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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 \$9.50 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. +++

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 and Kewanna Pro Hardware. You can also call 574-653-2201 or 574-653-2824 for tickets. Proceeds from the event will fund local mission work. +++

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 home 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. +++

Farmers Market joins buffet at museum

The Farmers Market will join the breakfast buffet to be served at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum on Saturday, March 19. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and will offer farm products along with crafts and baked goods. The buffet will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. and will include biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, French toast, ham, fruit and drinks. The cost of the all-you-can-eat meal is \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-11. Tickets are available from Historical Society members or at the door. Proceeds will go towards museum expenses. +++

The News In Brief

The Woodlawn Foundation's annual golf tournament is June 16. For more information, call Deb Paxton at 574-223-1179 or email her at dpaxton@woodlawnhospital.com

The Fulton County Extension Homemakers is offering a \$300 scholarship to a Fulton County resident age 25 or older who meets certain criteria. For more information, call Christina Holloway at 574-223-3177. Applications are due April 15.

The Caston Jr./Sr. High winter sports awards night will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the cafeteria. All junior high and senior high winter athletes will be honored as well as the MWC academic all-conference winter athletes.

Starting the month of March, cell phone numbers go public unless they are on the National Do Not Call Registry for cell phones. To register a number on the list, call 888-382-1222 or visit www.donotcall.gov.

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is offering free short form tax filing for those over the age of 60 at the community center in Rochester. Appointments are available through March and can be made by calling 574-223-3716.

Shirley Needham will present a program on chimney swifts at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Fulton County Society Museum. The public is welcome to attend.

The Fulton County Historical Society will serve its annual breakfast buffet at the museum Saturday, March 19, from 7 to 11 a.m. The Farmers Market will also return that morning. The cost of the all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$6.50. The menu will include sausage gravy and biscuits, French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, fruit and drink.

The Fulton County Historical Society board of directors will meet at noon Saturday, March 19, at the museum.

There are no school menus this week as Caston and Eastern Pulaski will be on spring break next week.

Hope Hospice of Fulton County is in need of volunteers. Interested persons should call Wendy Reinartz at 574-224-4673 or 888-377-4673. You can also email Wendy at wendyreinartz@hopehospicefc.com.

Indiana University is preparing to offer about 3,000 employees a voluntary retirement buyout. Workers who accept the offer will be offered the offer as of June 30 and the job positions will not be filled.

The Indiana Department of

Youth League signup underway

The Kewanna Youth League is enrolling players for the 2011 season. Any boy or girl, ages 6-12, is welcome to play. Enrollment forms are available at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank, and the Kewanna Post Office. +++

Time to file 2011 personal property forms

Personal property returns are to be filed between March 1 and May 16. Failure to file a return by May 16, as required by law, will result in penalties. It is no longer the duty of the township trustees to assist with the filing of personal property returns. If you filed a business return (Form 103-L or 103-S) or a farm return (Form 102) last year, you will need to file the return this year at the Fulton County Assessor's office located in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Suite 206, Rochester. You need to turn in any new equipment you have acquired or any equipment that is no longer used for your business so that it can be taken off your equipment list.

Personal property forms can be picked up at the Fulton County Assessor's office, all local libraries in the county, the Fulton County Historical Society museum and the Kewanna town hall. Forms are also available from the State website at www.in.gov/digt. +++

Send In Your News

Natural Resources will open Lake Manitow this summer to all fishermen and boaters. The lake has been closed to anyone not living on the lake for five years due to the lake's problems with hydrilla plants.

Glenn I. Rude, 59, Trails End Lane, Rochester, died in a house fire last week. The fire was caused by an overloaded electrical power strip. Kewanna and Letters Ford fire fighters aided the Rochester Fire Department.

The Fulton Improvement Committee's spring pie sale is underway. The deadline for ordering is April 12 and pies can be picked up at 11 a.m. April 23 at the Fulton Community Building. To order your pies, call Nellie McGrew at 574-887-3875; Lois Gundrum, 574-887-3696; or Barb Hattery, 574-887-3197.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include various reports, a stop sign ordinance, claims, and old and new business. +++

Read-it-Again Book Fair

The Read-it-again Book Fair sponsored by the Caston Elementary PTO is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. The donated items will be sold in the south gym lobby and the public is invited to attend.

Most of the gently used books, magazines, audio tapes, CDs, video tapes and DVDs will be priced to sell at 25 cents each. There may also be a limited selection of new items priced at \$1 each.

