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Town Council Conducts December Session

The Kewanna town council met Thursday evening, December 1, for its monthly session. Casi Cramer, Area Plan Director, presented copies of proposed zoning ordinances for the town to the council members for their review.

Marshal Dennis Price turned in an inventory of department equipment along with his monthly report. The monthly report revealed twelve traffic warnings, six criminal arrests, three accident reports, 37 calls answered and 1,467 miles patrolled. He also noted that the tires on the squad car need to be replaced. He was instructed to get quotes and make the purchase.

Fire Chief Larry Kimble offered his monthly report and noted the department's Christmas party would be December 4. During November, the department responded to one town call (medical) and four township calls (one fire and three medical).

Jack Urbin was appointed as the town's representative on the Area Plan Commission, replacing Jim Enyart who has resigned for health reasons.

The council approved the purchase of a new salt/sand spreader and a new wand for reading meters.

The town superintendent's monthly report revealed that the irrigation system at the sewage treatment plant has been winterized. The sewage lift station servicing Plymouth Tube was replaced. The town's Christmas decorations were repaired and put up. Nine meter heads were replaced. Work was begun on cleaning and servicing the town's mower so it will be ready for next season. The water works pumped a total of 1,185,800 gallons of water during November.

A special meeting was set for Wednesday, December 28, at 5 p.m. to conduct year-end business.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session Wednesday, December 28, at 5 p.m. at the town hall to conduct year-end business.

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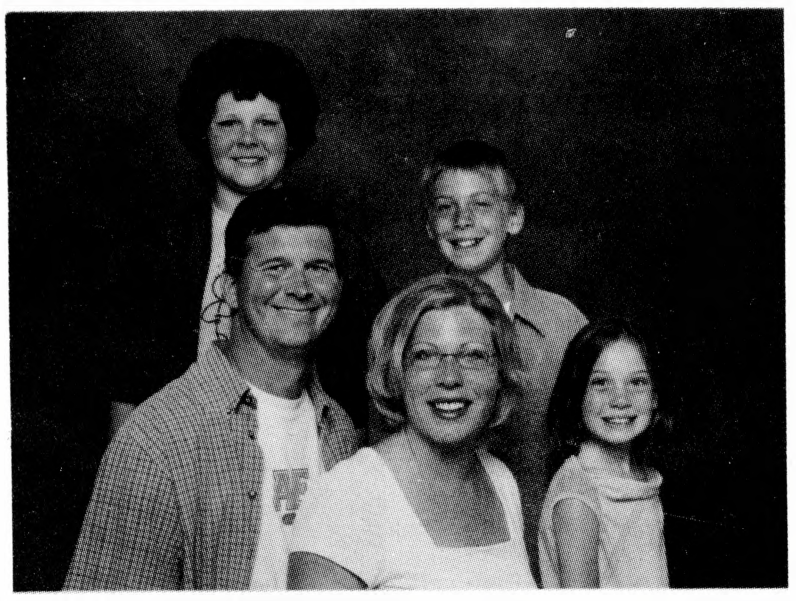
Postage Going Up

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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Send In Your News



New Pastor at Church of Christ

Scott Meneely is the new pastor at the Kewanna Church of Christ. The Meneelys recently moved here from Plainfield where he was the manager of a Christian bookstore. He has been in the ministry for about seven years. He and his wife, Jill, have three children, Zach, Austin and Brooklyn.

Meneely was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Cincinnati Bible Seminary, now known as Cincinnati Christian University. Pastor Meneely has an archeological background, has participated in two archeological excursions and has traveled through Jordan, Greece, Israel, Turkey and Egypt.

Mrs. Meneely keeps busy as a house wife and home schooling her children.

Be sure to greet the Meneelys and welcome them to the Kewanna community.

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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 Street, Rochester, Tuesday, December 20, at 7 p.m. The thirty-minute video, "A Ray of Hope: Facing the Holidays Following a Loss" by Paul Alexander will be shown and discussion will follow.

The one-hour meeting is free of charge. Rev. Len Martin from Hope Hospice will be the group leader. The public is urged to participate.

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AREA V MENU
Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, December 12 – Cornflake crumb pork chop, winter blend vegetables, baked whipped winter squash, wheat bread and applesauce

Wednesday, December 14 - Egg and sausage bake, asparagus, French bread, fruit of the vine drink and chocolate éclair dessert

Friday, December 16 – Macaroni and cheese with ham, steamed cabbage, pickled beet salad, wheat bread and dessert

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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Blood Drives at Akron and Rochester

Large scale disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes captured national attention this fall. Everyday, though, blood is needed for the personal disasters that strike our friends and family. The American Red Cross depends on generous volunteer blood donors as they work to prevent a winter blood shortage. Eligible blood donors as asked to give the gift of life this holiday season.

You can help build the blood supply by donating at the following drives:

- Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Akron United Methodist Church from 1 to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Saint Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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Attend Church Sunday

Purkey Starts 12th Year in Hospice

After a year of retirement, Sarah Purkey has returned to Hope Hospice of Fulton County in Rochester and will be starting her 12th year working with hospice. She started in Knox as a hospice nurse and she is now the patient care director of Hope Hospice of Fulton County and serves as the vice president of the board of directors. Well trained in palliative care, Sarah has a compassionate heart for terminally ill people and their families.

Sarah is a graduate of Purdue University Calumet Campus, Hammond, (nursing diploma), Grace College, Winona Lake (associate nursing degree), and Bethel College, Mishawaka (Bachelor of Arts degree in management). She has also completed graduate work at Indiana University in South Bend.

Trained as an ICU nurse, Sarah decided that a cold, sterile hospital room was not the best that could be done for a dying patient. She believed that she, with the help of her nursing friends, could make a difference. In 1995, Sarah and her husband, Rev. Ronald Purkey, founded Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

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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.

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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New Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to be Discussed

Penny Titus, a Medicare aide with U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola's office, will host a discussion on the new Medicare Prescription Drug plan Wednesday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Winamac Senior Center, 115 W. Pearl Street, Winamac.

