

Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery Clean-Up Scheduled For April 20th

Spring clean-up at the Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery has been set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 20th. Everyone is urged to help with this community project to get ready for the mowing season.

Persons who have grave decorations they would like to save are asked to remove them before the clean-up as ALL the old, faded decorations will be removed. The cemetery association reminds everyone that new decorations should be placed on the stone or foundation, not in the ground, to make for easier mowing.

The association's annual meeting will be held immediately following the clean-up. Persons who would like to donate towards the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery can send their contribution to Evelyn Peters, Box 402, Kewanna, IN 46939.

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 VON 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. 9 Street, Suite 206, Rochester, You to turn in any new need 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 office, all Assessor's 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/dlqf.

Tax statements mailed

The Fulton County tax statements for 2010 due and payable in 2011 have been mailed. If you have not received a statement, call 574-223-2913 for a copy or check online at www.fultontax.net.

You should also be sure that your address is correct so the postal department can deliver your statement.

The spring installment is due May 10. The burden of paying the tax is upon the taxpaver. even though they did not receive a statement. Payments can be made online or at Community State Bank, First Financial Bank, Lake City Bank or the Fulton County Treasurer's office at 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. +++

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)

Benefit breakfast for Jim Hott

A benefit pancake and sausage breakfast for Jim Hott, Kewanna will be held Saturday, April 30, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

lim, a local resident and volunteer firefighter, was very seriously injured in an accident on December 16 in Sturgis, South Dakota, He continues to recover from this incident. Proceeds will go towards medical costs that he has incurred.

Chicken and noodle dinner at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pulaski will serve its annual chicken and noodle dinner Sunday, April 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Children age five and under may eat free. Carry outs will be available and the event will also include a bake sale and quilt raffle

+++ **Hospice volunteer** training

Hope Hospice will conduct volunteer training classes starting April 19 in Logansport. There are several volunteer opportunities including patient companion, heres ement fund raising office. and community relations. Volunteers undergo pre-assignment sening, training and intation to the hospice will unus. screening, training, training, to the philosophy of care.

Persons interested in volunteering should call Wendy Reinartz at the Hope Hospice office, 574-224-4673

Christian men's breakfast Saturday

Area men are invited to attend Christian men's breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The breakfast will feature sausage gravy and biscuits.

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The Kewanna United Methodist Church has completed its Wednesday night soup suppers for the season. The church delivered/served approximately 1,045 bowls of soup January through March, closing down one week due to bad weather

The Kewanna Kafe is now under new ownership. The local restaurant will be conducting local employment interviews Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12. See their ad in the classified section.

The Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, will observe new hours beginning May 13, Hours a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday will be 8 through Friday.

The Fulton County Park Board will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. at Germany Bridge.

The Fulton County Com-missioners will meet in executive session at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 11, in the Fulton County Building Office conference room 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. They will mee according to I.C. 5-14-1.5 meet 6.1(a)(9) to discuss performance evaluation of an individual employee.

Vincente Hernandez Olivares 22, of Twelve Mile was killed just before 5 a.m. Monday when his SUV missed a curve on State Road 25 about a mile south of Caston and landed in a ditch.

The Fulton Liberty Lions Club will hold an Easter egg hunt for children under the age of 12 at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17. The eve will be held at the Liberty Township Park in Fulton. For more information, call Linda Wade at 574-857-6101

Fulton The Improveme Committee is taking orders for its annual pie sale. To place an order, call Nellie McGrew at 574-857-3875 or Lois Gundrum at 574-857-3695 by April 12. Pies can be picked up at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at the Fulton Community Building.

Monterey Tippecanoe The Township Volunteer Fire Department will serve a walleye try from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the fire station in Monterey. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under the age of 10; and free for children younger that 6 eating with a parent.

Indiana House Democrats have been assessed \$120,000 in fines due to their five-week walkout. According to State Auditor Tim Berry, he has been instructed to withhold 20 percent of the representatives' weekly perdiem checks until the fines have paid. been The House Democrats say they will contest the collection questioning the legality and noting that fines

Easter egg hunt, April 17

The Women's Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Easter egg hunt Sunday, April 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Children ages infant through 11 years of age are welcome to enjoy the festivities.

Youth League signup underway

The Kewanna Youth League enrolling players for the 2011 roncon

Any boy or girl, ages 6-12, is welcome to play. Enrolls forms are available at Enrollment the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank, and the Kewanna Post Office. +++

imposed for past walkouts were forgiven

The Farmers Market currently being held at the County Fulton Museum Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The market will relocate to the Fulton County Courthouse parking lot beginning May 14. Vendors of farm produce, meat, cheese, baked goods, crafts and other market items are welcome. Space rent is \$5 each and reservations are not required. Baked goods and coffe e are available for breakfast.

The Akron Area Arts League is sponsoring a trip to the Artis Marketplace at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the Indianapolis Museum of Art for Saturday, April 16. The cost of the trip is \$35 per person and preregistration is required as seating is limited. Pick-up stops will be in Rochester at 8 a.m.; Akron at 8:15 am and North ester at 8:45 a.m. Checks should be made payable to AAAL, P.O. Box 702, Akron, IN 46910. For more information, call Priscilla at 574-893-4120 or email rpburdge@frenc.coop

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 Christa Holloway at 574-223-3397. Applications are due April 15.

The Fulton County Women's Giving Circle is accepting applications from community organizations. Grant projects must be charitable in nature but organizations are not required to have 501@(3) status. To obtain an application or for more information, contact 574-224-3223, www.nicf.org or visit the Fulton County Community Foundation office at 715 Main St. in Rochester

und Barn Cyclists and Nickel Plate Trail will meet Wednesday, April 13, at 5:15 p.m. in the Wellness Center, Rochester. Spring and summer plans will be

Jackie Walorski at Jarrety's

Area residents are invited to meet with Jackie Walorski during the noon hour at Jarrety's Place, 701 Main St., Rochester, Friday, April 8. Walorski recently announced that she will be a candidate for the 2nd District Congressional seat again in 2012.

Constituents are invited to attend and bring their questions and concerns.

Ice cream social, April 30

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups of the Kewanna United Methodist Church will host an ice cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in the church annex to raise funds for church camp this summer. There will be a bake sale and a chance aleo to win several very nice prizes. Items to be given away include a Wii system: a Sears red and chrome gas grill w/side burner; laundry care for a year; family fun pack w/summer games and a Kodak 12 mp digital camera with charger; a 12-piece grill set w/digital fork and case; and a Mother's Day package including a \$50 gift certificate to Refined othing Boutique, hair cut and \$30 gift certificate to HeadLines, manicure at Heat Waves, a fullbody massage at Fulton County ssage and a Dove beauty set. Every one is urged to attend, enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors, win some nice prizes and help the youth pay their way to a great camping experience.