The PTO is accepting donations at the elementary office. Items for children as well as adult materials (cookbooks, reference, how-to, craft ideas, gardening, novels, etc.) are welcome. Children will be attending the book fair, so please be sure that all items donated are appropriate for school-age eyes. Items may be dropped off during school hours beginning Monday, March 28. For more information, call PTO member Michaela Sliuser at 574-727-2866. +++

Auction to benefit animal shelter

The Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center will hold an annual art auction Saturday, May 14, at the Jackson Estates, Rochester.

The event will include a silent auction, live auction, food, drink and music. The center is looking for people to donate instruction time and lessons for the silent auction. Do you decorate cakes, play an instrument, craft, garden, water ski, paint, sculpt, bake pies, knit take photographs - all would make a wonderful silent auction item.

Animal art work is sought for the live auction. Paintings, sculpture, photographs, old or new, will be appreciated. All proceeds will go toward the new animal center in Fulton County.

For more information or to offer an auction item, contact Jan Ginter at 574-223-8977 or email JaleeGinter@comcast.net +++

Town of Kewanna taking applications

The Town of Kewanna is taking applications for the position of assistant superintendent. Interested persons can apply at the town hall Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Resumes are required. +++

The 53rd Annual Indiana Flower & Patio Show March 12-20 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$12; coupons available at www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com. Contact: HSI Show Productions (317) 716-9933 or www.indianaflowerandpatioshow.com.

Local Partnership Announces Business Training Program for New and Existing Business Owners

FEDCO, in partnership with the Fulton County REMC and by Tech Community College announces The NxLevel Business Planning and Management Course, a business training course designed to enhance entrepreneurial skills for start-up and existing businesses. The 6-week course is divided into 2 sections to assist entrepreneurs at all levels.

Section I, "What's Your Big Idea?" Four steps to test the feasibility of your business idea will help students analyze their idea before preparing a business plan.

Section II, "NxLevel for Entrepreneurs" will include writing the business plan and basic business management principles. This course is offered for those who have a business or business idea and who want to enhance management skills and prepare a business plan.

A certified NxLevel instructor and small business owner, David Miller, will teach the course. The class will feature local guest speakers as well. NxLevel for Entrepreneurs is designed to help small business owners, or those who plan to open their own business, learn the skills needed to create, develop, and strengthen successful business ventures. NxLevel addresses the special needs of the entrepreneur by providing a practical hands-on and commonsense approach to developing their business.

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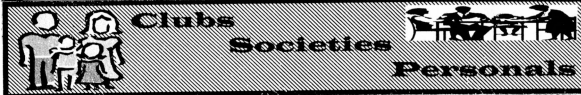
Section I, "What's Your Big Idea?" will be held March 22, 24 and 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Section II, NxLevel for Entrepreneurs**, will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on April 3 through April 26 at Fulton Economic Development Corporation office, 822 Main Street in Rochester. **Graduates of this course are eligible to apply for reduced interest loans.**

This course was regularly priced at \$220 but is now \$99.00 thanks to sponsor support. Partial scholarships and fee assistance is available for qualified individuals. Persons interested in this course must register NOW for a FREE orientation meeting. The orientation meetings will be held March 11 and 16 from 12:10-12:40 p.m. If these dates do not work for your schedule, special arrangements will be considered for orientation only. The 30-minute orientation meetings are being held at the Fulton Economic Development Corp offices located at 822 Main Street in Rochester.

To register for an orientation session or to find out more about the program contact Melissa Sanchez of FEDCO at 574-223-3326 or msanchez@fultondevelopment.org. ###

RECYCLING DATES
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THURS., MARCH 24

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Country Music Dinner Theatre
By Shirley Wildard

A dinner theatre including a delicious meal and country musicians is coming to the Fulton County Museum on March 26. Dinner will be from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. and the show will be 5:15 to 6:30. Cost is \$18 per person. The Fulton County Museum is located four miles north of Rochester on US 31.

Local musicians will set up scenery in the Richard Township memorial hall in the museum. The dinner will be cooked by Melinda Clinger and her helpers. The menu will consist of pork loin with gravy, pulled pork barbeque, potatoes, green beans with sausage, salads and desserts. Soft drinks are included.