Starting January 1, 2006, the Medicare that millions of older Americans have come to rely on will begin to cover the cost of medicines. But to take advantage of it, individuals must sign up. Titus will inform those in attendance how they can go about signing up for the new drug program.

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Kewanna Post Office Hours
8:30-12:30 & 2:00-4:15
Monday thru Friday
8:30 - Noon Saturday

Have You Received a Phone Call?

The Northeastern Indiana Better Business Bureau has received several calls from consumers who have received telephone calls telling them that their checking account number is on the Internet. Consumers are urged not to give any personal or financial information to anyone calling to request it until you verify that it is legitimate. This goes for any call requesting bank routing numbers, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, and anything else that can take money from your account.

The local bank reports that two of its customers have reported getting such telephone calls. If you get any calls requesting this kind of information, report it to your bank or the Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

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Auditor of State Recognized

INDIANAPOLIS – On Thursday, November 17, Auditor of State Connie Nass became the second annual recipient of Ind iana Commission for Women's Torchbearer Award in the area of Financial Services. To be eligible, a nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following:

- An important and noticeable contribution to her community, State or industry.
- Achievement under challenging circumstances.
- An example for other Hoosier women on how to effect change for the better.
- Leading the way to making Indiana a better place to live, work, or raise a family by removing barriers to equality.

A native of Huntingburg, Connie Nass took office as a member of the Huntingburg City Council in Dubois County in January 1980. After two four-year terms, she was elected mayor, serving two terms. Elected Indiana's 53rd Auditor of State in 1998, Auditor Nass was re-elected in 2002. The nomination was made by employees of the Office of the Auditor of State.

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NOTICE

For the convenience of its patients, Pulaski Memorial Hospital is now accepting debit cards as a method of payment.

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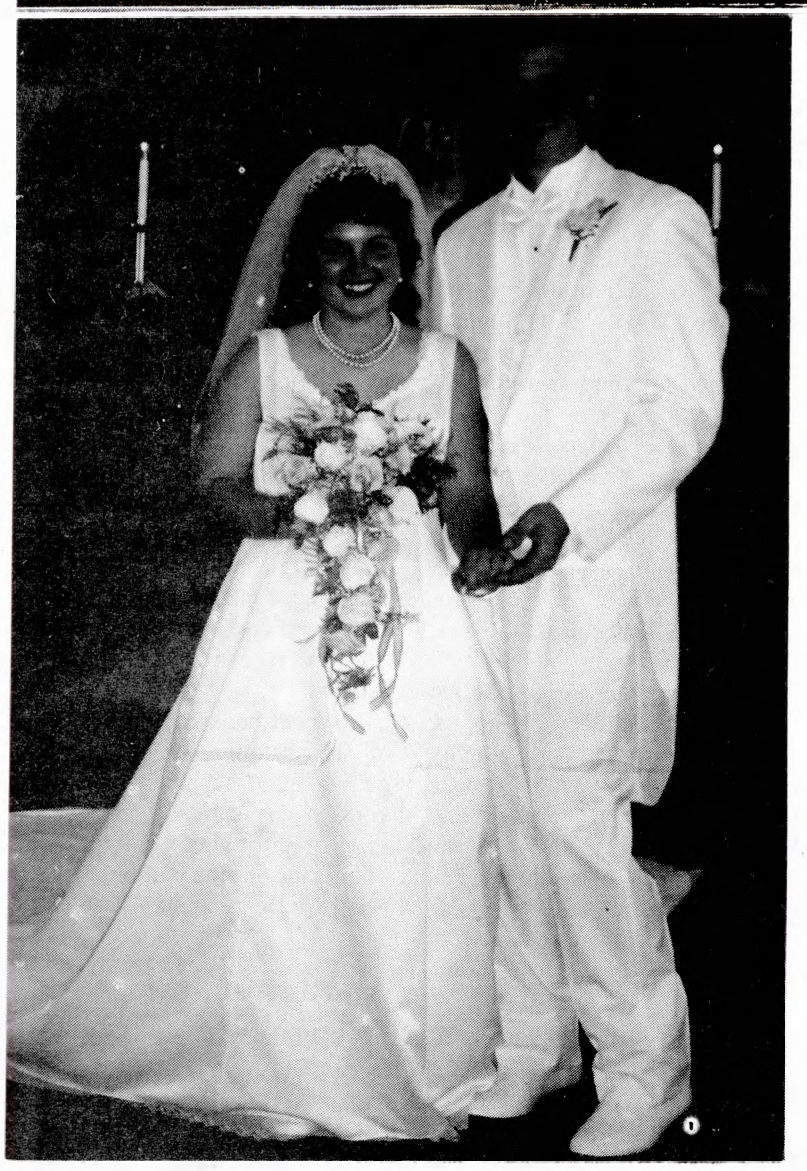
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Lake Bruce Conservancy
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7 p.m. Community Room of
Kewanna-Union Township Fire
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Rock-Wolf Exchange Vows

Kelly Jean Rock, Grass Creek, and Jessie Allen Wolf, Kewanna, were united in marriage September 24, 2005. The double-ring ceremony was held at 2:30 p.m. in the Grass Creek United Methodist Church with Pastor Jan Moyer officiating.

Kelly's parents are Rick and Jeannie Rock, Grass Creek, and Jessie's parents are Joseph and Dawn Wolf, Kewanna. Kelly's gown featured a scoop-necked, sleeveless bodice, empire waist and a cathedral-length train with lace appliqués. Her elbow-length veil was also adorned with lace appliqués. The bride's mother designed and made the gown and veil. Kelly carried a bouquet of white calla lilies and white roses.

The maid of honor was Kari McCready, Logansport, a friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sandy Cooper, Burr Oak, Michigan, and Tammy Vigar, Rochester, both sisters of the bride. Haley Rigney, Grass Creek, friend of the bride, was the flower girl. They all wore lavender A-line dresses made by the bride's mother and carried nosegays of carnations.

Robert Thomas, Leiters Ford, a friend of the groom was the best man. Groomsmen were Joseph Wolf III, Rochester, and Kevin Swafford, Fulton, both brothers of the groom. The ring bearer was the couple's son, Jessie Rock-Wolf. Ushers were Andrew Rock, Twelve Mile, and Josh Kirby, Rochester, both cousins of the bride. The groom wore a white tux with a long-tail jacket, while the ring bearer wore a tux with a baby blue vest. The groomsmen and ushers all wore baby blue vests made by the mother of the bride.

