comet Café - cook's choice

Christmas Vacation - December 21 - January 7

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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU
December 18 - 20
Elementary Breakfast**

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast burrito, juice and milk

Wednesday - Cook's choice, juice and milk

Thursday - Christmas break begins

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Chicken nuggets, fries, applesauce, bread and butter and milk

Tuesday - Cheese stuffed shells, garlic bread, corn, sherbet and milk

Wednesday - Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baby carrots, banana, potato chips and milk

Thursday - Christmas break begins

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Taco, salsa, corn, pears, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Ravioli, garlic cheese bread, peas, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Nachos, chips, carrots, orange juice cup, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

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**AREA FIVE MENU
Kewanna Fire Station**

Monday, December 18 - Beef and noodles, European blend vegetables, corn, banana pudding, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, December 20 - Chili, baked potato, Mandarin oranges, carrot cake, crackers and milk

Friday, December 22 - Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, strawberry poke cake, roll and milk

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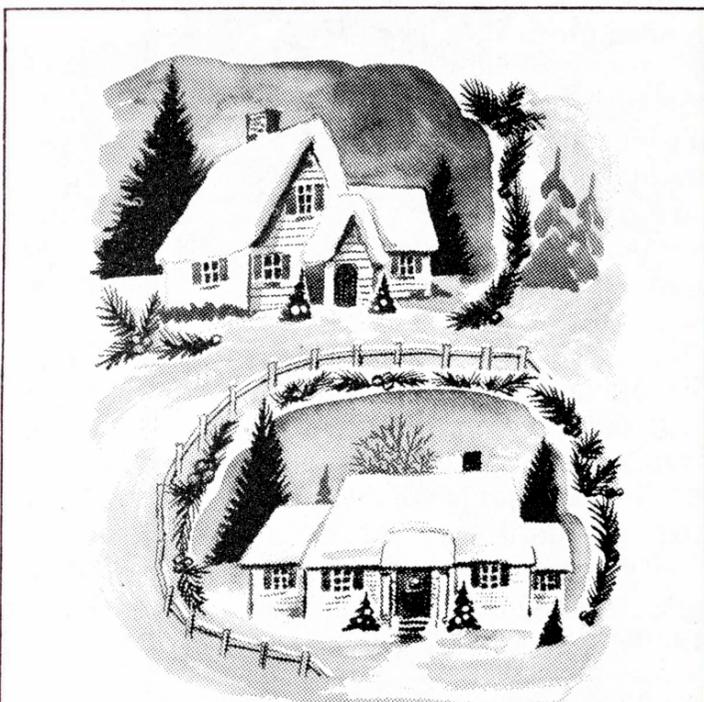
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Attorney General Steve Carter
The busiest season of the year is in full swing with holiday shopping front and center on many people's mind. Each year, more and more Hoosiers choose to bypass the mall in favor of shopping in the convenience of their own homes via the Internet.

According to a survey conducted for the National Retail Federation by BIGResearch, shoppers are expected to do a quarter of their holiday shopping online and are expected to spend \$791.10 each this year.

While shopping online can be just as safe as shopping in a traditional store or by mail, Internet purchases have been the top consumer complaint category in the attorney general's office for the past three years. The key to safe shopping is being a savvy Internet shopper. This year, armed with the following tips, we encourage you to visit IndianaConsumer.com before making your first online purchase of the season so you can test your online shopping savvy.

The following tips will help protect you from fraud this holiday season:

- Research vendors and personal sellers before making any online purchases. Confirm an online seller's physical address and phone number in case you need to get in touch with them. If you get an email or pop-up message from the seller while you're browsing that asks for

financial information, don't reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via email or pop-ups.

- Know what you're getting. Read the seller's description of the product closely, especially the fine print. Works like "refurbished", "vintage" or "close-out" may indicate that the product is in less-than-mint condition. Name-brand items with "too good to be true" prices could be counterfeits.
- Calculate the costs. Check out web sites that offer price comparisons and then compare "apples to apples." Factor shipping and handling into the total cost of the order and evaluate this final, complete cost against your budget and needs.
- Carefully choose payment methods. Be certain the web site is secure. Be suspicious if the seller states you can only pay by a money transfer service, such as Western Union, as it is difficult to track someone down without a paper trail. Do not send cash under any circumstances. Consider using an online payment service, such as PayPal, or your credit card, which protects your

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- Maintain a paper trail. Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description and price, the online receipt, and copies of any email(s) you exchange with the seller. Read your credit card statements as you receive them to be on the lookout for unauthorized charges.
- Check a company's privacy policy before doing business with it. A company should allow you to know what personal information its web site operators are collecting, why and how it will be used. If you can't find a privacy policy - or if you can't understand it - consider taking your business to another site that's more security-conscious and accommodating to customers.

