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The News In Brief

Janet Yocum is hoping to start a pre-school education class in Kewanna beginning with the fall semester. Parents of children 3½ to 5 years of age who are interested in a pre-school should call her at 574-223-5387 by May 14 so you can determine if there is enough interest to pursue the idea. The pre-school will operate two or three mornings a week and she must have 8-10 students to initiate the class.

A pancake and sausage benefit will be served Saturday, April 30, at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station for local resident, Jim Hott, who was severely injured in an accident last fall. Persons who cannot make it to the breakfast but would like to donate can do so by dropping of their contribution at the Kewanna branch of Community State Bank, or mailing it to the bank at P.O. Box 115, Kewanna, IN 46939.

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Election Day, Tuesday, May 3. City officials will be up for election.

Kelsey Quin, a senior at Peru High School and the Distinguished Young Woman of Indiana for 2011, will visit Caston Elementary School today, Thursday, April 28, at 12 noon to present a program on self-esteem and positive values. The Distinguished Young Women program is formerly America's Junior Miss. Young women across the nation are speaking to various youth organizations in celebration of National Be Your Best Self Week, April 25-29.

The bereavement support group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, in Meeting Room B of the Fulton County Public Library, Rochester. The subject of this meeting is "How to Say Goodbye". For additional information or to register, call Hope Hospice at 574-224-4673.

The final legislative breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Comfort Inn in Rochester. State Senator Randy Head, R-Logansport, State Rep. Bill Friend, R-Macy, and State Rep. Doug Gutwein, R-Francesville, will talk about the Indiana General Assembly. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The breakfast is sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce.

The Indiana House of Representatives passed a bill last week that would require criminal background checks for persons seeking a new license to be a doctor, dentist, and several other healthcare professionals.

Strong storms hit the area last Tuesday night. The National Weather Service reported that

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 also be a bake sale and a chance 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 Clothing Boutique, hair cut and \$30 gift certificate to HeadLines, manicure at Heat Waves, a full-body massage at Fulton County Massage and a Dove beauty set.

Everyone 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.

two tornadoes touched down briefly in Cass County and tornado-like winds were clocked in Fulton County.

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

The annual town-wide clean up day for Kewanna has been set for Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dumpsters will be placed at the south well house on Maple Street for use by Town of Kewanna residents only.

The Caston cheerleaders are selling bulk landscape mulch. The cost is \$31 per yard. Pickups can be loaded evenings or weekends at the first house south of Caston school on State Road 25. For more information, call 574-857-5505.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Von Tobel Center, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac. Anyone with vision problems is welcome as are all visitors. For more information, call 574-946-3836.

The Indiana Department of Transportation has closed State Road 16 between Indiana 25 and U.S. 31 to work on widening and resurfacing the highway. The project is expected to be completed in early July.

The Rochester Police Department will accept unwanted and outdated prescription and over-the-counter drugs Friday, April 29, at the Community Resource Center in Rochester. Citizens can drop the drugs off from noon to 4 p.m. The drug collection is part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Initiative.

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.

Jim, 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.

Caston band fundraiser at Pizza Hut

The Caston High School band will conduct a fundraiser at the Rochester Pizza Hut Tuesday, May 3. Band members and teachers will take part as celebrity servers. All tips and donations will go to the Caston High School band to help pay for new music pieces. The fundraiser will involve dine-in only customers.

Free trees

The Fulton County Conservation Club has purchased 400 trees to be given away free to the first 400 Fulton County residents who claim them. Persons interested in receiving free trees should be at the Prairie Edge County Park, Rochester, at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30. The park is located on West 3rd Street, just off the U.S. 31 bypass and west of the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

The Friends of the Fulton County Park Board will help distribute the trees along with instructions on how to plant and care for them.

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Redbud Trail Rendezvous this weekend

The 21st annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous will take place this weekend, April 30 and May 1, on the Fulton County Historical Society grounds north of Rochester. The event portrays frontier history with teepees and historic tents and camps, foods cooked over wood fires, music and dance on the Chippeway Village stage, 40 wooden booths, muzzle loading shoots, traditional crafts and blanket trading. The festival is named for the redbud trees that bloom on the banks of the river. The event is handicap accessible. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults (age 12 and over); \$1 for children 6-11; and free for those age 5 and under.

Plant sale at Fulton

The Fulton Improvement Committee will be selling flower and vegetable plants at the Fulton Feedbag Restaurant in Fulton May 2-8.

Hanging baskets, annuals, vegetables, perennials and combination planters will be available. Hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 2; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, May 3-7; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8.

The plants are locally grown and 100% of the profit goes toward the future Fulton community building.

World Day of Prayer at Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lake Bruce, will host a World Day of Prayer service Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Douglas Vaughn. He will be speaking on Haiti.

Spaghetti dinner, May 21

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post, No. 1121 in Kewanna will serve a spaghetti dinner, including Italian bread, salad and dessert, Saturday, May 21, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the post. The cost of the meal is a free will donation. Proceeds will go towards the activities the auxiliary provides for the children in the community.

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.

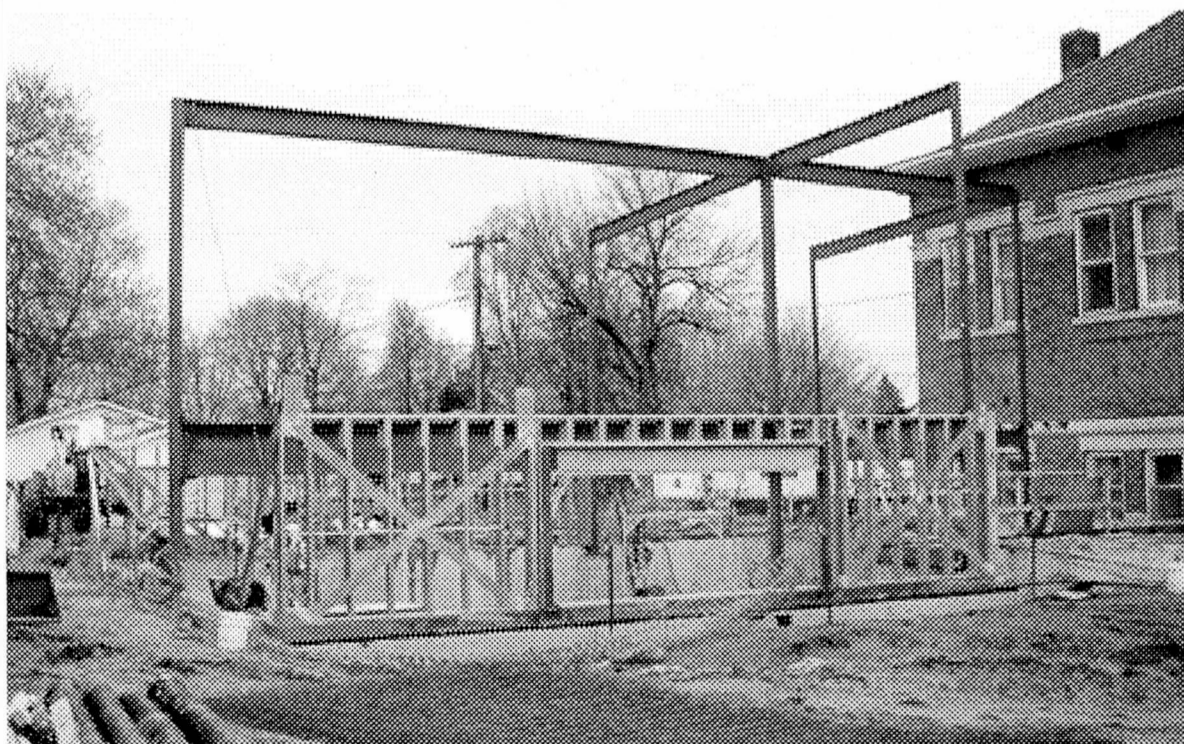
The spring installment is due May 10. The burden of paying the tax is upon the taxpayer, even though they did not receive a statement. Payments can be made online or at Community State Bank, First Financial Bank, Lake City Bank or the Fulton County Treasurer's office at 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

