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THE LAKE BRUCE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NEWS

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its monthly meeting Thursday, December 8, in the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department's community room.

Although the area experienced eight inches of snow that night, all five directors and one freeholder were in attendance. Two presenters were also in attendance from J F New.

The minutes of the November meeting and the treasurer's report were approved by unanimous votes.

Scott McNeil and Mark Pranckus from J F New gave a presentation, with visuals, on the dredging plan. Scott also went over the agreement the district will have with the landowners. They stated that the project would most likely be a two-year project. This is due to the fact that the grant would only give enough money in one year to do a portion of the needed dredging.

Priority was given to first dredging the dam area as the probing showed that there is up to eight feet of sediment in that area and because it would open the flow up and help the entire lake. The site consists of almost four acres and it would require the entire $100,000 grant. It was pointed out that the Department of Fisheries does have to approve what can be done on the four acres. If they don't approve the dredging, the conservancy can do 40-foot channels leading to the dam from both the north and the south. If that is the case the conservancy would only be dredging about an acre and a half to two acres in the area of the dam. That would make it possible to dredge some of the southwest area by the public landing in the first year, also.

Although there was to be three land owners in attendance to sign agreements for placing sediment basins on their properties, the weather kept them from attending. The board authorized the chairman, Norm Steigely, to sign for the district and hand deliver the agreements for the signatures of the landowners. This was done so the district could meet the December 31st deadline for submitting of grant applications.

Since there were problems with the income survey, the board voted to do another survey using a different company. Steve Fralish of Wightman-Petrie has provided a list of companies for consideration. The district will be contacting them this month to determine if it wants to try it again. The results of this survey will determine whether or not the district can qualify for a $500,000 grant to assist with the sewer project.

The board received three petitions from people willing to serve as directors for a four-year term. Meeting the deadline for submitting their petition were three of the existing directors, Tom Davies, Gerald Porter and Norm Stiegely. The election for these directors will take place on February 16, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The district's annual meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The board encourages people within the conservancy district to attend all meetings possible and give their input concerning the business of the district. It is important for the directors to know your feelings on all matters when making decisions that effect everyone. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. One exception is, the annual meeting and election of directors is held the third Thursday of February.

Christmas Eve Services

Both the Pleasant Hill and Kewanna United Methodist Churches will hold candlelight Christmas Eve services Saturday, December 24.

Services at Pleasant Hill, Lake Bruce, will start at 6:30 p.m., while services at the Kewanna church will start at 11 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend either service and celebrate the birth of Jesus with traditional Christmas carols.

Everyone is also invited to attend worship services Christmas morning. Services at Pleasant Hill will start at 9 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

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Werners Light up the Night

Jerry and Shirley Werner, 10957 W 950 S, Kewanna, once again invite everyone to celebrate the Christmas season by viewing their holiday lights.

Their annual Christmas display will be viewable beginning this weekend from 6-10 p.m. each day through New Year's Day.

From Kewanna, travel State Road 17 continuing on south on County Road 900 W. Turn right on 950 S and continue traveling west for about two miles. The Werners live on the south side of 950 S, but you can't miss it – just follow the lights!

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Local Library Plans Expansion

Citing a need for more room, the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board of trustees is planning an expansion project. A public hearing on the addition was held Wednesday evening at the library. George Morrison of Morrison Kattman Menze, Inc. of Fort Wayne was on hand to outline the proposed addition, which will more than double the size of the library.

The library, through its grant writer Tari Bateman, has applied for and received a planning grant. Once everything is finalized, including the acquisition of property, the board plans to apply for a grant from the Indiana Office of Rural Development in the amount of $500,000. This grant application will probably not be made until early 2007. The balance of the nearly million dollar project will be financed through a bond issue. According to Bateman, the additional taxes required to pay back the bonds will be nearly insignificant.

The addition will include 1,600 square feet for the adult/young adult collection; a study area and computer stations encompassing 875 square feet; an 800 square-foot meeting room and kitchenette; four restrooms; two staff workstations and circulations desks; storage areas; additional entry areas and an elevator. The children's area will remain in the old section of the library. Plans also call for off-street parking.

Details of the proposed addition are on display at the library.

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Tourney Tickets on Sale

Caston is selling all-tournament tickets for the Community State Bank Holiday Tournament to be played December 22 and 23 at Triton High School. The all-tournament tickets are $8. Tickets at the door will be $5 per night.

Caston will take on LaVille at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 22, followed by the Triton and Culver game. The consolation game will be played at 6 p.m. Friday, December 23, followed by the championship game.

LaVille will host the junior varsity tournament Friday, December 23, with the same pairings. Tickets will be available at the door only.

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MEETING NOTICE

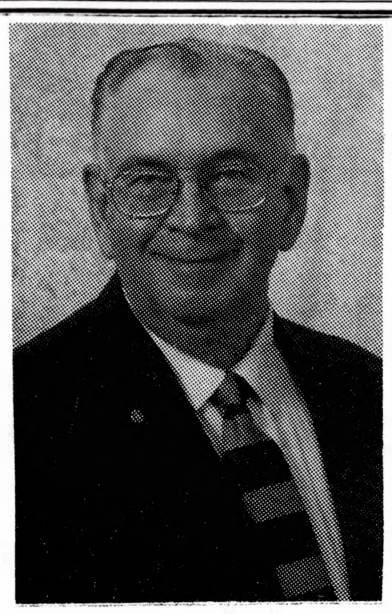
The Kewanna town council will meet in special session Wednesday, December 28, at 5 p.m. at the town hall to conduct year-end business.

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Observer Closed Friday

The Observer will be closed Friday, December 16.

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Rev. Ronald Purkey Honored

Rev. Ronald Purkey has been selected by the volunteers and staff of Hope Hospice of Fulton County to receive the 2006 Hospice Service Award. His selection was made during a noon luncheon at the Manitou Banquet Center. Rev. Purkey has served Hope Hospice since April of 1995 and is also the co-founder and former executive director. Ronald now serves as a volunteer chaplain and as president of the board of directors. He is also the pastor of Paul's Chapel Church, Winamac.