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Holy Week services at Methodist Church

Plans for Holy Week services have been announced at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m. April 21 with Good Friday services on April 22, also at 7 p.m.

An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, April 24, followed by a carry-in breakfast. The regular Sunday morning worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend

any or all of these services. +++

James F. Talbott VFW Post **April Activities**

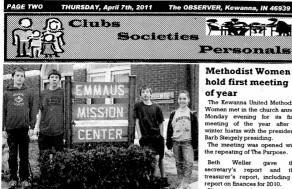
Tuesday, April 12 - Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 - Easter egg hunt at Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station for infants through 11 years of age, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 18 - Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 24 -- Нарру

Easter! No open Sunday. Tuesday, April 26 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

RECYCLING DATES THURS., APR. 7TH THURS., APR. 21ST



Eagle Scout project

Trey Doan, a Life Scout from Troop 215, worked on his Boy Scout Eagle project on his spring break from Caston.

Trey and several of his friends and family members repaired and painted the sleeping areas the Emmaus Center at in Logansport. The center is a shelter that provides temporary housing and assistance to those in need. Trey and his crew put in a total of 74 man-hours to complete the project. Paint and supplies were donated by Home Trey Depot and Wal-Mart learned of the need at the Emmaus Center when he was working on his Citizenship in the Community merit badge last fall. Volunteer coordinator Linda Hoffman gave Trey a tour of the center and pointed out the several projects that were needed.

Some of those involved are pictured here and include, left to right, Brett Milburn, Trey Doan,

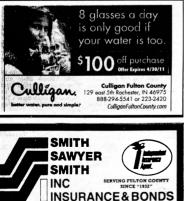
Shawn Brown and Ryonn Doan (Trey's sister). Trey is the grandson of Millie Redweik, Kewanna

Grass Creek/North Caston alumni gathering, April 30

The annual Grass Creek and North Caston alumni and friends April 30, at the Caston Educational Center, Fulton. The doors will open at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Group pictures for the graduation years of 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961 and 1966 will be taken beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations should he postmarked by April 23 and sent to Ann Becker, 5732 West 950 South, Kewanna, IN 46939. If unable to make reservations by that date, please call 574-889 2200 by April 28.





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Methodist Women hold first meeting

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met in the church annex Monday evening for its first meeting of the year after a vinter hiatus with the president, Barb Steigely presiding. The meeting was opened with

the repeating of The Purpose. Weller gave the

secretary's report and the treasurer's report, including a report on finances for 2010.

Plans were made to deliver bud vases to shut-ins and nursing home residents in May. The group will also find a time to remove labels from prescription medicine bottles and get them ready to ship to the mission field In keeping with its "Purpose

the group voted to give a \$100 donation to Angela Gast, church member who is leaving for the mission field in Uganda in June will be working with Every Child Ministries

Devotions were offered by Karen Good. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Beth Weller. Karen Good received the door prize.

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Hope Hospice gala

Hope Hospice of Fulton County 30, from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight at player.

Reservations may be made by calling 574-224-4673. +++

AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station Monday, April 11 - Chicken mashed breast with gravy, potatoes, spinach, cookie, roll and milk Wednesday, April 13 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit, wheat

bread and milk Friday, April 15 - Chili mac, green beans, salad, applesauce. crackers and milk

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Auxiliary donation

The Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary recently donated children's books to Woodlawn Pediatrics. The books were Pediatrics. The a fundraising book fair held last March, Some of the books include "Cinderella", "Your Body," "Why Should I Bother to be Fit?", "Going to the Hospital", and "Why Do People Eat".

Pictured from left to right are Auxiliary Past President JoAnne Burch, Dr. Jerrod Feldman, Dr. Rajashree Mohanty, Dr. Kevin Reyburn, and Pat Szymczak, Auxiliary president.

Beginners oil painting workshop

Wade Bussert and Lindsev Kozubik of Kewanna will hold a beginners oil painting workshop June 17 - 19 at the Works in Progress Studio on Kewanna's Main St.

This workshop is intended for adults interested in learning oil painting through study of still life. Some drawing skills would be beneficial, but no previous painting skills are required. A recommended supply list will be mailed after registration forms and payments are received. The cost of the three-day workshop is \$100. Registration, including your name, address, telephone number and payment can be sent to Wade Bussert, Box 151, Kewanna, IN 46939.

For more information, call 574-653-3002 or 574-835-6055

Kewanna Community FOOD PANTRY United Methodist Church

Open Thursdays by Appointment Call (574) 653-2201 or (574) 653-9052

Republican Women meet

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club met at 7 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Fulton County Republican Headquarters in Rochester.

The president, Pat Hoover, called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Joan Steele presented the

minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report which were approved.

The president stated that she should have the new program books for the club by the April meeting. If not, she will hand out a listing of dates and programs. A sign-up sheet for refreshments and recycling was passed around. She noted that there will be a meet and greet for Jackie Walorski at the home of Mary Lou Durkes beginning at 10 a.m. April 2

The Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for September 10 at the new community center in Akron. The Republican Women will be in charge of decorations. A sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting. The women's group will also be on the headquarters committee in charge of refreshments for special events.

Sharon Morris, Sales/Marketing representative for Rochester Telephone Company, gave and enlightening presentation on RTC Cable and Channel 4.

The April meeting will be Monday, the 25th, at Republican Headquarters and will include a meet the candidates session. Refreshments were served by

Pat Hoover Elaine Brown and Joan Steele.





The next meeting will be Monday, May 2 with Evelyn

will host a gala Saturday, April the Elks Country Club on Lake Manitou, Rochester. The cost of the semi-formal event is \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight. The evening's festivities will include a dinner, dance, silent auction, presentation of the Excellence in Healthcare award, music by Tuxedo Junction and a guest speaker, Leroy Keyes, former Purdue Leroy Keyes, former Purdue University all-American football

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Notes

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

Dismissals - Mable Daulton, Jacqueline Peters and son, Charles Miller and Bridget Bartlett, all of Rochester

Admissions - Tammy Floyd,

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Dismissals - Tammy Floyd.

Admissions - Johnie Parman,

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DEATHS.....

WILMA RUTH WILSON

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011,

at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rochester, for Wilma Ruth Wilson, 89, Kewanna, with Pastor

James Wasmuth officiating. Burial was in the Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Mrs.