Music was provided by soloist Ashley Clemons, Lucerne, a friend of the bride, Rita Ault, Rochester, pianist, a friend of the bride, and Shirley Wagoner, Rochester, organist, and an aunt of the bride. Miss Clemons sang "Butterfly Kisses" and "Dreaming of You". White roses were placed on the altar in memory of the bride's grandfathers, John Madlem, Donald Rock and Leroy Crippen and her uncle, Ed Crippen. The photographer was David Brumbaugh, Sharpsville, cousin of the bride. The fresh flowers were done by Brumbaugh Greenhouse, Sharpsville.

A reception was held in the church basement immediately following the ceremony. The three-tiered cake was baked by the bride's mother and decorated by Linda Rock, Twelve Mile, the bride's aunt. A wedding cookout was held later that evening in Kewanna hosted by Joshua Konopasek, Kewanna, friend of the couple.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Caston High School and is employed at All About Pets, Rochester. The groom is employed at Rochester Rotational Molding, Inc., Rochester. They reside at 4372 S 375 W, Rochester.

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JAMES F. TALBOTT VFW POST NO. 1121 ACTIVITIES

Dec. 10 – Men's meeting at 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 17 – Christmas party at 2 p.m.
Dec. 20 – Women's Auxiliary meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 – Card drawing at 7 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Closed for Christmas
Dec. 27 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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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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ENERGY MINUTE

To conserve energy, NIPSCO recommends that you "program it". Install a programmable furnace thermostat that you can program to lower the thermostat automatically at night and raise the temperature when you are up and about during the day. For these and other tips on how to use energy wisely this winter, log onto www.nipsco.com.

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Gifts *(please leave store tags on item/s)* may be placed directly on the tree (sizes 2 yrs. - 11 yrs. of age).

Items will be delivered to area elementary students and day care toddlers on December 19, 2005.

Thank you, and may you have a warm and wonderful holiday season!

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 26
Births – Steven and Rachelle Reese, Rochester, a son
November 27
Births – Jason and Lindsay Smith, Akron, a daughter; Ashley Porter, Rochester, a daughter
November 28
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Janet Loveless, Edgal Ousley and Robert Hendrickson, Kewanna; Raymond Easterday, Winamac; Lance Young, Rochester; Rachelle Reese and son, Rochester
November 29
Admissions – Charles Sterk, Akron
Dismissals – None published
Births – Trista Odell, Rochester, a son
November 30
Admissions – James McMahan, Logansport; Teresa Alderfer, Rochester
Dismissals – Diana Bowen and Ashley Porter and daughter, Rochester; Linda Oden, Mentone; Lindsay Smith, Akron
December 1
Admissions – Gary Roe, Rochester
Dismissals – Trista Odell, Rochester
Births – Pheby Hensley, Rochester, a daughter
December 2
Admissions – Treva Chapin, Fulton; Elsa Edington, Rochester
Dismissals – Eileen Donathen, Kewanna; James McMahan, Logansport; Gary Roe, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 25
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Patricia Skinner, Buffalo
November 26
Admissions – Valerie Gutwein, Francesville
Dismissals – None
Births – Jan and Valerie Gutwein, Francesville, a son, Brett Alan Gutwein
November 27
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Valerie Gutwein and son, Francesville
November 28
Admissions – Donna Madison, Winamac
Dismissals – None
November 29
Admissions – Daniel Koske, Star City; Wanda Parks, Winamac; Cecil Hood, Kewanna
Dismissals – None
November 30
Admissions – Emma Hadden, North Judson; Virgil Fauser, Kewanna
Dismissals – Donna Madison, Winamac
December 1
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Daniel Koske, Star City; Cecil Hood, Kewanna

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DEATHS.....

ROBERT J. PLANTZ

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2005 at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Robert J. Plantz, 79, Kewanna. Pastor David Sommers officiated and burial, with graveside military rites, was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. Mr. Plantz died at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, at his residence.

Born December 22, 1925, in Fulton County, he was the son of Fred and Dessie Young Plantz. He was married July 12, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois, to Alice J. Sheane. She died February 7, 2002.

Mr. Plantz was a 1944 graduate of Leiters Ford High School. A retired farmer and semi-driver, he was also a former employee of Kewanna Implement Company and he liked to hunt and tell stories. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he served in Germany and France.

Survivors include one son, Fred Plantz and his wife, Molly, Indianapolis; three daughters, Kathleen K. King and her husband, Arthur, Twelve Mile, Susan K. McConkey and her husband, Larry, Avon Park, Florida, and Karen K. Field and her husband, Mark, Kewanna; one brother, Kenneth Plantz and his wife, Betty, LaPorte; four sisters, Pat Entzian and her husband, Robert, South Bend, Janice Carter and her husband, Ernest, Culver, Eldonna Inks and her husband, Harold, Plymouth, and Millicent Lindborg and her husband, Robert, South Bend; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. One son, Don, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association.

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HARRY JOHN OVERMYER

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday), December 8, 2005 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Harry John Overmyer, 84, Rochester. Rev. Brian Sewell will officiate and burial will be in the Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Mr. Overmyer died at 11:07 a.m. Monday, December 5, at Millers Merry Manor, Culver. He had been in failing health since October 25.

Born April 13, 1921, in Monterey, he was the son of Frank and Grace Warmbrod Overmyer. He was married June 17, 1945 to Catherine P. Ditmire at the home of her parents in Delong. She died October 29, 2003.

