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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

New Blomfield Town Council officially takes office

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - Although Wednesday evening's Bloomfield Town Council meeting is expected to be mostly routine, year-beginning housekeeping, it also marks the beginning of a new era in local government for the Greene County seat.

Although Roger Doane, Jo Ann Hanauer-Carmichael and Aaron Hamm all took their oaths of office late last week, their official term began Tuesday as Bloomfield's new town council.

It marks the first time in eight years

that Bloomfield residents have seated a new council.

All three council members acknowledge that there will be a period of learning the ropes of the town's administration, as well as getting used to working with each other as a collective governing board.

However, that process actually started shortly after the Nov. 6 election. Since then, the council-elect conducted a number of meetings - discussing the town's budgets, upcoming projects and meeting with town workers and department heads.

"I'm excited about helping this town

get back on the right track," said Carmichael. "We need to get it back to where it ought to be."

Doane said that one of the major challenges facing the new council will be the ongoing quandary over the town's ever-aging sewer system and the associated costs with bringing it up to date.

"The sewer system issue has to be resolved," he said.

Last year, the town estimated that to properly fix the sewer system, costs would be in excess of \$2.4 million.

"I am really worried about that a lot,"

Carmichael said. "We have to fix it, but I don't want us to have to raise sewer bills."

She added that "whether we want to do it or not, the sewer system is falling in."

Along with the sewer system, Hamm said one issue he is very interested in is downtown revitalization.

"The first thing we are going to do is to reapply for the downtown revitalization grant," he said. "It's already on the agenda."

Last year, the council applied for funds

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Newborn in hurry to arrive

Child nearly born on J.L. Wilson Bridge

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - When Matthew Scott Sams decided it was time to make his appearance, he was serious.

"I just got dropped off at home after shopping and my water broke," said the newborn's mother, Brandy Holtsclaw of Lyons.

She explained that her daughter received some gift cards for Christmas, and she joked that by going to the Bloomington Mall, "maybe I could walk the baby out."

Apparently, her theory had merit, because minutes after arriving at home, Brandy, her daughter and the baby's father, Jeff Sams, were all en route to Bloomington Hospital.

That's where the story gets a little intense for all involved.



Staff photo by M. Johnson

Jeff Sams, Brandy Holtsclaw and their impatient son, Matthew Scott Sams.

At about 5:15 p.m. on Friday, the Greene County Sheriff's Department sent out an alert to all area law enforcement officials to be on the look-out for a car driving at a high rate of

speed.

Lawmen thought they were keeping an eye out for a possible

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ALCOHOL-INDUCED

Cops make eight arrests over holiday

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - Local lawmen made two less drunken driving arrests over the New Year's holiday weekend than they did last year.

Between Dec. 29 and Jan. 1 last year, nine people went to jail for alcohol-related offenses.

This year, seven people were charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and one was jailed on public intoxication.

Arrested over the holiday period were:

- Ruie P. Coleman, 31, of Midland, Ind.: OVWI.
- John P. Ball, 56, of Bloomfield: OVWI.
- Sam A. Halle, 29, of Bloomfield: OVWI.
- Russell L. Byers, 42, of Linton: OVWI.
- Heath A. Schultz, 28, of El Nora: Public Intoxication.

• Derrick L. Combs, 21, of Worthington: OVWI.

• Larry E. Robinson, 71, of Linton: OVWI refusal.

• Sheri L. Fiscus, 27, of Dugger: OVWI.

Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Inman made five of the eight alcohol-related arrests, while Worthington Chief Deputy Marshal Don Richardson, Jasonville Police Officer Danny Keller and Indiana State Police Trooper Eric Nash made one arrest each.

Richardson's arrest of Combs was the first of the new year, coming at 12:55 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Combs was driving a Kubota L2350 tractor in Worthington when he was stopped.

"It was below 30 degrees and he was driving an open-cab trac-

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JESSIE RAY BURTON, 80

World War II Veteran of U.S. Navy

CALVERTVILLE - Jessie Ray Burton, 80, of Calvertville, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at his residence.

Born Dec. 17, 1927 in Indianapolis, he was the son of Calvin and Claudine (Bowers) Burton. He was married to the former Betty Jean McDowell.

Mr. Burton was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy. He was a graduate of Warren Central High School and employed with Linkbelt for a quarter-century.

He was a Bloomfield area resident since 1961.

He is survived by his children, Darlene Swaby, Shannon Pearson, Cyla Jewart, Aaron Burton, Brian Burton, Clay

Burton, Keith Burton, and Jessie Shields; two sisters, Charlotte Burton and Marge Burton; 27 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 at the Concord General Baptist Church with Pastor Galen Judy officiating.

Nathan Butler Funeral Home in Worthington was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.forevercare.org



ONETA L. NOEL, 80

Worked for NSWC-Crane, Pielemeier Pharmacy and Bloomfield Schools

BLOOMFIELD - Oneta L. Noel, 80, of rural Bloomfield, died at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007 at Monroe Hospital in Bloomington, Ind.

Born March 19, 1927 in Calvertville, she was the daughter of Charles N. and Ona (Hunter) Crites. She was married to Marion A. Noel, who survives.

Mrs. Noel worked in the Ordnance Department of NSWC-Crane and later worked at Pielemeier Pharmacy in Bloomfield.

She also worked as a

teacher's aid at Bloomfield Schools, and was a member of the Concord General Baptist Church.

Along with her husband, she is survived by one son, Mark Noel of Bloomfield; two daughters, Deborah Noel-Harshman of Bloomfield and Trudy Skidmore of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; one brother, Harwood Crites of Lewis, Ind.; twin sisters, Mable Johnson of Cicero, Ind., and Mary Sheets of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Sam Noel; one infant brother; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 at the Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Erin Raper and the Rev. Galen Judy officiating.

Burial was in the Calvert Cemetery in Calvertville, Ind.

Online condolences are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

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Partly Cloudy
High 40/Low 31

SAT. 01-05-08



Few Showers
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SUN. 01-06-08



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High 55/Low 48

MON. 01-07-08



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High 56/Low 44

TUES. 01-08-08



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WED. 01-09-08



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ROCHELLE A. PICOU, 36**Adjunct Faculty member at Indiana University**

SOLSBERRY - Rochelle A. (Cain) Picou, 36, of Solsberry, died at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007 at her residence after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born Nov. 13, 1971, she was the daughter of Carrol L. 'Buck' and LeAnna K. (Miller) Cain of Solsberry. Her father survives. She was married to Larry W. Picou, who also survives.