Chicken noodle dinner, May 2

The Rochester Kiwanis Club will serve its 28th annual chicken noodle dinner Monday, May 2, in the Rochester High School cafeteria. Serving will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and the meal will cost \$7. Tickets are available from members or at the door. Carry outs will be available.

Proceeds will help fund student scholarships.

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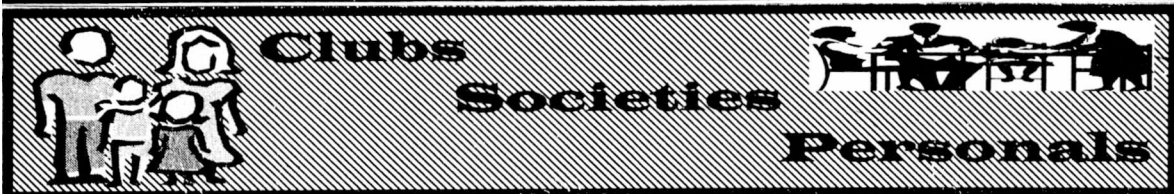


Work progresses on library addition

Workers for Leo Brown Construction of Logansport have spent the winter months working

below ground level on the new addition to the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. Last week, workers began installing the metal framework. As soon as the framework is complete, they

will start laying the brick for the new addition. Once the addition is enclosed, work will begin on the inside. The project has a September completion date.



Beginners oil painting workshop

Wade Bussert and Lindsey 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.

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
May 2 - 6

- Elementary Breakfast**
Monday - Waffle, juice and milk
Tuesday - Apple or cheese stick, juice and milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon glazed pancakes, juice and milk
Thursday - Biscuit with egg & cheese, juice and milk
Friday - French toast, juice and milk

- Elementary Lunch**
Monday - Egg patty, sausage patty, hash browns, apple slices, cinnamon toast and milk
Tuesday - Fish sandwich, carrot chips, banana, cookie and milk
Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, fries, orange juice, cookie and

milk
Thursday - Cheeseburger sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Friday - Macaroni and cheese with ham, peas, pears, peanut butter sandwich and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Nacho supreme, carrots, cinnamon apples and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Pepperoni pizza, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Burrito, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Corn dog, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, biscuit, apricots and milk. Choice - salad bar

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar

Prenatal Thursday Night Classes

The next prenatal evening classes run **May 12 to June 9** from 7 to 9 pm for five weeks on Thursday night. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Parents are encouraged to attend classes any time after your fourth month

of pregnancy.
To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number.

These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital.

Cancervive
Dr Brian Johnson will be speaking on "Tanning Beds & Malignant Melanoma" at the Cancervive meeting **May 25** from 6 to 7:30 pm in the PMH Board Room.

It is very important to find melanoma early, when it is most likely to be completely cured. This FREE meeting is open to anyone, from any county.

Safe Sitter Classes
Pulaski Memorial Hospital will be holding two-day Safe Sitter Classes on Tuesday **June 7** and

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Wednesday **June 8** at the Pulaski County Highway Garage. The classes are designed to prepare your adolescent, ages 11 to 13, to care for younger children. Class will start at 8 am and end at 3:30 pm. Class size is limited, please register early. To register, call 574-946-2193 or 1-800-659-7644 ext 2193. There is a \$30 fee. Scholarships for those needing financial assistance are available.

Free Breastfeeding Clinic
The Pulaski Memorial Maternity Department's "Drop-In" Clinic is where you can get your breastfeeding questions answered. Please come to the hospital front lobby and ask for the drop-in-clinic. The clinic is offered weekly; each

Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The visit is completely free and no appointment is needed. Julia Decker, RN, RNC, and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant will staff the clinic.

Social Security
Due to budget constraints, a Social Security representative will not be at Pulaski Memorial Hospital for the foreseeable future. If you need to contact Social Security call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.GOV

To Reserve the Fire Dept. Community Room
Call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 evenings
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Hospital Notes

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 16
Births - Jason and Kelly Grube, Rochester, a son; Brianna Ropp, Rochester, a daughter

April 18
Admissions - Maxine Smith and Jeffrey Swartzell, both of Rochester

Dismissals - Sydney Schultz, Akron; Edith Kronberg, Rochester; and Walter Quier, Macy

April 19
Admissions - Walter Quier, Macy

Dismissals - Kelly Grube and son, Rochester; Brianna Ropp and daughter, Rochester

April 20
Admissions - Dallas Stouder, Tippecanoe

Births - Delisa Woodcox, Denver, a son

April 21
Admissions - Patricia Ginther, Rochester

Dismissals - Maxine Smith, Rochester

Births - Dustin and Melissa Musselman, Rochester, a daughter; Keshia Moore, Rochester, a daughter

April 22
Dismissals - Jeffrey Swartzell and Patricia Ginther, both of Rochester

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DEATHS



DAVID DEAN STANGLE

David Dean Stangle, 71, Kewanna, made his final round in the field of life and went into the arms of his Savior at 6:35 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Rochester Life Care Center with his son holding his hand.

Dave was born on May 28, 1939 in Cass County the son of the late Cecil and Dorothy (Watson) Stangle. On March 4, 1962 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Woodke, at the Helm St. Church of God in Logansport. She survives.

Dave was a 1958 graduate of Star City High School. A farmer

all of his life, Dave also had a passion for big, earth moving equipment. As a teenager he operated a crane and helped dredge Lake Manitou. Dave was probably best known as the driver of a Minneapolis Moline tractor by the name of "Solid Junk". He was national points champion for three years. Dave was greatly honored to be inducted into the National Tractors Pullers Association (NTPA) hall of fame in 1997.