For the past nine years, the Hospice Service Award has been given to a Hope Hospice volunteer, a staff member, or any other individual or organization that has given help and encouragement to Hope Hospice. The previous winners of the Hospice Service Award are Alan Bailey, 1998; Sarah Purkey, 1999; Dr. Michael Brubaker, 2000; Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church (Roann), 2001; Pete Terpstra, 2002; Jan Stayton, 2003; Carol Brazo, 2004; and Joe Williams, 2005.

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Courthouse, County Office Building and County Extension Office will be closed from noon to 4 p.m. today (Thursday) for an employee Christmas party.

Three state legislators have been honored by Indiana Farm Bureau for their leadership on agricultural issues during the 2005 session of the Indiana General Assembly. They are Sen. Lindel Hume, D-Princeton, Sen. Bob Jackman, R-Milroy, and Rep. Eric Gutwein, R-Rensselear, who represents Fulton County.

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Lake Bruce Conservancy District Meeting
Second Thursday of the Month
7 p.m. Community Room of Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station

Auto Show, December 26 – January 1

Tens of thousands of consumers are expected to attend the 2006 Indianapolis Auto Show. America's second-longest running auto show returns to the Indiana Convention Center Monday, December 26, through Sunday, January 1. Thirty-nine automobile manufacturers from around the world will display their 2006 model automobiles, SUVs, light duty trucks and luxury vans in more than 375,000 square feet of exhibit space.

In addition to all the new model vehicles, auto manufacturers will feature their futuristic concept cars, specialty vehicles and more. Consumers will be able to speak with automotive product specialists surrounded by approximately 450 vehicles displayed in spectacular exhibits.

For the 2006 Indianapolis Auto Show, The Indianapolis Star will offer show attendees the chance to win a 2006 Toyota RAV4 with a retail value of more than $20,000.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 26 – 30 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 31 and Sun., Jan. 1. Admission is $6 for adults and free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

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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.

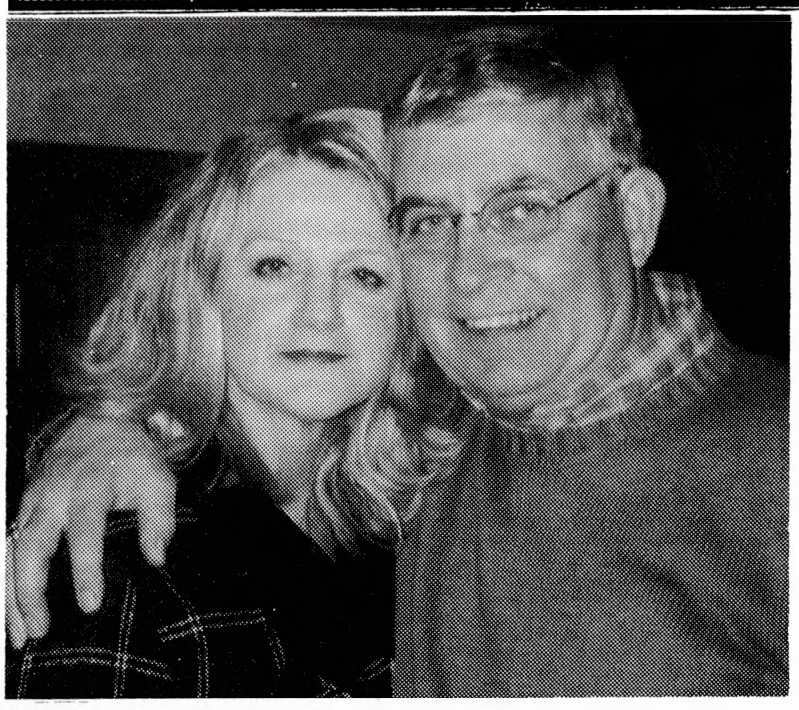
If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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Kewanna Community Food Pantry
United Methodist Church
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Phone 574-653-2201

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Clubs Societies Personals



Pattys Celebrate Silver Anniversary

David and Kathleen Patty of Logansport recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise with family members and friends.

The couple was married November 21, 1980 in Kewanna by the late Indiana State Police Chaplain, Father Richard Cooley.

David is retired from the Indiana State Police and currently works criminal investigations for the Indiana Department of Revenue.

Kathleen is the owner of Patty's Mobile Pet Grooming.

The couple has three children, David Jr. and his wife, Jodi, and Jerrod and his wife, Stefanie, all of Lafayette; and Kyle and his wife, Stacy, Marion. They also have seven grandchildren.

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Robert Hendrickson Celebrates Birthday

Robert Hendrickson, Kewanna, recently celebrated his 93rd birthday, which was December 14.

Family members helping him celebrate the occasion in his home included his children, Francis and Barb Hendrickson, Rochester, Betty Jean Hendrickson, Springfield, Illinois, and Helen Conn Fitzgerald, Geneseo, Illinois; grandchildren, Cindy and Brent Highfill, Sherrard, Illinois, and Allison, Colleen and Matt Weir, Springfield, Illinois; and great-grandchildren, Kristen Highfill, Sherrard, Illinois and Brian Fitzgerald, Peoria, Illinois.

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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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AREA V MENU
Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Dec. 19 – Sausage pizza, corn, wax beans, and cookie

Wednesday, Dec. 21 – Baked ham with pineapple ring, glazed sweet potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, molded cranberry salad and candy cane cake

Friday, Dec. 23 – Brunch sandwich, potato triangles, strawberries and angel food cake

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CASTON MENU
December 19-21

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday – Barbecued rib sandwich, potatoes au gratin, pineapple and milk. Comet Café – chicken fillet combo

Tuesday – Turkey and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dirt pudding and milk. Comet Café – tacos

Wednesday – Sausage/cheese sandwich, tater tots, applesauce, special treat, and milk. Comet Café – Cook's choice combo, baked steak/baked chicken breast, whipped potatoes/gravy/roll

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
December 19 & 20

Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast wrap, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Omelet, hash browns, orange, cinnamon rolls and milk