Wilson died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at her

Clymers, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Ida (Cords)

Dittman. She was married December 19, 1943, to James

Orville Wilson who preceded

her in death on September 15,

Wilma was a 1939 graduate of

Fulton High School, a homemaker and a farm wife. She

was a member of St. John's

Lutheran Church, Rochester, where she was also a member of

Auxiliary. She was also a former

She enjoyed reading, sewing,

gardening, playing Bunco and most of all, spending time with

her grandchildren and great-

Survivors include a son, Timothy Wilson and his wife, Debbie, of Kewanna; two

daughters, Mary Lou Foerg and her husband Bill of Royal Center

and Judy Graham and her husband Jack of Lucerne; a daughter-in-law, Nicki Wilson of

Rochester; a sister-in-law, Violet Wilson, Winamac; nine grandchildren, Kimberly

Wilson, Winamac; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Schroder, Scott Foerg, Eric Foerg, Nathan Graham, Emily Kim, Kurt Graham, Seth Wilson,

Kaylee Wilson and Taylor eight

grandchildren, Ethan, Garrett and Keaton Schroder, Allison

Foerg, Lucas and Lauren Graham and Caleb and Aubrey

Wilson. She is also survived by

numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Gracie.

She was preceded in death by a

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Union Township 4-H leader.

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Hendrickson, Kewanna

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son, Mark Wilson; a brother, Clarence Dittman; and four sisters, Bertha Dreblow, Elsie Clerget Vera Ambrose and Mildred Daily. A visitation was held Friday

evening at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be

made to St. John's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 712, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences and tributes may be sent www.harrisonmetzger.com. to

CHARLES H. FEIDNER

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Living Water Christian Church, Winamac, for Charles H. Feidner, 73, Kewanna, Burial will be at the Grass Creek Cemetery at a later date.

Mr. Feidner died at 12:47 p.m Wednesday, March 23, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Born August 20, 1937 in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Harley and Thelma (Holloway) Feidner. He formerly worked at Torx in Rochester for many years. He was also a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed Army veteran and working on computers.

Survivors include two brothers, David R. Feidner of Rochester and Marion Feidner of Kewanna; three sisters, Lorraine Moore of three sisters, borranie more s. Smithville, Tennessee, Sylvia Hartshorne of Salem, and Ruth McCullouch of Dickson, McCullough of Dickson, Tennessee; and two half-sisters, Mary Todd of Crawfordsville and Martha Bryant of Auburn. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Kurtis Feidner, and a

brother, Kurtis Feidher, and a half brother, George Feidher. Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home is in charge arrangements. Online con-dolences can be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.

CASTON MENU April 11 - 15 Breakfast

Monday through Thursday Sausage & cheese sandwich, ham & cheese sandwich, cereal

and toast, or toaster pastry with juice and milk Friday - Biscuits and gravy, sausage or ham sandwich with cheese, toaster pastry or cereal and toast with juice and milk

Lunch

Cheeseburger Monday sandwich. potatoes, carrots, pudding and milk

Tuesday - Penne pasta with pepperoni, lettuce salad, plums, cheese-stuffed breadsticks and milk

Wednesday – Chicken patty sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, brownie and milk

Thursday - BBO rib sandwich augratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, apricots and milk Friday – Cheese pizza, green beans, peaches, peanut butter cookie and milk

EASTERN PULASKI MENU April 11 - 15

Elementary Breakfast Monday – Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk Tuesday - Scrambled egg with ham, toast, juice and milk nam, toast, juice and milk Wednesday – String cheese, turkey slice, juice and milk Thursday – Cheesebread with sausage pattie, juice and milk Friday – Omelet, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch Monday - Corn dog, green beans, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, fries, peaches, cookie and milk

Wednesday Cheese lettuce breadstick. salad applesauce, cookie and milk Thursday - Ravioli, peas, pears,

rursoay - ravion, peas, pears, peanut butter sandwich and milk Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, corn, apple slices, graham cracker and milk

Middle/High School Menu

Monday - Nacho supreme, Tostitos, carrots, apple crisp and milk. Choice - salad bar Tuesday - Burrito, winter blend

vegetables, pineapple, birthday cake, and milk. Choice - salad bar Wednesday Corn dog,

potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon bread, apricots and

milk. Choice - salad bar Friday - Cheese pizza, lima beans, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Caston Sports

Jada Powlen of Caston has been selected as a first team Academic All-State basketball player.

Alex Herd of Caston will play in the IA East/West all star basketball game at Noblesville High School on Saturday, April Tip-off is at approximately 7:30 p.m. He is the first Comet ever selected for this honor.

The Caston Comet JV baseball team defeated North Judson 20-0 Saturday, April 2, at Caston. Caleb Rowe went the distance for the Comets striking out 12 and allowing only one hit. Alex Corn had two hits and three RBIs 7ach Cowell and 7ach Lee each added two hits and two RBIs. The Caston junior varsity is now 2-0 on the season

The Caston co-ed varsity track and field teams competed in a dual meet at North White Thursday, March 31. The girls' team lost to their host, 78-32 while the boys won, 73-48 Vinny Nunez placed first in the

100 dash and 200 dash; Graham Redweik was first in the 300 hurdles; Reuben Riveiro, first in 400 dash; Zek Kesler, first in high jump; James Weiss first in long jump; Myles Hardel, first in shot put; Max Foreman, first in shot put; Max Foreman, first in the discus; the team of Zek Kesler, Myles Hardel, Max Foreman and Vinny Nunez placed first in the 4x1; and the team of Justin Cousins, Zach Smith, James Weiss and Graham Redweik placed first in the 4x8.

Second place finishers were Graham Redweik, 110 hurdles; Zach Smith, 800 run; Justin

Cousins, 3200 run; Vinny Nunez, high jump; and Reuben Riveiro.

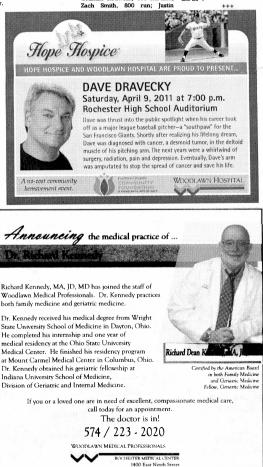
Third place finishers included rock Hartman, 110 hurdles and 400 dash: James Weiss, 800 run: Nate Cousins, 1600 run; and John Fagan, long jump.

First place finishers for the girls team were Maggie Daily, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash and long jump; and Jessica Showley, discus. Second place finishers included Katie Hawkey, 100 meter dash; Kara Smith, 1600 meter dash: and lessica Showley, shot put. Third place finishers were Kara Smith, 800 run and Andrea meter Mangelsdorf, long jump.