Dave was a past supervisor of the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District, a 40 years plus active and faithful member of the Winamac Nazarene Church, a member of the Fulton County Historical Power Association, Prairie Gold Rush, IH collectors, Chapter 33, Richland Center Tractor Pullers, Indiana Pullers, Inc., M&M Collectors, and a Pfister seed corn salesman for over 40 years.

Dave was a jack-of-all trades, could fix anything and tell you a joke at the drop of a hat, never met a stranger and had a true love for people. He truly enjoyed and thoroughly loved his family and friends, driving his decked out M&M golf cart and just enjoying the blessed life the Lord had given him. He was always ready with a smile.

Dave is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Jane; a daughter, Janie (Troy) Hattery and their children, Dean and Melinda Hattery, all of Peru; daughter, Jenny (Wade) Cohagan and their daughter, Ellie, all of Monticello; and son David Cecil Stangle (Dawn) and their son David Dean Stangle and her daughters McKenna and Rebecca, all of Kewanna. He is also survived by a brother Edwin (Bette) Stangle of Monticello and a sister, Joan (Lester, deceased) Piercy of Meza, Arizona.

A visitation was held from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene and one hour prior to the funeral service which was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the church. Rev. Daniel Burgess officiated and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery northwest of Kewanna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Historical Power Association or the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements were entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel. Online condolences and tributes may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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RECYCLING DATES
THURS., MAY 5TH
THURS., MAY 19TH



1st Lt. (Ret.) Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle, R.N.

Oct. 28, 1943-May 26, 2009

1st Lt. (Ret.) Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle, R.N., a heroic army nurse who served her country during the Vietnam War, arrived at her final resting place Tuesday. This hometown heroine was honored with military rites at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium in Arlington, Virginia, on April 26th at 3:00 p.m. Entombment followed the ceremony led by Chaplain Hernandez. The honor's team band played, three volleys were fired, then taps were played, following the arrival of the escorted caisson.

Jeanne Anne was an ordinary girl that enjoyed an extraordinary life. She was born on October 28, 1943 in Logansport to John W. and Ruth Nellans Urbin. She enjoyed her childhood growing up with three sisters, Janet, Jill, and Joy and brother, Jack. In 1961 she graduated from Kewanna High School. Fulfilling her dream of becoming a nurse and helping others, she graduated with a degree as a registered nurse in 1965 from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lafayette.

Ft. Collins, Colorado, was the setting of her first military stint and the locale in which she met the love of her life and best friend, Brian Cody Markle. Following a brief courtship they were married in the Kewanna United Methodist Church on August 6, 1966.

In December of 1966, with great passion for serving her country and to be near the side of her husband, she and Brian

embarked together to their location of deployment with the 24th EVAC Long Binh Hospital, Post - Op # 3 in the Republic of Vietnam. They were the only known husband and wife team to serve together. Both once joked that they were honeymooning in Vietnam.

Jeanne Anne saved many lives while nursing countless troops following their surgeries to repair wounds suffered during their war time service. In the face of great adversity and tragedy, she persevered even though working 12-hour days, the results of the battlefield coming into her arms. The surgery suite where she and her colleagues worked was housed in a modest Quonset hut with eight surgery tables and eight surgery teams working simultaneously. The ward she managed had 33 beds.

More recently, Jeanne Anne co-authored three inspiring books detailing the voices of war and stories she'd experienced on the front lines and from the home front. Jeanne Anne leaves behind a powerful legacy of patriotism, honor, courage, and compassion for mankind and our country for her three children and seven grandchildren to remember her by, along with all of her nieces, nephews and great-nephews and great-nieces, all who cherished and adored her.

Family members in attendance at the ceremony were her husband Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brian Markle, two sons, Patrick Markle and Jeremy Markle and wife, Nicole; a granddaughter, Gillian Markle; three sisters, Janet Rae Burkett and husband Jerry, Jill Leazenby, Joy Troutman and her husband Dr. Thomas, and her brother, Jack Urbin. Also attending were a niece, Jerilyn Hines, and two nephews, Jay L. Burkett and his wife, Robin Koch, and David Leazenby. Many friends she had cultivated along life's journey also were present to celebrate her life and recollect memories of the good times they shared.

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Attend Church Sunday

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OPEN LETTER TO ALL OF MY PATIENTS:

After nearly 21 years in private practice, I have decided to make a change in my career. It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter to inform you of my new direction, because I have developed close relationships with many of you.

With the challenges and changes facing the future of healthcare in the USA, I find it to be prudent to follow another path in medicine; I will pursue a career in emergency medicine. I believe this will create a more secure future for my family. I have always done moonlighting work in the emergency department and this will now become my primary focus for patient care.

I am pleased to announce the coming of Dr. Michael Garey, who will be the doctor in my former office. He will retain the same staff members whom you know, which should ease the transition to his care. Originally from Utah, he is a family man raising ten children. His career included nearly ten years of service in the Air Force at Biloxi, Mississippi. Dr. Garey's bedside manner is kind and caring, which is quite important to me. He is five years older than I am and has more years of medical experience than I have. He has been active with the American Board of Medical Examiners for Emergency Medicine. He has given oral exams to physicians undergoing testing for board certification. Coming to Winamac to be closer to family and preferring to live in a small town. Dr. Garey will be working full time in the outpatient office practice (with no emergency or hospital duties). This will result in the office being open more hours per week, giving you more access to care. Finally, we are anticipating that Dr. Garey will be starting around June 1st.

I consider it a privilege to have served as your family doctor these past years. I am expecting good health and excellent health care for you in the future.

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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO April 27, 1951

William Marion Carter, 78, former resident of the Kewanna and Grass Creek communities, passed away Sunday night at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. He had been critically ill for two days. For the past two years, the retired Wayne Township farmer had been residing with his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Hoesel at Culver.

William Abbott, Fulton, received word Monday, April 23, of the death of his son, Cpl. William E. Abbott, on April 4. Cpl. Abbott was a Browning automatic rifleman on the Korean front, near the 38th parallel. The corporal was originally serving as a cook in Korea, but due to the press of battle was made a rifleman.

Liberty Township taxpayers decided at a public meeting held Friday, April 20, to go ahead with construction of a new gym as well as a new cafeteria at the school. Money already available will be used for the gym and further funds will be raised to construct the cafeteria.

Frank Hendrickson's car was damaged in the amount of \$250 Sunday night as a result of an accident at Wilson's corner east of Kewanna. Hendrickson was going north, attempting a left turn, when he hit a large corner post. He was the only occupant in the vehicle at the time and was not hurt.

Mrs. Florence Cunningham, first grade teacher at Grass Creek, will receive her B.S. degree from Indiana Central College before the fall term. Her previous training was two years of college.

Donnabelle Van Duyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Duyne, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and Cpl. Clifford M. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher, Rt. 2, Kewanna, were married Sunday at the Kewanna Methodist Church. Rev. W. C. Evers performed the double ring ceremony.

Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Barbara Gooch and William Cessna Saturday evening at the home of Rev. D. D. Lavengood near

where he worked as a machinist in the Logansport Machine Shop. Since residing here, he followed the carpenter's trade.