Mrs. Picou graduated from Eastern Greene High School in 1990 and from Ivy Tech in 1992. She attended Indiana University.

She was employed at Indiana University as both a staff member and a member of the adjunct faculty.

She and her husband shared a special bond, and considered themselves as soulmates, very rarely being apart.

She also loved to spend as much time as possible with her 12-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn.

Her multitude of friends say that she never knew a stranger and brought joy and fun to everything she did.

She was also a member of the

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Bloomfield.

Along with her father and husband, she is survived by one daughter, Kaitlyn A. Picou of Solsberry; and one brother and sister-in-law, Emery and Joy Cain of Linton.

She was preceded in death by her mother, who died in April of 1989.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held at the Holy Name Catholic Church in Bloomfield Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 with Father Michael Madden officiating.

Burial will be in the Owensburg Cemetery in Owensburg, Ind.

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Kaitlyn Picou College Fund at the IU Credit Union.

Online condolences are available at

www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

JESSE R. RAWLEY, 57**Career Military with U.S Army**

LINTON - Jesse R. Rawley, 57, of Linton and formerly of Jasonville, died at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 at his home.

Born April 4, 1950 in Freedom, Ind., he was the son of George and Voneta C. (Fowler) Rawley.

Mr. Rawley was a career military man, having served honorably for 20 years in the United States Army. A dozen of those years were spent serving overseas. Reaching the rank of Staff Sgt., he worked in transportation, recruiting and as a drill instructor. Following his military service, he worked for the United States Post Office at its Terre Haute mail handling facility.

He was a member of the Worthington VFW Post, Jasonville American Legion Post 172, Linton Moose Lodge and the Solsberry Masonic Lodge F&A.M.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Kevin Werdehausen of Jefferson

City, Mo.; one son, John Rawley of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Gloria and Lucian Hale of Bloomington, Ind., Georgeanna and Larry Myers of Paragon, Ind., and Sharon Watkins of Hanover, Ind.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack and Marie Fowler of Valrico, Fla., Jay and Cindy Rawley of Jasonville, and James R. Rawley of Carlisle, Ind.; two granddaughters, Sara and Lacey Werdhausen; two great-grandchildren, Sebastian Rawley and Brooke Rawley; his former wife and mother of his children, Deborah Rawley of Jefferson City, Mo.; three aunts; one uncle; many cousins; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jerry Lee Rawley and John Charles Rawley.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2007 at the McClanahan-Lee Funeral Home in Jasonville with Brother Lucian Hale officiating.

Burial with Military Honors was in the Peavey Cemetery.

BLOOMFIELD - Geneva Arthur, 95, of Bloomfield, died at 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at the Richard Bean Blossom Health Care Center.

Born Sept. 30, 1912 in Greene County, she was the daughter of Robert and Lizzie (Barge) Minks. She was married to Wayne V. Arthur, who preceded her in death on April 22,

1985.

Mrs. Arthur was a homemaker and a member of the Interdenominational Church.

She is survived by Louise Kaiser of Bloomington, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Sullivan and Lena Shirley; and one brother, Robert Paul Minks.

BETTY PAULINE SEIBERT, 83**Worked for Eli Lilly for 14 1/2 years**

INDIANAPOLIS - Betty Pauline Seibert, 83, of Indianapolis, died on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007.

Born May 2, 1924 in Bloomfield, she was the daughter of Hubert and Martha Corwin. She first married Franklin Pearson, and later Clyde Seibert, both of whom preceded her in death.

Mrs. Seibert worked for the Eli Lilly Company for 14 and one-half years. She found great pleasure in helping others, so later in life, she worked for Caregivers and Homemakers in Greenwood, Ind.

She was also a member of the Southwood Assembly of God Church for several years.

She is survived by one son

and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Earline Pearson, of Louisiana; four grandchildren, Mike McCullough, Lisa Cathcart, Kristin Albers and Jerry Pearson II; and seven great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dale Corwin, Robert Corwin and Jim Corwin; three sisters, Marjorie Minks, Louise Beasley and Dorothy Brown; and three stepdaughters who all currently reside in Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both her former husbands and one daughter, Judy McCullough.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 at the G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, State Route 135 and Olive Branch

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007 at the Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Randy Satterfield and Janet Nichol officiating.

Burial was in the Grandview Cemetery, Bloomfield.

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Road in Greenwood, Ind., with the Rev. Keith Williams officiating.

Burial was in the Grandview Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the hour of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

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The Way We See It — Now is the chance to do it right

Wednesday evening, when the new Bloomfield Town Council officially holds its first meeting, the expectations and stakes are high.

The Way We See It, the citizens of Bloomfield actually demand very few things:

- Always listen to them and explain your decisions - whether they are positive or negative to the citizens' cause.
- Always be willing to change your minds if necessary and if doing so is right for the town and its citizens.
- Always, always have the good of Bloomfield at heart and in mind when making decisions.
- Always do what you truly believe is justifiably right - even if it conflicts with the popular opinion or what your cronies are telling you.
- If you make a mistake, that's OK. Always be willing to graciously acknowledge a misstep and correct it - should one ever occur.
- Always do your best.

The Way We See It, following those six simple suggestions will help you lead our town council to success as a governing body and will hopefully lead our town to a new tomorrow.

It's morning again in Bloomfield and we look forward to the fresh leadership provided by Aaron Hamm, Roger Doane and Jo Ann Hanauer Carmichael.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for thoughts, prayers

Dear Editor,

On Friday, Dec. 14, God called another angel to be with Him in Heaven. Carolyn Baker lost her 5 year battle with cancer.

The outpouring of prayers, love, food, flowers, cards, and mementos we received during the last 6 months, and in memory of our wife, mom, grandma, sister, and aunt, Carolyn Sue Baker, was overwhelming.

We would like to thank Dr. Jackie Joyce and Hospice of Greene and Monroe County - all the nurses and aides for their wonderful loving care of her; Scott, Gary, and George at Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home for taking care of us; Eleanor Pope, Billy Ed Hostettler, and Keith Long for the very special eulogy; Antioch Christian Church for all the vis-

its, cards, prayers, love, flowers, and most of all the abundance of delicious food sent to us continuously during her sickness and at Thanksgiving and Christmas; neighbors for all the food, visits, and prayers. We thank you and May God Bless each and every one of you.

To all our family and friends we thank you for all your love, prayers, kindness, and for sharing all your wonderful memories of Carolyn with us.

May God's hand touch and richly bless each one of you.

Lee Baker Sr.

