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## Observer back in publication...

The Observer is back in publication after a two month hiatus due to Joe's hip replacement surgery.  
After several months of hip pain while walking, Joe finally scheduled hip replacement surgery in December for later in January. We planned to publish three issues after the first of the year before taking time off for the surgery. However, about noon on December 29 the pain elevated to an extreme level, not just when walking, but constant. As it was a holiday weekend, it took five days and two doctors to determine the cause of the pain—his bad hip had developed a fracture. In the mean time the pain was so severe it made him ill and all the prescribed pain medicine also made him ill—it was a long five days and nights!

On Tuesday when x-rays revealed the fracture, the surgery was rescheduled but still couldn't be accomplished for over a week. So...we shut of the computers and fax machine, left a message on the answering machine to explain what was going on and holed up at home to await surgery. By this time Joe had figured out his medication dosage so he could control the pain somewhat and not feel the bad side effects. He was pretty much confined to a wheel chair or bed until surgery.

That's the bad news—the good news is that surgery went VERY well and he completed his physical therapy in half the prescribed time! Two hours after he returned to his hospital room he was up and walking to the bathroom (with a walker, of course). He was dismissed from the hospital the next day and a little over two weeks later he had discarded his walker and cane and was on his own two legs once again.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers and subscribers for their understanding and patience; our family, friends and neighbors for all their help and offers of help, prayers, cards, phone calls, emails and visits. A special thanks also to Dr. Utes and his staff, Dr. Anthony McPherron and his staff, United Medical Surgical Hospital in Mishawaka and its very competent and helpful staff, and everyone at the Pulaski Memorial Hospital outpatient therapy department.

P.S. All subscription due dates will be extended two months. KJC



The Lake Bruce Conservancy District board of directors met Thursday, February 17, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station with four directors, seven freeholders and two guests in attendance.

The district's treasurer, Rick Tompos, submitted his resignation and nominated Teresa Mollencup to fill out his term of office. The board thanked Tompos for everything he has done for the district and appointed Mollencup as his replacement. The chairman, Gerald Porter, administered her oath of office. Tompos then submitted a resolution to formally name her as the LBDC treasurer, transfer the bond, authorize her to write checks and make payments on behalf of the district. The resolution was passed.

The following slate of officers was elected for the upcoming year, Gerald Porter, chairman; Paul Bradley, vice chairman; Kathy Fisher, secretary; Teresa Mollencup, treasurer; and Brad Glasson, assistant treasurer.

The minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

One freeholder implied district property tax revenues were being used to fund the sewer. It was explained that the law requires sewer revenue accounts be separate from all other district accounts, including those funded by property taxes. No monies collected through property taxes are used to fund the sewer system.

The chairman went through the correspondence the district has received since the last meeting.

Old business included legal updates on two properties. One is still not connected to the sewer system. A report on the matter was sent to the board of health. The other property owner has not responded to the legal notice he received.

Driveway gravel is needed at the wastewater treatment plant, but was put on hold until spring. Hopefully, when the weather improves the graveling can be done quickly.

Wastewater treatment operator, Richard Denney, reported the plant had violations in December and January due to the very cold weather which causes the plant to not operate efficiently. He noted a load of seed has been added to the plant and he hopes that will take care of the problem. He also stated that the district needs to cover the aerator tank before next winter.

Inspector Paul Bradley had nothing new to report on sewer construction. There was also nothing new on Lake Enhancement from Mr. Porter.

The district will apply to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to treat the weeds in 2011 as soon as forms are received from Clarke

## Woman shot during break-in

Erica Richie of Logansport is in a Fort Wayne hospital after allegedly being shot during an attempted break-in west of Kewanna just across the Pulaski County line.

According to the Pulaski Sheriff's department they received a 911 call about 2 a.m. Monday from Carl Williams who reported that he had shot a female intruder.  
Williams told police he heard the noise of a break-in and went to investigate. When he turned on a light, he was confronted by an intruder dressed in black clothing and wearing a ski mask. The intruder fell to the floor but then fled in a vehicle before authorities arrived.

A couple of hours later, Richie was admitted to Logansport Memorial Hospital with a gunshot wound and the police were summoned. She was taken to the hospital by a friend, Kayla McCord. Richie was later transferred to Fort Wayne.

According to the Pulaski Sheriff's Dept., McCord said that she and Richie had broken into another home before stopping at the Williams home. She also confirmed that Richie was wearing a ski mask and had a pellet gun in her possession. McCord was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary. +++

## Comets win opening round sectional game

The Gaston Comets narrowly won their opening round game of the Class A basketball sectional at Tri-County Tuesday evening, defeating Covenant Christian of DeMotte, 45-44. The 13-9 Comets ended the regular season as a co-Midwest Conference champions with Winamac.

Tuesday's win came at the hands of Caleb Brown when he scored on an in-bound play with 19 seconds to go. The Knights got off a shot in the closing seconds but it didn't connect.

Alex Herd led the scoring for the Comets with 20 points. Trevor Hoover had 13 points and Brown added six.

The Comets will play the winless South Newton at 6 p.m. Friday night. +++

## Aquatic Services.

Chris Pinc will continue to do the mowing and add snow removal as a plus.

The sewer coupon books were mailed in January. If anyone didn't receive one they should contact the district immediately. The board acted on a request from the owner of Hoosier Hideaway to add a number of temporary spaces for rent in the mobile court.

The board also approved changes to the sewer rate ordinance adding the temporary space for rent category. All Lake Bruce Conservancy District ordinances are available for viewing at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.



The Star City United Methodist Church will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken fry Friday evening, March 4, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children. The meal will include drink and dessert and carry-outs will be available. Dan's Fish Fry Service will prepare the fish and chicken.

The Fulton Improvement Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed multipurpose center for the Town of Fulton at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the Fulton Town Hall.

Graham Redweik has been named to the junior class Academic All State for wrestling.

Jane Shriver has been elected to her second term on the FSA county committee from the LLA No. 1 which encompasses Rochester and Aubbenaubsee townships. Ann Bauman was elected first alternate and George Krom III, second alternate.

The State of Indiana no longer allows the mixing of computers and their accessories, televisions, DVD players, VCRs and fax machines with normal trash going to a landfill. Call the Fulton County Solid Waste District at 574-223-4939 to learn how to dispose of electronic waste.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, March 7, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. The agenda will include various reports, approval of claims and payroll and old/new business.