Nadine Fortna, a Kewanna High School graduate, who is now a senior at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, has been listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges."

Kelsa Mae Reffett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitten Reffett, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has received the DAR Good Citizenship award at Grass Creek High School.

Seventeen young people of the local Church of Christ were in Greentown Saturday evening to attend a banquet of the Pierceton Mills Christian Assembly. Accompanying the young people were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lucky, Mrs. Frank Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corbett and Mrs. Dennis Troutman.

Larry Showley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Showley, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has been notified by the Navy department that he has won a NROTC scholarship. Larry will enter Purdue University this fall and will receive a commission in the U.S. Navy when he graduates.

Theresa Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Kewanna, is one of 12 Fulton County students who will be honored at Indiana University's Founders Day Program, May 2.

Johnny Agnew, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew, fell Monday evening on an old iron post in the back yard and cut a

gash in his forehead which required several stitches to close.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 27, 1961

Tennis lessons will begin on the new tennis court at the Kewanna park Saturday, April 29. Mrs. Ruth Partridge will be the instructor.

Golda Carter, operator of Golda's Beauty Shop in Kewanna, has received a certificate of merit for attending advanced hairstyling classes conducted by Virginia Farrell of the Academy of Advanced Hairstyling, Detroit, Michigan.

A front page picture showed a Pennsylvania locomotive packed in snow from the April 17 snow storm. Trainmen said the hard-packed snow and ice imbedded the entire front of the locomotive when the train bucked drifts as much as 12 feet high in cuts south of town.

Dr. and Mrs. K. K. Kraning announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Kae, to Louis F. Benedicto. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Saturnino Benedicto, Caracas, Venezuela, South American.

Sidney Judson (Jud) Crabill, retired Kewanna post office employee and a resident of Okeechobee, Florida, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Kough, Logansport.

Ronnie Walters of Richland Center, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mills, was struck by lightning Sunday while helping the Millises move. He was severely burned and is

recovering at his home after receiving hospital treatment.

Arnold Adams, Kewanna, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago, is able to set up some each day.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 28, 1966

Kewanna's 1966 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Susan Donathen. She scored highest in a written exam taken by senior girls in December. She is now eligible for state and national awards.

Beverly Kay Smitley, a senior at Kewanna High School, has received the Crisco Award for outstanding achievement in home economics. She was chosen for this award by the KHS faculty.

John Herbert Good, 19, flew recently from Indianapolis to Lackland Air Force Base where he will undergo basic training as an airman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good, Kewanna.

Cheryl Worl, Kewanna, has been awarded an 8-week scholarship to study in France by Indiana University under the teacher development program for modern language teachers. Miss Worl is an English and French teacher at South Central High School near Valparaiso. She is a graduate of Kewanna High School and Manchester College.


Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

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"LOOKING BACK"

Con't. From Page Four

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

Pork chops were selling at Deckard's Supermarket in Kewanna for 49 cents a pound.

Kewanna's track team won a triangular meet with Oregon-Davis and Medaryville Tuesday afternoon on the victor's field. Coach Tom Speaker's charges needed the 880 relay event to win and they did it with an all-out effort on the relay team's part. Jim Talbott again proved his skill in the hurdle events, winning both. Kewanna took six of the 13 events. Medaryville won three and OD, four.

THIRTY YEARS AGO April 23, 1981

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Larkin, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, April 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna. Larkin and the former Marie Combs were married April 25, 1931, in Loretta, Illinois.

Jeff Good, the only student in Kewanna's advanced biology class, and his teacher, Mr. Leroy Wilson, have completed a sheep

skeleton as a close to the anatomy and physiology unit. Using glue and wire to construct the skeleton, it took them 12 weeks of on and off work to complete the task. The skeleton will be donated to the science and health labs.

Bob and Jim Sutton and Art Reinholt helped Harold Sutton clear brush along the railroad tracks Saturday.

Easter dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Nellie Knicker were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickie, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hickie and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Patty and Kyle. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walters of Richland Center, former Kewanna residents, were honored Sunday afternoon at a surprise open house in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. The event was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Martens, Miss Patricia Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kumler.

TWENTY YEARS AGO April 25, 1991

Helen M. Hizer, Rt. 2, Kewanna, passed away at 7 a.m. Monday at her residence. Services will be

held Thursday at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Rev. Don Reed officiating.

Chad Woolington finished third in the national regionals of the Elks Hoop Shoot held April 13 in Dearborn, Michigan. He made 21 of 25 shots while the champion sank 23 of 25. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington and the great-grandson of Mrs. Florence Kruger, all of Kewanna.

The Salma Gundi Art Club in Manhattan, New York has accepted a work done by Linda L. Heinsen, Winamac, for a showing which will run May 1-25. Mrs. Heinsen is the former Linda Cogdill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cogdill of here and paints under the name of Linda Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters of Kewanna attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Walters, Saturday in Plymouth.

Sherry DeMartin of Hollywood, California, spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Golda Bailey. They spent the weekend at the Broken Arrow Campground north of Winamac. Mrs. Bailey and Sherry were Monday visitors of Mrs. Ron Wheadon, Goldia and Paul, and their houseguest, Julian Maudrich, an exchange student from Paris, France.

Governor signs Head's bill into law keeping Hoosier feed manufacturers competitive in world market

Grain produced in Indiana was once rejected at a foreign market because it lacked certification. Thanks to legislation sponsored by State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport), that's not likely to happen again.

Gov. Mitch Daniels recently signed into law a proposal sponsored by Head allowing Indiana's state chemist to inspect, audit and certify commercial feed manufacturers and distributors that export grains.

House Enrolled Act 1386 will go into effect July 1.

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Services available to veterans

According to the Fulton County Veterans Service Officer, Bernie Holloway, there are a lot of benefits available to veterans, if they qualify.

Some of these benefits include a health program, home health care, education, eye glasses, hearing aids, VA loans, structural alterations for disabled access, property tax deductions, headstone or grave marker and disability compensation or pension. Vietnam veterans should check about Agent Orange exposure. Holloway is willing to help veterans with any other related disabilities you may have. He can also help with receiving ribbons or medals.

Veterans are encouraged to stop in at the Fulton County Veterans office at 815 Main St., Court House Room 102, Rochester, to talk with him. Holloway can also be reached at 574-223-2217.

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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 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.

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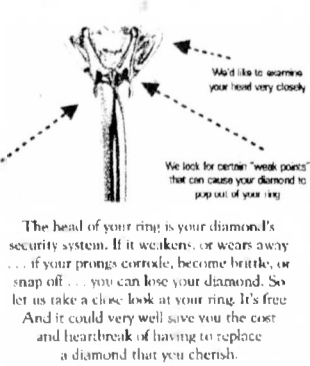
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**Kara's
Comments**

Kara Smith

Caston Jr.-Sr. High School hosted its annual spring concert April 21 at McHale Auditorium in Logansport.