If you take the quiz at IndianaConsumer.com and don't do as well as you hoped, bone up on your skills by browsing through the rest of the site. Before you do any of your shopping online this year, learn about the red flags that can tip you off to a potential scam.

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Excessive debt doesn't magically appear in an instant; it's not going to disappear overnight either, according to the Better Business Bureau. The BBB encourages consumers who are finding it difficult to pay their bills to take steps now to improve their financial situation, before they are tempted to overspend during the holidays.

"Consumers should not ignore a heavy debt burden, particularly in light of the approaching gift-buying season. Our new BBBTips on How to Repay your Debt is designed to help people take positive steps to pay back their creditors," said Michael Coil, president and CEO of the BBB of Northeastern Indiana.

The BBB system's new

educational resource is available online at www.bbb.org/indiana. Included are helpful hints for:

- Using credit responsibly;
- Determining if your debt level is headed for trouble;
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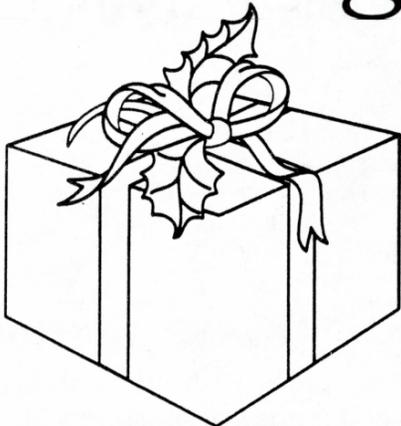
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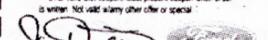
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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

The next library board meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6pm in the library.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Violet Dawn* (#1 of The Kanner Lake series) by Brandilyn Collins; *Scent* (#1 of the Sensations series) by C.L. Kelly; *Maggie* (sequel to The Dead Don't Dance) by Charles Martin; *The Bachelor's Bargain* (#2 of The Miss Pickworth series) by Catherine Palmer; and *The Guy I'm Not Dating* by Trish Perry.

Large Print Christian Fiction— *Rescued* by John Bevere and Mark Andrew Olsen.

Large Print Christmas Fiction— *Santa Cruise* (A Regan Reilly mystery) by Mary Higgins Clark; *Finding Noel* by Richard Paul Evans; and *A Christmas Secret* by Anne Perry.

Large Print General Fiction— *Lisey's Story* by Stephen King;

Hundred-Dollar Baby by Robert B. Parker; and *Valley of Silence* (#3 of The Circle Trilogy) by Nora Roberts.

JUVENILES:

Teenagers Nonfiction— from the Symbols, Landmarks, and Monuments series by Tamara L. Britton: *Angel Island*, *Devil Tower*, *The Empire State Building*, *The Golden Gate Bridge*, *NASA* and *World War II Memorial*.

Ages up to 10 Years Nonfiction— from the All Aboard America series by Julie Murray: *Erie Canal*, *Grand Canyon*, *Hoover Dam*, *Liberty Bell*, *Sears Tower* and *Washington Monument*.

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Advertising & News Deadline..... Noon on Tuesday!

Senator Weatherwax Invites Youth to Serve as Pages

State Senator Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) invites local students to take part in the legislative process by serving as a page for a day.

Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible, as spots are limited. The 2007 session is scheduled to begin Monday, January 8 and end Sunday, April 29.

Any student in grades 6 through 12 can sign up to be a page. The page office will try to accommodate requests for specific dates. Students will be excused from school for the day. Each page will need to arrive at the Statehouse by 8:30 a.m. Parents are responsible for transportation and students need to bring money for lunch. Lunch is available at the Indiana

Government Center cafeteria and the Circle Center Mall food court, which are accessible without the student ever needing to go outside.

Students will find themselves right in the middle of the legislative session and in a building that's as historic as it is picturesque. Pages will spend a day in the Senate assisting their local legislator, delivering messages and running errands. The day includes a tour of the Statehouse and observation of a session.