Personal property tax returns must be filed at the Fulton County Assessor's office between now and May 16. The forms are available at the assessor's office, all libraries in the county, the Fulton County Historical Society and the Kewanna town hall or online at [www.in.gov/dlgf](http://www.in.gov/dlgf). For more information, contact Judy Dancy, county assessor, at 574-223-2801.

The Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary is awarding scholarships to Fulton County residents pursuing a career in health care. Deadline for applications is April 1. To obtain an application, call 574-224-1180. +++

Kewanna Town Council meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall, 7 p.m. (The Town of Kewanna is an Equal Opportunity Employer) +++

## Chili, baked potato and salad bar at Methodist Church

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups of the Kewanna United Methodist Church will serve a chili, potato and salad bar Saturday, March 12, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the annex. Meal tickets are \$6 each in advance or \$7 at the door and are available from any youth group member or Karla and Daniel Kreamer.

The youth are "working their way to church camp" and would appreciate your help. +++

## Soup night still in progress at Methodist Church

Wednesday evening is still soup night at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Serving is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the church annex. The soup is delivered free of charge to house-bound, elderly, young families, etc. Call 574-653-2201 or 574-653-2824 if you require delivery and live in Kewanna. You can also enjoy your bowl of soup in the church annex while visiting with friends and neighbors. The soup nights will continue through March 30. +++

## Christian men's breakfast, March 12

The monthly Christian men's breakfast at the Kewanna United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> this month. The biscuit and sausage gravy breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. All men in the community are welcome to attend. +++

## Methodist Church to host Chicken Bash, March 24

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will serve a Hap's Chicken Bash Thursday, March 24, in the church annex. The menu will include a baked potato, cole slaw, cookie and all the chicken you can eat. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age eight and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be purchased from church members and at several local businesses, including The Observer. You can also call 574-653-2201 or 574-653-2824 for tickets.

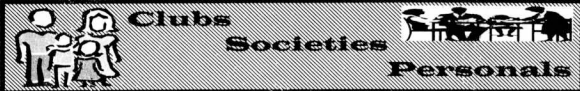
Proceeds from the event will fund local mission work. +++

## Fish and chicken supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday evening, March 26, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Children under age six may eat free of charge. Dessert is included with the meal and carry-outs are available.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken. +++

RECYCLING DATES  
THURS., MARCH 10...  
THURS., MARCH 24...



### Couple to celebrate 60th anniversary

Bill and Jean St. Clair, logansport, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Fulton Baptist Temple Center at the corner of Brown and Main Streets in Fulton.

St. Clair and the former Jean Miller were married January 21, 1951, in the home of her parents in Kewanna. She is a homemaker and he is a retired farmer and school bus driver.

Their children include Marilyn Wood, West Lafayette; Mark (Lauren) St. Clair of Mandeville, Louisiana; and Marty St. Clair (Cindy Strong), Mount Vernon, Iowa. They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### CASTON MENU March 7-11

**Breakfast**  
Monday through Thursday - Sausage & cheese sandwich or egg & cheese sandwich with milk  
Friday - Biscuits and gravy with milk

**Lunch**  
Monday - Ravioli, garlic toast, green beans, mixed fruit and milk  
Tuesday - Chicken patty sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend, cookie and milk  
Wednesday - Taco salad, corn,

cheese stuffed breadstick, pineapple and milk  
Thursday - Cheeseburger sandwich, French fries, cooked carrots, strawberry cup and milk  
Friday - Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, pretzels, applesauce and milk

### EASTERN PULASKI MENU March 7-11

**Elementary Breakfast**  
Monday - Blueberry muffin, string cheese, juice and milk  
Tuesday - Biscuit and gravy, juice and milk  
Wednesday - Cheese breadstick, juice and milk  
Thursday - French toast, juice and milk  
Friday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

**Elementary Lunch**  
Monday - Egg patty, sausage patty, hash browns, apple slices, cinnamon toast and milk  
Tuesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fries, grapes, cookie and milk  
Wednesday - Fish sandwich, corn, peaches, chips and milk  
Thursday - Ravioli, peas, pears, cheese bread and milk  
Friday - Cheese breadsticks, baby carrots with dip, applesauce, cookie and milk

**Middle/High School Lunch**  
Monday - Cheeseburger sandwich, parsley potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk.  
Tuesday - Grilled chicken sandwich, green beans, applesauce, brownie and milk.

Choice - salad bar  
Wednesday - Fish with cheese sandwich, seasoned fries, peaches, cookie and milk.  
Choice - salad bar  
Thursday - Nacho supreme Tostitos, corn, apple crisp and milk.  
Choice - salad bar  
Friday - Cheese dippers, California blend vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk.  
Choice - salad bar

### Letter To The Editor...

The Kewanna Community Food Pantry volunteers would like to thank the area churches, organizations and the many individuals who have been most generous in donating food and funds to the pantry in the past year.

If it were not for those who share with those in need, we would not have been able to help the 42 families with 178 visits to the pantry in 2010.

Volunteers operate the pantry on Thursdays by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the United Methodist Church office at 574-653-2201 or the parsonage at 574-653-9052. Families in need may return to the pantry every four weeks if the need is still there.

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When I cleaned out my desk I came across something our son Jeff wrote when he was in high school - way back in 1982. Some things never really change.

### State of the Union

What is going on in Congress? Have they all regrouped? Why is there no progress?

Why do they move so slow? Does anyone really know?

Are they not Americans first? Or are they only Democrats and Republicans? Each saying the other is worse? Why don't they join hands?

Bureaucracy, hypocrisy, conspiracy, double talk, Corruption, inflation, manipulation, rip-off.

Where is it all going to end? Just ask a congressional clerk, He'll tell you; It will never end,

There will still be paperwork!