Performers include "Cricketer" Debbie Horn and "Jeffro" Jeff Myers, Kewanna; Jessica Rensberger, Alicia Cox, Denny DeMarco, Randy Spaulding, Jim Conley all of Rochester; Kenny Gayne and Danny Conley, Argos; Rodney Ervin, Star City; Stan Garrison - the Banjo Man, Muncie; Bev Carpenter of Rochester and the Tri-County Kickers. They will be joined by Eleesha Daily, South Bend, of the Hooster Country Band.

The Community State Bank of Kewanna, Royal Center and

Twieze Mile is helping to sponsor the event. Proceeds will benefit the Fulton County Museum.

The musicians and singers will entertain with songs of Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Jim Reeves, and more. Denny Demarco was a member of The Country Travelers with Rex Allen Jr. and recorded in Nashville. Rodney Irwin recorded in Nashville too.

The show was put together by Debbie Horn. Her background in country music comes from her father Ed Thomas - stage name "F.F. Carlo" who wrote "The Farmers and the Miners" which was recorded by Red Sovine. Debbie lived with her family in Nashville, later moving to Leiters Ford. Her uncle Jack Liston wrote "High Priced Gas" a song that is currently popular.

Jeff Myers is related on his father's side to the Waltons of Virginia. His great grandmother was a full-blood Choctaw named Song Tree Walton Myers, who moved to Mecca, Indiana. Jeff remembers her sitting in a rocking chair while the family played instruments and sang. This was when he was a boy in the 1960s. She would go to the bathroom to smoke her corn cob pipe because she considered it not proper for a woman to smoke in public. The family sang Hank Williams songs and lots of

other country music from the days when country music was still country.

Jeff commented that most Hoosiers come from Kentucky, Virginia and the south. He is proud to be a Hillbilly. He built the set for the show, creating a cabin, a barn and an outhouse. Jeff does the comedy and puppetry. He will bring his puppet Cousin Clem.

Country music thrives in Indiana. Remember that Loretta Lynn's sister, Crystal Gayle, graduated from Wabash High School.

Some funny stuff will be going on as well as a foot stompin' good time. This "Tribute to Legends of Country Music" will be a memorable and entertaining show.

Akron jam

The third "Friday Jam" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Akron Community Center. You are invited to bring your acoustic instruments and come sit-in with the group or just come to listen to the sounds of blue grass, country and gospel music. Those attending should bring a snack to share. Coffee and juice will be served. There is no charge for the evening's festivities, but donations are accepted.

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Swing into spring

The Akron Area Arts League is hosting an evening of swing and big band music for your dancing and listening enjoyment Saturday, March 26, at the Akron Community Building, located east of Akron and north on State Road 14. The Manchester Civic Band will provide the music from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per household. Snacks, iced tea and punch will be provided. This evening is made possible by Lake City Bank, Dean Foods, Hoffman's Body Shop and the Art League volunteers.

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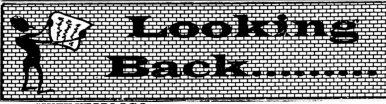
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
March 15, 1951

A bridge 1 1/2 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Grass Creek collapsed recently as Loyd Gault was driving his 1948 Ford truck loaded with gravel across it. Gault heard the bridge start to collapse and managed to get the truck across just before the bridge slid into the creek. Unfortunately, the collapse threw the truck off balance and it tipped over just as it reached the far shore, causing heavy damage to the frame and body.

Mary Emmons announced this week that she will move the State Road Cafe from the corner of Main and State Road 17 to the Gottschalk building located between Urban Auto and the Floretine Beauty Shop on Main Street.

Delbert Roy Rans, Jr., son of Mrs. D. R. Rans, Kewanna, has been appointed group leader of his squad which is undergoing Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Anderson entertained at a birthday party Sunday, March 4, in honor of their granddaughter, Mary Ruth Anderson, who was celebrating her 10th birthday. Helping her celebrate the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Anderson and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney, Kate and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kreamer and Doris, all of here; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Groninger and Mrs. Iva Butterbaugh of

North Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hizer, Rt. 2, Kewanna, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jeanne, to Gene Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. EdTed Miller, Rt. 3, Kewanna. The couple will exchange vows Sunday, April 1, at the Grass Creek EUB Church.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
March 15, 1956

Doris Kreamer, a student at Ball State in Muncie, will tour the state with the Ball State marching band beginning Sunday morning. Doris is a baton twirler with the band.

Jim Zellers left Friday for Thule Air Force Base in Greenland where he will serve with the Air Force. He expects to be stationed there a year.