The high school band premiered three pieces, two written by Mr. Tom Davis - entitled "Three Climates of Man's Existence" and featuring Brant Gerald on guitar. The "Plains" movement is a *Tuvan song, the playing of mouth pieces that represents throat singing. The "Jungle" movement is a groove. Groove is the sense of propulsive rhythmic "feel" or sense of "swing" created by the interaction of the music played by a band's rhythm section.

The women's choir sang "Give Me Jesus" beautifully and the junior high choir presented three numbers including one in Latin. The choirs combined to sing in "surround sound" with everyone lined up around the stage and lower auditorium.

"Were you There?", a piece commissioned by the high school band and scored by Steven Melillo concluded the

concert. The Comet band has been working on this piece for a year. Christen Sailors played the flute solo with powerful and uplifting emotion. Everyone made this piece come alive and not just black notes on white paper. The Caston Comet band dedicated the premier to the late Mr. Cedric Berdine, a long-time leader of the Caston music department. He wasn't just a teacher, but a close friend to all of his students. He touched the lives of many people, even the current band who unfortunately never met him. We felt very honored to do this and honor his wife and son. Thank you, Mr. Berdine for your work. You are dearly missed by the whole Caston music department and the hearts and lives you touched.

Cindee Miller noted "it was the best Holy Thursday. I flew a long way just for a high school concert, but you really got Steven Melillo's message. It was beautiful".

Cindee Miller helped make "Were You There?" become not

just a dream for us. The Caston band didn't even know her until she had the calling to assist the Comet band's dream of commissioning the piece by donating to it. She lives in Maryland and is a singer/song writer. I feel blessed for all the people who are giving and believe in a little rural high school band like the Caston Comet band.

This is just the beginning of a new chapter for the Caston music department. Who knew such a small school could have such an impact on the lives of many people. Steven Melillo told us to always play with heart and emotion because every concert is either a baby's first taste of music or a grandparent's (or older person's) last time to hear music. Every concert we play,

we try to make the audience think about a personal experience within the song. "Were you There?" was one of my Grandma Baker's favorite hymns. That is my personal experience.

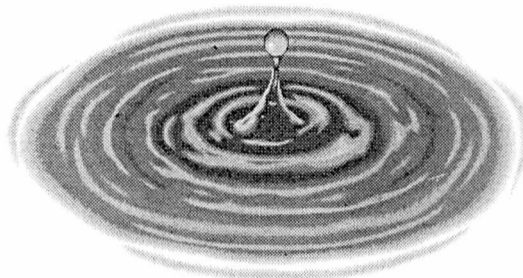
I would like to thank everyone who came to listen to the spiritual music and everyone who helped make it happen.

(*Tuvan is linguistically classified as a Northeastern or Siberian Turkic language.)
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The Caston girls' softball team earned its first Midwest Conference victory Monday evening defeating West Central 11-5 at Caston. The softball team is now 3-8 on the season and 1-3 in conference play.

The Comet boys' baseball team took a double header from West Central Saturday recording wins of 12-1 and 11-1 on their home diamond. The Comets are now 7-3 overall and are tied for first place in the Midwest Conference standings with Frontier, both boasting a 5-1 conference record.
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Churches carry cross on Good Friday

The Caston Cluster of United Methodist Churches spear-headed a "cross carry" on Good Friday from the Kewanna United Methodist Church to the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church. The journey of approximately 25 miles began at about 7:45 a.m. and ended at 4:55 p.m.

This picture shows those who gathered at the Kewanna church to participate in or witness the start of the cross walk, which include escort vehicles for the safety of the walkers.

The expedition in faith was organized to help modern day Christians attempt to visualize the agony along the Via Dolorosa, Jesus' route from Pilate's judgment hall to Calvary. Two participants walked the entire distance.

The walk culminated with a community Good Friday service at the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church in the evening.

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Summer Garver of the Kewanna United Methodist Church led of the group that started the cross walk Good Friday from Kewanna to Twelve Mile.

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**Rep. Gutwein:
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In a rare joint announcement, House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) along with Senate President Pro Tempore David Long (R-Fort Wayne) and Governor Mitch Daniels announced their support for an additional \$150 million investment in K-12 education emphasizing early learning opportunities for Hoosier students.

The announcement came prior to the Revenue Forecast Technical Committee meeting. The updated revenue forecast predicts Indiana will receive more than what was previously expected.

"We were responsible about living within our means and by doing so, K-12 education will now begin to benefit from that fiscal integrity," said Rep.

Douglas Gutwein (R-Francesville).

The increased revenues in addition to prudent reserve balances prove that the disciplined financial efforts by Republicans in the General Assembly and the governor are paying off for the State of Indiana.

Education currently makes-up

more than 50 percent of the state's budget, and a portion of K-12 education was cut in 2009 due to fiscal revenue being severely low.

While Indiana carefully begins to increase funding for education, many other states across the nation have had to continue to make dramatic cuts to education funding. In Ohio, South Dakota, Florida and Pennsylvania, funding for K-12 education was cut by 10 percent.

Even though the \$150 million increase is not fully restoring the cuts that were made, due to the unknown financial climate the Speaker stated there is still a

need to be prudent. Education is the only area in the state budget that will now show an increase in funding.

A quarter of the \$150 million will be used to complete the extension of full-day kindergarten to every school district in the state. A smaller fund will go toward a "teacher excellence" fund, which will reward teachers through pay based on performance, not seniority.

"Teachers play an important role in a child's development," said Rep. Gutwein. "They should be rewarded for making a positive impact on educational

development."

"Our Caucus' core value continues to be fiscal integrity. Because of that primary goal we are able to forward our commitment to K-12 education and put an emphasis on early education," said Speaker Bosma.

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2011 FSA county committee election

One of the Farm Service Agency's responsibilities is to conduct county committee elections in an open manner that ensures accountability. County FSA offices will provide local organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers, as well as beginning farmers and ranchers, with detailed information about the COC election process. FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees.

Groups representing socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers will be actively solicited for COC election candidates, and encouraged to fill out nomination form (CCC-669A). Under-represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under the News & Events tab on the FSA homepage.

In Fulton County, the 2011 COC election will be held in Area No. 3 which is comprised of Liberty, Union and Wayne townships. The current member of the COC is Robert J. Rude. He is completing the third year of his first term. Nominating petitions may be obtained at the FSA office, 1252 E 100 S, Rochester. The deadline for filing nominations is August 1, 2011.