Tuesday – Grilled cheese, carrots & dip, fruit ice, chips and milk

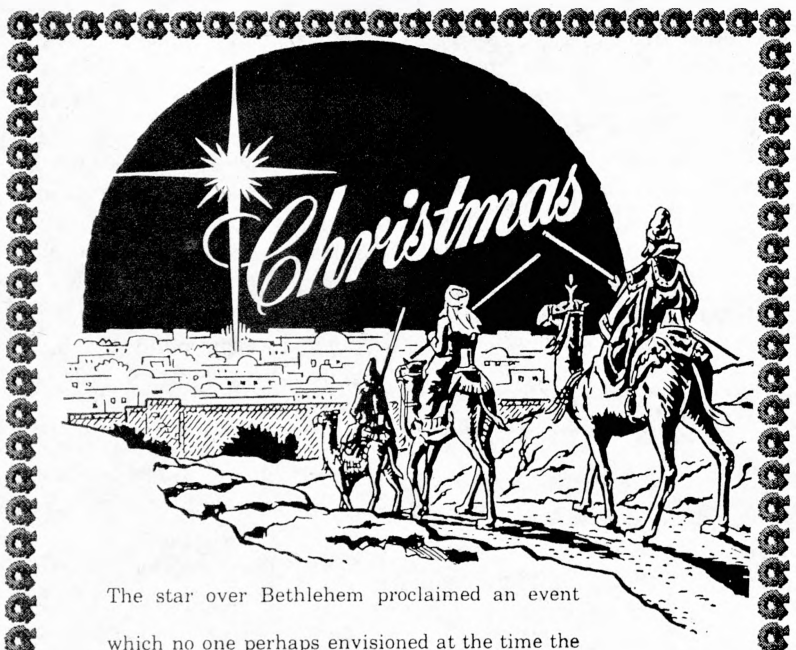
Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Chicken quesadilla, California blend, pears, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Spanish hot dog, tator tots, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

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Kewanna Town Council Meeting / First Thursday of the Month Town Hall / 7 pm



The star over Bethlehem proclaimed an event which no one perhaps envisioned at the time the import we associate with it today.

Birth of the Christ Jesus was the beginning of the Christian era which is fittingly celebrated by protestant groups everywhere.

We pause here to re-affirm the conviction in the authenticity of biblical history.

Perpetuating the memory of departed loved ones is a duty we owe to posterity. A suitable marker for every grave is an obligation.

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'Tis the season for giving!

Transfer the warmth in your heart to a child in need by placing mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, or socks on our special tree.

The staff of Woodlawn Hospital invite you to give a gift of warmth this holiday season. A special tree has been placed in the lobby of the main entrance in the hospital where mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, or socks may be placed for Fulton County children in need of warm apparel.

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

December 2
Births – Donald and Amy Blakely. Macy, a son
December 5
Admissions – Dylan Tackett, Rochester; Ruby Smith, Argos
Dismissals – Treva Chapin, Fulton; Amy Blakely and son, Macy; Pheby Hensley and daughter, Teresa Aldefer and Andrew Tyler, Rochester; Charles Sterk and Madeline Smith, Akron
December 6
Admissions – Melanie Barker and William Loper, Rochester; Alice Smitley, Kewanna
Dismissals – Dylan Tackett and Melanie Barker, Rochester
December 7
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – William Loper, Rochester
December 8
Admissions – Seth Manns, Rochester
Dismissals – Elsa Edington and Seth Manns, Rochester
Births – Edna Hall, Peru, a son
December 9
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Ruby Smithy, Argos; Alice Smitley, Kewanna

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

December 2
Admissions – John Smith, Winamac
Dismissals – None
December 3
Admissions – None
Dismissals – John Smith, Winamac
December 4
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None
December 5
Admissions – Maria Bonnell, Winamac; Virgil Fauser, Kewanna; Laurel Brunson, Francesville
Dismissals – None
December 6
Admissions – Lyndsee Stamper, Gertrude Adamski, Lorraine Tunis and Clarence Bailey, Winamac
Dismissals – Laurel Brunson, Francesville
December 7
Admissions – Henrietta Hibbs, Medaryville
Dismissals – Lyndsee Stamper and son, Winamac
December 8
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Gertrude Adamski, Winamac

DEATHS.....

DR. JOHN T. HUNTINGTON

Memorial services will be held this afternoon (Thursday), December 15, 2005, at Peabody Chapel, 400 W. Seventh St., North Manchester, for Dr. John T. Huntington, 85, North Manchester with Chaplain David Wentroble officiating. The family will receive friends following the service and burial will be in the Kewanna Citizens-I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The former Kewanna resident died at 3:05 a.m. Monday, December 12, in the Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

Born September 16, 1920 at Rensselaer, he was the son of Chauncey and Jessie Knox Huntington. He was married August 15, 1948 to Kathryn G. Gilllespie, who survives.

Following three years of service in the Army Air Force (1942-1945) as a radio mechanic on B-24 bombers in Cuba and Italy, John began an 11-year teaching and coaching career in Tefft, Goodland and Bremen public schools. He then joined the faculty of Central Connecticut State University at New Britain, Connecticut in 1957 and retired as Professor of Health and Physical Education in 1982. An outdoor education specialist, he also served as Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department for six years. In addition to gardening, reading and attending plays, Dr. Huntington loved to travel. His journeys took him to Italy, Mexico, Spain, England, Scotland, Canada, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. He also enjoyed singing in the barbershop style as a member of the Hartford (CT) Insurance City Chorus and the Ironhorsemen of Logansport. He was a longtime member of the Trinity Methodist Church in New Britain and more recently the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Survivors beside his wife include a son, Mark Huntington and his wife, Cheryl, of North Manchester; two grandchildren, David Huntington and Erin Huntington, both of North Manchester; one niece and two nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109 or Central Connecticut State University Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 612, New Britain, CT 06050.

The DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to the Huntington family at delaughtermckee.com.

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DONALD A. NICKS

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2005, at the Athens Hoover Cemetery for Donald A. Nicks, 84, Rochester. Rev. David Dittman officiated and burial was in the Athens Hoover Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343.

Nicks died at 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, at his residence.

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

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JODI LYNN WENTZEL THOMPSON

Services for Jodi Lynn Wentzel Thompson, 43, Rochester, will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday), December 15, 2005, in Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

She died at 1:04 p.m. Sunday, December 11, in her residence.