Joan Witham, a 1954 KHS graduate, finished her basic training with the Women's Army Corp Wednesday, March 7, at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Mrs. Clyde Mosher will leave the last of the week for Providence, Rhode Island, where she will visit in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson.

Mrs. Glenn Kersrick was hostess to the Tri Beta bridge club Tuesday evening. Those winning prizes were Helena Shine and Katherine Hiland.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reichard celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house in the afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson of Providence, Rhode Island, are the parents of a daughter, Jolene Kay, born March 8, Mrs. Pearson

is the former Bonnie Mosher. The post office building. The building being razed and the library are two of the original buildings constructed in Fulton in the early 1850s. Most of the interior finishes is poplar boards, some more than two feet wide. Marvin Zabst and Fulton Lumber are clearing the site and are contractors for the new post office.

Mrs. Harold Hickie entertained with two birthday parties Thursday afternoon honoring the ninth birthday of her brother, Robert Knucker, and the third birthday of her son, Tommy. Robert's guests were Ruth Ann, Bobby and Earl Best, Debbie Patridge, Penny Kersrick, Don Cochran, Alan McPherson, Billy Shull, Judy Higgins, Becky Anderson and Johnny Good. Tommy's guests were Christy Hickie, Jeanne and Gary Best and Susan Hickie. Robert's cake depicted an Army barracks while Tommy's had a cowboy theme.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
March 16, 1961

The recent heavy snowfall brought headaches to many, but Ted and Martin Van Meter turned the event into some fun with the building of a nine-foot tall snowman. Mrs. Van Meter reports that several passersby slowed down to look at the snow spectacle and some even stopped.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Johnston, Rt. 1, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharyn Kay, to James E. Hiland. Mr. Hiland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Hiland, Kewanna. Both are graduates of Kewanna High School. Miss Johnston attended Ball State Teachers College and is presently employed by Northern Indiana Public Service Co. in Peru. Mr. Hiland is a student at Purdue University.

Mary Ann Chizum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chizum, Rt. 1, Kewanna, was recently elected social chairman of Delta Zeta sorority at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie. Miss Chizum is a sophomore majoring in elementary education.

Overmyer, both students at Kewanna, are finalists in a contest for a trip to the United Nations. The girls presented speeches about why they would like to visit the UN at a meeting of the Fulton County Toastmasters March 10 at the Wil-Wood Cafe in Letters Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rans of Riverside, California, are the parents of a son, Lowell Max, Jr., born February 26. The baby weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Douglass spent Sunday at Delphi with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Douglass and helped Karen Kay Douglass celebrate her birthday. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richter of South Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Don Douglass and family of Logansport.

James Hubeny, Sr., 70, Kewanna, died Tuesday evening in the Wabash Railway Employees Hospital at Peru. Survivors include his wife, the former Katherine Peters, three sons, James Jr. and Robert E., both of Kewanna, and Charles R. of Downers Grove, Illinois; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Matthew Drennan officiating. Burial will be St. Peter's Cemetery, Winamac.

FORTY YEARS AGO
March 15, 1971

Diane Evers and Susan

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The Kewanna community is working to raise \$5,000 to purchase a tractor and accessories for Camp Buffalo. Solicitors for the project are Kenneth Cook, Joe Good, Bill Fisher, Ed Mollencupp and Aron Ouseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Rude, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born at Woodlawn Hospital Monday, March 15. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rude, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Clurel Hunter, Kewanna, are the maternal grandparents.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
March 12, 1981

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Harrison Metzger Garden Chapel, Kewanna, for Loyd Wellington, 87, Kewanna. Rev. Gene

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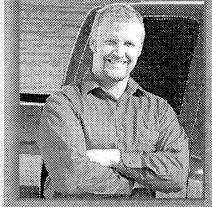
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Personell officiated and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. A local contractor, he was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church; served for two years as president of the Kewanna Progressive Association; and was president of the Kewanna town board from 1947-1967.

Kim Feece of Kewanna has been named an honor student at Indiana University, South Bend.

Five Montz has been appointed to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board by the Kewanna town board. He will fill the unexpired term of Don Kegarisie who recently resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Garner, Rt. 1, Kewanna, will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Monday, March 16. The couple celebrated their anniversary with a family dinner Sunday in Logansport.

Betty Jo Doty, Mabel MacLain and Ruby Baldwin attended Brian Doty's fourth grade square dance program at Winamac recently. Mabel's nephew, Donnie Shidler, a fifth grader, also participated in the program.