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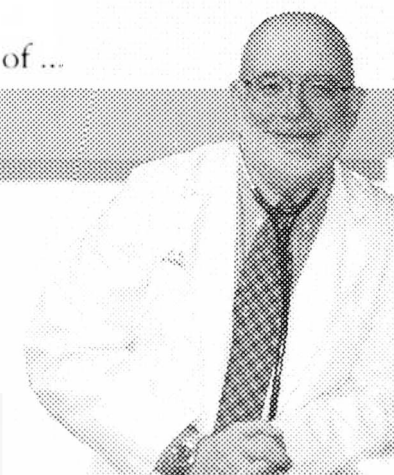
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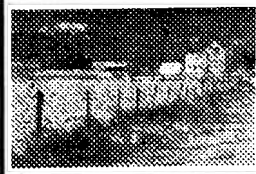
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Helen Whiteman hosted a large family gathering Sunday, April 24. Over 50 members of her family joined her in celebrating her birthday and Easter with dinner, cake and ice cream.

Renee Colley and her son and grandchildren, Eric Colley, Nathan and Meghan, of Bartlett, Illinois were in Crown Point for Easter. They had a wonderful time celebrating the holiday as guests of Renee's sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and John Zupancic.

Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans hosted their family's holiday gathering Sunday. Joining them for dinner and an Easter egg hunt were their daughter and grandchildren, Kim Jenkins, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn; Cora Lynn's parents, Barb and Jon Gast and Beth and Ray Weller; her aunt, Betty Leazenby; her brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte; her sister and brother-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig; her sister, Angela Gast, with her friend, Glenn Scott of Shpshewana; and the Clemans' nephews and their families, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie and Brent Wagoner of Warsaw with Shelby of Etna Green.

Ruth Cogdill received holiday telephone calls from all of her children Sunday.

Dave and Maria Evers hosted a small family gathering in honor of Easter. Joining them for dinner and a delightful visit were their parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers and Arlie Brown, and Dave's brother, Robert Evers.

Mathilda Lamb enjoyed celebrating Easter as a guest of Charlie Williams and his family in Fulton.

Florence Hogan and Kathy Dees had company Easter Day. Joining them for a visit and dinner were Florence's daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette, and her son, Mike Hogan. Later they were joined by Florence's granddaughter and her family, Wendy and Jonathon Shock, Haley and Della.

Tom and Linda Garner hosted their family's Easter gathering Sunday. Joining them for dinner and a lot of visiting were their daughter and her family of Valparaiso, Amanda and Don Wasserman, Zachary and Mackenzie; their daughter and her family of Twelve Mile, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna; and their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Rodney and Judy Miller of Plymouth hosted the Miller family Easter celebration Sunday. Among their guests was Rodney's grandmother, Helen Miller.

Don and Pauline Scales had several Easter Day visitors. Coming over for a chat were Phyllis and Gene Koontz, and their daughter and granddaughter, Cindy Wiese and Ally.

Virginia Agnew's family joined her Sunday to celebrate the Easter holiday. After a bountiful dinner, the kids enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. Everyone had fun, even the adults who were just watching.

The rest of the day was spent reminiscing and relaxing. Those in attendance included Marsha and Ed Tomerlin, Erin and Ashlyn Tomerlin and friend Jason, Eric Tomerlin and friend Michelle, all of Hebron; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and Alexis, Kim and Jeff Hunter, Raeann and Caleb, Greg and Jackie Agnew, and Jeff and Tina Agnew, Shayna and Kayleena, all of Rochester; and Jeremy and Angie Agnew of Westfield.

Ann Zartman and Shirley had several guests for Easter dinner Sunday. Joining them for the holiday were Jane and Rich Green, Dawn Nikolich and the Greens' son and his family, Dale and Wendy Green, Josh and Jacob, of Culver.

Jerry and Kay Brown hosted their family's Easter get-together Sunday. Joining them for dinner and a lot of visiting were their sons and their families, Mark and Mick Brown and Mike Brown with Lynn Hall, Amber and Bryce; their daughters and their families, Sue and Mike McKinney of Rochester with Kyle and Molly of Muncie and Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan of Rochester; their grandchildren and their families, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer and Leland of Monterey, Steve and Brenda Fox, Griffin and Megan, and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett; their grandsons, Jason Brown of Plainfield and Michael C. Brown of Winamac; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson; Kay's sister, Rita Williamson; and two friends of Griffin and Megan.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Logansport Monday, April 25. They had a nice time shopping and dining at the B&K drive-in where hot dogs and root beer are a must at the beginning of the season.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Chuck Baldwin, May 1; Illiana Bowyer and Abigail Powell, May 2; Trina Doty, Linda Evans, Agnes Kline and Brycen Metzger, May 3; Chelsea Short, Jacob Swafford and Kenny Swafford, May 4; Clayton Brown, Mary Collins, Aaron Eastwood, Matthew Evers, Steve McColley and Erin Tomerlin, May 5; Dave Bowyer and Jay Cunningham, May 6; and Sid Kleiner and Amber McPeak, May 7.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, May 2; and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Prilliman, May 7.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Announces First Annual Family Fun Run/Walk/Bike

A hospital is more than a place where people go to heal, it is a part of the community that fosters health and represents hope. From providing treatment and comfort to the sick, to welcoming new life into the world, hospitals are central to a healthy and optimistic community. That's the message organizers are touting with the 2011 National Hospital Week

theme "Champions of Care."

The event theme is the centerpiece of a promotional campaign aimed at uniting health care facilities across the country during the May 9-15 celebration.

At Pulaski Memorial Hospital, National Hospital Week is, first and foremost, a celebration of people. Our hospital is extremely proud of each member of our staff and we recognize the important role they play in extending a sense of trust to our patients and our communities.

The nation's largest health care event, National Hospital Week dates back to 1921 when it was suggested by a magazine editor who hoped a community wide celebration would alleviate public fears about hospitals. The celebration, launched in Chicago, succeeded in promoting trust and goodwill among members of the public and eventually spread to facilities across the country.

In celebration of National Hospital Week, Pulaski Memorial Hospital will host its first annual Family Fun Run/Walk/Bike on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 on the walking trail in the Winamac Town Park. The event is open to runners, walkers, and bicycle riders of all ages and abilities and will begin at 9:00am. Registration is \$10.00 and includes a T-shirt to commemorate the event. Registration forms are available in the Pulaski County Journal, the Pulaski Memorial Hospital website (www.pulaskimemorial.com), or at the auxiliary desk in the hospital's main lobby. All registered participants will be entered to win a health screening package that includes a dietary consult, a pulmonary function test, and lab work.