Pastor Dan Mundt will officiate and burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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MELVIN T. VONDERHEIDE

A memorial service will be held at a later date in St. Louis for Melvin T. VonDerheide, 87, Rochester.

He died at 3:25 a.m. Sunday, December 11, 2005 in Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Burial will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis.

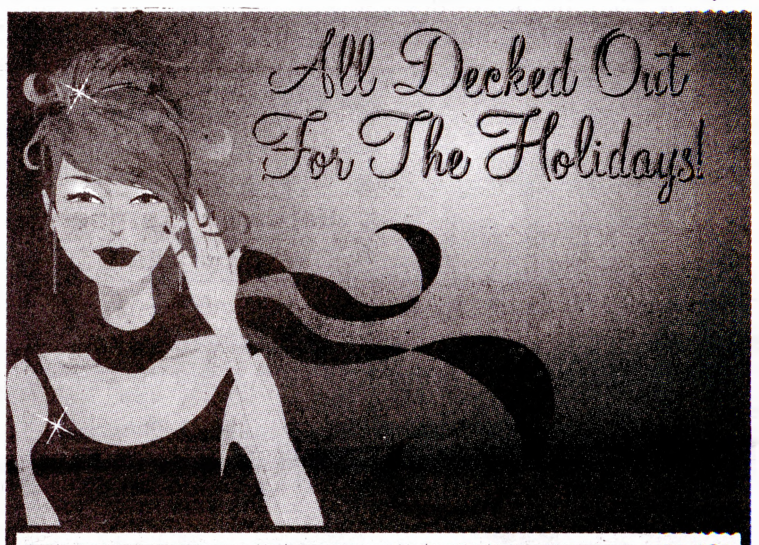
Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge or arrangements.

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Letter to the Editor:

In the not-so-distant future, the downtown of Kewanna will be undergoing a change for the better! A new one million dollar (grant funded) addition will be added to the Main Street Carnegie library, which was constructed nearly a century ago (1914) for less than $10,000; a grand example of civic pride and community value.

The new spacious addition will benefit the town and Union Township in several ways. The library, a public tax supported institution, of, for, and by the people, will enhance its role as a community center. It will be the place to visit for all ages. The library is not only a center for knowledge, but also recreation.

Aesthetically, the attractive new addition will have a significant impact. Ideally, the visual-pleasing new addition will have a "domino effect", and spur on economic resurgence on the south side of the Toner block, and much of the remaining Main Street where several unsightly buildings stand stark vacant; attesting to the "hard times" of small town America in the "age of corporate takeover". (The public school is a prime example of corporate takeover sanctioned by the State of Indiana).

The new million-dollar addition is a benevolent development for our community, and, in time, will prove to be worth every penny for a better Kewanna in the 21st century.

Alan McPherson

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Dear Editor:

As we approach the 2006 legislative session, it seems that everyone is eager to jump into the fray to discuss property taxes. Whether it is to genuinely seek protection for Hoosier property taxpayers or to misguidedly seek a political advantage, the issue is already at the forefront of debate. Unfortunately, it seems there are those who will expend more energy on placing blame than responsibly seeking solutions.

As Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, I have scheduled hearings a full month before session begins. I am hopeful these meetings will result in property tax relief for Hoosier taxpayers. The hearings will discuss HB1001-2006, which is a bill I authored to end the improper funding structure for child welfare services. Support services for needy children are a statewide responsibility and should be funded by state resources, not local property taxes. Additionally, we will begin the discussion on a long-term plan to address the imbalance of our current property tax system.

The goal of HB 1001 is for the state to take over all property tax levies for child welfare services. Local government will no longer have the financial responsibility to fund this program. This will in turn release the burden on the local property taxpayers' bills. If passed as proposed this measure will help lower local property tax bills by an average of 5% statewide.

I invite all Hoosiers to follow the proceedings over the Internet at www.in.gov/legislative. To understand the property tax issue, citizens should be aware of the role of state and local government. State officials establish levy and tax rate controls and provide local property tax relief. In this biennium, the state is providing $2 billion in Property Tax Replacement Credits (PTRCs) each year – $52 million more than last year.

Levy increases are one area where we can address the problem of further property tax increases. Tax levies are set by the local government such as counties, townships, cities and towns, school corporations and other special districts and are based on their spending. Local spending is a factor that drives up property taxes, but a reduction in the spending growth at both the state and local level is a good beginning point to reduce property tax bills.

I look forward to working with all members of the House Ways and Means Committee and local leaders in a bipartisan fashion. We must work together to find solutions to reduce government spending and eliminate any further growth of property taxes. We can continue to move our state toward a more fiscally stable environment by providing tax relief now and work on a long-term plan to fix our property tax system.

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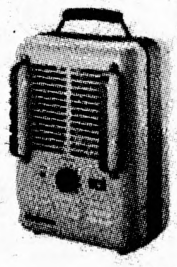
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Kewanna/Union Township PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS....

The library will be closed Saturdays, Dec. 24 and 31 in observance of the holidays.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Lost in Rooville* by Ray Blackston; *Wonders Never Cease* by Phil Callaway; *Dear Enemy* by Jack Cavanaugh; *Levi's Will* by W. Dale Cramer; *Loving Liberty* (formerly Liberty Blue) and *The Victory Club* by Robin Lee Hatcher; *Unforgotten* by Kristen Heitzmann; *Rorey's Secret* by Leisha Kelly; and *Cowboy Christmas* by Catherine Palmer.

Christmas Fiction—*There's Something about Christmas* by Debbie Macomber and *The Christmas Hope* by Donna Van Liere.

General Fiction— *Chill Factor* by Sandra Brown; *Forever Odd* by Dean Koontz; and *Kiss The Girls* (from the Alex Cross series) by James Patterson.

Indiana Collection Fiction— *From Sea to Shining Sea* by James Alexander Thom.

Mystery Fiction— *S is for Silence* (from the Kinsey Millhone mystery series) by Sue Grafton.

Western Fiction— *Ghost Legion* by Johnny D. Boggs.

Nonfiction— *Big Town Biography* edited by Jay Maeder; Guinness World Records 2006; and Chilton's Mechanical Service 2006 editions for Daimler Chrysler and Ford.