TWENTY YEARS AGO March 14, 1991

George Halterman, Rochester, has been inducted into United Parcel's Indiana District Circle of Honor. The program recognizes UPS drivers who have driven without an accident for at least 28 years. Halterman, now retired, worked out of the

Bourbon office and made UPS deliveries to Kewanna.

Ralph and Helen Bitterling will be honored at a 50th wedding anniversary open house Sunday, March 17, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rochester. Bitterling and the former Helen Conn were married March 12, 1941.

A farewell supper was held Saturday evening for Brian Doty at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doty. Brian left this week to make his home in Oregon.

Barbara Gast was pleasantly surprised on her birthday Sunday when her daughters, Cora Lynn Sutton of Leiters Ford and Randy Wagener of Rochester, arrived with dinner, flowers and a balloon bouquet.

Mrs. Golda Bailey attended a farewell party Sunday for Paul Wheadon who will spend three weeks in France as an exchange student along with other students from Rochester. The party was hosted by Paul's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wheadon and Golda.

Helen Whiteman has returned home from Morgantown, West Virginia, where she visited Mr. David and Dr. Cindy Parker. She also visited briefly in Indianapolis Monday with Dr. and Mrs. Ray Rice.

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By: Jill Perltter



Doggone good advice from the Cat

Meow. It's me again, the Cat. You may remember my discourse from a previous occasion. Today I've brought my vast cat intelligence to fill your ordinary day with a dose of feline insight. Lucky you. I'll let you in on a little secret: I have the universe at my whisksers and I'm not afraid to say so. Cats rule the world. Oh sure, humans pay the rent, but we control the house - and all the contents therein. Including the dog.

Take my dog (and I mean that in the literal sense). I'd hand her over in an instant. Doing so would simplify my life. I'm all for simplicity - more so when it benefits me. Trouble is, the humans here have grown attached to the loud, slobbering, tail-wagging beast. Although technically I am in charge, I try not to overtly displease the humans - in particular the ones with access to the catnip. The dog, however, is another story. I displease her whenever felinely possible.

Dog. What kind of a term is that? Say it out loud in the way you humans are fond of doing. Dog. Even the word sounds less than... Less than what? That's the point. Dog is just less than. I would apologize for my attitude, but I am incapable of insincerity. I am a cat (thank goodness); my purr resonates only the truth.

I live with a canine, which is the term I prefer over the colloquial and unsophisticated "dog." (You might say I am a refined feline.) Our pooch outweighs me by at least 70 pounds, clearly giving her the physical advantage. She knows nothing of this, because she is (repeat after me with disdain) a dog. She watches helplessly as I drink from her water dish, lie on her doggy pillow and, on occasion (when I am desperate), eat her food. The dog understands something many humans do not: cats possess wisdom and finesse allowing superiority over the canine species.

Either, that, or it's the claws. Any dog that's had a run in with yours truly will tell you one thing: my claws are sharp and I'm not afraid to use them. Okay, that's two things, but who's counting? (Certainly not the dog. Incapable.)

As a cat I experience infinite knowledge, not to mention the ability to count that high. My cleverness is equaled only by my gorgeous appearance, self-assured confidence and perfect tail posture. Well, that and my naturally humble disposition.

While it's clear dogs will never

be my equal, I'm sure they will possess some shred of value. If I could think of what that might be, I would write about it here, but there'll be plenty of opportunity to explore that subject during another lifetime. (I can probably fit it in between naps.)

Speaking of which, I believe I'm approaching time for a catnap right now. Frequent snoozing keeps my instincts honed and my mind sharp. I've shared some keen tidbits with you today. I hope you are grateful for my dialogue. If not, well, let's just say I won't lose any sleep over the matter. Because, until next time, I remain...
Apathetically Yours,

The Cat.
Jill Perltter, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at perltterj@guest.net or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchs.com/>.

Making the bread

It was bread day in third grade and I was on duty as parent volunteer with four eager 8-year olds in my group.

We were handed a recipe and a large, heavy-duty plastic zipper bag. The ingredients for our task sat on tables at the front of the room. They were of the regular sort: flour, sugar, water, oil and yeast. Our instructions advised us to mix them in the bag and go home with bread at the end of the day. Easy enough. Although I didn't want to admit it, I stood on a leavened playing field with my young bread-making apprentices. Oh, my handsy enough when it comes to flour, sugar, water and oil. It was the yeast that had me deflated.