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Caston Elementary School Third 9-week Grading Period - 2010-11 Honor Rolls

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Jarod Beck, Olivia Boldry, Bryn Brumett, Brynn Buczkowski, Micah Colvin, Lydia Fagner, Deanna Hoff, Cameron Kline, Kobi Martindale, Rebekah Milburn, Carter See, Kiara Taylor, Tara Wagoner, Tera Wagoner, and Bailey Zimpleman

3rd Grade
Jordan Brewer, Elizabeth Byrum, Noah Howdeshell, Curtis Hubenthal, Amelia Lowry, Zoe Roark, Ginger Slisher, Keagan Slocum, Marley Strasser, and Kaylyn Young

4th Grade
Brock Buczkowski

5th Grade
Arieon Burns, Ryonn Doan, Holley Hoff, and Miranda Thornton

6th Grade
Brant Buczkowski and Adrianna Dague

"A/B" Honor Roll

2nd Grade
Brayden Breed, Zach Byers, Caleb Dearing, Eillie Deming, Austin Denny, Michael DePoy, Devin Fording, Jacob Green, Alexander Hernandez-Rios, Aurora Hines, Brianna Hubenthal, MaKayla Lee, Tileasha Lozier, Victoria McCloskey, Destiny McDaniel, Zam Miller, Lance Newgent, Layne Oliver, Hughston Osborn, Christian Pratt, Jessie Rock-Wolf, Nathan Russell, Dean Sylvain, Melanie Turnipseed, Stephen Warren, and Kade Zeider

3rd Grade
McKenzie Baldwin, Ally Borges, Wyatt Brumett Kaleb Conrad, Rayne Craig, Bryce Crawn, Aubrey Dague, Sam DuVall, Dylan Eastwood, Megyn Gamble, Emily Holt, Grayce Horn, Hannah Howard, Sophie Jellison, Dalton Jones, Luke Lowe, Kamrinn Lowry, James Maness, Sarah

Mangelsdorf, Daniel Mittica, Dakota Oldfather, Wyatt Pendley, Michael Rans, Jasmine Rudicel, Aiden Sarver, Carlie Sarver, and Cameron Scott

4th Grade
Noah Colvin, Peyton Crissinger, Kaitlyn Fording, Brianna Lee, Isabel Newcom, McKenzie Paschen, Destiny Ray, Mark Smith, Jeremy Turnipseed, and Ally Wiese

5th Grade
Kasey Ault, Kennedy Ault, Makayla Banta, Sidney Berry, Evelyn Byrum, Jordyn Campbell, Michael Conner, Zach Conrad, Tayt Cowell, Caleigh Frye, Erin Frye, Dustin Goforth, Bryce Hamilton, Payton Hedrick, Brock Hizer, Hannah Holt, Hanna Hoover, Brandon Kinser, Ashlyn Kline, Jalyn Louthain, Brandi McCroskey, Sam Mittica, Maegan Pendley, Kendra Pugh, Abby Rimpler, Bill Rude, Noah Rushinsky, Luca Santella, Jordan Schmid, Jayda Shafer, Madelyn Shidler, Bailey Shultz, Elizabeth Sutton, Jacob Taylor, Colton Welker, Wesley York, Brianna Young, and Jaden Zeider

6th Grade
Efrain Amezcuita, Hunter Babb, Berkle Blackman, Gabrielle Brouette, Eli Douglass, Braxton Early, Megan Evans, Courtney Fry, Carson Gates, Kaylah Gearhart, Dakota Hayden, Matthew Holliman, Trenton Howard, Alyssa Hubenthal, Dalea Hubenthal, Ellei Kay, Josh Miller, Dawson Oliver, Hanna Plummer, Matthew Rans, Samantha Ricci, Emily Rowe, Carrie Sailors, Matthew Shelton, Zach Slocum, Marcus Slothour, Cassie Smith, and Patience Turnpaugh.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Why don't cleaning products have to list their ingredients, and are these products tested for what they might do to your health? -- Patricia Greenville, Bethel, CT

Since cleaning products aren't food, beverages or drugs meant to be ingested, they aren't regulated, per se, by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. However, makers are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to list ingredients that are active disinfectants or potentially harmful. Otherwise, they usually keep their other ingredients secret, presumably so competitors can't copy their formulas.

But consumer advocate Sloan Barnett, author of *Green Goes with Everything*, doesn't give manufacturers the benefit of that doubt. "Call me suspicious, but I honestly don't think it's because the recipe is top secret," she says. "If it was, there wouldn't be so many competing products with identical ingredients." Barnett thinks manufacturers don't want to scare off consumers by disclosing how many potentially harmful chemicals are flying under the EPA's radar in their products.

"The government only requires companies to list 'chemicals of known concern' on their labels. The key word here is 'known'," she says. "The fact is that the government has no idea whether most of the chemicals used in everyday cleaning products are safe because it doesn't test them, and it doesn't require manufacturers to test them either."

She adds that the EPA, under the terms of 1976's Toxic Substances Control Act, "can't require chemical companies to prove the safety of their products unless the agency itself can show that the product poses a health risk—which the EPA

does not have the resources to do since, according to one estimate, it receives some two thousand new applications for approval every year." She cites a recent study by the non-profit Environmental Working Group, which found that the EPA approved most applications within three weeks even though more than half provided no information on toxicity whatsoever.

Regardless, consumers should be familiar with what warning labels are on cleaning products. "All household cleaners that contain known hazardous chemicals must carry a warning label that spells out potential risks, along with precautionary steps and first-aid instructions," reports *Consumer Reports'* Greener Choices website.

Some manufacturers are beginning to be more transparent about their ingredients. The Clorox Company, for example, one of the largest manufacturers of cleaning products, now publishes full lists of the ingredients for all of its brands on its corporate responsibility website, CloroxCSR.com. Many praise Clorox for doing so; others argue that, whether or not ingredients are disclosed, the company—like many others—is still in the business of making products that pose health and environmental hazards.

Generally speaking, if you're looking for safer alternatives, browse the cleaning products sections of natural foods markets such as Whole Foods, which are populated with lesser-known but more green-friendly brands. For do-it-yourselfers, the Greener Choices website also lists recipes for eco- and health-friendly homemade household cleaners using ingredients like baking soda, borax, lemon juice and vinegar.

CONTACTS: Greener Choices, www.greenerchoices.org; Clorox, www.cloroxcsr.com. **EarthTalk®** is written and edited by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss and is a registered trademark of **E - The Environmental Magazine** (www.emagazine.com). **Send questions to:** earthtalk@emagazine.com. **Subscribe:** www.emagazine.com/subscribe. **Free Trial Issue:** www.emagazine.com/trial. +++++

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/dlgf.

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 - Junk mail
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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



Countdown to royal love

I don't give a shilling about the Royal Wedding. There, I said it out loud and lightning didn't strike me down. Bloody well thought it might. Perhaps such a lack of imperial interest warrants an apology. I am not intrigued, excited, anticipatory or enthralled. Am I the only one?

I am not anti-royalty. I am sure I would consider Kate and William just smashing if we met up over a couple of pints or perchance a spot of tea. They'll make a great prince and princess or king and queen or whatever they are destined to become. I like Kate and William - as people, not puppets.

The media attention is what I question. The morning news show I watch on the telly has been conducting an on-air countdown for somewhere near 100 days. For me, it's gotten as old as the queen herself.

Day 99 (and counting): What will the bride's mother wear? We have an exclusive interview with mothers, none of whom are related to Kate or William, or are even British for that matter. But they are mothers and they wear clothes. Live, after the next break!

Day 82 (and counting): Thoughts on what Prince Harry may or may not say during his best man speech. Will he make jokes about Prince William's male pattern baldness? We have a psychology expert in studio to explore possible answers to that question - and more. Stay tuned!

