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Holiday Art Tour, December 3 & 4

A desire to support and promote the arts has prompted five artists in the Fulton County area to open their home studios for holiday shopping. The free, self-guided Holiday Art Tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. 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.

Artists participating in the events include:

Jim Scott, Sand Hill Studio. The Sand Hill Church, located at 5532 N Old Highway 31, is the home and studio of artist Jim Scott. Originally a school located on the Tippecanoe River, it 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 and giclee prints of his work. His work is done in the style of "fantasy realism", sometimes taking an Old Master's subject matter and using it in a contemporary form.

Gail Karas, Artistic Impressions, 5212 West 100 North, Rochester. Self-taught artist Gail Karas has been painting and sketching most of her life. A love of flowers and art brought her and her mother, Junette Price, together to form the studio, Artistic Impressions, where they provide a variety of art and flowers. Small painted gifts, cards, sketches, wreaths, and ornaments will be among the gifts for sale. Pat Thompson will also be exhibiting her work at the studio.

Gib Foster, Rain Creek Studio, 5303 East Mt. Zion Rd., Rochester. Gib 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 a 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.

Barbara Lutterbein, Sky Studio, 7300 East 400 South, Akron. A visit to Sky Studio will make the reason the studio was so named apparent. Barbara designed her home and quilting studio around a turn-of-the-century nail counter from her grandfather's lumberyard. Quilts will be displayed in the gallery and a variety of textile gifts – purses, fabric bowls, home décor, and gifts for quilters – will be offered.

Braxton Eikenberry, Eikenberry Glass Studio, 15464 North 200 West, Akron. Braxton has operated the Eikenberry Glass Studio since 1975. His studio is located in a post and beam, mortised and tenon granary dating to the mid-eighteen hundreds. The granary was dismantled, moved and reassembled at its present location to house his studio and workshop. Stained glass windows and other glass objects will be for sale. Works by the Granary Group of painters, Gretchen Coplen, Rachelle Houchin, Wade Bussert and Jeff Skersick, photography by Mike Kenny and jewelry and pottery by Larry Houchin, will also be featured.

The tour is being sponsored and promoted by the Fulton County Tourism Commission, the individual artists, and businesses in the Rochester area.

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, in care of 100 West 9th St, Suite 106, Rochester, IN 46975. Additional inquiries can be answered by calling 574-223-6575.

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Holiday Brunch & Craft Sale, Dec. 3

The Rochester First Baptist Church Fellowship Guild will host a holiday brunch and craft sale Saturday, December 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the brunch and sale are $5 per person and must be purchased in advance. Proceeds will go to missions.

The First Baptist Church is located at 1000 Main Street.

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Guest Speaker at Promised Land Church

Steve Box, whose life once was totally controlled by his methamphetamine addiction, will be a guest speaker at the Promised Land Church Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm; and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10:30 am. Running a Bible based ministry, Steve is the author of two books on the subject of meth addiction and how he believes this drug has its roots in sorcery and witchcraft. Everyone is welcome to attend. Promised Land Church is located three miles southwest of Fulton on St. Rd. 114, turn south at 350W; turn west on 800S. For more information, call 574-298-0495.

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Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec. 3 & 4

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club will sponsor its sixth annual Christmas Tour of Homes Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Saturday tour hours will be 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday hours will be 2 to 5 p.m. Residents opening their homes for the tour include Robert and Debbie Draper, 5179 N. 600 E., Rochester; Mark and Julie Melton, 1368 Woodland Court, Rochester; Larry and Kristine Mueller, 1372 Lakeview Bend, Rochester; and Dr. Tom and Joy Troutman, 1402 Main St., Rochester.

The cost of the tour is $5 per person. Tickets are available from club members; B & B Men's and Boys' Wear, Rochester; The Observer, Kewanna; the Fashionette Beauty and Tanning Salon in Akron; or at the homes during tour hours. Refreshments will be served at the Mueller home.

The Drapers live about five miles north of Athens in a spacious Cape Cod home built in 1998. The outside of the 2-story home is covered with clay-colored vinyl. The 6,000-square foot home comprises 14 rooms, including three bedrooms, four baths and a finished basement. The country décor features many items handmade by the Drapers. Their doll and snowman collection will be on display.

The ranch style Melton home was built in 1999 and features a walkout basement. The exterior of the 4,000-square foot, 12-room structure, is brick and white vinyl. The home features a built in curio cabinet and two fireplaces. The bars and trim are made from oak cleared from the lot. The décor includes a collection of Eileen Melton wildlife art, as well as a snowman collection. A four-acre pond adds to the serenity of the location.

The Muellers two-story home was custom built in 1994 by Bill Coplen Construction. It encompasses 3,200 square feet including 10 rooms (four bedrooms) and three baths. The exterior is covered with taupe-colored vinyl and the interior features a traditional décor with a touch of country. The first floor great room has a 26-foot ceiling and a large window-wall. The upper floor den area has a balcony overlooking the great room. The kitchen and foyer feature hand-painted stenciling. Various quilts from the 1930s and 1940s grace the balcony railing. The home is furnished with several oak antique pieces.

An 11-room, free classic style house built in 1890 is home for Tom and Joy Troutman. The 3,328-square foot structure is covered with gray vinyl enhanced by gaslights and three open porches. The home features a traditional décor, carved oak fireplace with benches, carved hardwood open staircase, oak pocket doors, stained glass and leaded glass windows, antique light fixtures, and a carved wood transom between the living and dining rooms. The couple's collection of Christmas cookie jars will be on display.

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Toys for Tots, December 4

ABATE of Indiana, Fulton County Region 1, will host its 22nd annual Toys for Tots Sunday, December 4, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Fulton County 4-H fairgrounds.

Admission is one toy valued at $10 or more and two canned goods.

The afternoon will include live music, prizes, food and beverages, and a kids' activity room. Music will be provided by Treated-N-Released, Switchpoint and more.

For more information, call Tom at 574-835-0172 or Putt at 574-223-8883.

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State Road 17 Bridge Closed

INDIANAPOLIS - Effective immediately, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has closed the S.R. 17 bridge over the Tippecanoe River, just south of S.R. 110 in Fulton County. The closure applies to all vehicular traffic.

Northbound traffic on S.R. 17 will be diverted east on S.R. 14 to U.S. 31, south to S.R. 25 where traffic will exit, turn left and re-enter northbound U.S. 31, then west on S.R. 110. Southbound traffic on S.R. 17 will detour east on S.R. 110, south on U.S. 31 and west on S.R. 14. Detour signs are being installed.

INDOT closed the S.R. 17 bridge because of concern about its structural integrity. INDOT personnel and consulting engineers will do a thorough assessment of the bridge on Monday. Plans for remediation or continued closure will be based on that assessment.

For more information on restrictions and closures, please visit INDOT's website at: www.in.gov/dot

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Postage Going Up

New postage rates will take effect January 8. First class mail will cost $.39 for a one ounce letter and $.63 for a two ounce letter. Postcards will go from $.23 to $.24.

The price increase, the first since 2002, was made necessary by a federal law that passed in 2003 requiring the Postal Service to place $3.1 billion in an escrow account.

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet Monday, December 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester to review a set of drainage plans.

There will be a representative from SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) at the Community Resource Center, Rochester, Monday, December 5 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the new Medicare Part D for prescriptions. For more information, call 574-223-3716.

Make sure your home has a minimum of R-38 insulation in crawl spaces and attics. By adding insulation, your home will be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. For these and other tips on how to manage your winter heating bills, log onto www.nipsco.com.

The Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board will meet in executive session Wednesday, December 7, at 4 p.m. in the Cass County Commissioners' hearing room 203, Cass County Government Building, Logansport. The topic will be pending litigation. A public meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever occurs later.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, December 5, in the meeting room of the County Office Building, Rochester. Items of business will include the awarding of a bridge inspection contract, new vehicle request from the sheriff, health insurance, airport authority resolution and hospital search committee appointment.

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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 14, call 574-223-3326.**

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Clubs Societies Personals

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MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE ON DISPLAY

The Christmas Season is a time of remembering Christmas past and a time of hope for Christmas yet to be. Again this year a commemorative Christmas tree has been placed inside the entrance of First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester. There are no packages at its feet, no tinsel, no stars. Yet, this tree is full of light. Not traditional electrical lights, but the light of love remembered.

At this special time of year, our thoughts turn to those we have been privileged to know. And it is a time to rededicate ourselves to the work begun in caring for our friends who are in need. To lead in this memorial, Hope Hospice of Fulton County will write the names of loved ones on beautiful glass ornaments and one by one, hang these on the tree. Also, a book listing the names of all the honorees will also be on display at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester.

Hope Hospice of Fulton County invites the public to join others in celebrating the life of a loved one, by making an honorary or memorial gift to Hope Hospice. For a contribution of $10.00 or more, a personalized Christmas ornament will be created in honor or memory of a loved one, or special individual. Honorary or memorial gifts for the Memorial Christmas Tree will be accepted through December 31, 2005.

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

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Those donating, honorees and the families of memorialized persons are invited to an *OPEN HOUSE* to be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Hope Hospice office, 420 Main Street in Rochester. At that time the commemorative ornaments will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season.

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AREA V MENU
Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, December 5 – Beef luncheon steak w/mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, wheat bread and chocolate pudding

Wednesday, December 7 – Roast pork, mushroom potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll and cake

Friday, December 9 – Vegetable soup/crackers, egg salad sandwich, pineapple and cookie

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One Day Bible School at Church of Christ

The Kewanna Church of Christ will host "The True Gift of Christmas", a one-day Bible school, Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Preschool children through fifth graders are welcome to attend.

Activities will include singing, crafts, games, an interactive Bible lesson and a birthday party for Jesus. Lunch will also be provided.

An offering will not be collected; however, children are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to be given to the food pantry. For more information, call 574-653-2605.

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Indian Awareness Center to Meet

The Indian Awareness Center will enjoy a carry-in lunch Saturday, December 10, at 12 noon at the Fulton County Museum. Those attending should bring a covered dish and their own table service.

Plans for 2006 will be made, including whether to phase out the Indian Awareness Center and join forces with the new Potawatomi Trail of Death Association, both branches of the Fulton County Historical Society.

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Genealogy Section Elects Officers

The Genealogy Section of the Fulton County Historical Society elected officers and made plans for 2006 recently.

Elected to serve were Dora Jones, president; Mary Jane Zellers, vice president; Phil White, secretary; Melinda Clinger, treasurer and Shirley Willard, editor.

Meetings for 2006 include:

Saturday, March 11 – trip to the Fort Wayne Library

Monday, April 3 – 4-H genealogy workshop

Friday, July 28 – guest speaker, Jack K. Overmyer, at 7:30 p.m. The group will then host an "all nighter" for genealogy research in the FCHS reference room

Tuesday, November 14 – lunch and election of officers/planning

The public is welcome to attend all genealogy meetings.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Hoosier Antiques Expo: Dec. 2-4 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m. Admission: $5.

Hoosier Beef Congress: Dec. 2-4 in the West Pavilion, South Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m. (trade show); Sat. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free

Elite Cage Fighting: Dec. 3 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bouts begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission: $20, $30, $35, $40 & $50.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 21

Admissions – Patricia Paulson, Akron; Janet Loveless, Kewanna

Dismissals – Marion Shafer, Argos; Sally Dunwoody and daughter and Martha West, Rochester; Donna Rans, Lucerne; and Patricia Paulson, Akron

Births – John and Lisa Carr, Plymouth, a daughter

November 22

Admissions – Richard Mushinski and Diana Bowen, Rochester; Raymond Easterday, Winamac; Linda Oden, Mentone

Dismissals – None published

Births – Courtney Thomas, Denver, a daughter; Megan Grewe, Mentone, a daughter

November 23

Admissions – None published

Dismissals – None published

November 25

Admissions – Lance Young, Rochester; Robert Hendrickson, Kewanna

Dismissals – Courtney Thomas and daughter, Denver; Richard Mushinski, Rochester; Lisa Carr and daughter, Plymouth; Megan Grewe and daughter, Mentone

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 18

Admissions – Andrew Vanderaa, Winamac

Dismissals – Cecil Hood, Kewanna

November 19

Admissions – Infant Charles Wayne Bean, Jr., Winamac; Doris Hazlett, Medaryville; Emma Hadden, North Judson

Dismissals – None

November 20

Admissions – None

Dismissals – None

November 21

Admissions – Patricia Skinner, Buffalo

Dismissals – Infant Charles Wayne Bean, Jr., Winamac

November 22

Admissions – Lula Grostefon, Star City

Dismissals – Elmer Marks and Andrew Vanderaa, Winamac; Emma Hadden, North Judson

November 23

Admissions – None

Dismissals – Doris Hazlett, Medaryville

November 24

Admissions -- None

Dismissals – Lula Grostefon, Star City

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DEATHS.....

KENT J. BALLENGER

Kent J. Ballenger, 57, Mulberry, Florida, died November 25, 2005, at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Florida, from injuries sustained in a hit and run automobile/bicycle accident earlier that day.

The former Rochester resident was born November 25, 1948, to Herbert A. and Gloria F. Ensign Ballenger. He lived in Rochester until he graduated from Rochester High School in 1966. He then attended Sam's Technical School, Indianapolis, where he received a degree in tool and die design. He was a 31-year employee of McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Division, St. Louis, Missouri and later worked for Boeing Aircraft following its purchase of McDonnell Douglas. He had resided in Florida for the past two years after retiring from Boeing.

He was married December 21, 1974 in St. Louis, Missouri, to Barbara Jennings.

While a Rochester resident, he attended the First Church of God. In St. Louis, he attended the Assembly of God Church. A Vietnam War veteran, he served in the U.S. Army with an Army Military Police Unit.

Survivors include two sons, Chad E. Ballenger and Brian P. Ballenger, both of Ballwin, Missouri; one granddaughter, Tiffany Alexus Ballenger, Ballwin, Missouri; his parents, Herbert and Gloria Ballenger, Rochester; a twin sister, Krystal K. Smith, Rochester; his former wife, Barbara Ballenger, Ballwin, Missouri; an aunt, Freda Ault, Crawfordsville; an uncle, John Ensign and his wife, Marilyn, Peru; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2005 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th Street, Rochester, with Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Athens.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, at the funeral home or one hour before the service on Thursday. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to either Gideons International or the charity of one's choice. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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HENRY LUDWIG MATZAT

A celebration of life was held Friday, November 25, 2005 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Judson, for Henry Ludwig Matzat, 91, Culver. Pastor Gerald Hallman officiated and internment was in the Highland Cemetery, North Judson..Mr. Matzat died Tuesday, November 22, 2005 in the Plymouth Hospital.