Jeff Steigley  
February 8, 1982  
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Dear Editor,  
The Fulton Improvement Committee has been working with extreme determination for the past several years in their efforts to bring a community center to the Town of Fulton. We would like to spread awareness of the incredible work going on in our small town. The Webster's Dictionary defines determination as firm intention or firmness of

purpose; those words describe the Fulton Improvement Committee to a tee. Our goal as a committee is to create a center for our citizens, young and old, to better our community by providing a place to gather whether it be for social activities, sporting events, educational seminars or business meetings. The committee has held countless meetings over the past few years determining what our community and county need, while creating no taxpayer expense for construction or maintenance. We have purchased the ground, hired an architect to create our building plan, raised over \$90,000 in private donations and fundraisers, and hired a grant writer to win the remainder needed for construction of the building. You might ask why we are taking on such an enormous task. One of our main goals is the future of our children. Over the past 15 years or so, our community members have

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## Hospital Notes

### WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

February 21  
Admissions - Dale Carpenter, Kewanee  
Dismissals - Cara Turner and son, Rochester; Dominea Trigg and son, Akron  
Births - Stephanie Grossman, Rochester, a daughter  
February 22  
Births - Allison Housinger, North Manchester, a son  
February 23  
Admissions - Brenda Hutchison, Argos  
February 24  
Admissions - Millie Prater, Rochester  
Dismissals - Stephanie Grossman and daughter, Rochester; Alison Housinger and son, North Manchester  
Births - Patrick and Mary Porterfield, Rochester, a son  
February 25  
Admissions - Vicki Dills, Akron; Linda Hornbeck, Rochester  
Dismissals - Brenda Hutchison, Argos; Millie Prater, Rochester  
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## DEATHS.....



### MARVIN D. ENGLE

Marvin D. Engle, 85, Kewanee, passed away at 10:27 p.m. Sunday, February 27, 2011 at his residence.

Born December 17, 1925 in Rensselaer, he was the son of the late Dale L. and Cleo (Sanders) Engle. On November 4, 1950, he married Mildred M. Easterday at the Grass Creek Methodist Church parsonage. She survives. A 1944 graduate of Indiana Harbor High School, he was a United States Navy veteran serving in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Marvin formerly worked as a meat department supervisor at Grissom Air Force Base retiring in 1985. He was also a former ambulance driver for Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester for five years and a former driver for

Fred Allen Chevrolet-Buick in Winamac.

He was a member of the Kewanee Church of Christ, a 50-year member of the Kewanee Masonic Lodge No. 548 where he was a Past Master, and a current member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge No. 73.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred M. Engle, Kewanee, two daughters Karen Marie Lawson, Richmond, Virginia, and Kathryn Ellen Perkins and her husband John of Greenwood; one sister, Bernice Engle, Lake Side, Indiana; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jane Caldwell.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel. Pastor Scott Meneely will officiate and burial, with military rites, will be in the Kewanee Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. There will be a Masonic memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences and tributes may be made to www.harrisonmetzger.com. +++

### LTC (RET) HOWARD R. JOHNSTON

LTC(Ret) Howard R. Johnston, 86, Clarksville, Tennessee, died Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Fieldstone Place Retirement Center. No services are planned.

Born March 31, 1924, at Bruce Lake, he was the son of the late Ralph Valentine and Thelma Reed Johnston. He is also preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Pauline, and their son Eric.

Johnston was a 1942 graduate of Kewanee High School and was a Manchester College graduate. He retired from the U.S. Army after 23 years of active duty. He was a combat veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a Senior Aviator, qualified in fixed and rotary wing aircraft and the 44th certified Flight Examiner in the United States.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion and Vietnam Helicopter's Association. He was a member of the Jewish faith.

Survivors include his daughters, Nicole Vance and her husband Herschel of St. Louis, Missouri, and Jill Gilbert and her husband James of Clarksville, Tennessee; a sister,

Sharon Hiland and her husband Jim of Glendale, Arizona; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Farchman Funeral Home, Clarksville, Tennessee. Online condolences may be made at www.neal-tarpley.com. +++

### Local Obituaries January and February

#### JAMES (JIM) THEODORE WHITE

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanee, for James (Jim) Theodore White, 94, Kewanee, Indiana.

Mr. White died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 1, Born September 26, 1916 in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Theodore and Mary K. (Mae) (Tyrell) White. He was married January 25, 1947, in Logansport to Margaret Mary Medland, who preceded him in death on February 17, 1993.

A farmer, Jim was a 1934 graduate of Grass Creek High School; a World War II United States Army veteran having served in the Pacific Theater; a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and a life member of the James F. Talbot VFW Post No. 1121, both of Kewanee; and a former member of the Grass Creek Lions Club.

Survivors include his children, Linda Menkhaus and her husband Dale of Laramie, Wyoming, Robert White and his companion Martie Collins of Monterey, Edwin White and his wife Pamela of Kewanee, and Kathy Bobbitt and her husband John of Laramie, Wyoming; and grandchildren, Brian Menkhaus, Todd Menkhaus and his wife Erin, Kathleen (Menkhaus) Cole and her husband Nicholas, Carmen White and her husband Dick Sheehan, Ted White, Carrie White, Matt White and his wife, Kimmie, Kristin (Bobbitt) Burkart and her husband Brent, Paula (Bobbitt) Vasek and her husband Nathan, Kara Bobbitt, Laura (Bobbitt) Robbins and her husband Will; great-grandchildren, Bryson Menkhaus, Casey, Ryan and Evie Sheehan,

Teresa, Daniel and Henry Cole, Madison Burkart, James and Adelaide Vasek; and one step-great-grandchild, Christian Caldwell. Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, William White; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Donnelly White; and a granddaughter, Sarah White.

A visitation, including military rites and a Scripture service, was held Wednesday, January 5, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel. +++

#### MARTHA ANN COOK

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Kewanee United Methodist Church for Martha Ann Cook, 82, Kewanee, with Pastor Chris Tiedeman officiating. Burial was in the Kewanee Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Martha Ann passed away at 9 p.m. Friday, January 7, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born December 12, 1927 in Kewanee, she was the daughter of the late Guy Ernest and Jessie Bell (Lasey) Urbin. She was married March 13, 1946, to Kenneth H. Cook who preceded her in death on May 22, 2005.

A 1945 graduate of Kewanee High School, she was a former head cook for Union Township Schools, served as clerk-treasurer for the Town of Kewanee and also formerly co-owned Ken-Mar Suds Station and Ken-Mar Glass Shop in Kewanee. She was a member of the Kewanee United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star, Fulton County Republican Women's Club, Fenton Glass Club of Ohio and she also served on the Kewanee-Union Township library board of trustees.