JUVENILES:

Teenage Christian Fiction— from the Spirit of The Game series by Todd Hafer: *Goal-Line Stand* (#1), *Full-Court Press* (#2), *Second Wind* (#3), *Stealing Home* (#4), *Cody's Varsity Rush* (#5) and *Three-Point Play* (#6).

Teenage General Fiction— *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen.

Ages 7-10 General Fiction— *Trixie, My Shetland Pony* (from the Early Dakota Prairie series) by Dr. Edward Keller and *Seven Spunky Monkeys* by Jackie French Koller.

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NIPSCO Announces Gas Cost Adjustment

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced today that natural gas costs for December 2005 decreased compared to last month, due mainly to a decrease in wholesale natural gas prices. NIPSCO residential customers will see a decrease in natural gas costs of 7.80 percent when compared to November 2005. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved the adjustment subject to refund. A typical NIPSCO residential customer using 150 therms of natural gas should expect a decrease of approximately $17.89 from last month's statement in their December billing, although total bill amounts will vary as a result of actual consumption.

Nationally, natural gas prices remain at high levels as a result of a tight balance between supply and demand. Both weather, as well as the progress of production recovery from hurricane related interruptions, is factors that could continue to keep gas prices at record levels. NIPSCO encourages all customers to use energy wisely this winter.

For natural gas customers who want consistent monthly payments, NIPSCO's BudgetPlan allows customers to spread gas costs over an entire year, and the DependaBill program provides a fixed monthly bill with no annual true-up. NIPSCO's Price Protection Service option allows customers to fix or cap their per unit cost of natural gas. Also, the NIPSCO Choice program gives customers an opportunity to choose an alternative natural gas supplier.

The GCA is an allowed monthly adjustment to the gas supply charge portion of NIPSCO's natural gas service rates. The adjustment, which must be approved by the IURC, reflects the fluctuations in the price NIPSCO pays in the marketplace for natural gas. The company passes on the costs of the natural gas directly to customers without any markup under its traditional, regulated GCA service option.

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Local Items

Tom and Barb LaFollette attended the annual Eikenberry Christmas party at Judson Baptist Church in Kokomo Saturday. The family enjoyed lots of good food and desserts and they played their usual Christmas gift game. They all missed Barb's dad, Robert Eikenberry, who passed away in November, but it helped being together, which meant so much to him.

Shelby Bohac of Rochester spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Tom and Barb LaFollette. Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick arrived Sunday and they all went to the farm where the kids picked out their own live Christmas tree. Afterwards the family warmed up with hot chocolate and homemade vegetable soup.

Mathilda Lamb and Wilma Wilson enjoyed dining out Saturday evening. They were guests of Mathilda's nephew and his wife (Wilma's daughter and son- in- law) Bill and Mary Lou Foerg of Royal Center. The group made it home before the worst of the snow storm occurred.

Julie and Pauline Brown had visitors Sunday, Dec. 11. Stopping by in the afternoon for an energetic, holiday visit were Candy Field, Coy and Carter.

The Scales family enjoyed their holiday gathering Sunday. Getting together in the community room of the local fire station were 31 members of the family. They enjoyed a carry- in dinner, gift exchange and meeting the newest and youngest members of the family.

Ellen Walsh hosted her family's Christmas gathering Sunday. Thirty- two members of her family were in attendance.

Zachary Wassermann of Valparaiso was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of his first birthday and hosted by his parents, Amanda and Don Wassermann. Among those helping them mark the event with dinner and all the birthday trimmings were Zachary's grandparents, Tom and Linda Garner and Don and Denna Wassermann; his aunts and their families, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile and Kris and Bob and son, Jacob; and his uncle and his friend, T.J. Garner and Ashley Allen.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich were in Logansport Sunday. They were accompanied by John's siblings, Margaret Berkshire of Winamac and Les Lincoln of Ripley. The foursome enjoyed a visit over dinner at the China Buffet restaurant.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent enjoyed attending the golden wedding anniversary party held in honor of David and Neva Boyce in Kokomo over the weekend.

Wilma Wilson had company Sunday. Staying overnight as her houseguest was her nephew, Steve Ambrose. They had a very nice visit during his stay.

Don and Pauline Scales had callers Sunday evening. Joining them for a family chat were their daughter and son- in- law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina will be spending the holidays as a guest of her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Christopher Baldwin and Nancy Luketich, Dec. 18; Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19; Marilyn Fisher and Corey Mills, Dec. 20; Beverly Baldwin, Robert Basham, Austin Heiden, Jonathan Masteller and Tim Mikesell, Dec. 21; Jennifer Bland, Danny Corbett, Mildred Engle and Karen Troutman, Dec. 22; Bruce Bangel and Kenan Kimble, Dec. 23; and Edward Carr, Emily French and Karon McColley, Dec. 24.

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

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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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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Dec. 16-18 in the Marsh Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free

Hoosier Cup Cheer, Dance & Jump Rope Championship: Dec. 16-18 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 5 to 9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: $10 per day or $15 for two-day Cheer & Dance competition; $5 per day for Jump Rope competition.

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LOOKING BACK.....

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 15, 1950

Rev. Charles Roberts, pastor of the Grass Creek EUB Church, reports a very large attendance for the morning and afternoon services at their recent homecoming and church redidication. There were several out-of-town visitors.

Cars driven by Everett Jester, 52, Kewanna, and Donald Doering, 22, Rt. 2, Akron, collided at 4th and Main in Rochester Friday afternoon. Both drivers and the two passengers in the Jester auto escaped injury.

Edgar J. Rans, Kewanna, was hit coming and going last Friday morning in an accident two miles north of Logansport. Rans, who was headed south, was hit in the side by a car coming from a crossroad. His car came to a stop in the southbound lane but icy road conditions caused cars approaching to have a chain reaction accident which also involved the Rans vehicle. An estimated $2,100 worth of damage was done to the four cars involved in the pile up.

George Hendrickson, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been elected recording secretary of Alpha Phi Omega Boy Scout fraternity at Indiana University. Hendrickson is a senior at I.U.

Betty Louise Knicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knicker, Kewanna, and Harold T. Hickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hickle, Kewanna, are planning a Christmas holiday wedding to be held Dec. 24 in the home of the bride's parents with Rev. Joseph Dux officiating.