Henry was born February 9, 1914, in Cook County, Illinois, to Lithuanian immigrants, Ferdinand and Helena (nee Redweik) Matzat. The family moved to the North Judson area in 1926 after violence broke out in their Chicago neighborhood. A close relative, Adolf Matzat read the ads in the newspaper and saw a farm for sale near North Judson. Adolf and Ferdinand took a train to North Judson to check out the farm. Ferdinand and Helena purchased the farm and moved there with their family – Fred, Otto, Henry, Emma, Ewald, Harold and Ludwig. Henry, as well as the other family members, were active members of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. He also taught Sunday school for more than 20 years.

He was married July 27, 1951, to Olga Alma Redweik and purchased a farm near Culver. They were blessed with five children, Debbie and Connie (both deceased in infancy), Kenneth (Sue Boesdorfer), Pleasant Plains, Illinois, John of Jeffersonville, and Bonnie (Ed) Raffel, Kewanna. They also have five grandchildren, Hollee Raffel Masterson and her husband Dave, Talma, Ross Raffel, Kewanna, Adam Matzat, Pleasant Plains, Illinois, Jennifer Matzat Thompson and her husband Michael, Virden, Illinois, and Joshua Matzat, Fitzgerald, Georgia; and one great-granddaughter, Anna Marie Thompson, Virden, Illinois.

Henry and Olga and their family were members of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winamac before they helped establish and become charter members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver.

Other close relatives include Henry's brother-in-law and his wife, Robert John and Millie (Gudas) Redweik, Sr., Kewanna and their family.

The O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, was in charge of arrangements.



Former Kewanna resident Marvin Good took time to read his latest edition of The Observer to Mark Twain when he visited a museum in Dubuque, Iowa, recently. Marvin lives at Cherokee, Iowa.

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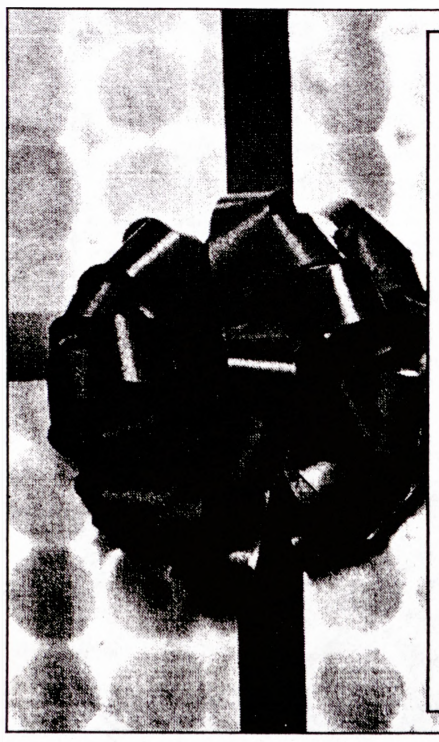
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Lions Donate to Hurricane Relief and Other Charities

The Grass Creek Lions Club recently received a letter of thanks from Past International President Clement F. Kusiak, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), for its contribution to Hurricane Katrina relief. The LCIF has sent over $260,000 so far into the hurricane disaster area. Locally the Grass Creek Lions, mostly through the donations of club members, has contributed over $1,100 to the hurricane relief fund through LCIF.

LCIF is only one of the projects that the Grass Creek Lions Club supports. They also help support other state projects such as cancer control, leader dog, speech and hearing and the eye bank.

Cancer control is supported through the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. The Lions have raised many thousands of dollars in years past to purchase radiation equipment for the fight against cancer. The IU Medical Center has state of the art machinery that has been purchased through the efforts of Lions selling fruit, light bulbs, candy and various other fund raisers.

The leader dog project is based in Rochester, Michigan. The training facility relies on Lions and their donations for almost everything. The dogs are raised and trained, and sometimes given away as puppies to 4-H youth to care for for the first 18 months. The dogs are then returned to the school for more training to become leader dogs for the blind. The training of the dogs and the person receiving the dog, as well as their stay at the school, is paid for by the Lions Clubs

The speech and hearing center is located at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. A team of medical doctors and staff have been funded by the Indiana Lions to start and keep the project going. The team has implanted many people with a device called a cochlear implant, which helps even those that are completely deaf hear tones.

The eye bank is one of the oldest projects, but still a very important one, funded by Lions in the state. Through this effort, people can donate their eyes to be used as study aids and, of course, for implant surgery. The funds donated to the eye bank are also used to promote preventable blindness.

The Grass Creek Lions Club supports all of these projects, along with various community projects, including United Ministries of Fulton County, Junior Achievement at Caston, 4-H fair trophies, and eye glasses for students at Caston. The Caston school nurse notifies the club whenever one of the students need eye exams and/or glasses and the Grass Creek Lions, along with other area clubs, try to make it happen.

The Grass Creek Lions host an annual dinner for senior citizens in the community as a way of saying "thanks" for their support over the years.

The group supplies cheer baskets for members of the community during the Christmas season and they support their annual Caston scholarship through the car sink fund. They also collect and recycle used eye glasses along with other Lions clubs in the state and maintain home health care equipment for use by members of the community on a first come, first serve basis.

To raise funds to support these various projects, the Grass Creek Lions host fish fries, fruit sales, and Grass Creek Depot Days (in conjunction with the Wayne Township Fire Department). They would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

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LocalNet Honored

LocalNet Corp. has again been named to Inc. Magazine's annual list of "fastest growing companies." This is LocalNet's fourth appearance on the list in the last five years. The company provides Internet access to Kewanna and surrounding communities. With over 135,000 subscribers, LocalNet is the nation's largest privately held Internet Service Provider.

For more information, contact LocalNet at 1-888-488-7265.

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BIRTHS

ABIGALE GRACE COOK

Micah and Kathy Cook, Roundrock, Texas, are the parents of a daughter born November 7, 2005. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces and was 18 ½ inches long. She has been named Abigale Grace Cook. Abigale has two siblings, Cole, age 8 and Taylor, age 6.

The paternal grandparents are Kent and Sheri Cook, Kewanna. Martha Ann Cook of here and Sally Lloyd of Lake Okeechobee, Florida are the great-grandmothers.

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Hollywood Indian comes to museum for Christmas

"Hollywood Indian – The Story of Chief White Eagle" is the title of a new book available at the Fulton County Museum. It will be for sale at the museum's Christmas open house Dec. 3 from 9 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday Dec. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. Chief White Eagle will autograph the book and greet the public at the Christmas open house.

Also at the museum's Christmas open house there will be volunteers playing music on the baby grand piano that was used at the Colonial Hotel.

More than 50 Christmas trees are decorated, many with themes to match the exhibit they are displayed in. Circus animals adorn the tree in the Circus Exhibit. Little wooden soldiers decorate the tree in the Military Room. Paper money garnishes the tree in the Merchant and Industry Room. The tree in the School exhibit has hand-made paper ornaments by school children. The kitchen tree has tin cookie cutters. The church display has angels. The Indian tree has little red pouches of tobacco and red birds. The Transportation Room tree sports cars, boats, and airplanes. The meeting room and hall way have several more trees.

Free refreshments will be served.

Many gifts are available in the museum gift shop: Indian crafts, necklaces, ear rings, shirts, T shirts with round barns and the Fulton County Historical Power Assn. emblem, fleece blankets with John Deere , IH, Oliver and other tractors, Purdue and IU motifs, much more.