Drug collection. disposal day

The DEA, in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials will conduct its second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 30. The day gives people the opportunity to dispose of opportunity to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. During the first such event, 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the country collected a total of 121 tons of pills.

In this area, residents can take their unwanted prescription drugs to the Indiana State Police Post, 1451 N. Eel River Road, Peru, from at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 30th.





April 6, 1951

Mrs. Helena Shine has sold the Kewanna Hardware to Grant Felder. The store was started by Mrs. Shine's father, Daniel Kopp, some 40 years ago. On his death, the store was taken over by her brother, Fred, who died nine months later. Mrs. Shine and her husband, Ermal, ran the store until Mr. Shine's death two years ago. Mrs. Shine has been operating the store alone since that time.

Kenneth Hood Mre was severely burned March 20 when she accidentally stepped into an uncovered furnace register in her home. Her husband, who was working on the furnace at the time, heard her screams and pulled her out of the opening. but not before she was seriously burned.

Loyd Woolington announced today that he has started work on an addition to the new Topps Garment factory on East Main. The garage that stands on the addition site will be moved to Woolington's farm. The new addition will be as wide as the present building and will extend all the way back to the alley. This will give the factory double the capacity.

Ralph Ditmire of the Ditmire Funeral Home was appointed town clerk at the last meeting of the Fulton town board. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Max Zabst who resigned because he is working in Ohio and unable to attend meetings.

The Grass Creek High School junior class will present its play "Babies Night Out" April 5 and 6. Cast members are Dorothy Long, John Herrold, Steve Martinov, Bert Miller, Joe Herd, Shirley Fields, Phyllis Johnston, Paul Reffett, Marvin Wills, Don Showley, Donna Sadler, Ralph Gunter and Steve Martinov

Kewanna High School The junior class will present a three-act cornedy, "Aunt Cathie's Cat", April 5 and 6. The male and female leads are being played by James Yerkes and Nadine Fortna. Colburn Hardin is directing the play

Mary Ann Bauman, sophomore, represented Bauman.

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regional geometry contest held Saturday, March 31, at Monon.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 5, 1956 The fourth annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet was held Saturday evening, March 31, at the Kewanna High School gym with approximately 300 in gym with are attendance. Foll Following the Troutman, dinner. president, introduced the senior class president, Larry Mason, who in turn introduced his classmates. New officers elected include R. T. Lord, president; Joe Crabill, vice president; Eldonna secretary; and Lois Graffis. Kumler, treasurer,

The Fulton High School gym was the scene of the Fulton Alumni Association's annual banquet March 31. The program was opened by the president, Phil McCarter. Officers for next vear include Leroy Rouch. president; Gordon Beattie, vice president: Sue Zartman secretary-treasurer; and Doneta Rentschler, assistant secretarytreasurer.

The Happy Hoosier 4-H Club met at the school Thursday, March 29, with 40 members present. The following officers were elected, Jim Downhour, president; Bob Greer, vice president; Greer, president; Mary Zuck, secretary; Donna Hunter, treasurer; Robert Burton and Billy Worl, reporters; Larry Carlson and Barry Worl, recreation leaders: Sherry Hizer and Phyllis Earp, song leaders; and Bob McKinney and Steve Rude, health and safety leaders.

Bill Anderson of Purdue University is spending his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Maude Murray were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyde Murray and daughter Viola of near Indianapolis

Eugene Thomas of Purdue is spending his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas

and Mrs. Keith Smith, Mr Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born March 29 at Carneal Hospital in Winamac. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and has been named Pamela Jean.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 6, 1961 Approximately 299 members and guests attended the ninth annual alumni banquet Saturday evening in the Kewanna High School gymnasium. Rev. Sam Overmver offered the invocation. Robert Hendrickson, president of the association, welcomed the graduating class of 1961 into the association. Nancy Troutman, senior class president, expressed their appreciation and introduced her classmates. Officers for next vear are Foster Stoudt, president; Kenneth Smith, vice president: Donna Heiden secretary; and Donna Smith, treasurer

The 31st annual Fulton Alumni banquet was held Saturday evening with 300 attending. Dean Richter gave the welcome and Fred Gottschalk introduced faculty. Lewis Cameron the introduced the seniors and Linda Zabst gave the response. Officers elected include Arthur Shafer, president; Dee Williams, vice president; Bonnie Zimpleman, secretary-treasurer; and Beverly Gundrum, assistant.

65, 6. Fred Burton. Rochester, father of Lincoln Burton of Kewanna, is in fair condition at Community Hospital in Indianapolis where he was taken after an accident on his farm March 29. He was cutting down a tree when a dead limb fell on him, pinning down both his feet and left arm. Alone in the field, he dug himself out with his right arn

Featured as Future Citizens were Leslie Dean and Marti Jo, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ice Brady; Lawrence, Steven Charles and Tamara, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin; Ricky and Johnny, children of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Taylor; Cathy Sue and Corky, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heiden; and Mark and Mike, children of Mrs. Dolores Woolington.

The Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club met March 14 with Richard Graffis presiding. Fred Luhnow and Keith Troutman gave the safety lesson. Refreshments were served by Curtis Menk Jerry Zuck and John Agnew.

Joe Hott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hott, returned to school Monday after an illness that kept him home from school for five weeks

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 7, 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frasa,

Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Final rites for Edwin (Ted) Miller, 60, of near Grass Creek were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday Kewanna. Rev. Alva Ward officiated and burial was in the Center Cemetery. Royal Center Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Hazel: a daughter, Mrs. Judy DePoy, Rt. Rochester; three sons, Gene and Walter, Rt. 2, Kewanna; and Tom Rt 4. Rochester: and seven grandchildren.

The Kewanna High School band participated in the district NISBOVA contest at Remington High School. The band, under the direction of Charles Byfield,

received a first place rating and will participate in the state contest April 16 at LaGrange.

Charles Mosher, 87, Rt. 2, North Judson, brother of Clyde Mosher of here, died Friday at Starke Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ed Shadle, Mrs. Galen Hoover, Mrs. Earl Mills, Mrs. William Werner, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Leroy Wise, Mrs. Herbert Rhoades and Mrs. Justin Sparks attended a WSCS meeting of the Methodist Church at St Paul's Methodist Church in South Bend Monday.