John Urbin of Guy Urbin Auto Co. in Kewanna reports that well over 500 people attended the premier showing of the 1951 Chevrolet last Saturday. He also stated that the viewers consumed seven pounds of coffee and 36 dozen donuts.

Trucks driven by Estil Bowman of Lake Bruce and Everett McVay collided at 8:45 a.m. last Saturday at the east edge of Grass Creek.

The Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Elmer Seidel with 36 present for a Christmas party. Contests were held with prizes going to Mrs. Louis Welsh and Mrs. Charles Corsaut

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 15, 1955

Two persons were injured Sunday about 9:45 a.m. in a two-car accident just west of Kewanna on the old Winamac road. Marie Ellen Heeter, 12, Star City, a passenger in a 1955 Ford driven by her father, Eli Heeter, was taken to Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester for treatment of a fractured left leg and Sophia J. Bauman, 54, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was treated by a Kewanna physician for a severe head injury.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Brookston for Kay Louise Wynkoop, age 7. Her death occured in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, following surgery. She was the daughter of Robert and Pauline Wynkoop. The family resided here while Mr. Wynkoop operated the drug store.

Twenty-six relatives and friends surprised Mrs. Ida Hizer in her home Sunday in honor of her birthday. After a carry-in dinner, the time was spent socially. She received several nice gifts.

Mrs. Harry Kreamer entertained Monday evening in honor of her husband's birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Kubicki of Plymouth, John Harris, Mary Crump and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kreamer and family.

Word has been received by John Lisey Sr. of Kewanna that his granddaughter, Charlene Lisey, six-year-old daughter of John Lisey Jr. of Philadelphia, had her left arm amputated at Thanksgiving time. The amputation was due to a tumor of the bone.

John Enyeart of Chicago and Tom Enyeart and Dorothy Kaley of South Bend spent Sunday in the Oscar Enyeart home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Fisher and sons, Mrs. Lee Ingram, Mrs. Luther Bussert, Mrs. John Agnew, Mrs. Dale Felts and Mrs. Howard Hickle attended the funeral of Kay Wynkoop at Brookston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler, Robert and Richard, and Mrs. Lela Tomlinson attended a Christmas concert at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis Monday evening. The concert was presented by a choral group made up of nurses and student nurses, all in uniform.

Kent Cook celebrated his sixth birthday at a party Saturday afternoon. Guests included Jackie Urbin, Ricky Weller, Larry Baldwin, Johnny Vigus, Carl Lee Evans, Johnny Agnew, Jimmy Ley, Herbie Zellers and Bobby Best.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 15, 1960

Final rites were held Wednesday in the Harrison Funeral home for Ensyl B. DeVault, 87. His death occurred Monday in the Huffman nursing home in Logansport. He was a retired attorney and had practiced law here for several years until his retirement in 1957.

Donald R. Smith, Three Oaks, Michigan, arrived December 12 to take over operation of the Observer

Susan Donathen, Kewanna, entered Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox Sunday for an appendectomy.

Saw mill tools and equipment were taken recently from the Robert Young farm, Rt. 3, Logansport. Owners of the stolen material are Francis Stevens of Leiters Ford and Earl Hamm of Kewanna.

Martha Ann Cook was honored at a birthday dinner at the home of Polly Clark in Rochester Monday, Dec. 12. Guests were Florence Baldwin, Barbara Weller, Virginia Agnew, Willetta Wilson and Doris Vigus.

The following college students will spend their vacations at home - Bill Harris, Jerry Hiland, Sandra Miller, Pat Friedrich and Richard Fields of Ball State; Bill and Barry Worl, Jim Hiland, Bob Lord, and Steve Ley of Purdue; and Albert Brooks of Valparaiso University.

Maurine Masterson was hostess at a surprise dinner party in honor of Patty Lyon who is moving to California. Attending were the girls in the seventh grade class, except Susan Donathen who could not attend because of illness.

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 16, 1965

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeWitt, Kewanna, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harrison DeWitt and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chizum, Kewanna.

The Kewanna Indians won its fifth straight victory Saturday night, defeating Tyner 85-42. Scoring in double figures for the Indians were Jim Talbott with 18, Steve Byfield with 16 and Ken Robbins with 14.

The Oddfellows Lodge has been improved with the installation of drapes at both the lodge hall and the dining room windows. The Kewanna Rebekahs sponsored a turkey and carry-in supper Monday evening for the families. There were about 50 present.

The Bruce Lake Community Circle will meet in the church basement for its annual family night carry-in supper and Christmas party at 6:30 p.m., December 16. Mrs. William Pickens and Mrs. Frank Hudkins will be in charge of the gift exchange. The dining room committee includes Mrs. Fred Stingley, Mrs. Burl Eber and Mrs. Clayton Brown.

A bridal shower was held Sunday afternoon, December 4, at the home of Mrs. Theo Urbin for Miss Barbara Troutman, bride-elect of Mr. Merle Pell of Brazil, IN.

Richard Graffis, Kewanna, a junior at Taylor University, has been named vice president of Alpha Pi Iota, a pre-medical and pre-dental club at the college. A pre-med student, Rich is also a dorm counselor, program chairman of T-Club, and is a member of the cross county and track teams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis, Kewanna.

