

## **Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Saturday, March 6, 2004**

Kermit Ezekiel Pochodzay: Geneva man dies in Wells Co. crash (3/5/04)

BLUFFTON -- A Geneva man died at the scene of a two-vehicle crash on Ind. 1 just south of Bluffton early Thursday morning. Kermit Ezekiel Pochodzay, 22, 320 Bradford St., was southbound on Ind. 1 in a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and for unknown reasons crossed the center line and struck a 1997 Plymouth Breeze driven by Lou E. Spaulding, 48, 5469 North 400 East, Montpelier, Wells County police reported. The accident occurred at about 6:40 a.m.

Spaulding was transported to Bluffton Regional Medical Center for treatment of a broken arm, police said. Police, who are continuing their investigation, said speed was not a factor in the crash. They are awaiting the results of blood tests.

Born in Effingham, Ill. on Aug. 23, 1981, Pochodzay was the son of Kermit L. and Teresa A. (Randolph) Pochodzay of Geneva.

He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Berne. An employee of Peyton's in Bluffton, Pochodzay was a member of the Bank of Geneva bowling team and was a student at Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point. He also was a former employee of McDonald's and Westaff, both in Berne.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Elisha Pochodzay, Gary, and Samual Pochodzay, Geneva; one sister, Rebekah Pochodzay, Geneva; maternal grandmother, Anna Marie Lawrence, Marion; and stepgrandmother Mary Randolph, Marion. Services for Pochodzay will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Faith Baptist Church, Berne, with the Rev. Travis Combest officiating. Burial will follow in the Union Chapel Cemetery, west of Bryant. Visitation is Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Christian Academy.

Arrangements are being handled by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

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