Stocking stuffers include magnets shaped like Indiana, and pencil sharpeners shaped like Amish buggies and old time cars and airplanes. Special gifts for teachers are low cost so a child can afford them. Christmas ornaments include round barns, Indian teepees, Santas, clowns, everything found in Fulton County's history.

Books include history of each of Fulton County's townships and many families, round barns, Indians, the first Tarzan – Elmo Lincoln, and many books by Fulton County authors.

Have a good time and help the museum at the same time. Bring your family and guests to tour the museum not only during the open house but other days. The Christmas decoration will be up until Jan. 6. The museum is open Monday – Saturday from 9 to 5. It is closed holidays: Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 30- Jan. 2.

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The library will be selling books and CDs for all ages until the beginning of January. There are older, withdrawn books for 5 and 10 cents each; newer books for $3.00 each; and the CD's are $1.00 each.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Large Print Christian Fiction— *The Preacher's Daughter* (#1 of the Annie's People series) by Beverly Lewis; *There is A Season* (#3 of the Cheney and Shiloh: Inheritance series) by Lynn and Gilbert Morris; and *A Perilous Proposal* (#1 of the Carolina Cousins series) by Michael Phillips.

Mystery— *The Lighthouse* (Adam Dalgliesh mystery series) by P.D. James.

YOUTH:

Christian Fiction— *Violet's Perplexing Puzzles* and *Violet's Bumpy Ride* (#5 and #6 of the A Life of Faith: Violet Travilla series) by Martha Finley; *Dating Do-Over* (#4 of the Real TV series) by Wendy Lawton; and *The Reveal* (#4 of the Becoming Beka series) by Sarah Anne Sumpolec.

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Local Items

Linda and Tom Garner hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Sunday. Their guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were their daughter and her family of Twelve Mile, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna; their daughter and her family of Valparaiso, Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach; and their son and his friend, T.J. Garner and Ashley Allen.

Don and Doris Woolington were in Ft. Wayne Sunday. They enjoyed visiting with their grandson and his wife, Bryan and Beth Sands. Also visiting with the Sands were Bryan's parents, Deb and Jack Schoenherr.

The Wilma Wilson family enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving Sunday evening in Royal Center. Gathering for supper and a wonderful time of visiting were Wilma Wilson; her daughters and sons- in- law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center and Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne; her daughter- in- law, Nicki Wilson of Rochester; her son and his family, Tim and Deb Wilson, Taylor and Kaylee; her grandsons and their families, Scott and Darla Foerg and Allison of Logansport, Seth and Stacy Wilson and Caleb of Rochester and Nathan and Emily Graham of Royal Center; her granddaughter and her family, Kim and Ed Shroder, Ethan, Garrett and Keatin of Royal Center; and her granddaughter, Emily Graham of Indianapolis; and her grandson, Kurt Graham of Lucerne.

Elsie Scheffer, Chuck and Cheryl of Pulaski had company Sunday. Arriving late in the day for a visit were Elsie's daughter and her family, Jean and Louis Bangel and Joyce of Winamac, and Louis' parents, Mary and Earl Bangel.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Mark Hall, Neal Haimbaugh, Austin Kimble and Chuck Kumler, Dec. 4; Mindi Cogdill, Amanda Hammond and Juan Sanchez, Dec. 5; Ryan Baker, Ann Bauman, Cindy Eastwood, Angela Gudeman, Kami Newton and Zachary Short, Dec. 6; Courtney Brazier and Clair Strong, Dec. 7; Derek Eisbrenner and Gayle Newton, Dec. 8; and Kent Cook and Nita LaFollette, Dec. 10.

There are six couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Robin Michael, Dec. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peters, Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bucks, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamman, Dec. 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dees, Dec. 8.

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Caston Honor Roll

Caston Jr./Sr. High School has released the names of its honor roll students for the second six-week grading period.

Students named to the high honor roll include:

Seventh grade – James Goff, Brantley Hartman, Jada Powlen and Erika Reffitt

Eighth grade – Austin Ault, Veronica Sheets and Caleb Siders

Freshmen – Hanna Black, Eli Fred, Amy Hathaway, Lacey Hubenthal, Skylar Powlen, Erica Zartman and Ethan Zartman

Sophomores – Courtney Tam

Juniors – Kaylyn Herrold, Emily Smith, Austin Tam, Heidi Tulensalo and Yi Wang

Seniors – Chasey Burton, Bethany DeWitt, Lucas Powlen and Eric Reichart

Students named to the regular honor roll include:

Seventh grade – Brenda Artero, Caleb Brown, Chelsey Dague, Maxwell Foreman, Jacob Gamble, Brant Gerald, Eric Goller, Tyler Henderson, John Herd, Morgan Herrold, William Holloway, Isaak Mersch, Elizabeth Mettler, Dana Miller and Mariah Moss

Eighth grade – Phillip Burman, Patrick Burns, Matthew Clupper, Kellen Homburg, Levi James, Donald McClain, David McMenamin, Kelsey Moss, Meghan Myers, Megan Powell, Matthew Reichart, Wesley Rigney, Emily See and Chelsea Troyer

Freshmen – Shane Biscella, Jonathan Burns, Krystal Campbell, Seth Cowell, Payton Daily, Anna Douglass, Frost Fry, Patrick Gamble, Kaley Kellenburger, Austin Moss, Jordan O'Neal, Stephanie Overholser, Jesse Reason, Nicholas Roe, Brittany Scales, Sarah Scott, Chelce Snider and Brandon Wibel

Sophomores – Kelly Arthur, Caitlin Frey, Reegan Homburg, Garrett Redweik, and Wendy Vanderwall

Juniors – Corey Anders, Chelsea French, Kassie Hoagland, Monica Hoover, Kristen Osbon, Benjamin Reason, Cody Scott, Joshua Skinner, Cara Staller, Kegan Townsend, Grant White and Silas Zartman

Seniors – Alexander Chapman, Kellie Foreman, James Fred, Shad Henderson, Cherri Herrell, Samantha Loeffler, Shane Lother, Eric McCready, Nicole Pickens, Bryan Powlen, Thomas Rowe, Brandi Sigo, Kyle Sommers, Dustin Swartzel, Tiffany Troutman, Joseph Troyer and Jenny Vinson.

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CASTON MENU
December 5 – 9
Breakfast

Monday – Corn dog, seasoned mini cubes, pears, cookie and milk. Comet Café – chili with corn chips

Tuesday – Nachos with meat sauce, corn, sherbet, bread and butter and milk. Comet Café – whopper combo

Wednesday – Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, Mandarin oranges, cookie and milk. Comet Café – Italian sausage combo

Thursday – Sloppy Joe sandwich, tater tots, peaches, brownie and milk. Comet Café – stuffed crust pizza wedge

Friday – Spaghetti, lettuce salad, mixed fruit, bread and butter, and milk. Comet Café – potato bar and cheese stuffed breadstick

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Aluminum Cans
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- Aluminum pie and dinner trays

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- Office paper - all types
- Paperback books
- Junk mail
- Phone books
- Hardback books - covers need to be removed

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Electronics
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- Main frames
- Fax machines
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- DVD players
- Stereos
- Telephones
- TVs

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- Separate into: CLEAR COLORED
- Labels do not have to be removed
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No mirrors, light bulbs, window, ceramic, Pyrex or other glass

Grocery Bags
- Paper grocery bags can be used to hold newspapers

Magazines & Catalogs
- Only magazines & catalogs made of slick, glossy paper
- Slick newspaper insert

Scrap Metal
- Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
- Aerosol cans - remove lids

Miscellaneous
- AAA-D, hearing aid, watch and rechargable batteries
- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- Items containing mercury
- Florescent bulbs
- Motor oil
- Pallets - wood or plastic
- Styrofoam packing peanuts - must be contained

Newspaper
- Stack in brown paper grocery bags
- Remove glossy inserts and put with magazines

Do not pack in plastic bags

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- Plastic grocery bags (make sure they are empty)
- Bubble wrap
- Clean plastic film

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Kewanna Locals

Barb Hieber and JoAnne Tsoodle were Thursday dinner guests of Barb's daughter and her family, Sue and Ed Janes, Tom and Joe at LaPorte. The family enjoyed appetizers at Sue's before attending a holiday buffet. Afterward, the group returned to Sue and Ed's for dessert and an afternoon of visiting.