Those interested in serving as a

page should send their name, age, address, phone number and school affiliation to: State Senator Weatherwax, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. You can also email S18@in.gov or call 1-800-382-9467 or 317-232-9400.

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Bereavement Support Group to Meet

Anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one is invited to meet with the bereavement support group at Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., in Rochester Tuesday, December 19, at 7 p.m. The 40-minute video "Dealing with Grief at the Holidays" will be shown and a discussion will

follow. The one-hour meeting is free of charge to those attending. Chaplain Len Martin from Hope Hospice will be the group leader. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Rev. Martin at 574-224-4673.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Lake Bruce Conservancy District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of installing a vacuum wastewater collection system to serve the Lake Bruce area. A sequencing batch reactor wastewater treatment plant is proposed on the northwest side of Lake Bruce, with discharge to the Lake Bruce Outlet.

Various project alternatives were presented in the preliminary engineering report prepared by Wightman Petrie. They include gravity collection sewer, low pressure sewer, vacuum sewer, force main to Kewanna's wastewater treatment plant, sequencing batch reactor plant, membrane bio reactor plant, and extended aeration plant.

If the project is implemented, the proposed project may impact important farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, and/or have an adverse effect to historic properties. Mitigation measures were included in the Environmental Assessment in accordance with directives from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Divisions of Historic Preservation & Archaeology and Fish & Wildlife, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

The Environmental Assessment can be reviewed at the USDA Rural Development office, 1919 East Business 30, POB 699, Columbia City, IN 46725-0699. For further information, please contact Thomas Bernhard, telephone 260-244-6266. A copy is also available for review at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library at East Main Street, Kewanna, IN. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project may submit written comments to the USDA Rural Development address above by January 7, 2007, which is 30 days from the first publication date for this notice.

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Affecting Women of All Ages-Urinary Incontinence

Pat Smith
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It's official. Recent studies proclaim that women are at a higher risk for urinary incontinence after giving birth via vaginal delivery. That's especially true for women who have had three or more children in this way.

While it's nice to confirm that fact with a scientific study, it's information that millions of women already knew. It's estimated that half of all women in the United States experience urinary incontinence (UI) at some point in their lives.

Whether it arrives after childbirth, with excess weight, after menopause or a hysterectomy, or in later life, UI is a problem that many women silently deal with on a daily basis. Silence, however, can prolong

needless suffering. With treatment, most people dealing with UI can find relief.

According to the American Medical Association, people with UI typically have one or more of the following types:

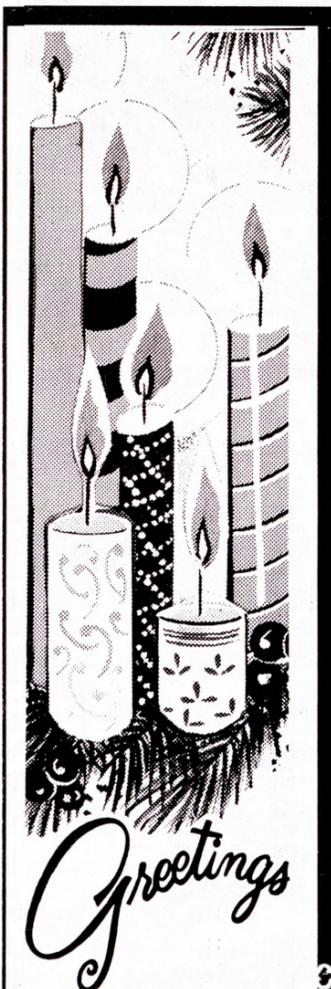
- **Stress Incontinence:** the most common type of UI, caused by pressure on the bladder from coughing, sneezing, laughing, lifting, or moving too quickly.
- **Urge Incontinence:** involving an uncontrollable need to urinate with little time to make it to the bathroom.
- **Overflow Incontinence:** a more rare type in which the bladder is constantly full and leaking small amounts of urine.

The treatment options are many and varied. Often, simple pelvic floor muscle

(the muscles that support your bladder) exercises, can reduce or cure UI. Electrical stimulation, biofeedback, timed voiding/bladder and vaginal rings called "pessaries," surgery, are additional options when exercises aren't enough.

If you're dealing with UI, take a simple step to help yourself. UI is treatable and often curable at all ages.

There is help for women with urinary incontinence, so if you are experiencing this type of problem, there is no need to continue living with the embarrassment and difficulties caused by UI. The Winamac Specialists' Clinic has four urology specialists on staff; with one of them specializing in urinary conditions for women.