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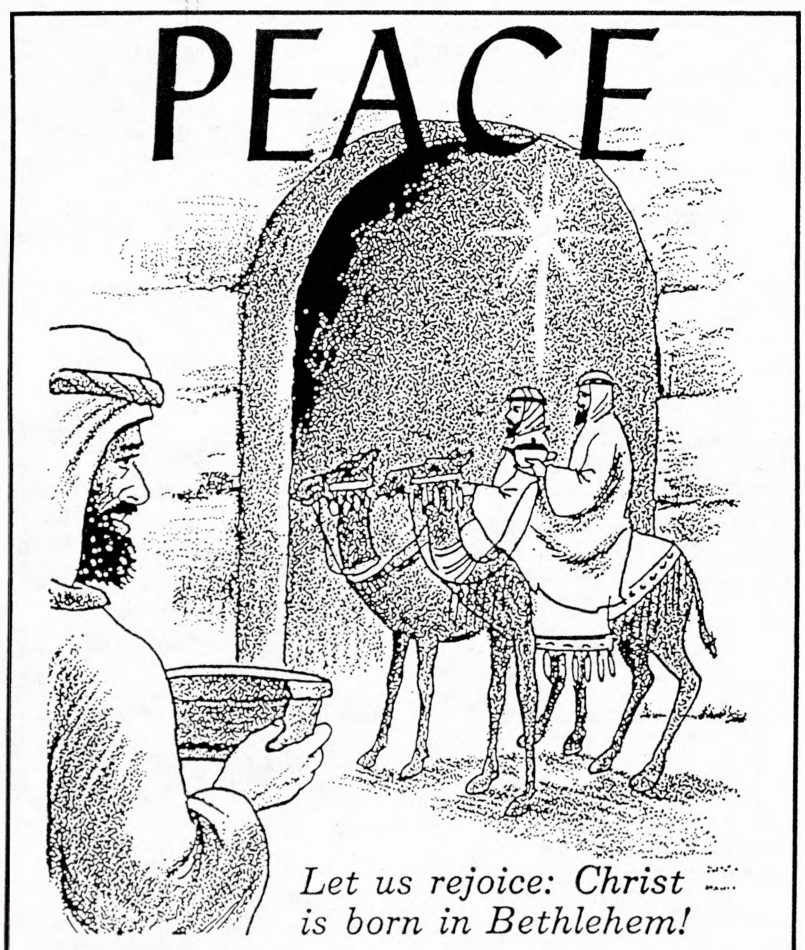
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Public Notice

ROCHESTER CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
City Hall
Rochester, Indiana 46975
(574) 223-7409
January 3, 2006 6:00 p.m.
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the city of Rochester, Indiana will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at Rochester City Hall, 320 Main St., of said city, to consider a petition for a variance in an institutional zoned area (is) to the city of Rochester, Indiana. By: the Fulton County Public Library, 320 W. 7th St., Rochester, IN. The variance would allow the petitioner to build an addition with less than the required parking area on the property located in Fulton County IN. Described as follows:

Commonly known as 320 W. 7th St., Rochester, IN.

Tract I

The west half of 65 feet of uniform width off the entire south side of the west half of the south half of out lot number 10 in Hamilton and Taber's addition to the town, now city Rochester, Indiana.

Tract II

The north half and the north 105 feet of the southwest quartet of outlot # 10 in Hamilton and Taber's addition to the city of Rochester, Indiana.

Tract III

The southeast quarter and the east half of 65 feet of uniform width off of the entire south side of the west half of the south half of out lot number 10 in Hamilton and Taber addition to the town, now city of Rochester, Indiana.

Interested persons desiring to present their views on the variance either verb or in writing will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above stated time and place.

PETITIONER
FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Pub. 12/15/05

NOTICE TO FREEHOLDERS OF MILL CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the freeholders of Mill Creek Conservancy District of Fulton and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, will be held on the 10th day of January, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., at the office of the District, 1252 E. 100 S., USDA Building, Rochester, Indiana. The purpose of the Annual Meeting on January 10th, 2006 is to elect officers and transact any business that may come before the Board

Board of Directors
Mill Creek Conservancy District
Jerry Brown, Chairman
Larry Friedrich, Vice-Chairman
William Fred, Secretary

Pub. 12/15/05

RESOLUTION # 120505
RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Fulton County has long been serviced by an airport that has been overseen and operated by the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS Indiana Law provides that airports shall be managed and operated by a Board of Aviation Commissioners unless the County fiscal body should choose to establish an Airport Authority, and;

WHEREAS after due consideration, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is convinced that the operation and management of the Fulton County Airport by an Airport Authority provides fiscal and managerial advantages over the operation of an airport by a Board of Aviation Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS the Fulton County Airport has been and continues to be a vital asset to Fulton County, and;

WHEREAS the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes that it would be in the best interest of Fulton County and the best interest of the most efficient operation of the Fulton County Airport to convert to an Aviation Board.

WHEREAS the Fulton County Council has adopted a Resolution to convert the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners to the Fulton County Airport Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends and urges the establishment of a Airport Authority to manage, control and operate the Fulton County Airport and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners further supports all efforts by the Fulton County Council to establish the Fulton County Board of Aviation.