A lifetime resident of the Leiters Ford area, he was a retired farmer and livestock hauler. He attended Whippoorwill Community Church. He loved to work jigsaw puzzles, but his favorite pastime was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay Heater and her husband, Larry, Rochester, and Judy Moss and her husband, Gordon, Kokomo; two sons, Carl Overmyer and his wife, Raenae, and Dale Overmyer and his wife, Faye, all of Rochester; three brothers, Paul Overmyer his wife, Betty, Oregon, Lloyd Overmyer, Monterey, and Wayne Overmyer, Knox; and 14 grandchildren, Shane, John and Candice Heater; Karen, Loretta and Nathan Moss, David Overmyer and wife Angie and Grace Miller and husband David, Hannah Overmyer, Ben Overmyer, Shannon Kegarise and husband John, Christine M. McMinn and husband Scott, Angela Overmyer, Philip and Pam Overmyer. His parents, wife, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to the Whippoorwill Community Church. Electronic condolences may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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EDWARD O. ELPERS

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2005, in the Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, for Edward O. Elpers, 75, Logansport. Pastor Tim Berlin officiated and burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery. Mr. Elpers died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, December 4, in Miller's Merry Manor after battling cancer since December 2004.

Born October 6, 1930 in Logansport, he was the son of Dormas and Margaret Grauel Bebee Elpers. He was married October 11, 1952 at Star City to Harlona Johnson, who survives.

Mr. Elpers retired from Matthew-Warren in 1995 after 31 years of employment working in coiling, grinding and shipping. He enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his family.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Cindy Spoor and her husband, Bill, Jane Campbell and her husband, Ed, and Joyce Todd, all of Logansport; one brother, Bert Elpers and his wife, Shirley, Kewanna; four half brothers; one half sister; six grandchildren, Eric Spoor and his wife, Jen, Ashley McKnight and her husband, Kerry, Shawn Todd, Britny Todd and Brett Campbell; and one great-grandson, Aiden Spoor. One grandson, Nicholas Spoor, preceded in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

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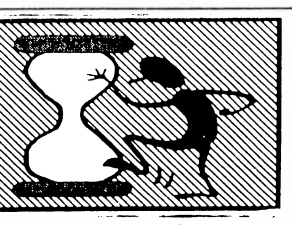
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LOOKING BACK.....



FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 8, 1950

Gordon Graham of the Rochester City Dairy announced earlier this week that he has purchased the Kewanna Creamery. Local deliveries will continue on the same schedule as before with John Enyeart still driving. Grade "A" milk is now available through the Reliable Dairy of South Bend since neither Rochester or Kewanna dairies have the equipment for processing this grade of milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Steinke will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary December 17 with a family dinner and open house at the Kewanna Church of Christ. Mrs. Steinke is the former Dara Grimes VanCleave. The couple was married in the log cabin home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.N. Grimes in the Prairie Grove neighborhood. They are the parents of Mrs. Clayton Brown, Kewanna.

Three Kewanna men were injured in an accident Thursday, November 30, on U.S. 30 east of Gary. They were enroute to Chicago to attend the International Livestock Exposition. Clyde Miller, 67, Rt. 2, Kewanna, suffered a concussion and facial lacerations. He was admitted to Gary Mercy Hospital. Thomas Eldridge, 25, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and George Bitterling, 55, Rt. 1, Kewanna, were treated and released.

Mr. and Mrs. Urbin Jackson of Fulton announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene, to Earl E. Williams, son of Lloyd E. Williams, Mishawaka. Miss Jackson is a graduate of Fulton High School and Indiana Business College, Logansport.

A pink and blue shower was held Sunday, December 3, in the home of Mrs. Donna Heiden for Mrs. Loma Lou Collins. Bunco bridge was enjoyed with prizes going to Mrs. Ned Warfield and the guest of honor.

Marjorie Denton who is attending Ball State University, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Denton.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
December 8, 1955

Five persons were injured in a two-car, headon collision Saturday afternoon on State Road 25. Dorothy Lavengood, 25, Rochester, was admitted to Woodlawn Hospital. Treated and released were Daniel Lavengood, 2; Ethel Mathias, 38; James Mathias, 9; and Paul Lavengood, 25. The accident occurred when Paul Lavengood was attempting to pass a car, and hit the Mathias auto. The Lavengoods are former Kewanna residents.

An automobile crash Monday near Springerville, Arizona, claimed the life of Mrs. Gladys Chalk, 63, of near Macy. Albert Chalk, her husband was seriously injured but a daughter, Mary Jo, escaped injury. The family had been visiting in Arizona since Nov. 6 and were enroute home when the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kubicki, Kewanna, were injured in an accident November 22 near Three Rivers, Michigan, when the pickup truck they were driving was hit on the right side by a car driven by Roy Walker of Three Rivers. The Kubickis were treated at a hospital in Three Rivers.

Phillip Wills was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party in his home in celebration of his 16th birthday. Guests include members of the junior class at Grass Creek High School - Loren Thomas, Bill Jones, Jim James, Larry Bucks, Larry Cunningham, Kay Sadler, Shirley Sadler, Janey Wills, Louise Bassler, Kathy Burns, June Fall, Eileen Waddups, Sylvia Feidner, Barbara Watts and Kelsa Reffett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ewing, Rochester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine, to Phillip E. McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarter, Fulton. Miss Ewing is currently teaching at Wabash High School and is a graduate of Purdue University. McCarter, a graduate of Ball State Teachers College, is the coach at Akron High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher entertained Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fisher and family Sunday evening in honor of Bill Fisher's birthday.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 8, 1960

The Prairie Grove EUB Church was the scene of the recent wedding of Mr. Clyde Collins and Mrs. Louise Zellers. Rev. George Bosard, assisted by Rev. Charles Cook, performed the ceremony.

A Winamac man was injured and his car demolished in a one-car accident Saturday, December 3, two miles east of Winamac on State Road 14. John Hinderlider, Sr., 77, suffered severe injuries to his head and is being treated at an Indianapolis hospital. He is the father of Raymond Hinderlider of Kewanna.

Betty Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson, and Connie Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer, will attend the Grange conference at Purdue University in December.

Sgt. Paul A. Weller arrived in Kewanna recently to spend some time with his family before reporting to White Sands Missile Base, New Mexico.

A surprise going-away party was held at the home of Susan Seidel December 3 for Barbara Lyon. Barbara will be leaving for California with her parents December 18. Attending the party were Sheila Gilliland, Betty Jo Baldwin, Mary Jean Troutman, Vickie Evans, Kathy Ley, Kenan Cook, Janice Hattery, Jane Stoudt and Sandra Turner.