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(NAPS)—In the hustle and bustle of the season, holiday parties always seem to spring up with very little advance notice, yet guests never want to show up empty-handed. And while nothing adds flair to a holiday party like decadent chocolate desserts, most people don't have time to bake from scratch.

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With an average prep time of less than 10 minutes, the kits can be put together just before you start getting ready for the party. If you find yourself with a few spare minutes, you can spruce up your dessert with these quick and simple decorating tips that turn everyday treats into memorable favorites.

A festive presentation can make your dessert tray look even more enticing. Sprinkle crushed candy canes or coconut around the edges of a serving dish for a splash of holiday color. Or go one step further and add a handful of pistachios and sugared pecans among the coconut. Pistachios, with their green shells, fit right in to the season and are a great alternative for those who want a healthier treat.



Decadent indulgent desserts at a moment's notice? No problem, if you stock your pantry with the right ingredients.

To create festive party wraps, fill small candy boxes with Decadent Fudge and wrap them in colorful gift wrap. Or wrap fudge in cellophane and fill mini-Christmas stockings labeled with guests' names. These can be sent home when guests are too full for dessert.

Whether you're looking for distinctive decorating ideas or clever ways to keep young ones engaged during the holiday season, check out the new Idea Center at www.EagleBrandKits.com and let Eagle Family Foods inspire your holiday spirit.

Eagle Brand Premium Dessert Kits are available at retail locations nationwide in a variety of flavors, including Decadent Fudge, Magic Cookie Bars, Turtle Temptations™, Toffee Dream Bars™, Peanut Butter Passion and more. Each kit includes all of the pre-measured, premium ingredients needed for the recipe.

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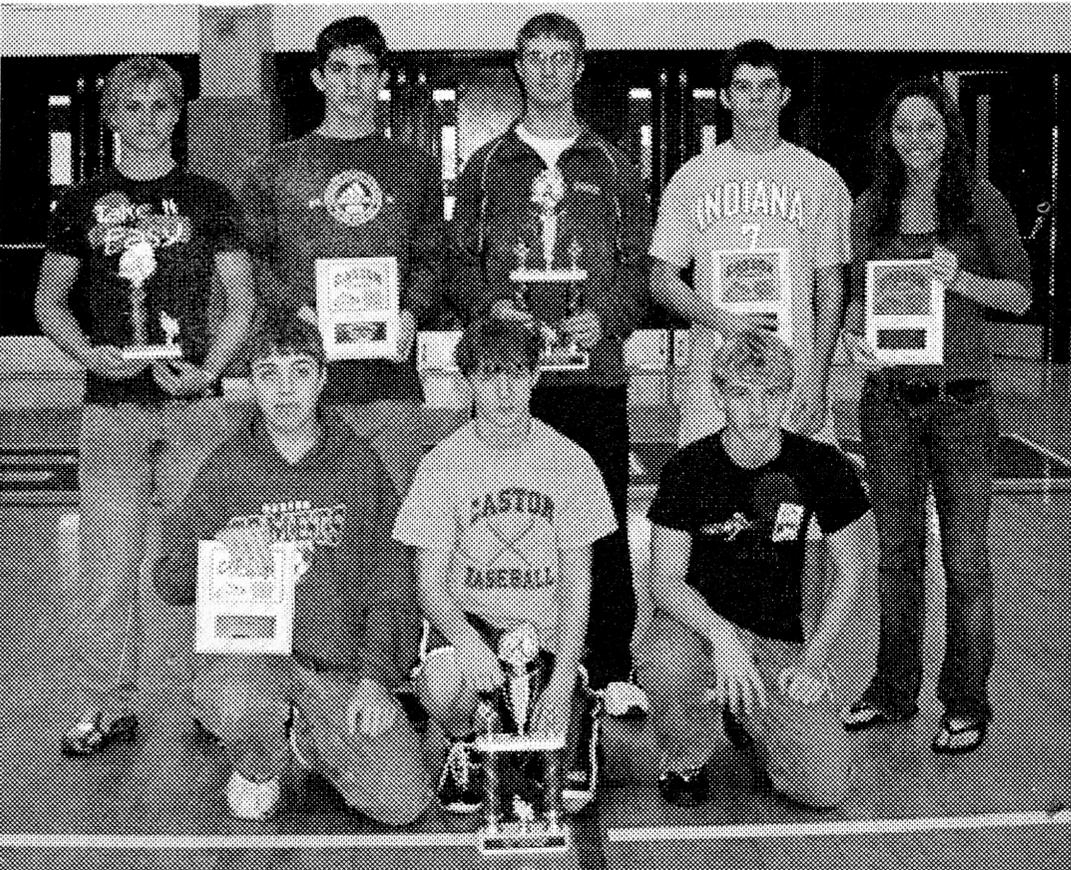
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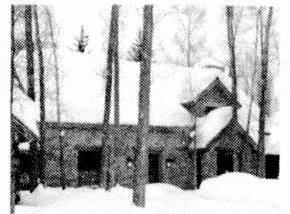
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TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Reduce Your Home Heating Costs And Protect Your Budget