Working with live (hungry) organisms in the kitchen tends to frazzle my nerves. (I'm talking about the yeast here, not the kids.) I could go into detail about my bread-making fiasco of 1997, but let's just say yeast and I don't mix well.

At least we didn't. Until bread day in my son's third grade class.

My young bakers scooped, poured and tossed the ingredients into the plastic bag. After checking once, twice and three times to ensure the seal was sealed we were ready for the fun part: kneading the dough.

In third grade terms this involves punching, poking, prodding and jabbing at the dough through the plastic with 8-year old fingers. Voracious is an understatement of the kneading capabilities of third graders.

Some of us were rather violent in our interpretation of kneading. I am proud to say my team of bakers did not puncture our bag. Other groups were not so fortunate.

I'd never witnessed aggressive kneading before and hoped our yeast would survive. In my experience, yeast can be temperamental. I didn't want to be the one to explain to my eager third graders that we'd "killed" our yeast. However, I must have had a tough lot because our bread rose just like the label promised. My son thought it tasted better than cotton candy.

I was impressed. And inspired. So I did the unthinkable. I went to the grocery store and bought some yeast. We must have had an it was an optimistic (albeit weak) moment. Maybe my memories from 1997 were flawed. Certainly I had the skills to equal the bread-making prowess of a bunch of third graders.

I stirred the ingredients together and the finished product was enough to give anyone dough-envy. It was beautiful. It smelled good (sort of like unbaked bread). It didn't stick to my fingers and rolled into a perfect bread-dough ball. The confidence swelled within me as I separated my handwork into golf ball-sized pieces, placed them on a baking sheet, covered them with a clean towel and left them on the warm counter.

I checked back in 10 minutes. No action. Twenty minutes later - still no rising or enlargement of my buns. After two hours, I threw the dough balls away. I was down, but never beaten. I took another look at my yeast packet. It's important to read labels. Make a note of that for yourself. My recipe called for quick-rising yeast. I'd bought the regular variety.

Back to the store I went - optimism spewed from me like multiplicated bubbles from a hand grader. All I needed was the right yeast and this bread thing would be a piece of cake.

Once home, I stirred everything together - again - and created nothing short of *Piece dough resistance*. One thing was for sure: I had the dough thinging down pat.

The rising of the dough, however, was not so triumphant. I was beginning to understand the true meaning of desperate housewife.

My third "loaf," while edible, baked up heavy as a fruitcake. I called it progress and willed myself to gear up for a fourth attempt. I will not let this bread thing break me - although I must admit my confidence is not as light and airy as it once was. I'm cultivating a plan for mastering the yeast. The next time I "make bread" I think I'll invite my son to help. Because when comes to the science of yeast, I now know one thing for sure: I am definitely not smarter than a third grader.

Kewanna/Union Twp. Library News

Nicholas Hughes

In recent months, the general chatter about e-readers and electronic books has skyrocketed. This is trend is not only present in content with a national perspective, but more and more people that I talk to from this community seem to be interested in the idea of an e-reader. As a librarian, this brings up multiple points of interest for me, the main one of which is how can the library best serve those with e-readers? There are a few options that can be looked into, but each of them requires that I gather information. That being said, the most important question facing me is "How many people have an e-reader or are interested in purchasing one, and if so, which one?" I encourage everyone to whom this applies, please come in and let me know.

The awning is off. For those of you who have not yet seen the library, as of last weekend, the metal awning that stood over the front door for the library is now gone. This is just another part of the construction project, and one that makes the building both younger and more majestic.

The Kewanna-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.

Our monthly Storytime events received positive reviews from those who matter most; children and their parents. The next

Storytime will be on March 26th. 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.

Letter To The Editor...

Virtual Charter Schools Touch Every Part Of Indiana And Potentially Cause All 292 School Systems To Receive Less Dollars For Classes And Programs

House Bill 1002 is about charter schools. Included in its provisions are virtual charter schools, the subject of this commentary.

Charter schools are often thought of as a brick and mortar building like a traditional school building. Currently there are 62 of these charter schools. Most of these are located in the areas of Indianapolis, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Gary. Typically you don't find a brick and mortar charter school in rural and sparsely populated areas.

During this school year there are also two pilot virtual schools operating in Indiana. See www.castoncomets.org for more info. Students' entire educational program is done on the Internet from their home. They never have to visit a brick and mortar building. For this year Indiana

authorized the creation of only two virtual charter schools with a total maximum enrollment of 500. This was reached and both online schools had a waiting list.