Lee Jr., Annette, Miranda and

Justin Baker

Kathy, Roy, LaDonna,

Samantha, and Audrey Ferguson

Ruth Ann, David, and

Courtney Baker

Getting what you want

Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?

I did - sort of.

Well, I didn't win the lottery and become independently wealthy - but I did get a carpet shampooer.

(Editor's Note: It was a gift from her mother-in-law,

not her husband, so there is no need to write letters telling him how insensitive he is.)

OK, I realize a carpet shampooer may not sound exciting to most of you, but it is what I asked for about six weeks ago.

Have you ever heard that song that says, "You can't always get what you want, so get what you need"?

Well, that's generally the way I think when loved ones start asking what I want for Christmas. I'm practical.

Or maybe I'm just not greedy enough to want what I don't really need. So, I ask for useful things.

Ever since we picked up and moved away from my family, all I ever really want for Christmas is to go home and be with them.

So, every year we brave whatever nature throws at us to get back home and spend Christmas Eve at my parents' house.

Thankfully, this year the weather was not an issue and travelling was carefree.

My sisters had spent several weeks preparing by making candies, cookies and several varieties of flavored popcorn. Sadly, these delicious treats were barely sampled as everyone was so full from the ham, veggies, cheeses and other wonderful dishes.

I nearly made myself sick eating my sister Brenda's amazing macaroni salad.

It's a little known fact, but ever since my dear Grandma Chaney's death several years ago, Brenda makes the absolute "best" macaroni salad on the

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beth a. johnson
assistant publisher



face of the earth. Grandma would be proud.

We all enjoyed watching Mom and Dad open their gifts to each other.

However, I don't think any of us got the joke when Dad opened a nice suede pair of slippers and Mom started laughing.

She tried to explain that he had two pair just like them in different colors and hates them - so when she saw these on clearance for \$2, she just had to get them as a joke.

It really was kind of funny when Dad put them on and seemed to like them.

Silliness aside, it warms my heart to know that with my Dad's health failing and Mom's not as good as it could be, they still share their special moments - moments that aren't for any of the rest of us to share.

We spent Christmas day with Michael's family. A larger, louder group with even more food.

This is where the carpet shampooer comes in. My mother-in-law is the sweetest, busiest woman to walk the planet.

If she asks what you want for Christmas and you answer, that's what you'll get.

No matter how far she has to drive or how many stores she has to go to in order to get it.

So since I wanted a carpet shampooer - we got a carpet shampooer.

I may be crazy, but I'm excited.

With a man and a very large dog in the house, our carpets really need cleaned.

So, I can't wait to send them to the office this weekend and try out the new shampooer!

I truly hope you got what you wanted and needed this Christmas.

Happy 2008!

(Beth A. Johnson is Assistant Publisher of the Bloomfield Free Press and writes The Other Side as an occasional Opinion Page feature.)

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KENNETH GROOMER, 79**Weights and Measures officer; school bus driver**

BLOOMFIELD – Kenneth Groomer, 79, of rural Bloomfield, died at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born Jan. 25, 1928 in Greene County, he was the son of Tom and Mollie (Flake) Groomer. He was married to Wanda Groomer, who survives.

Mr. Groomer worked for Russ Hord's service station for 15 years and drove a school bus for the Solsberry, Eastern Greene and Bloomfield Schools for 52 years. He was a carpenter and served as the Weights and Measures Officer for Greene County.

He was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Church.

Along with his wife of 59 years, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Donna Groomer of Bloomfield, and Johnie and Robin Groomer, of Bloomfield; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Gary 'Spec' Jackson of Bloomfield, and Suzie and

Bruce Hayse of Bloomfield; eight grandchildren, LaDonna Vandeventer, Leslie Pope, Shaun Hayse, Brock Groomer, Farrah Groomer, Dustin Hayse, Landon Groomer and Morgan Groomer; four great-grandchildren, Paul Vandeventer, Gage Pope, Luke Vandeventer and Greyson Pope; and two brothers, Everett Groomer of Bloomfield, and Curtis Groomer of Solsberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elmer Groomer and Clyde Groomer; and one granddaughter, Hollie Hayse.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 at the Word of Life Fellowship Church with Pastor Eugene Helms officiating.

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences are available at
www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com

BHS Homecoming is Jan. 19

BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield Interim Athletic Director Rick Hudson has announced the dates and times for the 2008 Bloomfield Junior/Senior High School Homecoming.

Homecoming will be Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 when the Cardinals take on Shoals at Glover Gymnasium with a 6 p.m. tip-off.

The game and festivities are a great opportunity to meet and greet former teammates and classmates from Bloomfield. All of Bloomfield - its alumni and fans - are invited.

This year, all players, coaches, cheerleaders, managers, pep band members and Red Liners

will be honored from 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998. To participate in the honor ceremony, one did not have to be a senior during those years, they simply had to have participated during the appropriate year.

"And, since this is the 10th anniversary of class sports in Indiana, the special recognition will include the (fall) 1997 Girls Class A Volleyball State Runners-Up; 1998 Boys Class A Boys State Runners-up and the 1998 Girls Class A Basketball State Championship teams," Hudson said.

The Homecoming Court will be announced in the near future.

BILLY WOODY LANDIS, 78**Veteran of United States Army; Served in the Korean War**

SWITZ CITY – Billy Woody Landis, 78, of Switz City, died at 6:51 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 at his home.

Born Jan. 2, 1929 in Switz City, he was the son of Will and Espie (Woody) Landis. On June 9, 1953, he married the former Doris Martindale, who survives.

A veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War, Mr. Landis worked in the supply and shipping department at Westinghouse/ABC in Bloomington, Ind. He was also a member of the Switz City Full



Gospel Church.

Along with his wife of 54 years, he is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, David and Amber Owens of Plainfield, Ind.; one daughter, Marilyn Hill of Bloomfield; six grandchildren, Jamie Owens, Billy Cole, Michael Cole, Jennifer Owens, Brandon Hill and Jesse Hill; three great-grandchildren, Jourdan Owens, Austin Cole and Abigail Owens; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Russell Landis, Mason Landis and Harry Landis; three sisters,

Helen Hunt, Beulah Fishers and Jean Axe; and one infant sister.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2007 at the Switz City Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Samuel Hill officiating.

Burial with Military Honors was in the Switz City Cemetery.

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Switz City Full Gospel Church

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Council closes out year with employee raises

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - Two-thirds of the Bloomfield Town Council closed out its year and its term in office last Friday in a brief special meeting.