Barb and Jon Gast had dinner guests Thursday. Celebrating the holiday with them were Barb's sisters, Bea Ann Clark of Logansport and Betty Leazenby. The Gasts also received many visits throughout the day from their children and grandchildren.

Kay and Jerry Brown hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Thursday. Their guests for dinner were their son and daughter- in- law, Mark and Mick Brown; their son, Mike Brown; their daughter and her family, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly of Rochester and Kyle of Ball State University; their grandson, Michael C. Brown of Winamac; their granddaughter and her friend, Lindsay Brown and Dave Wagoner; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; and Kay's siblings and their families, John Williamson and Christopher and Rita Williamson, all of Winamac and Carol and Guiermo Matese and Tony of Kennesaw, Georgia. Stopping by throughout the day for visits were Kay and Jerry's daughter and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Cory, William and Aidan of Rochester and their grandsons and their families, Steve and Brenda McBride, Megan, Connor and Griffin and Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe.

Pauline and Don Scales had a few callers throughout the day Thursday. Arriving in the morning for a visit was their grandson, Eric Koontz of Muncie. Joining them a little later and bringing along dinner was their granddaughter, Cindy Wiese. In the evening, Cindy returned with her daughter, Ally, and her mother, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, for a holiday chat.

Diane Evers and Lindsay of Indianapolis hosted the Evers family holiday celebration Thursday. Their guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were Diane's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers; her sister and brother- in- law, Janet and C.J. Yocum of Rochester; her brothers and their families, Gary Evers and Hailey of Michigan City, Dave and Maria Evers, Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda and John and Mary Jane Evers, Candice and Garrett of Indianapolis; her nephew and his wife, Jason and Melissa Yocum of Avon; Maria's daughter, Dara Dollar; Lindsay's friend, Shelby; and Peter Konchak. Diane's niece, Andrea Yocum (who is in Africa), phoned to visit with everyone.

Helen Whiteman was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of her granddaughter, Julie Nies and her family, at Winamac.

Wilma Wilson and Mathilda Lamb accompanied Mary Lou and Bill Foerg to the Oak Grove restaurant in Star City Thursday for a holiday dinner.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Luther and Shirley Bussert were Jay and Marsha Ingram of Indianapolis, Elayne Ingram and Becky Anderson of North Judson, Ryan Bussert of Springfield, Ohio, Don and Doris Woolington and Wade Bussert. Kirk Ingram and sons of Winamac were afternoon callers.

Janice and Ozzie Graham hosted their family's holiday celebration Thursday. Their guests for dinner and a nice afternoon of visiting were their daughters and their families, Stephanie and Mike Malchow, Kaitlyn and Lucas of Rochester, Jaime and Brian Carmen and Madison of Monticello and Wendy Smith and Haley; Janice's mother, Florence Hogan; her niece and her husband, Johnna and Allen Bouda of Yukon, Oklahoma; and Wendy's friend, Jonathan. Stopping by later in the day to join in the family visit were Janice's sister and brother- in- law, Alice and David White of Winamac.

Rita and David Foust traveled to Kokomo Thursday. They picked up Rita's mother, Eva Buzzard, on their way into town. The threesome then joined Rita's sister and brother- in- law, Joyce and Jerry Brooks, and their family for a Thanksgiving dinner and visit.

Carri and George Sinnis and sons of Carmel hosted their family's holiday gathering Thursday. Among their guests for dinner and a delightful afternoon of visiting were Carri's parents, Bob and Carol Broda.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Bruce and Denise Baker and Daniel were Ryan Baker of Lafayette, Forrest and Elnora Baker, Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and Zachary, Jackie and Cindy Hoskins and Joe and Karen Good.

Celebrating Thanksgiving Day with John and Virginia Agnew were Marsha and Ed Tomerlin, Erin Tomerlin and Ashlyn and Eric and Connie Tomerlin, Jacob and Megan, of Hebron; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and Alexis, Joshua Agnew, Kim and Jeff Hunter, Caleb and Raeann, all of Rochester; and Jeremy Agnew of Westfield. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and an afternoon of visiting.

Bill and Nancy Crow hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner at their Lawrence Lake home near Plymouth Thanksgiving Day. Present were Bill Plummer and Hanna and Bryan and Kathy Miller, Jacob, Katelyn and Josh, all of Kewanna; Leesa and Steve Metzger, Lauren, Sarah, Kayla and Kelsey, of North Manchester; Lynn and Danny Studebaker, Seth and Brent, of South Whitley; Craig Crow, Rochester; Angie and Mike Cook, Zach and Cassie, of Portage, Michigan; Bill and Jolene Cook, Plymouth; and Sandy Baker, Leiters Ford. Stopping by in the afternoon to "nosh" on the leftovers were Bob and Angie Plummer, Gary, Jerry and Blake of Kewanna.

Nancy and Leonard Evers were Thursday overnight houseguests of their son and his family, John and Mary Jane Evers, Candice and Garrett.

Dennis and Susan Wilson and their houseguest, Lois Wilson, had holiday visitors Friday, Nov. 25. Arriving in the morning were Dennis and Susan's son and grandchildren, David Wilson, Joseph and Samantha. Later in the morning, they were joined by Dennis and Susan's daughter and her friend, Kathy Wilson and Morgan Thomas of South Carolina and David's friend, Darcy. In the afternoon, the family enjoyed their Thanksgiving celebration. In the late afternoon, two of Kathy's friends arrived for a visit.

Helen Whiteman had several callers Friday. Coming for a visit and joining her for dinner were her son and his friend, Kevin Whiteman of Winamac and Monica O'Connor of Pulaski; her grandson, Rod Whiteman of Bloomington; and her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Angie Whiteman, Jaden and Ella of Indianapolis.

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday visitors over the weekend. Arriving late Friday to celebrate Thanksgiving and an early Christmas were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

Earl and Mary Bangel had company over the weekend. Joining them for a couple of days were their daughter- in- law and grandson, Theresa Bangel and Kevin of Indianapolis, and Kevin's friend, Andrew Summit. Mary and Theresa discussed plans for Christmas while Kevin and Andrew went hunting.

Lois Wilson returned home Saturday, Nov. 26, following a three- day visit with Dennis and Susan Wilson and their family.

Romayne Wentzel hosted her family's Thanksgiving celebration Saturday. Twenty members of her family were able to gather for dinner and a visit.

Luke Sutton and Clayton Brown enjoyed playing spies, Spiderman pinball, mini racers and hide- and- seek Saturday.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rushville over the weekend. They had a nice time attending the Rushville vs. Whiteland high school boys' basketball game. Their son, Kerry Brown, is coach for Rushville.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of visitors Saturday. Arriving late in the day for a chat were their son and daughter- in-law, Bruce and Rosemary Scales of Fulton.