Richard A. Powell
Roger D. Rose

Dated: 12/05/05
Attest:
Denise Bonnell, County Auditor
Pub. 12/15/05

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for 12/19/2005

ACS Government, 125.93; AIT Laboratories Inc., 624.00; Akron Animal Clinic Inc., 540.00; Adams Deborah, 160.43; Anco Inc., 245.75; Appraisal Research Corporation, 4,949.00; Arrow Pest Control, 50.88; BP, 50.00; Battery Zone, 119.82; Bearss, Nancy, 343.60; Bode, Glenda, 89.00; Bonnell, Denise J., 71.20; Bratemans Inc., 2,805.49; Burke & Heller, 1,810.45; Capital 1, 1,328.93; Community First Bank & Trust, 52,249.64; Centenial Wireless, 77.18; Cinergy, 108.41; Citicard, 122.19; Citizens Cemetery, 150.00; Computer Systems Inc., 3,337.00; Correctional Management Co LLC, 1,460.00; Debco Metal Culverts, 8,046.67; Doxpop, llc, 20.00; Dreibilbis, Vicki, 45.60; E&B Paving Inc., 5,968.46; E&T Fire Extinguishers, 54.00; Enids Cleaning Service, 997.66; Early, Mike, 331.60; Ed Beaird, 98.70; Edington, Ralph, 94.00; Emergency Radio Service Inc., 2,004.00; Fine Things, 705.31; First Financial Bank, 220.26; Four County Conseling Center, 150.00; Fulton Co Tire & Service Cnt., 176.80; Fulton County EMS, 7,953.00; Fulton County Highway, 1.050.00; Fulton County Sheriff Fund., 7.01; Global Gov't/Ed, 714.97; Good Sandi, 27.30; Gardner, Debra, 324.36; Gardner, Robert F Co., Inc., 134.70; Hardesty Printing, 435.25; Holland, Andrew, 77.60; ICAA, 225.00; IKON Office Solutions Inc., 391.05; Indiana Paging Network Inc., 50.00; Indiana University (SDT), 650.00; KEM Co Inc., 107.35; Madlem, Gary, 88.40; Manatron Inc., 1,100.00; Michiana Contracting Inc., 12,267.50; Mills William, 385.60; National Academies Of, 5.00; NIPSCO, 51.69; National Sheriffs Association, 315.00; Nickles Bakery Inc., 86.60; Oren Richard, 1,729.16; Observer, 323.94; Plumlee Maintenance, 960.00; Professional Group Inc., 12,033.00; Purdue CES Education Fund, 53.81; Purdue University, 802.42; Quality Quick Lube, 26.95; Quill Corp, 1,762.82; Reliable Office Supplies, 1,846.96; Rochester Sentinel Corp., 624.77; Rochester Telephone Co., 4,156.25; Rochester Telephone Co., 507.60; Rochester Water Dept., 896.35; Rose, Roger, 213.90; Saylor J H, 441.85; Setanta Publishing LLC, 202.17; Shepherd Shannon, 1,054.68; Save-A-Lot, 11.88; Service Express Inc., 300.00; Shopping Guide News, 219.50; Smith Sawyer Smith Inc., 2,177.00; Sprint, 3,650.60; State Of Indiana-Communication, 450.00; Stitch Wizard Embroidery Inc., 248.00; The Tire Store, 130.85; Treasurer State of Indiana, 939.00; United States Post Office, 4,205.00; Van Ausall & Farrar Inc., 127.43; Verizon, 265.61; Viking Office Products, 161.48; WROI-FM Brair Communications, 65.00; Walmart Community BRC, 132.65; Waste Management Inc., 130.63; Wells Fargo Bank, 131,500.00; West Group Payment Center, 945.00; Wildman Inc., 48.15; Winning Edge Inc., 170.50; Woodlawn Hospital, 186.60; Xerox Corp., 48.10; Zolman Tire, 266.08.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON DECEMBER 12th, 2005.

DENISE J. BONNELL
FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR
Pub. 12/15/05

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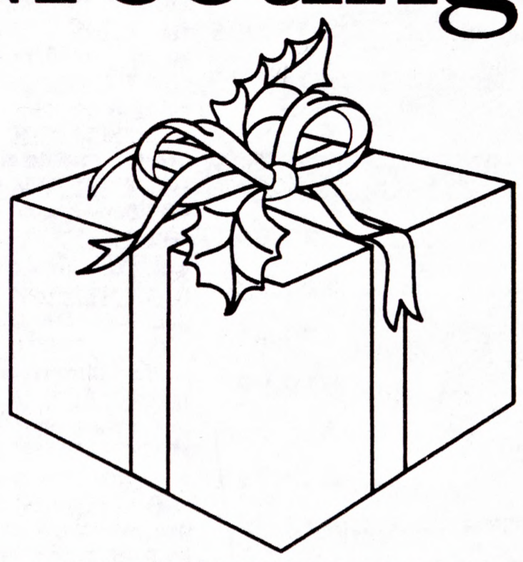
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Tom and Barb LaFollette

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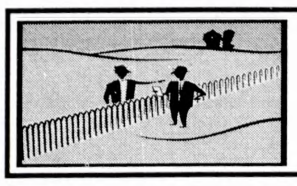
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Tom and Barb LaFollette joined their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Shelby, at Nick's Christmas concert at Columbia School in Rochester December 1. Afterwards, they celebrated over dinner at the Streamliner.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Kokomo December 4 where they met with Mike and Angie Martino, John and Peggy Martino and Anthony Martino to help present $1,056 to "We Care". The money was raised at a breakfast held at Martino's Italian Villa on September 10 in honor of Frank Martino and Frank Pickens (Peggy's father), both of whom were lost to cancer last year. The LaFollettes were proud to be part of this effort.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle were in Rochester Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. They were among those who enjoyed attending the RSVP Appreciation Dinner held at the Community Resource Center.

Tom and Barb LaFollette attended a Christmas concert involving their grandchildren, Michael, Rebecca and Elizabeth LaFollette at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City Tuesday. It was a very festive program and, as usual, the kids were very excited that grandma and grandpa attended.

The LaFollettes participated in a soup cook-off at the Moose in Rochester. Barb's portabella supreme soup tied for second place with Deb Tyler's cheeseburger soup. First place went to Beth Larsen for her taco soup. The LaFollettes report that it was a lot of fun. They also served grilled cheese and peanut butter sandwiches.

Bob and Carol Broda were in Carmel one day last week. They enjoyed attending Grandparents' Day as guests of their grandsons, Loukas, Landon and Logan Sinnis.

JoAnn Tsoodle and Barb Hieber were in Plymouth Thursday, Dec. 8. They had a nice time attending the Teachers Credit Union Christmas party at Christo's Banquet Hall.

Helen Whiteman had late day visitors Thursday. Arriving in the evening for a chat and to join her for supper were her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee of Winamac.

Tom Miller was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Thursday at Martino's Italian Villa in Kokomo in celebration of his 70th birthday. Helping him celebrate the occasion were his wife, Shirley, Kathy Barlow, Mona Harrold, Bill Hintz, Ron and Betsy Freeman and Ashley, Jackie Hord and Jim Wentworth, and Bud and Ingrid Landis of Kokomo and Tom and Barb LaFollette and Nub and Bunny Brogdon of Lake Bruce. Everyone brought snacks, gag gifts and cards.

Jackie Heidenreich and John Lincoln were in Rochester Friday evening, Dec. 9. They dined at Karen's restaurant before enjoying the holiday pageant being held in the city park.

Helen Whiteman had company over the weekend. Staying with her for a few days were her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart, and his grandsons, Casey Espinoza of Noblesville and Chris Manderfeld of Elkhart. The family enjoyed some catching- up and the guys enjoyed some deer hunting.

Carol and Bob Broda had company over the weekend. Staying with them for a few days was their granddaughter, Krystal of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Krystal had an exciting time having breakfast and visiting with Santa Claus at Eastern Pulaski Elementary School.

Attend Church Sunday

Christmas Eve Worship

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church
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Between 1100 W & 1200 W
6:30 p.m.

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