The 20th Century HD Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Paul Bauman. Mrs. Joe Daque Dague conducted a contest with Mrs. Al Walsh winning the prize. Refreshments were served to 21 members. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Richard Sommers. There will be a baby shower for Mrs. Louis Herd

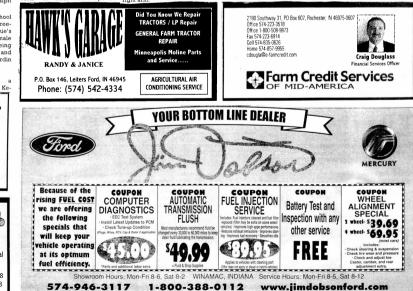
The Wayne Wide Awake 4-H Club met March 23 in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Fultz with 13 members, three guests and two leaders present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Shirley Crippen. Pledges were led by Debbie Sommers and Ellen Berry.

Miss Gloria Jean Birk became the bride of Larry Eugene Friedrich in a double ring ring ceremony at the Fulton Baptist Temple with Rev. James Ranard officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Birk, Rt. 1, Macy, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Friedrich, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham and Robbie entertained at a Sunday dinner celebrating the birthdays and anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

April 3, 1981 Jerry Leavell has been named a territory manager for Kent Feed, Inc. Leavell has been assigned to a territory in northwestern Indiana. Prior to his promotion he served as a territory representative in southwestern Wisconsin

Alan J. McPherson, Kewanna, received a degree in January from Indiana University

Graveside military rites were held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery for Colburn Hardin, 67, Rt. 1, Knightstown, Mr. Hardin taught at the Charles A. Beard School Corporation in southern Henry County for 17 years. He also taught at Kewanna at one time.

Robert E. Peterson and Ted A Waggoner announced the formation of a partnership in a law firm to be known as Petersor Waggoner, with offices at 100 W. Ninth St., Rochester,

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Steel of Miami, Florida, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sunday, April 5, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The couple was married in Kewanna in 1931 by Rev. William Fox. The Steels were born in Kewanna and attended grade school and high school here

Lela Wills, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was

honor at an open ante house Sunday in celebration of her 80th birthday. The event was hosted by her nieces, LuAnn Townsend and Janet Horn.

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Mrs. Gary Hall, Kewanna, was aumitted to Memorial ¹⁷ who: to South Bend Hospital Sunday where she underwent heart bypass surgery Tuesday. Randy Hall has been dismissed from South Bend Memorial Hospital where he was treated for a broken leg received in а motorcycle mishap last week.

Kewanna was without water for approximately two hours last Friday afternoon after a semi toppled a fire hydrant at the corner of Main and Toner Streets. The driver of the semi was turning the corner from Toner onto Main to make a delivery at Urbin Auto Co. when the accident occurred.

TWENTY YEARS AGO April 4, 1991

Goldia and Paul Wheadon were featured as "Tomorrow's Leaders". Goldia is 16 months old and her brother, Paul, is 11 years of age. They are the children of Bridget and Ron Their Wheadon maternal grandmother is Sharon DeMartin of Hollywood, California. Golda Bailey of Kewanna is their greatgreat-grandmother. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paternal Wilbur Wheadon of Rochester.

Lela Wills, Rt. 2, Kewanna, will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house Sunday, April 7, at United Grass Creek the Methodist Church.

Doug and Beth Luhnow, Rt. 1,

born March 30 at daughter Joseph Medical Center, South The baby weighed 8 Bend pounds and 12 ounces and has been named Amber Rose. She has one brother. Brad

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Sean Hassenplug of Woodburn is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington.

Florence Cunningham was the guest of honor at a birthday party held Wednesday, March 27, at the Grass Creek United Methodist Church. Helping her celebrate the occasion were Betty Rouch, Rev. Don Reed, Huffman, Dorothy Helen Huffman, Ruth Urbin, Dorothy Loren Fultz, and Guyla Cunningham, Doris Hill, Louise Griffy and Olive Watkins. Janece Herrold baked the birthday cake which the group enjoyed.

Kewanna/Union Twp. Library News... Nicholas Hughe

It really is a question of stories. Humanity has always loved stories, from Homer to today's popular authors. We love listening to them, following the characters from error to error, narrow escape to success Our are full them sing them. Shakespeare once famously wrote that "All the world's a stage/ And that all the men and famously women are merely players." But what is a play, an opera, a musical, but a story acted out? Stories surround us and we hang on every spoken word

As I look back at the previous paragraph, it seems as if I am advocating books, which I will do any day of the week, however that wasn't mv intention. Instead, I want you to focus on the telling of stories. These days, it seems that everybody is always running about, with things to do. On numerous occasions, while working and not, I hear people that having time to read sav would be nice, but they are too busy. However, I argue that you can still do both

Personally, I am a great supporter of audiobooks. For those unfamiliar, audiobooks are novels read and recorded so that readers are able to listen to whatever piques their interest on their favorite audio device. I listen to them constantly while I am in the car or at the gym. are great for those They constantly on the go.

I wanted to talk about audiobooks for a while now, but it never seemed like the right time Currently our collection is mixed, with a greater portion on andio cassette downstairs stored away because of the expansion project. Upstairs, we have a slowly growing collection of CD's that range genres from fantasy to thriller. More should be arriving shortly. Also, on the docket for consideration is a program that would allow you, the patron, to check out and download audiobooks onto your

mp3 devices. More options are available once time and demand make them viable. So, if you think that audiobooks may 6.0 your lifestyle, come in and talk to us.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library Board is still looking for a new member. Any interested persons, please come in and talk to Nicholas Hughes Applicants must be 10 or older and have lived within Union Township for the past two years. Magic The

Gathering tournaments are still going on here at the library every Saturday starting at noon. They are open to kids and adults of all ages, so grab your cards and come on down. Also, if Magic: The Gathering isn't your cup of tea, the library has other games that may fit your or your family's style: from checkers and che to Candyland. We look forward to seeing you here.

Our preparations for the library sponsored G.E.D. program are almost complete. Any interested individuals, please come in and talk to us. Everything will be getting started soon.

Finally, if you, or anyone you know, has purchased an eknow, has reader or intends to purchase one, please stop in and talk to me I am trying to gather information that will focus on programming and resources for those with electronic devices. Any and all information would be greatly appreciated





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Spring break

Traveling - driving for two days with my family - sounds like fun!? At least I was able to catch up on the sleep I lost during the busy three-day week I had at school.