The Prairie Grove Ladies Aid met Tuesday evening in the church social room for a carry-in dinner which was enjoyed by the members and their families. Hostesses were Alice Carr and Mary Watrous. Election of officers was held. Elected were Jean Friedrich, president; Alice Carr, vice president; Mary Watrous, secretary; and Dorothy Chizum, treasurer. Hostesses for the January meeting will be Ruth Walters and Shirley Fear.

FORTY YEARS AGO
December 9, 1965

The annual community Christmas party sponsored by the Kewanna Progressive Association will be held in the high school gymnasium Wednesday night December 22 from 7 til 8 p.m. There will be singing of Christmas carols and Santa Claus will have treats for the kiddies. Kewanna stores will be open until 9 p.m. during the week of December 20-24 for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Fred Hizer of Grass Creek is a patient at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth after suffering a severe heart attack Friday night.

The Kewanna Indians racked up their fourth victory in five outings as they defeated their hosts, the Aubbeenaubbee Braves by a score of 57-53 Friday night in a Tippecanoe Valley Athletic Conference game. Ron McColley was Kewanna's leading scorer with 15 points. Ken Robbins added 13.

A fire at the Robert Craig home, Rt. 3, Kewanna, caused minor damage at 3:40 p.m. Sunday. The fire started where the pipe from the coal stove went into the chimney. The house is owned by Robert Redweik, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and was insured.

Bill Downhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Downhour, Kewanna, arrived home recently from Germany where he has been for the last several months. Mr. and Mrs. Downhour met him at the South Bend airport. He will spend 30 days here after which he will return to Germany for another year.

Coach Ron Lebo's Caston Comets ~~upper~~ their record to 6-1 Saturday night be defeating Northfield 66-48, paced by Bruce Zabst's 22 points.

Mrs. Elizabeth Graffis and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis were at Buchanan, Michigan, recently where the former attended the 101st birthday celebration for her aunt, Mrs. Rhoda Harrison.

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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

The library board held its monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 28. A motion was made to close the library on days when the Caston School Corporation closes for the day due to bad weather. The motion was seconded and passed.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction—

A Place to Belong (#4 of the Sister Circle series) by Vonette Bright and Nancy Moser; *The Maverick* (#3 of the Men of The Saddle series) by Lori Copeland; *Always Green* (#2 of the Garden Gates series) by Patti Hill; *Native Son* (#2 of The American Patriot series) by J.M. Hochstetler; *Shadowed* (the conclusion to the Underground Zealot trilogy) by Jerry Jenkins; *The Forbidden Hills* (#2 of the Dreams of Gold series) by Al and JoAnna Lacy; *By Way of The Wilderness* (#5 of the Lions of Judah series) by Gilbert Morris; *There is A Season* (#3 of the Cheney and Shiloh: Inheritance series) by Lynn and Gilbert Morris; *Northpointe Chalet* (#4 of the Austen series) by Debra White Smith; *Amethyst* (#4 of the Dakotah Treasures series) by Lauraine Snelling; *Footprints of The Horizon* (#3 of the Pine Ridge Portraits series) by Stephanie Grace Whitson; *Just Above A Whisper* (#2 of the Tucker Mills trilogy) by Lori Wick; and *Fiesta Moon* (#2 of the Moonstruck series) by Linda Windsor.

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Caston Sixth Grade Wins

Caston's sixth grade boys' basketball team defeated Pioneer Tuesday, November 29, 37-18. The Comets fought through a sluggish game to get the victory. Trevor Hoover, Mitchell Kerr and Dillon Johnson led the offensive attack with 10, 8 and 7 points, respectively. Mitchell also led the Comets on the boards with seven caroms, while Kent Burton pulled down three rebounds. Allen Russell and Trevor Hoover once again led the defensive attack with tenacious defense on the Panthers' guards. With the win, the A-team moves to a 6-1 record.

The sixth grade B-team turned in its best performance of the year, but they could not get their first win of the year, losing 10-8 to Pioneer. Zach Cowell led the way for the Comets with two points and five rebounds. Graham Redweik, Kevin Graham and Luke Schroeder each had two points also to round out the scoring. Michael Smith added four rebounds and four steals to the Comets effort.

CASTON MENU
December 12 – 16
Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday – Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, applesauce, chocolate cake and milk. Comet Café – barbecue pork combo with onion rings

Tuesday – Two soft tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce & tomato, pineapple and milk. Comet Café – ham and Swiss flatbread with chips

Wednesday – Pizza, green beans, jello, bread and butter and milk. Comet Café – seafood combo

Thursday – Cheeseburger, French fries, pears and milk. Comet Café – pasta combo with garlic bread

Friday – Hot ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, peaches, cookie and milk. Comet Café – popcorn chicken salad and pizza

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
December 12 – 16
Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday – French toast, juice and milk

Wednesday – Egg and cheese muffin, juice and milk

Thursday – Cook's choice, juice and milk

Friday – Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, soft pretzel, applesauce and milk

Tuesday – Pizza, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Corn dog, fries, pineapple, cookie and milk

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

Friday – Potato soup, chicken nuggets, fruit salad, wheat bread and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Pepperoni pizza, green beans, peaches, cake and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Sloppy Joe sandwich, corn, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Turkey and cheese sandwich, potato triangles, applesauce, brownie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Chili soup with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pickle spear, pears and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – Taco salad with cheese, Tostitos, grapes, cookie and milk. Choice – potato bar

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Methodist Women Celebrate Christmas

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met Monday evening, December 5, in the church annex for its annual Christmas carry-in and gift exchange.

A short business meeting was held following the meal. The president, Karen Good, reported that items collected on the mitten tree have been sent to the Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission in Cookson, Oklahoma.

The group voted to donate $750 towards the cost of making the annex restroom handicap accessible.

The president read an article entitled "The Shepherd's Tale", relating the events that happened the night Jesus was born through the eyes of a shepherd.

Helen Peters, with the help of her daughter, Connie Perkins, displayed and talked about various quilt patterns, all with Biblical names.