Survivors include her children, Kent Cook and his wife Sheri, Kewanee, Kenan Kimble and her husband Jentry, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Katrina Carlisle and her husband John, Indianapolis, and Kip Cook and his wife Janeece, Plymouth; 13 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death besides her parents and husband were one brother, John Urbin, one sister, Clara Jane Kurler, one grandson, Bryce

Carlisle, and one great-grandson, Isaiah Birtlering. A visitation was held Monday, January 10, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel. +++

#### HARRIS D. LEASE

Rites were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2011, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel, for Harris D. Lease, 89, Grass Creek. Pastor Bruce Russell officiated and burial was in the Grass Creek Cemetery.

Born April 4, 1922 in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Henry and Velma (Harris) Lease. He was married November 17, 1945, to Dorothy Hershey who survives.

A 1940 graduate of Grass Creek High School, Harris was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran serving in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. He was a member of the 308th Group of the 323rd squadron. He was a graduate of Burroughs Office Machine and Typewriting School in Chicago where he continued to work after graduation. He also worked for HJ Lease Office Machines in Rochester as a repairman and was a lifelong farmer.

Mr. Lease formerly served as a Fulton County commissioner, Wayne Township trustee, a member of the Wayne Township advisory board and ASCS County Committee and was also a former member of the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a life

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# Looking Back

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**March 2, 1951**  
 There were 54 persons present at the Blue and Gold Scout anniversary party held Tuesday night in the library basement. The flag ceremony was led by Jimmy Hiand. Songs were sung by Den 1 and a Bobby Lord also sang two vocals. A gold arrow point and silver arrow point were awarded to Tom Wilson. Webster badges were given to Victor Montz and Alan Walsh.

after her mother discovered a thumb tack lodged in her nose. Mrs. Fisher said she had missed a tack from her bedroom curtain and later discovered that it was in her daughter's nose when she tucked her in for a nap.

Dan Cook of Richland Center, father of Kenneth Cook of here, was recently proclaimed county corn growing champion at a banquet held in Indianapolis. Cook's yield was 127.56 bushels per acre. Runner-up was David Hill of Grass Creek with 115.83 bushels per acre.

Betty Lou Ousley, 13, died at 5 a.m. Thursday at her home in the Green Oak community, north of Fulton. She had been in failing health for three years. Surviving are her parents and four brothers including Aron Ousley of Kewanna.

Several Hoosiers helped Mrs. Jessie Urbn celebrate her 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday at the Phillips Park recreation hall near Bradenton, Florida, recently.

Janece Rouch, graduate of Grass Creek High school, was among six Fulton County students earning honors at Purdue University for the first semester. Miss Rouch recorded a perfect 6.0 grade point average.

Francis Hendrickson, Nyla Whybrew and Barbara Wood served as pages in the Indiana General Assembly Wednesday.

Little Donnie Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ingram, was rushed to Woodlawn Hospital Monday evening where he underwent an emergency appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman King, Fulton, are the parents of a son born Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Bob Herrold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herrold, Grass Creek, completed an eight-week agriculture course in dairy production at Purdue University last Friday. He attended the course on a scholarship from the Pure Milk Association and was vice president of the class.

Jim Zellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Zellers, left Sunday for induction into the U.S. Air Force. He will receive his training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Stingley, Kewanna, will observe their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary March 2. They are the parents of one son, Fred, Kewanna, and two daughters, Chloa Washburn, Lakerville, and Esther Overmyer, Kewanna.

**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**March 1, 1956**  
 Injuries suffered Monday, Feb. 20, have proved fatal to Aaron Burk of Kewanna. He was injured when his pickup truck was struck by a C&O freight train. Death occurred Saturday afternoon at Woodlawn Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 4, at the Kewanna Baptist Church for Corporal Dean R. Crabb, Kewanna. Rev. Robert Belt will officiate and burial will be the Bruce Lake Cemetery. Crabb was reported missing in action in Korea on February 19, 1952. He was declared officially dead January 16, 1956.

Blake Plummer is the new owner of the local locker plant. Plummer purchased the business from Bert Gillespie. Gillespie opened the business in 1943.

Little Cynthia Fisher, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Kewanna, was rushed to Rochester Saturday afternoon

rapidly that it is now expected to be in operation much sooner. The building is being erected by Woolington Construction for James McKinney.

Luanne Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adams of Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at Taylor University where she is a sophomore.

Postmaster and Mrs. Kenneth Cook left late last week for Rochester, Minnesota, where she entered the Mayo Clinic for observation.

John Germaine, Logansport, sustained a 22 caliber gunshot wound in the left leg Friday afternoon at the Isaak Walton League rifle range southeast of Kokomo. John is a twin brother of Ruth Germaine, son-in-law of Ruth Bardsley of Kewanna.

Ruth Bardsley, Kewanna, was found unconscious in her home Monday and was admitted to Woodlawn Hospital.

Kewanna and the rest of central Indiana experienced its most paralyzing snow storm of the winter Saturday. Many motorists were stranded, some spending the night at Herbie's Place and a number finding lodging with the friendly people of Kewanna. The Kewanna Garage and Urban Chevrolet were busy until four into the night hauling cars into town and getting them into condition to travel again.

**FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**March 3, 1966**  
 Cynthia Hunter, Kewanna High School grad, has pledged Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Rites were held Tuesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, for Michael Edward Tyrrell, 76, Rochester. Father Harold Weiler officiated and burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Survivors include two nephews, James and William White, Kewanna.

Linda Reason was honored on her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday Tuesday with a party in her home. A county fair motto was carried out in the decorations and place mats and the birthday cake featured "The Farmer in the Dell". Helping her celebrate were Kathy Smith, Becky Overpeck, JoAnn Kimble, Christy Boos, Kathy Hickie and Karen Plantz.

The Logansport's Berries recovered from a first period siege of jitters and stormed past the Kewanna Indians in the opening game of the Logansport sectional Thursday night defeating Kewanna, 86-52.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 6, with an open house in their home. Mrs. Gillespie is the former Onita McKee. The couple was married March 4, 1916, in

the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKee.