Day One - we hit the road around 7 a.m. March 17. (I forgot to wear green.) After a goodbye to my grandparents, we headed for Indy where we had to stop at our usual gas station to fill up We kept driving until somewhere in Ohio where we had lunch at a Cracker Barrel. I finally got to sample the pulled pork. Afterward we head on off through Ohio, buying scratch off tickets just for fun. In West Virginia we bought scratch off tickets with the money we won in

Ohio, which wasn't much. Because of the winding roads and "mountains" in West Virginia, we chewed gum most of the way to make our ears pop The air smells of sulfur in this great state. We stayed the night in Lewisburg. The next morning (March 18)

we ate breakfast at the hotel then hit the road again, watching the suprise turn the mountains pink was breath-taking. We stopped at a Starbucks to power us on to Virginia Beach, Virginia, our destination

When we reached the beach, it was a toasty 84 degrees and sunny. We checked in at the Four Sails (we were on the 10th floor) and then the family headed to the sports expo to check in for our races. (We had gone to Virginia Beach to participate in the Shamrock half marathon.) It was no problem getting my race packet for turday's 8k, I just handed the lady my consent form and ID Then I got in the waiting line for the half marathon on Sunday I was standing behind my mom as she handed the check-in lady her ID. The lady commented on how mom is from Indiana. I am next. I handed the lady my ID as mom walked away to check on Zach and dad and the lady just looks at me and proclaims - that woman who just checked in is from Kewanna, Indiana, too! Not knowing what to say to her or how to take the comment - I just smiled and said, "I know, she is my mom."

The sports expo is a mad house, packed so full I could pop and all the people would fly out

Zach, Kelly, Kara and Mark Smith are shown here wearing their participation medals for the Shamrock half marathon which they ran over spring break at Virginia Beach, Virginia. They are standing in front of a huge sand sculpture which it took man two days to complete. This is the second year that the Smiths have participated in the Shamrock half marathon.

in all directions! We had to wait in line for our tee shirts. Afterward, we headed for the Farm Fresh Store. It is a whole foods market that offers everything! They have a huge salad bar including crab meat

The OBSERVER, Kewanna, IN 46939 vour salad with covoral lettuce blends. My big purchase was a giant cupcake, bigger than my petite hands put together. Sadly, they didn't have chocolate so I settled for a yellow cake with butter cream icing with color that goes from orange to bright yellow as it swirls to the top, topped off with multicolored sprinkles. We also got a box of chocolate cupcakes (smaller version) with chocolate icing and chocolate chips on top. It was a bundle of deadly deliciousness. After dinner, I made the decision that my cupcake should be consumed for a special moment so I saved it and ate it after the half marathon. That was special enough, besides I was so full I thought I was going to explode!

When we finally got settled in our room, we walked the beach and took in some vitamin D. I also relaxed and laid out on the sun deck. My goal for this trip was to get by skin darker and my hair blonder.

Saturday, we ran the Shamrock 8k race, packed with locals and people who were either in the Dolphin Challenge or the Whale Challenge. The Dolphin Challenge is running the 8k and then the half marathon the next day, which we did. The Whale Challenge is when you run the 8k and then the full marathon the next day - those people are crazy! The 8k was "okay", but it was drizzling and a cool wind was coming off the water. I decided to find a big guy to be my wind block - I think the guy thought I was going to attack him or I was just scary looking in my pink bug-eyed Paris Hilton size shades. I was running right shades. I was running right behind him, then he would speed up. Not wanting to run the race hard. I ditched him and ran by myself. When I approached the turn onto the boardwalk I notice my wind block guy

walking. I thought about telling him to start running, but I was just satisfied with beating him.

After the 8k is the kids' final mile where the kids run 25 miles in their gym over the school vear and then run the final mile of the marathon course. They receive a marathon medal for their efforts. It is exciting that these kids work hard to get in shape. I would like to find a way for the kids at Caston to participate in something like this.

I was exhausted after the 8k, it was painful and my shins were killing me. To tell the truth, the 8k hurt worse than the half marathon. I can't remember what I did for the rest of the day! I know - I'm losing my mind already

Sunday is the day I have been waiting for! I got up at 5 a.m. to eat breakfast and just chill. The race is at 7 a.m. Hoping for the mid-50s for the race, I put my shorts and Under Armour on in a blur. Around 6:30 we head out to the start line. We step outside and a gust of freezing wind beat our bare legs as we rushed to the elevator. I complain, the weather lady was so wrong! We got part way down the road and mom and I ended up going back and putting on tights. Then Zach dad turned around to get and hats and gloves. All bundled up, we go back out and stand in our corrals. I am with my parents because I always start with them even when my corral is different. I should have started with my corral and perhaps I would have had a better time. I ended up ditching my parents around the 2-mile mark. I kept running and thinking - since you have plenty of time to think! I think how much I love this distance running and that it doesn't matter what your time is because people are going to think your are crazy anyway. It's more a sense of accomplishment than anything. I hear it a lot, how others have it in

their head that they could never run a half marathon. They could never enjoy the pleasure of pain and sweat as much as I do. But, if you train hard and have the drive to want to do a long race you can. Everyone can, even if you walk the whole race, at least your are brave enough to do the race. I may be young and some people might think my family and I are fools for doing a half marathon for a vacation. But I know there are things that are harder than running a half marathon – and it's not just running the full marathon. There are more things in life that hurt worse than the ligaments in your hips swelling from not training enough. Because, you may feel like your are dying in the race, but then you turn and look over your shoulder and see a blind runner and you realize that what you are doing and feeling is nothing. That runner is brave enough to trust their partner to help them finish the race. Then the next thing you know you pass a kid your age in a wheel chair doing the half marathon. Seeing these people with handicaps who are brave and courageous enough to do a half marathon changes your mind set. It makes you thankful for being able to run without obstacles in your way. To my readers, young and old, take this into consideration and never say you couldn't do anything like thie

After my inspirational thoughts subsided, I realized I had gone eight miles without stopping for anything but water. I didn't stop and walk, but I needed a source of energy to have a strong finish. I slowed down and had some Power Gels. I then started running and watching other people run. On my right is the beach and out in the distance you could see a Navy ship in the haze I got up to mile 10 and noticed