During the meeting, council members Gary Swinney and Teressa Smith approved the year-end payables and approved the 2008 salary ordinance.

The ordinance includes the following changes over 2007:

- Clerk/Treasurer Sondra Thompson and Street Superintendent Don Lawless

were given salary increases to pay all full-time department heads at the same level of \$34,528 annually.

- Gave all other town employees a \$1,000 annual raise.

- Increased the number of sick days to be accrued by five days.

- Set a vacation policy in which employees are eligible for

one week after one year, two weeks after two years, three weeks with more than three years of service and four weeks after 15 years.

After 25 years of service, the employee is entitled to five weeks, and after 30 years, they can get six weeks of vacation time annually.

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Slick roads cause eight wrecks in three hours Monday

Originally reported beginning at 8:33 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

GREENE COUNTY - Eight accidents were reported throughout the county Monday morning from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. - all apparently caused by frost on area roads.

Luckily, none of the accidents involved serious injuries to anyone involved.

The first accident of the morning happened near the old donut

shop on State Route 45 when a car slid on the slick surface and went off the road.

There were no injuries reported in that wreck.

According to Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Leon Dunnigan, the female driver of the vehicle did not wish a report to be taken, since there was no damage.

According to reports at the scene from Lt. Bryan Woodall of the Greene County Sheriff's Department, the second accident of the morning happened at 6:28 a.m. when Dean Marie Fleener, of Route 7, Bloomfield, failed to

negotiate a curve on State Route 54 East near Sharkey Curve and lost control, going off the south side of the road.

Her Chevrolet pickup truck struck the concrete porch of a mobile home and only missed the trailer home by a few feet. She was not injured.

Richland-Taylor Fire and Rescue and the Greene County Ambulance Service were dispatched to the scene, along with Lt. Woodall.

A few minutes later, Center Township Fire and Rescue was sent to an accident on State Route 45 just south of Judy's Mini Mart.

At that wreck, James Kelly of Bloomington was driving a sports utility vehicle towing a boat when he attempted to pass a car on State Route 45.

The Chevy Trailblazer and the boat slid off the road and down an embankment.

One of the passengers in the SUV was trapped and had to be rescued by Center Township firefighters.

There were no injuries in that wreck.

At the same time, Indiana State Police troopers were investigating a minor slide-off wreck on State Route 54 in front of English Construction when Annette Merritt's small pickup truck blew a tire and slid off the road.

No injuries were reported.

At about 7:30, Alex Marwood was driving his sports utility vehicle on State Route 57 just south of Newberry - near County Road 500 West, when he lost control and flipped it off the west side of the road on a curve.

The driver was not injured, but his passenger was partially ejected and had to be removed from the vehicle by Newberry and Richland-Taylor firefighters.

She was taken to Daviess County Community Hospital by the Greene County Ambulance Service for treatment of an arm injury.

Deputy Dured Townsend investigated that wreck.



Staff photo by M. Johnson
Center Township firefighters had to literally cut their way through the brush to get to a roll-over wreck with an SUV and a boat on State Route 45 Monday morning.

While Richland-Taylor fire units were en route to that accident, one of their firefighters found another slide-off accident just north of the Newberry bridge on State Route 57.

No one was injured and the truck that slid off the road was able to be pulled out of the ditch.

No report was filed, and no damage was reported.

Another accident near the old donut shop on State Route 45 also saw no injuries after another vehicle slid off the road due to the frost on the road.

Kathryn Bickley of Bloomfield lost control on the slick road and went off the road into a ditch.

At 8:40 a.m., Stacy Lester of Lyons was driving east on State Route 445 from State Route 54.

While she was meeting a salt truck, she lost control, and struck a couple of fence posts owned by Distinctive Homes.

Her Subaru WRX sustained a flat tire - which was inflated by the Center Township Fire Department, and she was on her way.

All three occupants of the vehicle were wearing their seat belts and none were injured.

Just before 9 a.m., fire and rescue units were called to State Route 445 in Center Township for yet another accident.

Three people at that accident all signed statements of release and went to Bloomington Hospital via their own vehicle to get checked out.

Your Independent Hometown News Team was on the scene of five of the eight wrecks.



Staff photo by M. Johnson
One person was injured in a roll-over wreck just south of Newberry Monday. The injured woman had to be extricated from the vehicle before being taken to Daviess County Community Hospital.

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Staff photo by M. Johnson
Dean Marie Fleener, of Route 7, Bloomfield surveys the damage to her pickup truck after a Monday morning accident near Sharkey Curve.

Accident cuts power, cable and phones on N. Washington Street

Originally reported beginning at 5:19 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 30, at
www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - A Bloomfield man was taken to jail on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated after a single-vehicle accident on North Washington Street, just three blocks from his home early Sunday morning.

According to reports at the scene from Bloomfield Deputy Marshal Brad Deckard and Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Inman, John Ball of 638 N. Washington St., was driving his pickup truck north on Washington Street when he failed to negotiate a slight bend in the road near the entrance of Grandview Cemetery and struck a utility pole, breaking it.

There were no skid marks or other signs at the scene that Ball had tried to avert the wreck.

When Ball was booked into the Greene County Jail at 4:39 a.m., his blood alcohol content was .15 - which is nearly double the legal limit.

When rescue crews arrived, the pole was being held up by a single guide wire.

The Greene County Ambulance Service was called to the scene, but the man was not injured, just apparently intoxicated.

Responding were the Bloomfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Department, Bloomfield Fire Department and the Greene County Ambulance Service.

Bay's Old Barn Garage and Wrecker Service was called to haul off the wrecked pick-up truck, and Duke Energy responded to replace the pole and restore power to homes on North Washington Street.



Staff photos by M. Johnson
Bloomfield firefighter Brad Grounds checks out the damage to a utility pole near the Grandview Cemetery after John Ball of Bloomfield struck and broke it early Sunday morning. INSET: The complete severed pole.

The Indiana Department of Transportation and Bloomfield Street Department were called in to close North Washington Street

while power crews fixed the broken pole.

The accident happened at about 3:30 a.m., and North Washington Street was completely closed past noon while repairs were made.

Crews had the street down to one lane for several more hours while restoring phone and cable lines.

The street was finally fully opened at about 9 p.m.

Investigation of shots in Brown County leads to large weapons cache

Originally reported beginning at 2:50 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, at
www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Sgt. Curt Durnil
Indiana State Police - Bloomington Post

SOUTHERN BROWN COUNTY (near Jackson County line) - On December 26, 2007 Indiana State Police Trooper Chris Griggs along with Brown County Deputy Jeff Hess responded to the 9800 Block of Buffalo Pike, near State Road 135 in Brown

County regarding a shots fired complaint at a nearby residence.