Carol Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hill, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was recently elected president of the Phalatheia Literary Society at Indiana Central College in Indianapolis. She is a 1963 graduate of North Canton High School.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**February 26, 1981**  
 Brenda Easterday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Easterday, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has joined the Ball State University residence hall staff for the winter quarter. She is a junior majoring in elementary education.

Lewis Cass downed Peru, 73-64, and Caston defeated Maconaquah, 81-64, in first round action of the Logansport basketball sectional Tuesday night at the Berry Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Sr., Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janece Marie, to Kip Daniel Cook. Kip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Kewanna. The couple is planning a June 6<sup>th</sup> wedding.

A bridal shower was held Sunday, Feb. 22, at the local VFW for Miss Tonya Hartwick.

**LOOKING BACK!**  
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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**March 2, 1961**  
 The new Violet-Ray Landromat was scheduled to open in Kewanna April 15. Work, however, is progressing so

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**"LOOKING BACK"**

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The hostesses were Mary Ingram, Jacqueline Heidenreich and Linda Troutman.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Young, Jennifer and Brian, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeVitt were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher. The group helped Cindy Young celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron McColley, Rush and Ginger, of Frankfort and Steve McColley of Argos were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman McColley. An open house was held for Ginger so friends and family could greet the new arrival.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

February 28, 1991

Chad Washington of Logansport, grandson of Don and Doris Wochington of here, survived two shoot-offs Saturday to win the boys 12-13 division in the Hoop Shoot state finals at Kokomo.

Lyndsey Hines, daughter of Darlean Dimmock and Roger Hines of Kewanee, was featured as "Tomorrow's Leader". Lyndsey is eight years old and a third grader at Caston.

Michelle Reed, Kewanee, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Ball State University. She is a freshman at the university.

Children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors gathered Sunday, Feb. 24, at the home of Rosa MacLain to help her celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Lt. Col. Brian C. Markle, Kokomo, was recently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Markle is married to the former Jeanne Urbin of Kewanee.

Marvin and Mildred Engle have returned from a February vacation in Florida. Enroute here they visited with their daughters and their families in Virginia.

Freddie Bauman was the guest of honor at a birthday party Saturday evening hosted by his parents, Fred and Ann Bauman. Guests included Joe and Gwen Hott, Christie, Teresa and Jeff, Charles and Julene Lewark, John and Robbie, Pat Bucks and Joan Smith.

Alan McPherson escorted Pearl McPherson and Gilda Bailey to a Valentine's dinner at the Cove Restaurant in Culver recently.

**DEATHS .....**

Harris D. Lease  
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member of the CBI Association, a member of the Grass Creek United Methodist Church, a 60-year member and past president of the Fulton Masonic Lodge #66S, and a member of the Scottish Rite.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Lavonne Sue Sailors and her husband Daniel, Kewanee; three grandchildren, Christopher Sailors and his wife Debra, Timothy Sailors and his wife Nancy and Stephanie Herd and her husband Jason; and seven great-grandchildren, Christen, Carrie, Emily and Elizabeth Sailors, Keaton Perverda and Noah and London Herd. He was preceded in death by two

sons, Douglas Harris Lease and Larry Lee Lease; four brothers, Harry, Howard, Harold and Homer Lease; and a sister, Joyce Martin.

A visitation was held Thursday, January 27, at the funeral home where a Masonic service was held.

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**DOROTHY K. DAGUE**

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the Metea Baptist Church for Dorothy, K. Dague, 87, Kewanee, (Wayne Township). Pastor Dave Sommers, Chaplain Scott Ellison and Pastor William Cordes officiated and burial was in the Metea Cemetery.

Mrs. Dague passed away Sunday, February 13, at her home near Grass Creek. She was born September 2, 1923, in Cass County to Claude and Bertha (Guy) Hamon. She was married in 1941 at Connersville to Joseph W. Dague, who preceded her in death.

She and Joe established their family farm in Wayne Township in 1947 and they were members of many farm organizations. She also served on the Fulton County Welfare Board for several years and served with the Grass Creek Lions Club including several mission trips. She was a member of the Metea Baptist Church for over 60 years and served in different capacities with the American Baptist Women's Organization.

Survivors include her children, Joseph E. Dague, Judith K. Ulrich and her husband Robert, and James L. Dague and his wife, Peggy, all of rural Kewanee, Jean Galloway, Hallettsville, Texas,

and Jeffrey N. Dague and his wife Lisa, Monticello; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John E. Dague, a daughter, June L. Schuller, a son-in-law, Jim Galloway; three brothers and three sisters.

A visitation was held Tuesday, February 15, at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport which was in charge of arrangements.

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**MARY E. HUDKINS**

Mary E. Hudkins, 96, Kewanee (Lake Bruce Station) died Saturday, February 19, 2011, at Life Care Center in Rochester.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, was in charge of arrangements.

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**Letter to the Editor**

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noticed that the actions and attitudes of our young people have changed dramatically. We as a community intend to team up with local churches and other youth organizations to provide our children with programs and activities which build respect, work ethics, confidence, and the value of a quality education. We intend to live out the age old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Other activities and programs we intend to host include senior citizens gatherings, educational classes, school events, dances, community fish fries and concerts.

This multipurpose facility is also designed with a very practical purpose. The Red Cross, Salvation Army and Emergency Management will all be able to use the facility in the event of a local disaster. The Fulton Community Building will provide the citizens of Fulton County and Northern Cass County with the peace of mind that a disaster relief center will be available so close to home.

As mentioned, the committee has applied for the Community Development Block Grant twice. We did not receive the grant the first time due to the 801c3 status not being approved in time and the second time we missed the cut by 4/10ths of a percent. As you can see, the fantasy some said was impossible is so very close to becoming a reality for our small community. We are working hand in hand with our OCRA liaison Steven Ray, grant writer Shannon McLeod, and the Fulton County Community Foundation to make sure that the third time is a charm for our application. Some have looked down upon our efforts to obtain a grant for this project. To those citizens we say this: The government is giving away your hard earned taxpayer dollars to a community who applies and demonstrates a need. Why shouldn't our money go to work here in our small community to create a better life and bring our citizens together?

We are currently in the final stages of applying for the OCRA grant once again. There will be a public meeting on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton Town

Hall. Our goal is to fill the meeting room and a page of signatures of those in support of the project. We greatly encourage you to attend this meeting. The Committee will also be holding its annual flower sale in the first week of May in the Fulton Feedbag Restaurant's parking lot. We thank our volunteers in advance for their hours of service in this growing fundraiser!