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES, AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDI	Beginning Cash			Ending Cash		Total Cash and
Funds Section I	Fund Balances 01/01/2010	2010 Receipts	2010 Disbursements	Fund Balances 12/31/2010	Investments at 12/31/2010	Investments at 12/31/2010
FUND TYPE: GENERAL						
GENERAL	\$71,918.23	\$167,660.20	\$88,752.16	\$150,826.27	\$0.00	\$150,826.2
fotal by Fund Type:	\$71,918.23	\$167,660.20	\$88,752.16	\$150,826.27	\$0.00	\$150,826.2
FUND TYPE: SPECIAL REVEN	NUE					
GIFT	\$528.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.72	\$0.00	\$528.7
NTERNET	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$2,362.50	\$112.50	\$0.00	\$112.5
LEVY EXCESS	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.0
RAINY DAY	\$2,856.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,856.21	\$0.00	\$2,856.2
SAVINGS ACCOUNT/INVESTMENT	\$8,112.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,112.84	\$0.00	\$8,112.8
SUMMER READING	\$96.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96.10	\$0.00	\$96.1
Total by Fund Type:	\$14,248.87	\$0.00	\$2,362.50	\$11,886.37	\$0.00	\$11,886.3
FUND TYPE: CAPITAL PROJE	ECTS					•
CONSTRUCTION	\$11,591.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,591.42	\$0.00	\$11,591.4
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$914.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$914.21	\$0.00	\$914.2
(LIRF) Total by Fund Type:	\$12,505.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,505.63	\$0.00	\$12,505.0
FUND TYPE: AGENCY						
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING-FEDERAL	\$343.51	\$6,781.45	\$5,907.24	\$1,217.72		\$1,217.3
Total by Fund Type:	\$343.51	\$6,781.45	\$5,907.24	\$1,217.72		\$1,217.3
Subtotal All Funds:	\$99,016.24	\$174,441.65	\$97,021.90	\$176,435.99	\$0.00	\$176,435.9
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Investment Sales		\$0.00				
Investment Purchases			\$0.00			
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KARA'S COMMENTS CON'T. FROM PAGE SIX

a little girl running. She was running for a charity, but she was too young to run a half marathon. Not yet grown and developed in her own body, it is dangerous because running at a young age can interfere with the growing process. It can also lead to an eating disorder.

At this point, your body is numb and your are only getting energy from the cheers in the of people. You are crowd happy knowing you only have three more miles left! It was funny, you hear people on the sides of the street saying your name and your are just smiling and wondering how they knew your name! But then you look on your tag and realize it is on there! On the home stretch you have the wind coming at you but you give it all you got. It was then I thought I had! At the finish, volunteers hand you your medal, a finisher shirt and hat, then comes your water, banana and cookies! I stepped aside and looked for Zach, his time was one hour and 35 minutes. He headed back to the room and I waited for mom and dad. We were headed for the after party There was free Irish stew and beer for the adults. That is all I smell - beer - sickening. But then your smell the stew and the warmth of the heaters in the tent We sat on the beach to eat Hiding behind piles of sand to keep out of the wind there are people with stacks of beer cups reen-haired lady was on ______ #5 and she was feeling great. She was funny. We left the tent but dad and I

went back as they started taking down the stuff in the tent. He wanted an inflatable beer bottle that was hanging from the ceiling of the tent. Some people got it down for him by making a human pyramid.

After resting, we got pizza. Mom and I got a large shrimp scampi pizza. would recommend it for seafood lovers like myself. We lounged around the rest of the day, since it hurt to move. Sadly, my legs hurt so bad that I couldn't sleep

Monday morning came, it was rainy. The boys went for free donuts by the pool. When they got back, we headed to the mall got my boy friend's birthday present and I got to shop at my new favorite store, Forever 21. I was happy to spend my birthday money and happy I had some left! For lunch, we ate at Cheeseburger in Paradise. I had mini crab burgers - excellent The sun came out and we went back to our hotel to hang around the beach. You could tell there was a storm out at sea. That night as I tried to sleep, I saw the reflecting of the lightening over the water and heard the waves beat against the shore. I never really got to sleep.

Tuesday, I woke up in a haze Mom and I went to Starbucks. I got a white chocolate mocha. If you have a sweet tooth you should try it. We returned to the hotel and my parents went out while Zach and I drank coffee. I went for a run in my five-fingertoed shoes. I felt great and alive. After that we hung around the hotel as the fog had rolled in. We went for a walk in town and got chocolate drizzled popcorn. We had fresh salmon for dinner - one of my mom's specialties and went out for ice cream afterwards.

Tuesday morning came and mom, dad and I returned to Starbucks. After coffee, I went to

the workout room and did laps in the pool. My flip turns are better now that I practiced. We all then got cleaned up and went to Wendy's for lunch – love the sea salt fries. We made our way to First Landing State Park where wo biked and saw a few turtles The lagoons were murky black. After hiking, we drove to the Farm Fresh Store and made salads. We also got cake - this is part of our dinner. The jets that flew out of Norfolk for three days a row were highly annoying. in That evening we rode bikes on the boardwalk.

Wednesday, you guessed it, mom and I walked to Starbucks! It was cold outside still. I did a workout again. I pool pretty much watched movies all day.

Thursday, we went Starbucks, then pondered what we were going to do. I took a nap and went swimming. The family went out for pizza and the shops on the boardwalk. After got back, we started we packing.

Friday we got up and finished packing and went to the café downstairs where I had a crabmeat omelet. We then crabmeat omelet. We then loaded up the car and hit the road. We stopped to walk part of Trail the Appalachian for Grandma Baker who didn't get to do that before she passed away. I got sick from the elevation. I had to settle for a salad at our Cracker Barrel stop I thought we would never get out of Virginia, but we did, and also got through West Virginia before we finally stopped at a Comfort Inn for the night.

We got up early and had breakfast in the lobby - it was gross. So we drove for awhile to find a Starbucks, but apparently Ohio doesn't believe Starbucks because there wasn't one on the interstate - so we stopped at McDonalds

When we got back to Indy (Carmel) we stopped at the Running Form to get track spikes for Zach. We ate at Applebee's when we got to Kokomo. When we got home, we unpacked and cleaned house (four house cats, ten days). It was good to be home

Hoosier Antiques Exposition: April 8 - 10 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p. m. Admission: \$7; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Shawn Hastings (618) 635-2895 or www. Hoosierantiqueshows.com

dren 5 and younger free. Contact: Tim Hardt (317) 768-2514.



Small talk not always so small

I am a small talker My son christened me with the label vesterday.

"Have you ever noticed you make chit chat with everyone you meet?" he asked. His words felt more like an accusation than a question. "You're a small talker." he said.

I knew he was right

I also knew my blithe banter possesses a power and purpose unknown to non-small talkers

I believe we are in the middle of a communication gap unlike other generation has anv experienced. Oh sure, we may be communicating more than ever, but we are talking less. In doing so, we are watching -opposable thumbs poised for action - a cultural shift in the very way we connect and interact.

The newest and most popular methods for communication require no vocal skills. Email Social Networking, Texting, All require fingers, not voice boxes, to get the job done.

I've learned Although to manipulate manipulate my opposable thumbs as well as the next monkey, I still believe verbal opposable communication is a worthy art perhaps a dying one.

The other day, one of my teens reported that a friend broke up with his girlfriend via text message. I gasped in disbelief. My 13-year-old questioned my reaction.

"What's wrong with breaking up with someone in a text message?" he asked. I wish I could say it was an innocent question. Instead, I fear I am the one who is naive.