However, should HB 1002 become law in its present form it would allow a virtual charter school, with no limit on the number of such charters or enrollment, to serve any student regardless of where they live in the state. If the student previously attended a traditional public school those dollars would be lost to the school and follow the student to the virtual charter school. Dollars received per student vary from about \$4,800 to \$8,400 depending on the school system with Caston School Corporation receiving about \$5,700 per student.

Thus, charter schools would no longer be a factor only in urban areas. The impact of virtual charter schools would be felt in all parts of Indiana including rural and sparsely populated areas and all 292 school systems would be subject to losing students (and dollars) to virtual charter schools.

Whether you think this is a good or bad idea you are encouraged to contact your state senator and representative to express your opinion.

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Time for a look!
Time that all bankers, Wall Street guys, politicians – state and national – work for the same salaries as our teachers and public employees. I might even

go for the top salaries that many get after years in the profession. The numbers are published every year in the local newspapers.

I would also give them the same health and retirement plans as teachers and public employees. Take the national average. That might help out some.

Let their retirement income be equal to the top of the public employees. I know that may be very high for most. But want to give those that caused the problems in the first place a little break.

I guess we are suppose to have faith that the "big boys" will take us right.

Take from the middle class and the working class and give it to the upper class – those that make the jobs mostly overseas. What a deal!

One day the Wall Street guys, Wall Street bankers, other business tycoons will realize that if the middle class can not afford what they make we will all be in the same class. No class at all. Maybe they should re-read history and discover what Henry Ford knew. If the factory worker can not afford what he makes

what is the point.

Need a revolution in thinking. If you don't like what is happening you have to do something about it. Not only vote with the ballot but also vote with your money. Move it to those places that support the working people of America.

Let us support our teachers and public employees. They are the ones that work for us. Teach our children, protect us and often save our property. Do we really want everything out sourced? You can get the service if you can afford it otherwise you are left out.

Do we want those least able to speak up to be at the mercy of the "holy dollar"? I would like to see the numbers -- the real books -- of all the out sourced services and see how much has been saved and where is the money. Show me the money! Just pondering!

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The County Commissioners approved the online sale, to be conducted by SRI, Inc. SRI provides tax sale and related services to 86 counties in Indiana and have been contracted by Fulton County officials for over a decade. The Commissioners will utilize this sale to return delinquent tax properties back to the tax rolls and benefit those citizens of the county that conscientiously pay their tax obligations.

For more information on the sale, go to: www.sri-taxsale.com or call Clair Schaler at SRI, at 1-800-800-9588.

STATEWIDE WINTER MORATORIUM EXPIRED MARCH 15

NIPSCO Reminds Customers of Available Energy Assistance Options

With the state's winter moratorium ending March 15, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) reminds customers enrolled in the state's Energy Assistance Program

(EAP) with outstanding balances that a number of assistance programs and payment arrangements are available to help customers with their utility bills. Between Dec. 1 and March 15, natural gas utilities in Indiana do not disconnect service to EAP customers who are delinquent on their home heating bills.

"Working together with our customers to get them the assistance they need is our main focus, especially during this time of year," said Cindy Jackson, manager of energy efficiency and energy assistance programs for NIPSCO. "We offer a number of programs designed to help provide those customers who may be experiencing financial challenges or falling behind on their energy bills through a variety of payment options and other available resources."

Although the number of customers receiving state energy assistance dollars is expected to remain similar to last year, the number of NIPSCO households who have applied for heating energy assistance - some for the first time - has increased since 2008.

In addition to state funds available to EAP customers, NIPSCO's Customer Assistance

for Residential Energy (CARE) program provides an additional \$6 million in energy assistance to NIPSCO customers. NIPSCO contributes 25 percent of the total program costs.

AVAILABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDS

A number of options for receiving energy assistance funds exist when it comes to meeting the needs of low-income, elderly and disabled customers, as well as those hit hardest by the economy.

- Indiana Energy Assistance Program (EAP):** Customers falling within 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines may be eligible to receive state and federal utility assistance dollars by visiting their local community action agency.
- NIPSCO CARE Discount Program:** Provides bill reductions in addition to EAP for customers falling within 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Once they are qualified for EAP, customers are automatically enrolled in the program and reductions range from 11 to 26 percent, depending on the same criteria used by the state in determining the

level of assistance through EAP.