(NAPS)—Don't let cold weather and higher energy bills get you hot under the collar. Energy experts offer these steps to help control your heating costs and protect your budget from unexpected increases in natural gas and electricity rates:



Shop around for your energy provider. Many states allow you to buy natural gas and electricity from an independent marketer. Check to see which companies offer the most desirable plans.

Consult an expert. Seek out an energy marketer. These professionals work with consumers to determine their best energy choices based on usage, climate, home size and other factors.

Check to see if you can lock in your energy rates. Enrolling in this type of plan will help protect you from spikes in energy rates. Much like a fixed-rate mortgage, a fixed-rate energy plan helps you stabilize your budget and prepare for the heating season.

Conserve energy by managing your thermostat. Setting the thermostat to 55 degrees, or lower, at night or when leaving home can lead to savings of as much as 20 percent on your heating costs. You should also wear warm clothing inside and set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower during the day. You can save up to 5 percent on heating costs for every degree you lower your heat during the winter.

Don't cook your clothes. Use cold or warm water when washing clothes—it's the detergent, not water temperature, which determines how clean your clothes are going to be. Avoid overdrying

clothes when using the dryer. **Use energy efficient appliances.** When installing a new water heater or furnace, research which options are the most energy efficient. You'll save on energy costs and you might be pleasantly surprised to learn that you qualify for a rebate from your energy provider if you choose energy efficient models.

Inspect and maintain your furnace. Ensure your furnace is operating at peak performance by having an annual inspection and routine system maintenance performed. **Clean filters and vents.** Dirty or clogged furnace and air filters can demand more energy and slow the heating of your home.

Make sure your house is properly insulated. Poorly insulated doors, windows and vents cost you money. You can reduce the amount of energy needed to heat and cool your home by having a professional check that your home has the proper insulation.

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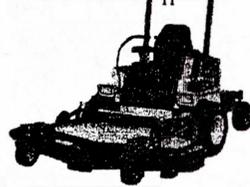
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GOVERNOR DANIELS' CALL FOR A CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE A "HEALTH WIN" FOR HOOSIERS

INDIANAPOLIS — Officials representing Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC) Executive Board recently commended Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' call for an increase in the cigarette excise tax and increased funding for tobacco prevention and cessation as the starting path to a "...health victory for Indiana" that will prevent youth initiation, reduce adult tobacco use and save Hoosier lives.

"ITPC and our statewide network of over 1,600 local organizations involved in tobacco prevention applauds Governor Daniels' proposed cigarette tax increase because raising the price of cigarettes is a smart and proven public health solution to reduce smoking," said Karla Sneegas, ITPC's executive director. "His plan to dedicate a portion of this tax to fully fund tobacco prevention and cessation at the level recommended by the Centers for Disease Control is a breath of fresh air for all Hoosiers."

Studies show that every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes reduces youth smoking by seven percent and overall cigarette consumption by roughly four percent. A recent study also shows that a 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes raises the probability that people will attempt to quit smoking by as much as 12 percent. Research shows that Indiana can expect a \$.25 cent per pack cigarette tax increase to:

- prevent over 22,000 kids alive today from

becoming future smokers

- help over 13,000 current adult smokers to quit and
- save more than \$500 million dollars in long-term healthcare costs savings with as much as \$6.8 million from health care costs for smoking-related pregnancies and births.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in Indiana, claiming more than 9,700 lives each year and costing the state in excess of \$2.0 billion annually in health care expenditures.

The potential health return is especially good for Indiana's youth.

"Governor Daniels' proposal is a win for children's health that will lead to future benefits," Sneegas said. "Since 90% of daily smokers start before they turn 18, a reduction in youth smoking will reap benefits for generations to come."