A male subject, found to be the neighbor of John Mejean, stated that Mejean stopped in front of his house, told him he was going to shoot him and then fired a shot from a long gun type weapon.



The male **Mejean** was able to get behind a vehicle for cover and was not hit.

On December 28, 2007 Troopers from the Indiana State Police, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the John Mejean residence at 9804 Buffalo Pike.

Officers seized approximately 60 firearms, some revealed to be stolen.

The weapons ranged from assault rifles to Uzi's, Tech 9's



ISP photo by C. Durnil
This weapons stash was found in Brown County by lawmen on Friday while investigating a report of a man being shot at. The alleged owner is still at large and wanted by area lawmen.

and various other sawed off shotguns and rifles.

There was also a stolen motorcycle and drug paraphernalia discovered at the residence.

Mejean was not present during the execution of the search warrant and to date has not been

apprehended.

Mejean does have active warrants for his arrest.

The investigation is continuing.

If anyone has any information of Mejean's location please call the Indiana State Police Post at

Bloomington at (812) 332-4411, the Brown County Sheriff's Department at (812) 988-1102 or your local law enforcement agency.

John A. Mejean is described as a white male, 6'4", 205 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

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Drivers lucky after colliding at State Routes 57 and 67 last week

Originally reported beginning at 6:53 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

FAIRPLAY TWP.- A Bloomfield woman is lucky to be uninjured after her pickup truck was struck



Staff photo by M. Johnson
A fully-loaded coal truck rests in the ditch on State Route 67 after a violent crash Wednesday evening. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

by a loaded coal truck at the intersection of State Routes 57 and 67 Wednesday at about 6 p.m.

According to Trooper Brad Stille of the Indiana State Police, Lori A. Ubelhor, 42, of Rural Route 2, Bloomfield, was driving her pickup south on State Route

67 when she attempted to turn left onto State Route 57 in front of a Gibco coal bucket.

The coal truck was driven by Jeffrey K. Dillon of Vincennes and was headed northbound on State Route 67. After the impact, the coal truck continued north about 50 yards and came to rest in a ditch on the east side of the road.

Both drivers signed statements of release and neither suffered injuries as a result of the wreck.

Trooper Stille said State Routes 57 and 67 were closed until almost midnight because of the wreck.

The wreck also took out the traffic signal at the intersection, and the railroad was contacted and advised to cease all train traffic on the tracks until the scene was cleared.

Responding to the wreck were the Switz City and Worthington



Staff photo by M. Johnson
Rescue workers examine a pickup truck driven by Lori Ubelhor of Bloomfield after it was struck by a loaded coal truck at the intersection of State Routes 57 and 67. To illustrate the force of the impact, half of the pickup's rear axle - including its tire - was thrown about 100 feet after the crash (See other photo).

Fire Departments, Greene County Ambulance and Paramedic Service, Greene County Sheriff's Deputies, Worthington Police and UDWI/REMC. Bay's Old Barn Garage and Wrecker Service was called to clear the wreckage. Linton Rescue was called, but once rescuers discovered there was no entrapment, they were called off en route.

Plenty of roundball action left

BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield Schools has a few more basketball games in store before students return to school on Monday.

Interim Athletic Director Rick Hudson wants to encourage Cardinal fans to come out and support the following teams over the holiday break:

THURSDAY - JAN. 3, 2008
• Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls at home vs. North Central - 6 p.m. Glover Gymnasium
• Junior High Boys at home vs. Sullivan - 6 p.m. Junior High School Gymnasium

• Freshman Boys vs. Washington - 6 p.m. at Washington

FRIDAY - JAN. 4, 2008
• Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys vs. Sullivan at home - 6 p.m. Glover Gymnasium

SATURDAY, JAN. 5, 2008
• Freshman Boys Tournament vs. Edgewood - 9:30 a.m. at Edgewood

• Fifth and Sixth Grade Boys vs. Loogootee - 1 p.m. at Loogootee East Elementary
• Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls vs. Loogootee at home - 1 p.m. at Glover Gymnasium

Bloomfield Fire re-elects chief and officers

Originally reported beginning at 7:51 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, at

www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

BLOOMFIELD - The Bloomfield Fire Department elected officers Thursday evening during its regular monthly meeting.

Current Chief Eric Alano was again tabbed as Bloomfield's top fire official.

Lee Baker was re-elected to chair the department's board of directors, and Roy Ferguson was re-elected to the position of vice chairman.

Jeremy Hopkins was also re-elected to his position of secretary/treasurer.

Board of Directors members who were re-elected were Kenny Mendenhall, John Hardesty and

Stacey Hill.

Alano's election to the chief's position now must be approved by the Bloomfield Town Council - a step which in the past has been largely routine.

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Shelby Meurer announces candidacy for County Treasurer

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

LINTON - Former Greene County Treasurer Shelby Meurer has announced her plans to seek the office again.

Current Greene County Treasurer Carolyn White, a Republican, will be leaving the

office at the end of her term in 2008 - since the position is subject to term limits.

Meurer, a Democrat, is currently the Stockton Township Assessor, and served as County Treasurer from 1989-1996.

"I know the experience is important in this position," she

said. "I have always enjoyed this type of work and I enjoy working with and for the people of our county."

Since she previously held the job for two terms, Meurer said she feels "very confident in handling the position."

She also said that another fac-

tor in her decision to throw her hat in the county-wide election ring again is the fact that a plan proposed by Gov. Mitch Daniels would eventually do away with the position of Township Assessor.

"In light of that fact, I am going to run for the County

Treasurer's office."

So far, Meurer is the only announced candidate for the office of Greene County Treasurer.

Political candidates throughout the county may begin officially filing their papers of candidacy on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Skomp toddler hospitalized at Riley

INDIANAPOLIS - Two-year-old Miles Skomp, son of Jason and Shawna Skomp of Bloomfield, is currently a patient at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

The youngster is recovering

from an illness.

Cards may be sent to: Miles Skomp, c/o Riley Children's Hospital, Room 2823, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202.

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Worthington Petro scene of break-in

Originally reported beginning at
2:37 p.m. on Sunday,
Dec. 30, at

www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

WORTHINGTON - Someone broke into the Worthington Petro gas station and convenience store during the early morning hours Sunday.

Entry to the business was gained by someone breaking a very large window.

Once inside, the culprit or culprits stole money and cigarettes.

The break-in was discovered early Sunday morning by employees of the store.