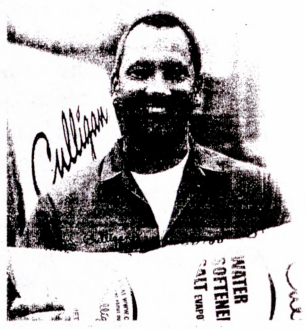
Helen Whiteman had a guest Sunday morning, Nov. 27. Accompanying her to church and visiting with her throughout the day was her great- granddaughter, Taureen Whiteman of Indiana State University.

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Representatives Organize for 2006 Session

The Indiana House of Representatives met November 22 for organization day to prepare for the upcoming 2006 legislative session, which begins January 4. In addition to technical and ceremonial proceedings, members paid tribute to those affected by tornadoes in Indiana and hurricanes of the gulf coast region and honored many Hoosiers that assisted the victims of the natural disasters.

Representatives and staff collected items needed for the relief efforts and are distributing them to the gulf region with the assistance of an Indianapolis church. Volunteers from the church will be delivering the items to a relief and distribution center in the gulf region. State representatives from southwestern Indiana will also be delivering relief items to the areas affected by tornadoes in Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. Financial contributions for Indiana victims are being made as well.

The legislative session will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 4. Speaker of the House, Brian Bosma, outlined priorities of the session including property taxpayer relief, job creation, education, local government efficiency and road funding.

Bosma also announced a new House Republican Open Government Initiative to provide video and audio from the House Ways and Means Committee room, where fiscal issues are debated, and one of the four House Committee rooms located in the basement of the Statehouse. Committees will be scheduled in Room 156-C for Internet broadcast. The public can access the House floor or committee proceedings at www.ingov/legislative.

and click on "watch the General Assembly session" on the right side of the screen. A schedule of committee meetings to be broadcast will be posted on the website. Due to the number of committee meetings that take place simultaneously, not every committee meeting will be available via the Internet.

Video broadcast of House floor proceedings has also been updated to include a voting board which will show each member's vote, information title bars to display the name of the Representative speaking, and better camera angles on each Member addressing the chamber.

In addition, it was announced that a series of hearings would take place prior to session, throughout the month of December, to discuss property taxpayer relief measures. The Ways and Means Committee hearings will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. They will take place in the House Chamber in order for them to be broadcast via the Internet while equipment is being installed in the Ways and Means Committee room.

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ACS Government, 25.83; Ag Blasting & Refinishing, 350.00; Airfield Technologies Inc., 10,000.00; American Consulting Inc., 16,239.75; B&B Mens Wear Inc., 203.00; BI Incorporated, 1,843.60; BP, 126.17; Banning Engineering, P C, 105.00; Bartons Inc., 3.16; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 158.83; Boyce Forms/Systems Inc., 1.030.00; Burns Tire Service, 2,200.00; Capital 1, 569.40; Carr, Susan, 48.00; Carter Lumber Pro-WFCB, 22.07; Centenial Wireless, 54.71; Cinergy, 2,822.55; Cinergy, 1,277.04; Citicard, 137.00; Clerk Treas City of Rochester, 41,326.78; Cody Computer Services Inc., 52,631.38; Computer Systems Inc., 3,711.00; Craft Crossing, 75.20; Cramer, Casi, 292.40; Culver Power Equipment Inc., 131.49; Daltons Inc., 636.00; Dreibilbis, Vicki, 87.20; Du-Mar Welding, 145.00; Enids Cleaning Service, 997.67; Early, Mike, 25.40; Enyarts True Value Hardware, 11.96; Fine Things, 632.20; Four County Conseling Center, 3,650.00; Fulton Co Sheriff Dept., 1,000.00; Fulton Marshall Farm Bureau, 5,835.55; Good Family Funeral Home, 200.00; Good Sandi, 89.00; Gil Jenkins Automotive Corp., 40.95; Good Oil Co Inc., 6,961.00; Hillis & Hillis, 7,759.91; Hardesty Printing, 23.50; Hirschauer & Hirschauer, 1,740.00; ICAA, 150.00; IN Assoc of Co Commissioners, 180.00; IN State Police Training Fund, 54.00; Ingram Excavating, 25,264.72; Intoximeters, 703.00; Janitors Supply Co Inc., 274.86; Loebig Vicki C., 55.08; Low Associates, 17,546.00; Maintenance Doctor, 101.64; Mama's Pizza, 85.50; Morrow, Joe, 120.00; Murray Law, 1,000.00; NAPA Rochester, 711.99; National Academies Of, 25.00; Nextel, 60.04; NIPSCO, 530.72; New Holland Rochester Inc., 396.50; Nutrition Consultants, 124.00; O'Herron Inc., Ray, 22.82; O-Henry's Backhoe & Excavation, 1,333.03; Oren Richard, 2,207.27; Observer, 743.92; Old National Bank, 28,481.18; P C Source, 654.26; Peterson & Waggoner, 975.00; Phend & Brown, 1,654.10; Plumlee Maintenance, 960.00; Power Brake & Spring Service, 485.02; Praire Marsh Inc., 344.76; Price, Jeffry, PC, 108.00; Purdue CES Education Fund, 99.27; Purdue University, 1,400.00; Purdue University, 180.00; Quill Corp., 93.37; Rockhill Pinnick LLP, 658.50; Reed, Judith, 21.14; Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 80.00; Rochester L P Gas Corp., 164.98; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 492.32; Rock Industries Inc., 8,035.56; S R I Inc., 7,780.00; Saylor J H, 1,820.99; SBC, 250.00; Shepherd Shannon, 1,050.00; Shorter-Pifer Holli, 3,456.00; Strand Assoc Inc - Sieco Div, 308.53; Superior Business Solutions, 370.31; Sheppard Excavating Co., 5,956.05; Speedway Sand & Gravel Inc., 7,165.17; Stitch Wizard Embroidery Inc., 120.00; Stoops Freightliner-Ft Wayne, 497.37; T&T Rental, 209.17; Traylor-Wolfe Lisa M, 2,928.00; Treasurer State of Indiana, 20,100.00; Underwriters Laboratories, 4,473.00; US Cellular, 80.15; United States Post Office, 3,155.00; Wagley Penny, 3.95; Walmart Community BRC, 369.91; Waste Management Inc., 75.47; Weldstar Co., 6.00; Wells Law Office, 478.11; Widner & Sons Excavation, 5,062.76; Wildman First Aid Direct, 74.99; Wildman Inc., 671.86; IDMS Forms, 198.82.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON NOVEMBER 28th, 2005.

DENISE J. BONNELL
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Pub. 12/01/05

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcoholic Beverage Board of Fulton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing at 1:00 PM on December 21, 2005, at the Conference Room, County Annex, Fulton County Office Bldg., in the city of Rochester in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:

DL2519425 Dealer - Beer and Wine, Renewal: Casey's Marketing Company, 1811 Hwy 14 East, Rochester; D/B/A Casey's General Store # 2029; Michael R Richardson, 4865 Copper Creek Dr., Pleasant Hill IA, Pres.; Eli James Wirtz, 9817 Valdez Dr., Urbandale IA, Sec'y.

RR2501076 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor, Renewal; Main St. LLC, 721 Main St., Rochester; D/B/A Main Street Tavern.

RR2591427 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor, Renewal; Tapped Out, LLC, 625 Main St., Rochester; D/B/A Las Cabanas.

Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
Pub. 12/01/2005

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Kewanna will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2005 at 6:30 pm at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, Main Street, Kewanna, Indiana, to provide interested parties an opportunity to review and express their views on the Library Building Addition Plan. The plan, produced by Morrison Kattman Menze, is the result of the CDBG Planning Grant project federally funded through the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Karen Good, Clerk-Treasurer, P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939 or (574) 653-2777 not later than December 6, 2005. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Karen Good, Clerk-Treasurer, P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. For additional information concerning the project, please contact the Town of Kewanna at (574) 653-2777, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. or write to Town of Kewanna, Attention: Karen Good, P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939.

Pub. 11/27, 12-1, 2005

Notice To Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana, that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Rochester, Indiana on the 13th day of December, 2005, at 6:00 P.M. for the following additional appropriations:

COUNTY HOST FEE:
Computer Software (city's share)$59,697.00
Total County Host Fee:.....$59,697.00
CEDIT:
Matching Grant Funds $10,000.00
Cedit:.....$10,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

ATTEST:
Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor
Pub. 12/01/2005

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In Re: Cable Television Franchise Renewal

The public is hereby notified that the cable television franchise held by TV Cable of Winamac, Inc. expires August 21, 2009. TV Cable of Winamac, Inc. has submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana, for its approval of a Franchise Renewal Agreement for cable television. These documents are on file and are available for inspection at the Fulton County Office Building, 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975, on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST.

The public is further notified that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the renewal of the cable television franchise held by TV Cable of Winamac, Inc. on Monday, December 19th, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. EST at the Fulton County Office Building, 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975. The public is invited to present their views to the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County upon the renewal of this cable television franchise held by TV Cable of Winamac, Inc., either in writing or in person, a this public hearing.

Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor

Publish 12-1, 8, 2005

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

311 W. Washington St., Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
Non-LIFE - STATEMENT OF CONDITION
On the 31st day of December, 2004

COMPANY NAME: Old United Casualty Company
ADDRESS: 8500 Shawnee Mission Parkway
CITY, STATE ZIPCODE: Merriam, KS 66202
ORGANIZED UNDER STATE OF Kansas FEIN: 48-0884451 NAIC CODE: 37060

ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	$ 221,060,990
Stocks (Schedule D)	$ 1,440,864
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	$
Real Estate (Schedule A)	$
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	$ 2,698,827
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	$ 8,168,443
Other assets	19,610,554
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 252,979,678

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses		$ 4,990,185
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses		$ 128,877
Reserve for Unearned Premiums		$ 165,033,630
Reserve for Taxes		$ 1,509,191
All Other Liabilities		$ 11,549,160
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$ 183,211,043
Special Surplus Funds	$	
Capital Stock	$ 3,000,000	
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	$ 1,000,000	
Unassigned Surplus	$ 65,768,635	
Surplus as regards Policyholders		$ 69,768,635
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$ 252,979,678

Signature — Cecil Van Tuyl (Print Name) President

Signature — Robert J. Holcomb (Print Name) Secretary

State Form 1143 (R/10-87)

For more information on this company or any company authorized to transact the business of insurance in Indiana, see www.in.gov/idoi.

Thank You...

The family of Antonia Agatha Arndt Gudas would like to thank the community for its outpouring of care and love. We express a big thank you for all the memorial gifts as well as the beautiful floral arrangements.

We thank the grandsons for being pallbearers—Kenneth Gudas, Winamac; Robert Redweik, Jr., Tomball, Texas; Eric Gudas, Kewanna; David Redweik, Twelve Mile; Michael Martin, Jr., St. Joseph, Michigan; Eric Martin, Oswego, Illinois; Albert Gudas, Kewanna; Arthur Gudas, Kewanna; and Wayne Perry, Covington, Ohio.

We thank the family, friends and neighbors for all the food carried in to the funeral home and to our homes.

We thank everyone for the visitations at the wake as well as all who attended the funeral.

We thank the Pulaski Memorial Hospital staff for their loving care of our needs as well as mother's. The hospital auxiliary was very kind and helpful, also. The emergency room staff was super as were the EMS personnel. Dr. Kauffman is thanked for his kindness and patience with the family as well as his empathy for our mother's needs.

We thank the Frain Mortuary staff as well as Dan and Sam for their patience and caring sympathy

We thank Lora Redweik of Twelve Mile for her expertise in cosmetology and taking time for Grammie.

Thanks to Camelot Flowers and staff for the excellent help in selecting floral arrangements.

We are grateful to Pastor Carl Fitchett for the heartfelt celebration of life service and Alladean Clouser for the beautiful organ music. We were upheld by the area churches who included our family on their prayer lists. We thank the Heartland Church for opening their hearts and building for our luncheon and visiting. We are thankful to the Pit Stop Buffet, Crystal Gudas and her staff, for serving a lovely luncheon.

We thank everyone for the hundreds of letters and cards expressing their love.

We're happy to be a part of this wonderful community and will never forget your kindness and caring.

Johanna Gudas
Algird and Erica Gudas and Family
Joseph and Joan Gudas and Family
Mildred and Robert Redweik and Family
Edwina Martin and Family
Mary and James Perry and Family
Edmund and Patricia Gudas and Family

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Notice To Subscribers

PLEASE notify The Observer office whenever you have a change of address. New addresses may be sent to The Observer, P. O. Box 307, Kewanna, IN 46939; or, telephoned to (574) 653-2101.

FOR SALE

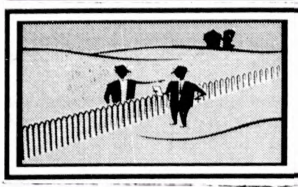
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Carol and Bob Broda were in Merryville, Tennessee recently. They had a nice time visiting with Carol's sister and brother- in-law, Connie and Don Johnson.

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Monday, Nov. 21. Staying as her overnight houseguest was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Monday evening. They had a fun time attending the freshman girls' basketball game. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, was one of the players for Rochester.

Ruth Ann Anderson had visitors throughout the week. Making their annual hunters' visit were Mr. Watkins of Arizona and his five sons. Every year, Mr. Watkins and his sons spend a week deer hunting on Ruth Ann's farm and enjoy the big breakfasts she prepares for them. While at Ruth Ann's, Mr. Watkins and his family took the opportunity to hold a reunion/ holiday gathering for about 20 members of their family. The Watkins are rarely able to gather in one place since the members of the family live in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana and Michigan.

Beth Ann Deckard of Lebanon, Ohio arrived Tuesday, Nov. 22, for a holiday visit with her parents, Beth and Ray Weller.

Jon and Barb Gast enjoyed a delightful visit with former Kewanna resident, Joan Smith, in Sheridan Tuesday.

Don and Pauline Scales had a few visitors Tuesday. Arriving in the morning for a chat were their granddaughter and great-grandson, Jaime Heiden and Cody, and Jaime's friend, Winston.

Heath and Holt Harding of Rochester were holiday weekend visitors of their sister, Haley Harding at Okemos, Michigan.

Kayci Cunningham spent the holiday weekend visiting with her parents, Karen Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cunningham.

Don Weller of Kathleen, Georgia spent the holiday weekend visiting with friends and family in the area.