Another interesting fact — delivered as part of a recent presentation in Indianapolis by Frank J. Chaloupka, Ph.D., of the Health Policy Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago — is that smokers in households with a below median income are four times more responsive to price than those in higher income categories.

"We know that people with lower incomes are also the most vulnerable when it comes to higher health care costs; as a result, this proposal can only provide for a better future for thousands of Hoosiers," said Sneegas.

Increasing Indiana's commitment to fund tobacco prevention and cessation at levels

recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control will deliver results. After 10 years of investment, California found that for every \$1.00 spent on tobacco control, the state saved \$3.50 in direct health care costs. Currently, Indiana spends \$10.8 million annually on tobacco cessation; a rate that is 69 percent below the level recommended by the CDC.

"Every scientific authority that has studied this issue has concluded that when properly funded and implemented, comprehensive state tobacco prevention and cessation programs will definitely reduce tobacco use among both kids and adults," added Sneegas.

Indiana's cigarette tax was last raised in 2002 from 15.5 cents to 55.5 cents. Cigarette consumption dropped by 18% in the 12 months following this increase.

Indiana's present cigarette tax of 55.5 cents puts Indiana as the lowest in the Midwest (below states of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Ohio), and stands 44.5 cents per pack below the national average of 99.7 cents per pack. There are 22 states with a cigarette tax rate of \$1.00 or more per pack. Six states have cigarette tax rates of \$2.00 or more with the highest being New Jersey at \$2.57 per pack. Michigan taxes cigarettes at \$2.00 per pack.

The ITPC Executive Board was created to oversee funding from Indiana's share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement from the tobacco companies. Judith Monroe, M.D. and Indiana's State Health Commissioner, chairs the Board. The Board oversees the comprehensive tobacco control program, which includes media components, special youth features, enforcement, cessation initiatives and community

programs in every county in Indiana. To learn more about ITPC's efforts, visit their Web sites at www.WhiteLies.tv or its youth movement at www.Voice.tv.

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INGENIOUS IDEAS

A Helping Hand Is In The Bag

(NAPS)—Those on crutches know that on top of being in pain, getting around is a major pain. Adding insult to injury, there's no easy way to carry your things with both hands gripping crutches.

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Mill Creek Conservancy District
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON DECEMBER 11, 2006.

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Miller Dialarc 250 AC/DC arc welder; welding rods; welding helmets; Oxy-Acetylene torch set; Campbell Hausfeld 5.0 hp 60 gal. 220v upright air compressor; power washer; Hose Trac hyd. hose reel; power washer hose; chain fall; sand blaster; Craftsman drill press; B & D bench grinder; 14" abrasive cut saw; DeWalt Power Miter Box; Skil saw; bench grinders; hand grinders; HDC "L" air ratchet; Campbell Hausfeld air chisel; Campbell Hausfeld 3/8" impact wrench; Dayton impact wrench; Armstrong "L" socket set; numerous box and open end wrenches; sockets; K-D Tools torque wrench; Power Kraft torque wrench; pipe bender w/12 T jack; 1.5 hp 5 gal. Shop Vac; numerous hand tools inc. pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches, screw drivers, files, vice grips, drill bits, pliers, hammers; hack saw; wheel puller; 2-3/4 T floor jack; floor jack; (2) 6' Werner alum. step ladders; bench vices; battery chargers; w/12 v elec. motor; gas cans; frost free hydrant; chicken wire; homemade ext. wood burner; R-13 insulation; tow hitch; lawn furniture; coolers; bar stool; ANTIQUES: Leahy Mfg. Inc. "Favorite Incubator"; 6 drawer oak desk; American Model 52 elec. meat slicer.

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JD 216 lawn tractor; JD 110 lawn tractor; Ranch King 14.5 HP w/42" deck; Farm King garden tractor w/out deck, 13 hp motor w/hyd. front end loader, 3' mat. bucket; JD snow blower (fits JD lawn tractor); ACE 5 hp front tine tiller; Stihl 015 AV chainsaw w/case; Craftsman 36cc, 16" chainsaw w/case; log splitter w/13 hp Honda motor, elec. start; FeatherLite weed trimmer; Craftsman lawn cart; Scott pull type lawn spreader; Fimco sprayer w/12 v elec. motor; gas cans; frost free hydrant; chicken wire; homemade ext. wood burner; R-13 insulation; tow hitch; lawn furniture; coolers; bar stool; ANTIQUES: Leahy Mfg. Inc. "Favorite Incubator"; 6 drawer oak desk; American Model 52 elec. meat slicer.