I'm part of the Brady Bunch generation. I remember when phones were tethered to the wall and you had no choice but to take a call from your boyfriend in the kitchen while your mom hovered nearby. You talked to him despite her presence because talking was important. Perhaps we remember the past through rose-colored glasses, but I won't let the simplicities and complexities of normal conversation go down without a fight

At first glance this appears to be a David and Goliath battle: little old me against the advances of technology. Let's not forget how David and Goliath turned out. David had a few smooth stones in his pocket. I have small talk.

I hold onto certain old-fashioned beliefs that are hard to shake. One is the inherent value of other human beings. People function best when their routine



"Think it's going to rain today?" "Did you get your haircut? Looks "Have you heard the nice news?" It doesn't need to be complicated.

That's why they call it small talk.

Sometimes. though the smallest things can be big. I tend to believe human interaction is one of them. People are worth talking to. Everyone you meet has a story. Most times all you have to do is ask

So, I small talk my way through life - at the grocery store, the library, doctor's office, school, restaurant and super store. Wherever I go, I bring my small talk with me

To the idle observer, it may seem like typical chit chat; to me it is more. It is an attempt to save our language from evolving from "laugh out loud" to LOL. An effort to bring us back - even for just a moment - to a time when terms like "multi-tasking" and "quality time" didn't exist, your friends were smarter than your

phone and people sat around the kitchen table or paused over the backyard fence to pass the morning, share gossip and just stop for a spell to chat. I am a small talker. I'm afraid

we're a dying breed. I'm looking ** change that 0.00 conversation at a time.

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IT Department, IT Equipment.....\$10,000.00 Highway, Repair Truck.....\$ 2,041.34 Cum Bridge. Bridge Inspection...\$ 5,763.62 Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made referred to the Department of Local ent Finance. The board will make a Gove written determination as to the sufficiency of nds to support the appre abem anoiteine within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken

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CHATTER... By: Julie Brown

Florence Hogan had company at the beginning of the week. Arriving Monday, March 28, to stay with her for a few days was her daughter, Alice White of Winamac. Alice was here to help during Florence's recovery from a recent accident.

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Rachel Scholz of Lisbon spent Tuesday, March 29, with her grandmother, Ruth Cogdill. Rachel had brought Pizza King pizza and a salad for their lunch. The ladies had a wonderful day looking through photograph albums and catching up on all the family news. Rachel also enjoyed the book Ruth had put together on her husband, Frank's, navy days. Rachel and Ruth are both happy that winter is over so they can visit more often.

Angela Gast left Tuesday to spend a few days with a friend in Muncie.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Rochester Wednesday, March 30, to pick up their grandson, Nick Bohac, for an overnight visit during his school spring break. They were later joined by Nick's sister and nephew, Shelby and Eli, for some family fun.

Tim Cogdill of Macy spent Wednesday morning with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. They had a wonderful visit and made a trin to the Oddfellows' cemetery. It was a good morning spent catching up on all the family news

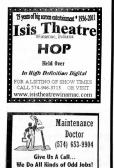
Hogan Florence had houseguest over the weekend. Arriving Friday, April 1, for a working visit was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette.

Michael LaFollette of LaPorte arrived Friday for a weekend visit with his grandparents, Barb and Tom LaFollette, Michael was on spring break from school.

Julie Brown had a wonderful time Friday morning. She was visiting with Stacey Kesler and Stacey's daughter and family, Lyndy and Zach Szmara and Isaac. Lyndy and Zach left Monday night for their first fouryear missionary posting to Mozambique. They are maintaining a website to keep everyone up-to-date on their activities. The website is theextensioncord.com.

was Helen Whiteman in Winamac Friday taking care of some business.

Don and Pauline Scales had a



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THURSDAY, April 7th, 2011

Ph.: (574) 653-2451 surprise visitor Saturday, April 2.

Stopping by for an enjoyable family chat was their nephew, Darrell Tarver of Alabama Darrell was on his way home from a delivery to Chicago, Illinois. While at the Scales', Darrell telephoned his mother Patty, so Don and Pauline could

visit with her and his brother. Tom and Barb LaFollette, Michael and the LaFollettes' great- grandson, Eli, were in Rochester Saturday. They had a nice time visiting with friends over breakfast at the VFW post.

Helen Whiteman had a nice time Saturday afternoon visiting with her son and daughter- inlaw, Kenny and Bev Whiteman

Tom and Linda Garner were in Rochester Saturday evening. They were among those who attended the wedding of Jesse Rude and Erica Taylor.

Florence Hogan and Wendy Kelly had a surprise visitor Sunday, April 3. Coming up in the afternoon to help with some outside chores was Wendy's

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husband, Dan Kelly Barb and Tom LaFollette and Michael met the LaFollettes' sonin- law and grandson, Terry Bohac and Nick, at the Rochester VFW post Sunday. They enjoyed visiting over a dinner of wings attending the auction iting the Fulton County and benefiting Relav for Life organization

Stevanna Young of Twelve mile was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday evening. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her grandparents, Linda and Tom Garner. Helping them mark the occasion with dinner, cake and ice cream were Stevanna's parents and siblings, Steve and Missy Young, Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn, and her aunt and uncle, Ashley and T.J. Garner.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Casev Brown, Kasey Kottkamp and Mabel MacLain, April 10; Larry James and Ned Urbin, April 11; Robert Evers, Jeff Finke and Joshua Zellers, April 12; Lindsay Bailey, Ashlee Hamman, Lyanna Snider and Crystal Springer, April 13; Troy Corbett, Dawson Snider Doty, Drew Markle, Pastor Ron

Purkey and Betty Tharp, April 14: Daven Bauman, Tedd on, Kaelee Dent, Olivia Carlson, Freels and Keith Kottkamp, April 15; and Pauline Briney, Danielle Carlson, Nathan Cook, Carlson, Nathan Cook, Joshua Green, Angie Smith and Carter Tiedeman, April 16.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brent Forry, April 10; Mr. and Mrs. Fr Druzbicki, April 11; Mr. and Mrs. David Leazenby, April 12; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bangel, April 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Sean Smith, April 16

Caston Sports Schedule

Friday, April 8 - IV boys baseball at Faith Christian, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 - boys varsity and JV golf invitational at Triton 8 a.m.; boys varsity baseball double header with South Newton at Caston, 11 a.m.; girls varsity softball at Tri-County, 11 a.m.; co-ed track and fi invitational at Caston, 11 a.m. field Monday, April 11 - girls varsity

softball at North Miami, 5 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field with North Miami and White's at Caston, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12 - boys JV baseball with Rochester at baseball

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