Day 63 (and counting): Are Camilla and Kate best mates or just the opposite? What do they talk about when they meet up in the royal loo? Is it a bathroom catfight? We don't know the answer to these questions because the royals don't give interviews, but we're going to wing it with a mother/daughter-in-law duo from Toledo who have been duking it out for the last decade. Right after the weather!

Day 45 (and counting): Where will Kate and William spend their honeymoon? We have a travel expert who speculates between Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Ireland and even the northwoods of Minnesota. Blimey, what a choice that would be!

Day 31 (and counting): Who will design the wedding dress? Rumor has it Kate is having three (count them, three) dresses made for the special day, so no one knows for sure which she'll

take a fancy to (not even Kate). Can you stand the excitement? Photos of possible dress designs by possible designers exclusively here (quite possibly).

Day 14 (and counting): Who is the world's favorite princess - Diana or Kate? Some speculate Kate will surpass Lady Di in the polls. What do our viewers think? You'll be surprised at the varying opinions - or lack thereof.

And so it goes. Is Kate going to wear a tiara? William a wedding ring? Will Prince Charles keep a stiff upper lip during the ceremony? Will Camilla be permitted access to the Crown Jewels? What does it all mean? Why are we Yanks so enamored with the royal hoopla?

I must be lacking the queen gene. How else do you explain my inability to be captivated by something so monarchical? Perhaps I'm too daft to understand the princess factor of the fanfare. Either that, or I was born on the wrong side of the pond.

The TV announcer excitedly tells us live coverage will begin at 4:00 a.m. on the day of the nuptials. Four (gulp) in the morning? I didn't even get up that early for my own wedding. Blimey.

Never mind; this is history in the making. Pity the bloke who doesn't get it.

I guess that's me. I don't care about royalty, jewels or the length of the bridal gown's train. I fear the festivities have gotten so big, we may have lost sight of what it's supposed to be about: William and Kate.

Because at the back side of all this splendor - at the end of the day - we will be left with simply a boy and a girl who want nothing more than to remain madly in love and live happily ever after, just like in the fairy tales. There's a story worthy of our attention.

Jill Pertler, 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 jpertmn@qwest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

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Motorists can expect to see a greater police presence on roadways beginning this month, as participating agencies increase their efforts to target and ticket motorists who drive above posted speed limits. While speed enforcement is a year-round priority, many law enforcement agencies will be stepping up their efforts over the coming weeks.

In 2010, 18 percent of fatalities and 12 percent of injuries sustained in Indiana traffic collisions involved speed. In fact, nearly 10 percent of all collisions that occurred in Indiana involved a driver who was speeding.

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Judith A. Reed
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown

Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Carol Fernandez of Kennesaw, Georgia was a recent houseguest of her mother, Mary K. Williamson near Winamac. Friday, April 15, Carol and Mary K. were joined by Mary K.'s daughter, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg; daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Jerry Brown of here; and grandson, Kerry Brown of Connerville, for a visit.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Monday, April 18. Their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton, came by for a nice chat and to help them run an errand.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were in Indianapolis Tuesday, April 19. They took care of some business early in the morning. In the afternoon, they met: their daughter, Diane Evers; their son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Jane Evers; and Diane's daughter and her family, Lindsay and Dan Bailey, Leia and Ethan, for a visit over dinner.

Tim Cogdill of Macy spent Wednesday morning, April 20, with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. Tim had run some errands for his mother that was greatly appreciated. The highlight of the morning was listening to guitar

music that Tim had composed. He had sent this to his mother by way of the computer and with help from his daughter, Kristy. Tim and Ruth enjoyed catching up on all the family news.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of working visitors Thursday, April 21. Coming over for a pleasant visit and taking care of a couple of chores were their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester.

Linda Ligocki of Winamac spent Thursday morning with her mother, Ruth Cogdill. Linda did some grocery shopping for Ruth and put some new programs on her mom's computer. Linda presented Ruth with some Easter lilies in honor of the Easter holiday.

Julie Brown accompanied Mary Personett and her daughter, Nola Hines, to Logansport Thursday evening. They enjoyed attending the Caston Jr.-Sr. High School spring concert. The event was held at McHale Auditorium. Mary's grandsons, Zek Kesler and Luke Sutton, and two of Julie's other "munchkins," Hali Berry and Katie Hawkey, were among the performers.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors Friday, April 22. Stopping by to wish Helen a Happy Birthday were her daughter-in-law, Bev Whiteman, and Bev's brother, Bill Conran.

Don and Pauline Scales had a

couple of visitors the afternoon of Good Friday. Stopping by for a holiday chat and bringing along dessert were their daughter and son-in-law, Barb and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville.

Florence Hogan and her daughter, Kathy Dees, had a few visitors Friday. Stopping in for a visit were her daughter, Alice White of Winamac; Alice's daughter, Sarah Cleary of Indianapolis; and Alice's son and daughter-in-law, David and Megan White.

Barb LaFollette accompanied her daughter, Karina Bohac of Rochester, to Kokomo Friday. Karina treated Barb to an early Mother's Day pampering that included a massage, manicure, pedicure and hair styling. Afterward they enjoyed lunch.

Angela Gast accompanied her sister and brother-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig, and several family members to Syracuse Saturday, April 23. They had an emotional time attending a performance of The Passion Play at the Quakerhaven Camp. Afterwards, they visited over dinner at an Applebee's restaurant.

Helen Miller left Saturday for an overnight holiday visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller at Plymouth.

Mathilda Lamb had a couple of working visitors Saturday. Coming over to tackle several chores were her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb of Peru. Later, they enjoyed visiting over the meal Wayne and Cathy brought.

Pauline Brown and Julie had company over the weekend. Arriving in the afternoon for an

overnight stay and triple holiday celebration were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland. The family had a nice time celebrating a belated Christmas, Easter and Clayton's upcoming birthday. In the evening, Clayton was joined by his friends, Luke and Tanner Sutton, for some energetic outside activities (in other words, continuous running around the house).

Pauline and Don Scales had several holiday callers Saturday. Coming for a wonderful visit and bringing along an early Easter dinner for everyone to enjoy were their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City, and the Heidens' daughter and grandchildren, Jaime Heiden, Cody and Ty, of Ft. Wayne.

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca,

Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte hosted a small family gathering Saturday in honor of Easter. Their guests for dinner and an Easter egg hunt were Chris's parents, Tom and Barb LaFollette; his sister and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester; and his great-nephew, Eli Lopez.

Dawn Nikolich of Chrisny arrived Saturday evening for an overnight holiday visit with her parents, Rich and Jane Green. In the evening, Dawn and Jane were joined by Jane's grandson, Jacob Green, and her mother and sister, Ann Zartman and Shirley, for dinner at Poblano's in Rochester. Afterward, Dawn picked up her granddaughter, Makhia Harding, for an evening visit.

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