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AUCTION NOTE: We will start with the Real Estate at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Personal Property at 10:30 a.m. Shop/Misc. followed by Law/Garden with the Tractors, Scooter, Truck and Guns to sell at 11:00 a.m.

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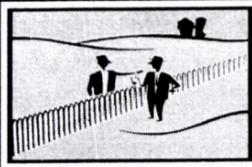
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By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Lacey Birge participated in a piano recital Sunday, December 3, at the First Christian Church in Rochester. Lacey, a seven-year piano student, played *White Christmas*. She was among the 30 students of Margaret Overmyer who performed. Attending the recital were her parents, Dan and Julie Birge and her grandmother, Evelyn Markley. Refreshments were enjoyed after the recital.

Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee, of Winamac were Monday evening supper guests of her grandmother, Helen Whiteman. They put of her indoor Christmas decorations while here.

Jerry and Kay Brown attended the Rochester/Winamac girls' basketball game Monday. Their granddaughter, Mollie, plays for Rochester.

Tuesday night, the Browns attended the Winamac/Pioneer 7th grade boys' basketball game. Their grandson, Michael, plays for Winamac.

Helen Whiteman joined the group of senior citizens who attended the Christmas production at Beef and Boards in Indianapolis Thursday.

Mary Kay Williamson, Kay Brown and Karen Kruger enjoyed a production of "The Nutcracker" at the Morris Civic Auditorium in South Bend Saturday. They were also guests of Karen's daughter and her family, Gene and Lori Harding, Annabelle and Graham, in South Bend for a Christmas brunch.

David Whiteman of Elkhart is spending a few days with his aunt, Helen Whiteman, while

doing some deer hunting.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Teresa Connor, Marvin Engle, Tom Garner and James Percy, Dec. 17; Chris Baldwin and Nancy Luketich, Dec. 18; Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19; Marilyn Fisher and Corey Mills, Dec. 20; Bev Baldwin, Robert Basham, Austin Heiden, Jonathan Masteller and Tim Mikesell, Dec. 21; Jennifer Bland, Danny Corbett, Mildred Engle and Karen Troutman, Dec. 22; and Bruce Bangel and Kenan Kimble, Dec. 23.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smitley and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lincoln, Dec. 19 and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Metzger, Dec. 20.

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Pesaresi, Ellei Kay, Paul Hott and Wade Bussert for their help.

Key Waste picked up a total of 2,631 pounds of recyclables from Kewanna curb sides during November.

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Does Your Kitchen Make the Grade?

An A+ rated kitchen means more than just shiny countertops and neat cabinets. It means a kitchen that limits your exposure to bacteria that causes food borne illnesses.

As a health care professional and homemaker, Sandy Roth, RNC, NP, with Monterey Family and Women's Health has these recommendations:

Avoid cross-contamination by placing raw meat, poultry and seafood in sealed containers or plastic bags. Store these items separately from other foods in your refrigerator.

Keep your refrigerator set to at least 40 degrees and your freezer to at least 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Routinely check temperatures with an appliance thermometer.

Don't thaw meat on the countertop; instead, thaw in the refrigerator or in cold water that is changed frequently. Bacteria multiply rapidly at room temperature.

When cooking meat, test its internal temperature with a thermometer. Hamburger meat, for instance, will turn brown before it's cooked enough to safely eat.

After marinating raw meat, discard any used marinade. On fully cooked meat, use only fresh marinade.

When keeping leftovers, refrigerate all foods within two hours of cooking and divide large amounts into

shallow containers for quick cooling. Additionally, eat leftovers within three to five days.

Wash your hands, cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water after they've come in contact with raw meats and eggs and unwashed produce.

Frequently sanitize cutting boards. Run plastic ones through the dishwasher and microwave wooden ones for five minutes.

Sanitize countertops, sinks disposals and connecting drain pipes frequently.

Avoid wiping your hands on dirty towels that have come in contact with raw meat products.

Use paper towels for cleanups. If you prefer cloth, replace them daily with freshly laundered towels.

Keep pets away from kitchen counters and food.

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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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**The News
In Brief**

Thanks to Winamac Coil Spring for the use of their forklift in putting up the town's Christmas decorations Sunday. Thanks also to Tony and Garrett

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