The Liberty Township Trustee, Advisory Board and Town of Fulton have worked side by side to make this dream a reality. This type of teamwork is what makes Fulton a stand-out community, helping each other in an attempt to improve our way of life. We encourage our community members to stay informed on this project, and if you are in support of the community building, GET INVOLVED! Fulton Improvement Committee

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# "Slices of Life"

By: Jill Neeter



## Bickering: a love story

We were busy bickering — like couples can bicker after two or 12 or 20 years of marriage. His made breakfast five mornings in a row. I folded eight loads of laundry. He fed the dog and took out the garbage. I fed the fish and cleaned the toilets. I made meatloaf. He shoveled the driveway. I helped with homework. He served as field trip chaperone. I packed bagged lunches. He drove the kids to school. Finally, it was Friday and we were both exhausted. Still, he came home from work and unloaded the dishwasher. I mopped the floor. He gave the dog a bath. I cleaned up the cat's vomit. Early Saturday morning, the action started anew. I made the coffee. He poured. He cleared the table. I wiped off the crumbs. Neither of us said a word. We were too busy. The competition was enough to put us over the edge. Until I nearly killed him. Amidst our other weekend duties, we'd managed to get the minivan stuck in a large snow bank bordering our driveway. (Imagine what that did for our collective bickering moods.) We had things to do, places to go. It was imperative we get the vehicle unstuck. My husband started with the shovel, working his way under the back tires to improve traction. He then pushed the van

from behind while I gently — ever so gently — stepped on the gas. ("Don't spin the wheels," he warned.) No go. After more shoveling and pushing and gradual pressure on the gas we hadn't moved an inch. It was time for the big guns. My husband went into the garage and returned with a long, yellow, ropey-tubey thingamajig. We would attach it to our van (stuck) and our SUV (pull-out vehicle). My husband worked outside doing the hooking while I remained in the van. I adjusted the radio and heard and glanced up to check on my husband's progress. He was nowhere to be seen. I figured he must have gone into the house — probably to use the bathroom. I sat for a minute or so inside the stuck van at the end of the driveway waiting for my husband to return. I fiddled more with the radio and pondered our wedged circumstance. Wouldn't my husband be impressed if I emancipated the van on my own? In my search for a magic solution, I considered the different gear options available on our van. There was neutral, drive, reverse and a couple of others; one was designated by the number 3, the other with the letter L. I knew this last option

was for pulling loads in low gear — when a person needed some heavy-duty action, not to mention traction. I needed both. I'd been trying to prod the van forward by putting it into drive. Maybe the low gear would give me the added traction I needed to free myself (and the van) from the

snow undertow. I put the van into L and lowered my foot on the gas. The engine roared; my wheels spun. The van didn't budge. Thank goodness. Quicker than you can say, "Run me over with a stuck minivan," my husband popped up in front of the vehicle. He wasn't in the house, like I thought, but had been working under the bumper. If my low gear super tire traction idea had worked... and the van had shot forward... well, I don't want to go there. My husband mouthed a few expletives that I most certainly deserved. What could I do,

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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT—INDIANA TOWN: KEWANNA COUNTY: FULTON STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES, AND INVESTMENT BALANCES (Including Utilities)

FUND	Beginning Cash Balance At 01/01/10	2010		Ending Cash Balance At 12/31/10	Investments At 12/31/10		Total Cash And Investments At 12/31/10
		Receipts	Disbursements		At 12/31/10	And Investments At 12/31/10	
<b>FUND TYPE GENERAL</b>							
General Fund	\$94,142.21	\$189,776.76	\$159,602.93	\$124,316.04	\$0.00	\$124,316.04	\$124,316.04
Total by Fund Type	\$94,142.21	\$189,776.76	\$159,602.93	\$124,316.04	\$0.00	\$124,316.04	\$124,316.04
<b>FUND TYPE SPECIAL REVENUE</b>							
Community Hook Fee Fund	\$11,583.09	\$0.00	\$1,933.67	\$9,651.42	\$0.00	\$9,651.42	\$9,651.42
Law Enforcement Continuing Ed.	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Local Road and Street	\$7,455.82	\$2,633.75	\$5,000.00	\$5,089.57	\$0.00	\$5,089.57	\$5,089.57
Maine Avenue Highway	\$53,991.32	\$45,055.05	\$68,000.00	\$49,048.65	\$0.00	\$49,048.65	\$49,048.65
Rarey Day Fund	\$6,190.54	\$57,844.99	\$50,000.00	\$14,035.53	\$0.00	\$14,035.53	\$14,035.53
REMC Round Up Grant	\$6.82	\$762.55	\$0.00	\$769.37	\$0.00	\$769.37	\$769.37
Road	\$7,955.99	\$3,884.63	\$0.00	\$10,888.62	\$0.00	\$10,888.62	\$10,888.62
Levy Extra	\$472.63	\$472.26	\$472.63	\$473.26	\$0.00	\$473.26	\$473.26
LOF-Paralel Safety	\$16,087.01	\$18,635.52	\$33,848.52	\$8,874.40	\$0.00	\$8,874.40	\$8,874.40
Total by Fund Type	\$102,944.82	\$146,301.55	\$159,236.15	\$92,390.15	\$0.00	\$92,390.15	\$92,390.15
<b>FUND TYPE CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>							
Construction	\$20.50	\$1,000,616.22	\$1,000,631.72	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Cumulative Capital Imp Tax Levy	\$15,687.64	\$17,185.35	\$8,600.00	\$24,272.99	\$0.00	\$24,272.99	\$24,272.99
Cumulative Capital Imp. (Cigarette Tax)	\$11,735.24	\$2,127.78	\$2,809.30	\$11,053.72	\$0.00	\$11,053.72	\$11,053.72
Total by Fund Type	\$27,443.38	\$1,019,929.35	\$1,010,241.02	\$35,331.71	\$0.00	\$35,331.71	\$35,331.71
<b>SUBTOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	\$264,520.41	\$1,159,907.66	\$1,130,901.10	\$252,637.97	\$0.00	\$252,637.97	\$252,637.97
<b>INVESTMENT SALES</b>		\$50,000.00			\$25,000.00		
<b>INVESTMENT PURCHASES</b>			\$472.63				
<b>TRANSFERS IN</b>							
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>			\$1,308,535.03		\$472.63		
<b>NET RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>			\$1,308,535.03		\$1,305,427.47		
<b>FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE</b>							
Water Utility-Operating	\$48,072.02	\$1,06,859.26	\$96,915.84	\$58,015.44	\$0.00	\$58,015.44	\$58,015.44
Water Utility-Bond & Interest	\$15,242.21	\$58,400.00	\$37,510.00	\$16,133.21	\$0.00	\$16,133.21	\$16,133.21
Water Utility-Depreciation/Improvement	\$16,259.85	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,259.85	\$0.00	\$22,259.85	\$22,259.85
Water Utility-Debt Reserve	\$15,641.26	\$2,289.63	\$25,000.00	\$1,930.00	\$0.00	\$1,930.00	\$1,930.00
Water Utility-Customer Deposit	\$6,350.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,350.00	\$0.00	\$7,350.00	\$7,350.00
Water Utility-Other	\$1,880.73	\$130,201.84	\$132,111.75	\$28,732.82	\$0.00	\$28,732.82	\$28,732.82
Wastewater Utility-Operating	\$1,380.71	\$45,521.00	\$45,047.50	\$1,933.21	\$0.00	\$1,933.21	\$1,933.21
Wastewater Utility-Bond & Interest	\$3,384.91	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,557.91	\$0.00	\$6,557.91	\$6,557.91
Wastewater Utility-Deprec/Improvement	\$7,393.03	\$45,100.00	\$45,000.00	\$7,914.33	\$0.00	\$7,914.33	\$7,914.33
Wastewater Utility-Debt Reserve	\$14,967.72	\$404,872.03	\$388,847.09	\$160,997.66	\$0.00	\$160,997.66	\$160,997.66
Wastewater Utility-Other	\$1,484.96	\$7,000.00	\$8,884.29	\$10,397.66	\$0.00	\$10,397.66	\$10,397.66
Total by Fund Type	\$114,967.72	\$1,070,000.00	\$966,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
<b>INVESTMENT SALES</b>			\$96,000.00		\$96,000.00		
<b>INVESTMENT PURCHASES</b>							
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>			\$238,872.03		\$222,842.09		
<b>NET RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>			\$238,872.03		\$222,842.09		