Ron McColley of Frankfort arrived early Thursday morning, Nov. 24, to chauffeur his mother, Mildred McColley, to his home for an overnight holiday visit. Upon their arrival in Frankfort, they picked up Ron's wife, Karon, and traveled to West Lafayette and a holiday visit with Ron and Karon's son and daughter- in- law, Rush and Mendi McColley. Also joining Rush and Mendi for a holiday dinner and visit were Mildred's son and his family, Steve and Ruth Ann McColley and Matt of Muncie; Karon's mother, Minnie Michki of Frankfort; Mendi's father, Greg Allison of Crawfordsville; and Mendi's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allison of Waynetown. Later in the day, they were joined by Rush's sister and brother- in- law, Ginger and Chris Batta of Indianapolis.

Dennis Wilson of Greensburg arrived early Thursday to chauffeur his mother, Lois Wilson, to his home for a holiday visit.

Ray and Beth Weller hosted their family's celebration of Thanksgiving Thursday. Their guests for dinner and a lot of visiting were their son, Don Weller; their son and daughter-in- law, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; their daughter and son- in- law, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans; their grandson and his family, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody of Rolling Prairie; and their granddaughter and her sons, Kim Sutton, Brendan and Riley.

Jane and Rich Green hosted their family's holiday celebration Thursday. Their guests for dinner and visits throughout the day were their daughter and her family, Dawn and Rick Nikolich and Luke of Charlotte, Michigan; their son and his family, Dale and Heather Green, Joshua and Jacob; Jane's mother, Ann Zartman; and her sister, Shirley Zartman.

Joyce Luhnow hosted the Anderson and Luhnow families Thanksgiving celebration Thursday.

Maryellyn and Hugh Tennent were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their niece and her husband, Judie and Dick DeWitt at Kokomo.

Approximately 60 members of the Hamman family gathered Thursday at the local fire station community room for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Recycling Dates
Dec. 2nd,
Dec. 16th & 30th

6th ANNUAL

Fulton County Republican Women

Christmas Tour Of Homes

Sat., Dec. 3rd // 6-9 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4th // 2-5 p.m.

HOMES TO TOUR

TICKETS: $5.00 Donation

Larry & Kristine Mueller, 1372 Lakeview Bend, Rochester, Indiana

Dr. Tom & Joy Troutman, 1402 Main Street, Rochester, Indiana

Mark & Julie Melton, 1368 Woodland Court, Rochester, Indiana

Bob & Deb Draper, 5179 N. 600 E., Rochester, Indiana

(REFRESHMENTS AT MUELLER RESIDENCE)
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PRE-OWNED CARS

05 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM pwr seat, driver info center, alum wheels, XM radio, 12k mi ... $18,995
05 CHEVY IMPALA SEDAN 3400 V6, pwr seat, w/l, keyless entry, CD player, 14,000 mi ... $15,995
05 BUICK CENTURY 4 dr, pwr seat, wind, locks, keyless entry, CD player, 29k ... $13,995
05 CHEVROLET CAVALIER 4 dr auto, pwr w/l, keyless entry, rear spoiler, alum whl, 26k mi ... $10,995
04 CHEVY MALIBU CLASSIC 2.2L 4 cyl, auto, pwr wind/locks, CD, tilt, cruise, 26k mi ... $10,995
04 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT2 pwr heated leather seats, pwr sunroof, chrome whls, 23k ... $17,995
04 BUICK LESABRE LIMITED pwr heated seats, auto temp, compass, alum wheels, 40k ... $18,995
03 CHRYSLER 300 M SPECIAL pwr leather, pwr sunroof, new tires, loaded, 42k mi ... $19,995
~~02 FORD TAURUS SE 4 dr, pwr seat, wind., locks, CD player, alum wheels, 67k mi. ... $7,995~~ Sold
01 Mercury Grand Marquis LS heated power seat, auto temp, alum wheels, 39k mi. ... $10,995
99 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM pwr cloth seat, pwr w/l, keyless entry, CD player, 78k mi. ... $5,995

PRE-OWNED TRUCKS, VANS, & SUVS

03 CHEVY TAHOE LT 4X4, heated leather, DVD, rear AC, CD cass, rear seat, 45k mi ... $27,995
02 CHEVY TAHOE LT 4X4, heated leather, 3 seat, rear heat & AC, trl pkg, 30k mi ... $24,995
04 CHEVY SUBURBAN LT 4X4 pwr heated leather, CD cass, DVD, sunroof, rr seat, 38k ... $30,995
01 CHEVY SUBURBAN LT 4X4 K2500 heated leather, rear heat & ac, HD trailer pkg., 62k mi ... $19,995
02 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4 4 dr, pwr wind/locks, tilt, cruise, CD trlr pkg, 36k mi ... $15,995
02 CHEVY 1/2 TON AVALANCHE Z71 pwr heated leather, sunroof, CD, cass, 29k mi ... $23,995
02 FORD EXPEDITION XLT pwr cloth seat, wind, lock, keyless entry, rear seat, 92k mi ... $12,995
05 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 CREW CAB short bed, pwr seat, w/l, alum wheels, 10k mi ... $27,995
05 CHEVY SILVARDO 2500 HD 4X4 EXT CAB LS 6.0 V8, auto, all power, trl pkg., 19k mi ... $25,995
04 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 EXT CAB Z71 pwr wind, remote locks, trlr pkg, 20,000 mi ... $23,995
04 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 EXT CAB Z71 pwr wind, locks, keyless entry, alum whls, 43k ... $21,995
04 CHEVY SILVERADO 2WD EXT CAB LT long bed, leather buckets, all power, XM, 46k mi ... $19,995
02 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 EXT CAB LT pwr heated letaher buckets, custom topper, 80k ... $16,995
00 CHEVY SILVERADO 2 WD EXT CAB LS 5.3l V8, pwr w/l, keyless entry, CD, 78k mi. ... $12,995
97 CHEVY C1500 2WD EXT CAB Silverado V8, auto, pwr w/l, tilt, cruise, trl pkg, 102k ... $6,995
05 CHEVY COLORADO 4X4 CREW CAB Z71 pwr w/l, CD, wheel flares, spray liner, 4k mi ... $22,995
04 CHEVY COLORADO 2WD EXT CAB LS 3500 l5, auto, pwr w/l, remote entry, 6,000 mi ... $15,995
04 FORD RANGER 2 WD REG CAB XLT auto trans, tilt, cruise, CD player, spray-in liner, 7k mi ... $11,995
03 DODGE DAKOTA 4X4 QUAD CAB SLT V8, pwr w/l, remote entry, CD, 30k mi ... $18,995
03 CHEVY S10 4 DR LS CREW CAB 4X4 4.3 V6, pwr wind, remote locks, CD, 59k mi ... $14,995
05 CHEVY UPLANDER VAN LT dual pwr side doors, DVD, 4 capt seats, OnStar, 12k ... $20,995
03 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED leather, chrome wheels, sunroof, 40,000 mi ... $19,995
03 CHEVY VENTURE VAN LS pwr sliding door, pwr w/l, seat, alum wheels, CD cass 25k ... $13,995
05 CHEVY EQUINOX AWD LT V6, auto, pwr seat, pwr w/l, sunroof, CD, 18k mi. ... $20,995
01 CHEVY BLAZER LT 4X4 4 dr pwr leather seat, sunroof, auto temp AC, 44,000 mi ... $12,995
~~00 CHEVY BLAZER LS 4X4 4 dr pwr windows/locks, tilt, cruise, alum wheels, CD, 73k ... $8,995~~ Sold
00 CHEVY BLAZER LT 4X4 4 dr pwr wind, locks, keyless entry, alum wheels, 75k mi ... $8,995
97 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4 pwr leather seat, CD player, keyless entry, 98k mi ... $5,995

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