The business is owned by Gary Kerns, who recently purchased the store from Hasler Oil.

Worthington Town Marshal Dennis Conaway is investigating the incident.

He said entry was gained by

someone throwing a rock through the glass in the store's main window.

He said nothing inside the store was damaged, and confirmed that only cigarettes and money were missing.

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Linton's beloved former mayor passes away

LINTON - Beloved former Linton Mayor Jimmie K. Wright has passed away.

He died at noon on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007.

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF LINTON MAYOR TOM JONES

"We are saddened today by the death of former mayor Jimmie K. Wright. Mayor Wright was a great leader for our community. He was loved and respected by many.

His work in the community and around the state has lead to significant positive impacts. His work with IMPA (Indiana Municipal Power Agency) helped make that organization much stronger while keeping the electric rates low for all its member communities.

Jimmie K. was a great mentor and friend. I admired him for his love of community and family. His unselfish dedication to the duties of the mayor's office brought attention and results to our community.

Jim will be missed by our community, and his gifts to our community will not be forgotten. His service to us will be respected, his friendship will be cherished and his death will be mourned.

Our prayers and respects go out to the Wright family for their loss of a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather."

Tom Jones
Mayor, City of Linton
OBITUARY

LINTON - Jimmie K. Wright, age 72, of Linton, died at noon Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at his residence in Linton.

Born Feb. 4, 1935, in Linton, he was the son of William D.

"Button" and Edith (Dennis) Wright.

He formerly worked at Western Auto and the Bungalow, owned West Side IGA, owned the Linton Carwash and Linton Poultry, and served as the Mayor of Linton from 1984 to 2004.

He attended Bethel Baptist Church in Vicksburg, Ind., was a member of Masonic Lodge 560, F.&A.M., Elks 866, Moose Lodge, and Fraternal Order of Police, all of Linton.

He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Zorah Shrine, both of Terre Haute.

He served as Greene County Democratic Chairman for 14 years, on the Advisory Board for the Stockton Township Trustee, on the Executive Committee of IMPA, and on various boards, committees and organizations appointed by Govs. Bayh, O'Bannon, and Kernan. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Joe Kernan. It was presented by former Indiana House Speaker John Gregg.

Survivors include his wife, Connie S. (Workman) Wright, whom he married Dec. 11, 1955; three sons, J. Kirk Wright and his wife, Kathy, of Linton, J. Ken W.

Wright and his wife, Tammy, of Linton, and Jay Kevin Wright and his wife, Michelle, of Linton; a daughter, Jill K. Phegley and her husband, Jerry, of Linton; nine grandchildren, Justus Kirk Wright and his wife, Tina, Justin Kirk Wright and his fiancé, Ashley Ball, Shandi Yuodzukinas, Keshia Bell, Jathan Wright, Abby Wright, Molly Wright, Zachary Phegley, and Zoie Phegley; and four great-grandchildren, Trevor Wright, Josey Kirk Wright, J. Kirk Wright, Azaia Felker, and Mercedes Sarris.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Philbert "Fib" Wright; a sister, Wilma Jean Wright; and his parents.

Funeral services were at the Linton First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 with the Rev. Doug Cassel officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Bloomington Hospital Hospice or Bethel Baptist Gymnasium Fund through the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at www.welchcornett.com.



Staff photo by T. Cioni

Eastern Greene's Joni Crowe avoids an attempt to steal the ball by Bismarck-Henning's Chelsea Weinard during the Pepsi Blue Devil Classic at Bismarck-Henning High School in Bismarck, Ill., over the holidays. During the tourney, Eastern's Lady Thunderbirds finished in third place with three wins and two losses.



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FOUND - Female Beagle with brown face and white body with spots. Appears to have had hip surgery. Approx. 6 to 9 months old. Found Wed. 12/26. Call 384-8812 to claim.

FOUND - MALE BEAGLE dog on Owensburg / Kolen road. 12/16/07. Very friendly, House broken. This is someones pet. Call 863-7368 to claim

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NOTICE/EVENTS

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Bloomfield - Eastern Greene County Library will hold their first book sale of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the library's lower-level lobby, 125 S. Franklin Street.

There have been many donations since the last sale in November, so there are lots of books to choose from: children's and adult's fiction and non-fiction. There also will be puzzles, books on tape and other items for sale. Hardbacks are 50 cents, paperbacks 25 cents, with some premium and vintage books priced slightly higher.

Teens escape serious injuries in Eastern Greene wreck

Originally reported beginning at 4:21 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, at www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

SOLSBERRY - Two teens escaped serious injuries Thursday afternoon after their car went off State Route 43 and struck a tree head-on.

According to Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Terry L. Wade, Melissa R. Gaston, 16, of

Bedford, was driving north on State Route 43 near the bottom of Gray Hill when she apparently lost control going around a curve.

The car slid sideways in the road and ended up going off the west side of the road, striking the tree.

Both Gaston and her passenger, Michael Anthony, 18, of Solsberry, were taken to Bloomington Hospital by the Greene County Ambulance

Service for treatment of their injuries - which were not considered to be life-threatening.

Responding to the scene were Deputy Wade, Indiana State Police Trooper Brad Stille, the Greene County Ambulance Service and the Eastern Fire Department.

Owensburg Auto and Wrecker Service was called to remove the car from the scene.

The wreck happened at about 3:03 p.m.



Staff photo by M. Johnson

Greene County Ambulance Service personnel and Eastern firefighters tend to Melissa Gaston and Michael Anthony after a wreck on State Route 43 Thursday afternoon.

DRUNKS: Inman leads in OVWIs

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tor at that time of night," Richardson chuckled. "That gave me a pretty good clue he was probably impaired."

This New Year's holiday period was also a trial period for Prosecutor Jarrod Holtsclaw's new 'No Refusal' program.

Under the pilot program, although it is everyone's legal right to refuse to take the breath test for blood alcohol content, his office was ready and available to prepare search warrants to force

OVWI suspects to submit to a blood test.

"I think this was a successful weekend because we didn't have any fatal or serious injury accidents," Holtsclaw said. "The law enforcement agencies all did a good job getting the word out."

He said he would be meeting with local law enforcers this week and discussing the program, and working out any kinks for the future.

"We did reduce the number of alcohol-related arrests a little,"

Holtsclaw said. "The whole goal was to make people think twice before driving while impaired."

Another holiday weekend incident that involved impairment was also investigated by Richardson.

He took a man to Greene County General Hospital for a blood test on suspicion of driving while on drugs.