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that the data contained in this report is accurate and agrees with the financial records, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature of Official: EMMY C. KAY Title: Clerk-Treasurer P.O. Box 5, Kewanna, IN 46939 Phone: 574-653-2112 Signed: 2-28-11 Pub. Mar. 3rd, 2011

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**RECYCLING DATES**  
**THURS., MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**THURS., MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**



Materials accepted at the Recycling Center:

- Aluminum Cans
  - Beverage cans
  - Pop tab pet food cans
- Aluminum Foil
  - Foil wrap
  - Aluminum pie and dinner trays

- Chipboard
  - Cereal box type paper
  - Office paper - all types
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  - Jump mat
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 No remove lids - put with steel  
 No mirrors, light bulbs, window, ceramic, Pyrex or other glass

**Grocery Bags**  
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**Magazines & Catalogs**  
 Only magazines & catalogs made of slick, glossy paper  
 Slick newspaper insert

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

**Miscellaneous**  
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 Inkjet and laser cartridges  
 Glass containing mercury  
 Florescent bulbs  
 Motor oil  
 Pellets - wood or plastic  
 Styrofoam packing peanuts - must be contained

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

**Do not pack in plastic bags**  
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 Bubble wrap  
 Clear plastic film

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**Slices of Life**  
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except yell, "I thought you were in the house." And sit in the van, stunned by what I'd almost done. My eyes started watering. There are moments in life when your actions can change the future forever. Thank goodness this wasn't one of them. My husband got the long, yellow, ropey-tube thingamajig hooked up and pulled the van out with the SUV. As he was working, I looked at him through my tears - like you don't often look at someone after 20 years of marriage - and noticed how tall

he is and how the little bit of gray hair at his temples makes him even more handsome than ever. In that moment - intermingling with remorse and love - I knew this was a man worth more than a thousand loads of folded laundry and countless instances of cleaning cat vomit (as romantic as that sounds). Later on I would tell him how sorry I was. For now, I promised myself for at least the millionth time that I'd love him forever. And, I vowed to never bicker about silly things again - or at least for the rest of the weekend.

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook for her Slices of Life page. Email her at [permla@west.net](mailto:permla@west.net); or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

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 ADVERTISING CLAIMS FOR MARCH 7th, 2011  
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 Grand Total ..... \$2,598 72  
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Owens Arik, 21 40; Shaffer Tyler D., 16 60; Tuttle Debra A., 16 60; Vance Jana K., 21 40  
 Grand Total ..... \$194 00  
 Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners, Fulton Co., Indiana on February 28, 2011.  
 Judith A. Reed  
 Fulton County Auditor

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**  
 Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County, Indiana that a meeting of the County Council of Fulton County, Indiana, will be held at the County Office Building in Rochester, Indiana on the 15th day of March 2011, at 6:30 P.M. for the following additional appropriation requests  
**COUNTY GENERAL**  
 Circuit Court ..... \$3,500.00  
 Auditor, Full Time Position. \$16,285.00  
 Total County General ..... \$19,785.00  
**PRE-TRIAL**  
 Mileage ..... \$1,000.00  
 Law Enforcement Equipment \$5,000.00  
 Total Pre-Trial Prosecutor \$6,000.00  
**WIRELESS 911**  
 Equipment ..... \$13,832.32  
 Equipment ..... \$ 4,248.18  
 Equipment ..... \$ 792.85  
 Total ..... \$18,873.35  
**CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT** \$10,830.00  
 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within 15 days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.  
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

It has been a long winter—snow, rain, snow, freezing rain, snow, sleet, snow, blizzard conditions, snow, an earthquake, snow, thawing, snow, bitter cold, snow, freezing fog, snow—well you get the idea. Hopefully Mother Nature has gotten the “s” word out of her system, but it is Indiana and only the beginning of March. Fifty years ago it was still snowing on Easter Day.