The group then enjoyed a gift exchange.

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Hints For Homebuyers

Be Sure Your Home's Title Is Clear Before Selling

(NAPS)—Buying a new home in today's market is a competition. Good homes usually sell quickly, which means potential buyers must be ready to submit a contract quickly when they find the right house.

If you're a buyer and already own a house, purchasing a new one is often contingent on selling your existing house. Carrying two mortgages is difficult—if not impossible—for the average homeowner.

One way to ensure that the sale of your home will proceed without a hitch is to make sure there are no problems with transferring the title to a new owner. Most mortgage lenders require a title search and title insurance on any property they lend money against. If a title problem pops up, the sales process screeches to a halt, and that may mean losing the new home you want.

While paying for a title search and insurance is the obligation of the buyer, as a seller you can clear away any potential problems. According to Don Weigel, Executive Vice President at LandAmerica, one of the country's leading title insurance companies, "Making sure your title is clear for transfer to a new owner is one of the most important things you can do to keep the selling and buying process moving."

A title search will reveal, among other things, any liens or claims against the property and guarantee that the seller actually owns clear title to the property. Public records are researched to reveal any such obstacles before issuing a title insurance policy. That policy protects the buyer and lender from any title-related problems.



A property's title must be searched and cleared before it can be sold. Title problems interrupt the selling-and-buying process, which can mean losing the new house you want.

Among the most common title problems are:

- Claims of creditors against property owners
- Marital rights of a spouse who is not legally divorced
- False information about the true owner of the property
- Deeds by persons supposedly single but secretly married
- Birth or adoption of children after the date of a will bequeathing the property
- Deeds delivered after the death or without the consent of the true owner
- Undisclosed or missing heirs who have a claim on the property.
- Deeds by minors or illegal residents
- Falsified or forged documents

So if you're getting ready to sell property, be sure to remove any potential problems that might be revealed by a title search. Doing so will help you compete and win the opportunity to buy the home you want.

For additional information on real estate closings or title insurance, contact a LandAmerica office or visit www.landam.com.

Practical Food Ideas

Pecans: From Tree To Table

(NAPS)—There's a whole lotta shakin' goin' on in America's pecan belt, which stretches from southern Iowa and Indiana south to Texas and Mississippi.



Pecans are not just part of traditional holiday meals; they're part of a healthy diet.

It's harvest time, and the first order of business in the pecan industry is getting those little nuggets of goodness off the tree and onto your table. High in antioxidants, low in carbohydrates, pecans are heart-healthy and menu-friendly. To keep pecans fresh and flavorful, the National Pecan Shellers Association offers the following tips for buying and storage:

- When buying pecans, look for plump kernels that are uniform in color and size.
- Shelled pecans can be refrigerated for up to nine months or frozen for up to two years.
- Airtight containers, such as jars with lids, are best for storing pecans in the refrigerator. Sealed plastic bags work best for storing pecans in the freezer.
- In-shell pecans can be stored in a cool, dry place for six to 12 months.

For recipes and more information on pecans, visit www.ilovepecans.org.

Holiday Baking

Sweet Makeover Helps Keep Things Simple

(NAPS)—Sugar packaging has evolved considerably since the Roman method of storing it in clay pots. From these humble beginnings, the packaging has undergone something of a makeover—making it easier than ever for bakers to use sugar this holiday season.

Sugar hasn't changed in thousands of years, but sugar packaging has gone through quite an evolution. Once an expensive commodity reserved for nobility, sugar had been stored in pots made of clay or bronze, woven cloth bags, wooden boxes and even the popular Southern sugar chest.

Historically, sugar came in loaves or cones, having been shaped this way primarily to safeguard the substance during shipping. Sizes varied widely, too, with consumers buying anywhere from three to 35 pounds. Some sugar cones can still be found on store shelves, but one sugar company is creating innovative new packaging geared toward the needs of today's consumers.

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With holiday baking and parties just around the corner, Imperial Sugar Company offers some sugar suggestions:



Innovative new sugar packaging such as powdered sugar shakers make decorating holiday cookies a snap.

- To finish off a cake beautifully, place a lace doily or homemade stencil over it and lightly sprinkle powdered sugar across. Remove the doily to reveal an intricately sweet pattern.
- When finishing off spice or sugar cookies, use cinnamon sugar shakers to add spice and sparkle.
- Substitute the sugar shaker for sugar cubes to impress guests. The superfine sugar melts faster, resulting in a more intense sweet sensation. To boost the flavor of coffee, sprinkle in some Turbinado sugar.
- When making cinnamon rolls or sticky buns, evenly sprinkle cinnamon and sugar over the dough before rolling up and slicing by using a cinnamon sugar shaker.
- Before baking double-crusted pies, scones, muffins and quick breads, lightly sprinkle tops with free-flowing brown sugar.
- When baking apples or any other fruit, sprinkle lightly with superfine sugar that not only makes the fruit sparkle but also infuses flavor.

Learn more at www.imperialsugar.com.

A Spicy Roast To Heat Up Your Winter Menu

(NAPS)—Winter Glazed Roast Pork with Apples is an elegant, yet easy dish that will convince guests you've had formal culinary training. The pork loin is covered with a tangy Tabasco® sauce glaze, roasted to mouthwatering tenderness and handsomely garnished with slices of sautéed apples and onions. As temperatures cool down and appetites heat up, this warm and colorful recipe is an ideal centerpiece for any seasonal feast.

Winter Glazed Roast Pork with Apples

1 (4-pound) boneless pork loin roast
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup red wine vinegar
½ cup sugar
⅓ cup water
¼ cup ketchup
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1½ teaspoons Tabasco® brand pepper sauce
1 large white onion, cut in half and cut into ½-inch thick slices
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 large red cooking apples, cored and sliced
Rosemary sprigs (optional)

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Sprinkle pork loin roast with salt; place fat-side up in open roasting pan. Roast pork 1½ hours or until the thermometer inserted in center reaches 160°F.



Meanwhile, combine red wine vinegar, sugar, water, ketchup, soy sauce, cornstarch and Tabasco sauce in a 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens; stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Set aside half of this sauce mixture.