Those results have not yet come back, and a decision on charges will be made after lawmen get the drug screen back.

BABY: Mom and child doing fine

FROM PAGE 1

drunk driver or irresponsible speeder.

Bloomfield Deputy Town Marshal Chad Green found that when he stopped the Sams' car, it contained neither - but it did have a very, very pregnant woman.

Green intercepted the car at the J.L. Wilson Bridge, and after checking the license plates over the police radio, he approached the car only to get a rather big surprise.

"When he pulled us over, I was like, 'hurry, hurry, get up here,'" said Brandy.

Once Green found out what situation he was facing, he immediately called for an ambulance and Richland-Taylor Rescue.

"I told her we were going to

get pulled over," Jeff said.

"And, I kept telling him to go faster," Brandy chuckled.

It was a good thing the couple was stopped by Green.

Shortly after arriving at Greene County General Hospital, she was given an epidural injection to slow the birth down - giving a doctor time to respond.

"They kept telling me not to push," she said. When she arrived at the hospital, her contractions were almost a minute in length and just under two minutes apart.

During that time, EMT Kelly Spelts stayed with the soon-to-be mom, holding her hand while everyone prepared for the delivery.

Brandy gave birth to the 7-pound, 7-ounce baby at 7:29 p.m.

on Dec. 28. He was 21 inches.

"We probably wouldn't have made it to Bloomington," she said. "We should have shopped just a little longer, and then we would have already been there."

Matthew Scott Sams is welcomed home by Jaycie Gouckenour, 14; Jarret Holtsclaw, 7; and Jaylie Sams, 5.

His maternal grandparents are Terry and Judy Cattingham of Vincennes and Cindy Walls of Bloomfield. Paternal grandparents are David Sams of Bloomfield and the late Mertle Sams.

Maternal great-grandmother is Lulabell Walls of Cass, Ind.

Mother and baby were released from Greene County General Hospital Sunday evening, and both are doing just fine.

Ambulance goes to man's home while he is at scene of wreck

Originally reported beginning at 5:24 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at www.bloomfieldfreepress.com

By Michael Johnson
Free Press Editor

JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Two back seat passengers were taken to Bloomington Hospital by the Greene County Ambulance Service after a wreck in Jackson Township Monday afternoon.

According to Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Skyler Pittman, Forrest C. Collings of Rural Route 3, Bloomfield, was traveling west on Tunnel Hill Road in Jackson Township when he apparently pulled into the path of a car driven by Cynthia Miley of Rural Route 4, Bloomfield as he entered State Route 45.

Deputy Pittman said that neither of the drivers were hurt, but Miley's two children who were both in the back seat were taken to Bloomington Hospital by the ambulance for treatment of minor injuries.

In a strange twist of fate, while

Man uninjured after running off road

GRANT/STOCKTON TWP. LINE - A Switz City man escaped serious injury after he ran off the road Tuesday evening on the Grant and Stockton Township line.

According to reports from Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Dured Townsend, Opie L. Gage of Switz City, was traveling west on Base Road just off Lone Tree

Collings was discussing the crash with officers and emergency personnel, another Greene County ambulance was called to his home on the report that his wife had fallen and injured herself.

Collings was immediately taken home by a Center Township firefighter, and went to Monroe Hospital in Bloomington with the ambulance. While there, he was also checked out by medical personnel.

The crash, which caused heavy damage to both Collings' 1998 Ford Ranger and Miley's 1988 Oldsmobile Royale, happened at 2:01 p.m.

Responding to the wreck were the Owensburg Fire Department, Center Township Fire and Rescue, Greene County Sheriff's Deputies and the Greene County Ambulance Service. Ray's Wrecker's Service was called to haul away Collings' pickup, while Owensburg Auto was called to get Miley's car.

Road when he met another vehicle on his side of the road.

Gage got over to his right and slipped off the road into the ditch.

The other vehicle continued on and did not stop, according to Deputy Townsend.

The wreck happened at 8:44 p.m. on Jan. 2.

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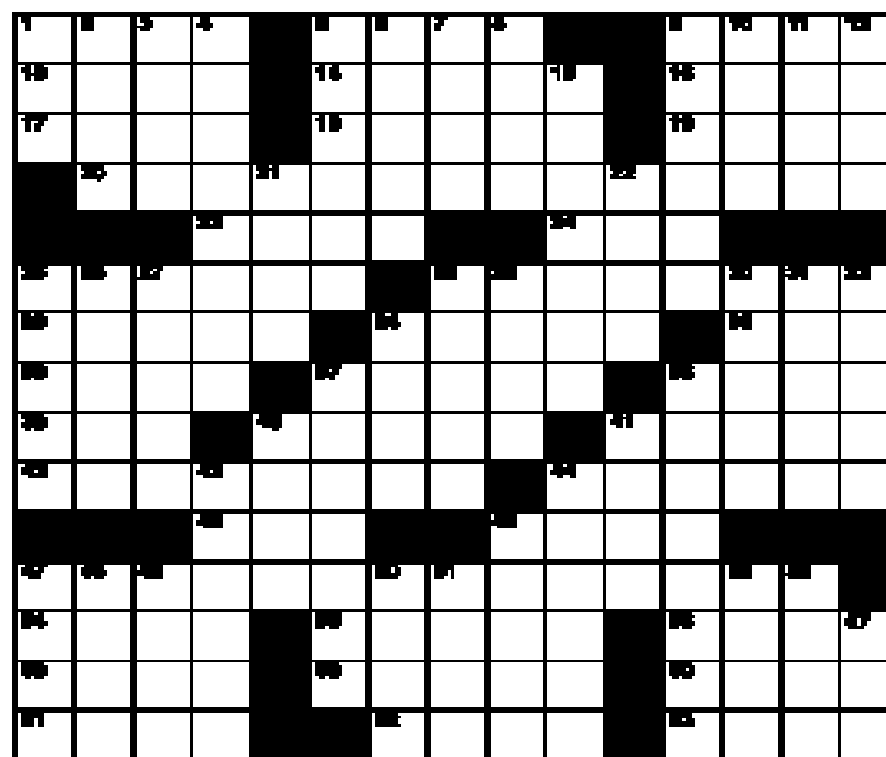
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 - Gorses
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 - Oil heiress Barnsdall
 - Wampum bead
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 - Handheld collapsible shelter
 - Starch
 - Alexander _____, Sec. of State
 - Attack from ambush
 - Physical perceptions
 - "Splash" star Tom
 - Grabs
 - A Spanish river
 - To think or imagine
 - New Zealand parrots
 - Island north of Guam
 - Small force surprise attack
 - Prevents harm to creatures
 - Prefix denoting "in a"

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 There's stuff going on under the surface that might not be easy to understand -- but that doesn't mean it's possible to ignore. Make sure you're paying close attention to all the subtle signals coming your way.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 You're experiencing intense feelings right now and may feel the need for a bit of relaxation. Try to pace yourself, so that you don't end up running out of steam.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Someone in your life needs your help, though it might not be very easy to figure out who

it is and what they need. Take your time and think it all through -- then get busy and do what's right!