- NIPSCO Hardship Funds:** NIPSCO provides energy assistance funds for those customers who fall between 151-200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Hardship funds are available through the same local community action agencies where EAP funds are distributed.

- Reduced Deposits:** NIPSCO has reduced the deposit requirement amount for customers who are enrolled in the state's EAP program. Deposits are capped at \$50 for each NIPSCO gas meter and \$50 for each electric meter.

- Township Trustees:** Provides customers with home heating bill assistance. Customers are encouraged to contact their local Township Trustee to see what help is available.

- Credit Agreement:** Allows customers to make an initial payment within four days of the agreement, then spread the remaining unpaid balance over three months, plus current bills as they are due.

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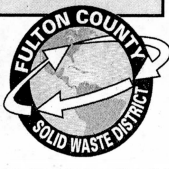
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By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Tim Cogdill spent Monday morning, March 7, with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. He returned Thursday afternoon so he and Ruth could welcome his sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter. (The Teeters had flown in from Austin, Texas Wednesday afternoon and are scheduled to return to Texas March 15.) Jane will be completing her visiting nurses' contract at Dell Children's Hospital at the end of April. She and Jim will return to Bluffton for the summer. Jane is hoping to return to Dell in the fall as she enjoyed spending the winter in Texas. Jane and Jim treated the family to pizza and everyone enjoyed the get-together.

Don and Pauline Scates had a visitor Tuesday, March 8. Joining them for a chat was their daughter, Phyllis Kootz of Rochester. Later, Phyllis and Pauline drove into town to do some shopping.

Renee Colley had a working visitor last week. Helping her around the house for a couple of

days was her friend, Dick Fedorchak.

Pauline and Don Scates had a surprise caller Thursday, March 10. Stopping by for a wonderful visit was their niece, Kay Putt, of New Haven.

Joe and Karen Good attended the first session of the Big Ten men's basketball tournament Thursday in Indianapolis. Tom and Linda Garner had a working visitor Friday, March 11. Coming down to help with a project was their daughter, Amanda Wassermann of Valparaiso.

Wilma Wilson enjoyed a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne, Saturday, March 12. In the evening, the threesome joined in Rochester. Jon and Barb Gast and Angela had a visitor Saturday. Coming for a visit and joining them for supper was Suzy Meyer.

Helen Whiteman had a nice time Saturday evening. She attended the chili, baked potato and salad bar at the Kewanee United Methodist Church. The meal was served by the church's Young Groups, Crossroads and Turning Point.

Florence Hogan had a few callers Sunday, March 13. Coming up for a visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys had brought along some groceries for Florence and helped with some household chores. Later, they were surprised by a visit from Florence's grandson, Noah

Hogan. They had a wonderful time catching up on all the family news.

Wilma Wilson had a fun afternoon Sunday. She was among those helping her great-grandson, Garrett Schroder, celebrate his 11th birthday.

Barb Gast was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her husband and daughter, Jon Gast and Angela. Helping them make the day with dinner and a lot of visiting were the Gasts' sons, Don Weller of Kathleen, Georgia and Rick Weller of LaPorte; their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon; their daughter, Cora Lynn Clemons; their grandson, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw; their grandson and his sons, Doug Sutton, Ethan and Owen, of Goshen; their granddaughter and her children, Kim Jenkins, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn; their great-granddaughter, Shelby Wagoner of Eta Green; their great-nephew and his wife, Larry and Bev Baldwin; and Angela's friend, Glenn Scott of Wakarusa.

Helen Whiteman had a working visitor over the weekend. Doing some repair work around the house was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Bill Guppton, Louise Masteller, Darlene Mausana, Cary L. Plummer, Jerry J. Plummer and Adam Troutman, March 20; Randy Hall, Ryan Hall, Lorna Mollencupp, Haley Rigney, Samson Shaw and Joshua Tom, March 21; Larry Bucks, Tina Pesaresi and Bryan Thomas,

March 22; Catlin Behny, Rob Kuntler, Ron Lett and Jackson Murphy, March 23; Louis Bangei, Dr. Jeff Bitterling, Jim James, Michael LaFollette, Spencer Markey and Ryan Troutman, March 24; Steve Hinderlider, Bob Plummer and Taylor Williams, March 25; and Cress Hizer, Gabrielle Lewis, Jeff MacLean, Susan Norris and Kevin Whiteman, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bowyer will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 25. + + +

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