During the last 30 minutes the pork is roasting, brush pork several times with half of the sauce mixture. When the pork has finished roasting, let stand 15 minutes for easier carving.

Cook onion in butter and oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat 10 minutes; stirring occasionally. Add apple slices; cook 5 minutes or until onions and apples are tender. Toss apples and onions with remaining Tabasco sauce mixture.

To serve, place roast on a large platter. Add onion and apple mixture. Garnish with rosemary sprigs, if desired.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

web watch

(NAPS)—Parents now have access to a whole new world of fun learning for their preschoolers: Playhouse Disney Preschool Time Online. With this premium online subscription service, children can develop kindergarten readiness skills through playing games and activities featuring kids' favorite Playhouse Disney characters. To learn more, log on to www.preschooltime.com.



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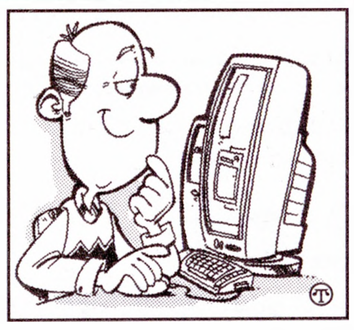
Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Sixty-one percent of Americans either don't have an annual household budget or have difficulty sticking to their budget, according to a new survey by FindLaw.com, a free legal information Web site.

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If you would like to have prescription drug insurance offered by Medicare, the deadline to choose your Prescription Drug Plan is May 15, 2006. To learn more, visit www.wellcarepdp.com, www.medicare.gov or www.ssa.gov.



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Medicare's New Prescription Drug Benefit

Enrollment for Medicare's new prescription drug (Part D) benefit kicked off on November 15, and with more than 40 stand-alone prescription drug plans to choose from in Indiana, there are many choices to consider. The State of Indiana understands this and has people available to provide simple, honest help to you as you examine your options.

Basics

To make the most of the State's simple, honest help, it is important to first understand the basics of the benefit.

- On January 1, 2006, all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will be able to receive prescription drug coverage through Medicare. Enrollment for the benefit began November 15, 2005, and ends May 15, 2006.
- If you have prescription drug coverage through an employer or union, you may elect to keep your current coverage provided it is as good as or better than the plans offered by Medicare. Your current health plan should have already sent you information comparing its coverage to the plans offered through Medicare.
- If you are eligible, have no other coverage and choose not to enroll by May 15, 2006, you will pay a higher premium if you enroll later, based on the number of months you waited.
- If you are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, you will automatically be enrolled in a Medicare plan. Review your assigned plan carefully to make sure it meets your needs. If it does not, you can switch to a plan of your choice at any time.

Determining your needs

To get started in choosing a plan that is right for you, it is important to gather your financial and medical information beforehand.

- **Determine if you are eligible to receive extra help paying for your Medicare drug coverage.** This help includes zero or lower plan premiums and deductibles. The Social Security Administration (SSA) sent letters and applications during the summer informing people that they may qualify for either partial or full help, based on certain limited income and resources. If you did not receive this application, but think you might qualify for extra help with a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you can apply with the SSA by visiting your local Social Security Office, www.ssa.gov, or calling 1-800-772-1213.
- **Take an inventory of your medicine cabinet.** Write down your prescriptions, dosages and how much you currently pay for them. This step is extremely important because the Medicare-approved plans in Indiana each have different lists of covered medicines. These lists are also known as formularies. Although one plan might cover your heart medicine and another might cover your cholesterol prescription, you will ultimately need to find a plan that includes both to better protect your health. Call the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan you select to ask if they cover your medicines.
- **Determine if your pharmacy is in the plan you choose.** Although separate plans might carry all of your prescriptions in their formularies, they may cover different pharmacies and mail order services. Ask your pharmacist if he or she is in the plan you've selected.

Resources

As you start thinking about how the different plans will fit your needs, remember that many professionals are available to help you. The State of Indiana's well-trained counselors with the **Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)** are able to answer many of the questions you might have about the new prescription drug benefit. **Call them toll-free at 1-800-452-4800.**

Additional resources

- Check out the Medicare prescription drug plan finder tool found at www.medicare.gov. This tool allows you to create both general and specialized plan searches. Eventually, you will be able to create a one-page plan comparison chart that takes into account your prescriptions and dosages, your preferred pharmacy or mail order service, and your cost limit for deductibles and premiums. Again, SHIIP counselors can also help you understand this tool.
- Call the 1-800-MEDICARE to reach the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' hotline. Say "agent" at any time to speak to a Medicare representative.
- HoosierRx, the State of Indiana's prescription assistance program for limited income seniors, provides premium assistance and a wraparound benefit for eligible individuals who receive little to no prescription drug assistance through Medicare. Contact HoosierRx representatives at 1-866-267-4679.
- Many local organizations also want to help make your choice easier. Check with your local senior center or Area Agency on Aging to find nearby participating organizations.

State Representative Bill Friend.....
DISTRICT 23

It's probably a fair statement that many of us wonder how civilized society has gotten to this point in history. What am I talking about? Let's make a list.

1) **Prayer is not allowed in the public school system.**
2) **To protect the sacred institution of marriage, we must now define marriage as being only between one man and one woman.**
3) **The words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance are questioned.**
4) **It's now politically correct to say Happy Holidays not Merry Christmas.**
5) **The name Jesus Christ is not allowed in prayers offered to open each legislative session in the Indiana House of Representatives. Furthermore, a judge requires the Speaker of the Indiana House to instruct ministers on how to pray.**

What have our priorities become? Misguided at best. Thomas Jefferson wrote eloquently about the "tyranny of the majority." He wrote that the majority opinion must not stifle the input of the people having a minority or differing opinion on any topic. I maintain that as a society we make so many allowances for the minority opinion that is now the ruling authority. The tail now wags the dog.

The most current controversy that stems from Judge David Hamilton's ruling on acceptable prayer in the Indiana House slaps the majority of Hoosiers right across the face. House leadership has attempted to be ecumenical in its approach to the minister of the day program. Clerics from a variety of faiths have come and offered uncensored prayers. Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, non-denominational, Muslims, and Jewish clerics have all been allowed to offer opening prayers. The ratio of denominations has been reflective of the population of the citizens of Indiana. We should not be shocked, amazed, or offended by the prayers of the various religions of our state.