Tim Cogdill of Macy visited with his mother, Ruth Cogdill, Wednesday, Feb. 23. Tim had been visiting every Wednesday during the winter with the exception of the first week of February when the snowstorm hit.) Thursday, Tim's sister, Linda Logocki of Winamac, came to visit Ruth. Linda and Ruth had a wonderful time catching up on all the news as Linda had been on the road for quite awhile. Linda arrived with lots of groceries to restock the cupboards and refrigerator. Ruth is not looking forward to more bad winter weather, but it is nice to have things handy.

Angela Gast arrived home Saturday, March 26, following an extended stay in Muncie with friends.

Helen Whiteman had a few visitors Saturday afternoon. To the advantage of the nice weather for a family that were her daughter, Sherri Lett; Sherri's daughter, Tiffany Troutman; and Tiffany's fiancé, Garrett, and his son, A.J.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had company Sunday, Feb. 27. Coming for a visit was their granddaughter, Andrea Konchak of Indianapolis. They enjoyed a pleasant chat and the pot of beautiful hyacinths that Andrea brought for her grandmother.

Florence Hogan had a couple of callers Sunday. Coming up for a visit and bringing along Chinese carry-out for lunch were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette.

Ann Zartman and her daughters, Jane Green and Shirley Zartman, had a visitor Sunday. Stopping by for a pleasant afternoon chat was Ann's nephew, Larry Burnett.

Jon Gast and Angela enjoyed dining at the Oak Grove Restaurant in Star City Sunday afternoon.

Kay Brown was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike McKinney of Rochester. Helping them make the event with dinner and a lot of visiting were Kay's husband; Jerry; their son and his friend, Mike Brown and Lynn Hall; their daughter and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Will and Aidan; and their grandchildren and their families, Lindsay and Adam Loehner and Grandchild (the newest addition to the family) of Monterey and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Garrett; their grandsons, Kyle McKinney of Muncie and Michael C. Brown of Winamac; their granddaughter, Molly McKinney of Muncie and her friend, Mike; and Kay's mother and sister, Mary K. Williamson and Rita of Winamac.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Cathy

Carter, Dustin Ewing, Bill Lamb, Terrie Lamb, Luke Nikolich, Jerrod Steele and Tanner Sutton, March 6; Evan Baldwin, March 7; Kenny Keyser Jr. and Darla Kumlir, March 8; Josh Bangel, Chris Gallagher, Lisa Goodlet and Tom Hinkle, March 9; Helen Bitterling, Byron Doan, Hanna Ehinger, Wayne Lamb, Allison McColley and Dr. Tom Troutman, March 10; Patrick Markle and Brenda Whiteman, March 11; and Brandon Evers and Brannon Meagher, March 12.

There are two couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Jason Yocum, March 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wagoner, March 7.

### Local factory suffers fire damage

Winamac Coil Spring in Kewanee suffered fire damage in an early afternoon fire January 13. The fire was knocked down before it could cause excessive damage.

Firefighters were called about 1:24 p.m. when a fire started in a small paint building located in a warehouse area. When the fire's heat reached a certain temperature and melted fuse links, the fire doors to the warehouse were activated and dropped down instantly, sealing off the rest of the factory. That, along with the quick response from the fire department, greatly limited the amount of damage.

Eight fire departments including 50 fire fighters responded to the fire. Aiding the highly trained local department were firemen from Rochester, including their snorkel truck which was a key in fighting the fire, Fulton, Leuters Ford, Akron, Grass Creek, Winamac and Star City. Firemen were on the scene for seven hours. The factory lost some inventory, but the production area and an area presently under construction were not harmed.

Only about a day and a half of production time was lost due to the fire.

### Assistance for producers affected by snow, cold

Livestock and poultry producers throughout Indiana may be eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) assistance programs. Many are dealing with harsh winter weather which is causing serious harm to livestock and forage due to heavy snows, ice and extremely cold temperatures. FSA administers several programs that help producers recover from livestock deaths that are beyond normal mortality rates, losses of purchased and/or harvested forage, and with the additional cost of providing or transporting feed. Among the key programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). To be eligible for assistance for livestock death loss or feed losses, producers must file a notice of loss with their local FSA office within 30 calendar days after when the loss is apparent to

the producer. Fact sheets for these two programs can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov); click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets. Producers are also encouraged to use Hay Net on the FSA website, [www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet), an online service that allows producers with hay and those who may need to post ads so they can make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers who have an emergency need, such as the one caused by wintery conditions. Individual ads can be posted free of charge by producers who complete a simple online registration form the first time they use the site.

### Dates for 2011 CRP general signup announced

Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana has announced that a general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin March 14 and continue through April 15. During the signup period, farmers may offer eligible land for CRP competitive general signup at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

Land not currently enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective October 1, 2011.

To help ensure that interested farmers are aware of the signup period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with several conservation and

wildlife organizations that will all play an active role in USDA's 2011 CRP outreach efforts. FSA, which administers the CRP, will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that shows the environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the signup ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers. In addition to the general signup, CRP's continuous signup program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land. For more information, you can visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

### Kewanee/Union Twp. Library News...

Nicholas Hughes  
It has been a while since we have shared our "goings on" about the library. Let me give you a quick recap.

Our monthly Storytime events received positive reviews from those who matter most, children and their parents. The next Storytime will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Fun and food, stories and crafts, will be had by all. So come on by and see what the talk is about. We are still collecting contact information for those people interested in the G.E.D. program the library is sponsoring. If you are interested, stop on by and talk to us. The classes are getting ready to start, so act fast (ready for the cliché?), space is limited. Have you wondered what were

the new items added to the collection recently? Next to our New Book shelves is a list of recently added items for the Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction shelves, sorted by month. By reading it, you can keep up on your favorite authors and subjects. Lists will soon follow for Young Adult and Children sections.

The Kewanee-Union Township Public Library Board is looking for a new member. Applicants must have lived within Union Township for the past two years. If you are interested, please talk to me. There is a lot of activity going on next door with the building project. Concrete trucks arrived several times in the past couple months, with walls starting to form. Gravel trucks recently joined the party, and we are constantly hearing noises from the construction going on. All in all, this leaves us happy with the progress and actively looking forward to the completed building.

Well, that is all from here for this week. Next week, more information will abound, along with, perhaps, a question or two for you.

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