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Though you're feeling pretty good, you might just be feeling a bit too optimistic about your choices -- making it harder to make decisions. You've got to settle down and make the call as late as you can.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 You've got to make sure that you're paying closer attention than usual when you're dealing with family -- there's plenty of little signals coming in that are very easy to miss.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 You're wondering about some esoteric topic that might not matter to anyone else -- but don't let that stop you! Keep pushing in that direction -- sometimes curiosity brings great things to life.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 No matter what you've actually got going on, you're all business. It's a good time to get serious about anything from the bottom line to getting your creative groove back. Things can get silly soon, though!

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Your intensity is not a problem -- in fact, it's one of

your strongest assets! You may find that your romantic life jumps quite a bit, or it could be that someone notices a strong performance at work.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Your dreams are important right now, no matter how realistic they may seem. Make sure that you're not just going through the motions -- you've really got to put some work into them at this time.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Your social energy is quietly buzzing right now, making it perfect for spending time with friends. Anything from heartfelt

chats to monster truck rallies should be fine, as long as you're all together.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 Your job -- or, more generally, your career path -- is more important than ever to you right now and you ought to be able to easily plan out some serious progress for the upcoming year or so.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 It's far too easy for you to say 'yes' when you mean 'no', so you may want to practice a bit before it gets to be tiresome. There's only so much that you can do for people, after all!

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COUNCIL: Fire Department getting its cascade system

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

to install new sidewalks throughout the downtown area, but lost its bid for grants.

Another issue left over from the last council's term which the new council is tackling out of the gate is the fire department's ongoing request for a new containment system for its portable cascade system.

A cascade system is used to fill pressurized air tanks used by firefighters when they are in an environment where it is dangerous to breath the ambient air - such as in a housefire or while working around a hazardous materials spill.

Early last year, the council took the current system out of commission - saying it was unsafe and refusing to spend between \$2,800 and \$3,600 to repair or replace its containment unit.

Every month since the system was taken out of service, Fire Chief Eric Alano brought the topic to council to no avail.

A new containment system was installed in Bloomfield Fire Truck 112 over the weekend, and the new council has already indicated that it will pay the \$2,800.

Funds to bring the system back on-line were mostly generated by selling an old fire truck last November - which brought in \$2,200.

"I think we will have a good relationship with this council," Alano said last week. "They are concerned about what we do and what we need."

All three new council members agreed that the new cascade system was a priority for the fire

department, and all three indicated that the payment would probably be authorized at Wednesday evening's meeting.

Another safety-service issue the council must tackle early in its term is the purchase or lease of at least one new patrol vehicle for the Bloomfield Police Department.

Town Marshal Ken Tharp had suggested late last year that the town enter into a lease-purchase program for two vehicles.

However, the new council has indicated that it may move in the direction of purchasing one vehicle, outright.

Yet another item for the council to consider in its first few months in office is a Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the Bloomfield Police Department.

Marshal Ken Tharp, as well as past marshals, presented the proposed procedure manual to the council over the last couple years, but it has never been approved.

"The police department needs an SOP manual," Hamm said. "That's something we are going to have to look at very soon."

He said that his first few months in office are going to be used "getting my feet wet," but plans to bring a new set of eyes to old problems and challenges.

"I think we can bring a new way of thinking," he said. "Since I'm younger, I probably have an even different way of seeing things than Jo Ann and Roger."

One of the items that was discussed during the campaign for town council by Doane and basically agreed to by the other can-



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Bloomfield Clerk/Treasurer Sondra Thompson, right, administers the oath of office to Bloomfield's new town council, l-r, Aaron Hamm, Jo Ann Hanauer-Carmichael and Roger Doane, during ceremonies last Thursday at Town Hall. The new council officially took office on Jan. 1 at midnight.

didates was the possibility of increasing the town council from three to five members, and staggering election periods to ensure there is always someone on the council with some experience.

Doane also said that he and the other council members are very aware of pending changes in the way local governments run - as proposed by a number of state leaders.

"If it gets implemented, it will have a major effect on towns' and cities' finances," he said. "We need to be conservative and watch to see what happens."

Listening to the people of Bloomfield and taking their con-

cerns into consideration while making decisions is something else Carmichael said she feels is important in the upcoming term.

"I believe in listening to the people," she said. "That's just me. It's part of my personality. I like to listen and learn."

She added that she feels that neither she nor her fellow council members "have all the answers."

"There are a lot of knowledgeable people in Bloomfield," she said. "They can help us out a lot."

Finally, all of the council members agree that whoever is elected to the presidency of the

council Wednesday evening should only serve one year before allowing someone else to take the reins.

Hamm, Carmichael and Doane all agreed on having the presidency of the council rotate on a year-to-year basis.

"You cannot stagnate," said Doane. "You need refreshing new ideas all the time."

Hamm seconded that idea, noting that he agrees with rotating the council presidency something he feels was impossible in the past.

"It looked like Eric (Harrah) did everything because if he didn't it wouldn't get done."

Fire guts Nancy Avenue mobile home New Year's Day



By Michael Johnson
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BLOOMFIELD - A New Year's Day fire that gutted a Nancy Avenue mobile home is still under investigation, but fire officials believe it may have started with a defective space heater.

Bloomfield and Richland-Taylor firefighters

Staff photos by M. Johnson/S. Pittman

LEFT - This space heater is possibly to blame for a mobile home fire on Nancy Avenue New Year's Day. RIGHT - Bloomfield Fire Lt. Lee Baker comes out of the smouldering trailer.

were called to Lot 59, Nancy Ave., at 3:32 p.m. The first units arrived on scene at 3:34 p.m. and fire trucks came on-scene and began extinguishing the fire at 3:48 p.m.

"It's still under investigation," said Bloomfield Fire Chief Eric Alano. "But it looks like it could have started in the space heater."

The mobile home is owned by Laura Duncan. She was inside when the fire started, but was able to escape without being injured.

Firefighters were on-scene for about two hours.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the blaze.