I am not offended by Jewish, Muslim, or Catholic prayers even though I am an American Baptist. If tolerance is an issue, then the standard must be applied equally. The judge is not accurate in his assessment that we attempt to proselytize for the Christian religion by allowing ministers to offer prayers in "Jesus' name."

The ICLU is supposed to stand for freedom of speech. Their stance on this issue contradicts the most basic tenet of their philosophy. Let's work together to overturn this ruling.

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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.

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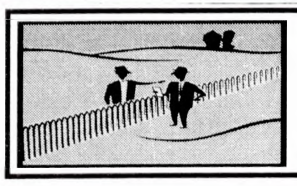
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Shane and Liza Scott of Las Vegas, Nevada spent several days over the Thanksgiving holiday with his father, Bo Scott, and his grandmother, Billie Scott, at Lake Bruce. The family enjoyed a nice long visit with lots of reminiscing.

Lawrence and Mabel MacLain traveled to Leitchfield, Kentucky, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Randall Basham and family. Their daughter, Delores Jones, her husband, David, and sons, Justin and Derek, of Mt. Washington, Kentucky, also celebrated the holiday with them. Saturday, Carol, Delores and Mabel traveled to Louisville to watch the Louisville-Syracuse football game, which they really enjoyed as Louisville won.

Ruth Cogdill accompanied her brother, David Norris, and sister, Janel Norris, to Koontz Lake for Thanksgiving Day. Janel's daughter and son- in- law, Mif and Don Schuller, hosted a wonderful holiday dinner. It had been years since Ruth had visited her niece at her home, so it was a very special day of reuniting family and delicious food.

Jackie Heidenreich had guests over the Thanksgiving holiday. Staying with her for a few days were her daughter and grandchildren, Jaime Short, Chelsea and Zack, of Indianapolis, and Jaime's friend, Tim.

Donnabelle and Bill Fisher had company recently. Staying as their houseguest for several days was Mary Evans of Goshen.

The Cogdill family Thanksgiving dinner was held at Tortuga Inn near Winamac Sunday, Nov. 27. Hosting the celebration were Linda and Gordon Ligocki. A bountiful feast of broasted turkey with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Attending the meal and afternoon of visiting were Linda's mother, Ruth Cogdill; her daughter and family, Renata and Joe and children, Doran, Lily and Roan; her brothers and sisters- in- law, Tim and Deb Cogdill of Macy and Jim and Connie Cogdill of Lebanon; her nieces and their families, Michele and Derek Sheline, Candice Field, and Tracie Droll and Delonte of Grissom, Sierra Cogdill of Lebanon, and Rachel Cogdill of Medaryville; her nephew and his mother, Shade Cogdill and Josi Horon; Sierra's friend, Alexis Calabrese of Winamac; and Rachel's friend, Travis Scholz of Medaryville.

Helen Whiteman had company recently. Staying with her for several days was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Mathilda Lamb had a couple of callers Wednesday, Nov. 30. Stopping in for a wonderful day-long chat were her daughter, Joan Gallagher of Wilmington, Ohio, and her granddaughter, Brenna Rose of Aurora, Colorado.

Jerry Brown traveled to Culver Wednesday evening. He had an exciting time attending the Culver vs. Rochester high school girls' basketball game. Jerry's granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich were in Rochester Friday, Dec. 2. They enjoyed dining at the Wendy's restaurant before doing a little birthday shopping.

Linda Garner was in Valparaiso Saturday, Dec. 3. She had a wonderful time visiting with her daughter and family, Amanda and Don Wassermann and Zach.

Sandra Silsby of Vicksburg, Michigan was the guest of honor at a surprise get- together Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her children and their families, Sarah and John Crist, Makala and Keagan and Aaron and Adriane Parcel, Kaleb and Michael. The guest- of- honor and party guests enjoyed a delightful visit over dinner in Portage.

Kay and Jerry Brown spent the weekend in Rushville. They were guests of their son and daughter-in- law, Kerry and Karen Brown. Saturday evening, they attended the Rushville vs. New Palestine high school boys' basketball game. Kerry is coach of the Rushville team (which won).

Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan arrived late Saturday for a three- day visit with her parents, Earl and Mary Bangel.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Logansport Saturday evening. They had a very nice time attending the Logansport postal workers' Christmas gathering held at the Elks lodge.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a caller Saturday. Arriving late in the day for an overnight visit was their son, Gary Evers of Michigan City.

Over 30 musical students of Margaret Overmyer presented a holiday recital Sunday, December 4, at the First Christian Church in Rochester. Among the performers was Lacey Birge who played a piano solo, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". Those attending from Kewanna included Julie Markley, Evelyn Markley and Helen Whiteman.

Ellen Walsh was the guest of honor at two surprise gatherings Sunday, Dec. 4. The occasions were in celebration of her 80th birthday and hosted by her children. The first gathering was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church following morning mass. The second gathering was in the afternoon with over fifty people in attendance. Also making an appearance at the afternoon gathering to wish the birthday girl a happy day was Santa Claus.

Mary Esther Weirick and Linda Garner enjoyed a pleasant visit over lunch at Lynn's Coffee Shop Sunday.

Bill and Donnabelle Fisher had company Sunday. Joining them for dinner in celebration of Bill's birthday were their daughter and her family, Cindy and Terry Young and Brian of Winamac.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Bob Bauman, Michelle French, JoAnn Kimble, Sarah Purkey, Hampton Short and April Troutman, Dec. 11; Martha Ann Cook, Hailey Evers, Bob Polstra and Zachary Wassermann, Dec. 12; Tom Johnson, Dec. 13; Jane Arend, Eugene DeWitt, David Leazenby and Keilah Sutton, Dec. 14; Wes Hickle, Dec. 15; Clarrisa Baker and Jim Hickle, Dec. 16; and Teresa Conner, Marvin Engle, Tom Garner and James Pearcy, Dec. 17.

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