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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 she 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.

Property taxes are due Tuesday, May 10.

The spaghetti dinner planned by the Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post on May 21 has been cancelled.

The Manitou Chapter Daughters of American Revolution will meet at noon on May 9 at the Streamliner Central in Rochester for lunch. A program, "Journey to Jamestown" will be presented by the Onstott sisters, Phoebe Lykowski, Susan Onstott and Helen Sisher. Roll call will be a memory of a personal journey. Two women will be submitting membership papers. The public is welcome.

Clean up day for Toner Park on Kewanna's Main Street has been set for Saturday, May 21, beginning at 1 p.m. All those willing to help would be greatly appreciated.

Chuck Kumlir, co-manager of the Rochester Kroger store, has been selected as a 2010 community service award winner by the Kroger Co. Kumlir is president of the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce. He is the grandson of the late Dean and Lois Kumlir of Kewanna.

The USDA is predicting that meat prices will increase between six and seven percent during 2011, due to fewer cattle and higher grain prices.

A helicopter raid by Navy Seals has resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the September 11, 2001 terror attacks in the United States.

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

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.

served. The breakfast is sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce.

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.

New Holland Rochester, owned by Melinda and Jim Straeter, has been named to the President's Club by corporate headquarters. It is the company's highest award, achieved by about ten percent of the country's New Holland dealers.

The Farmers Market is currently being held at the Fulton County 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 coffee are available for breakfast.

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 Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary, Rochester, will be hosting a book fair Friday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital classrooms.

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

Town-wide cleanup day, May 14

Kewanna's annual town-wide cleanup day will be held Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., unless the dumpsters are full prior to 1 p.m.

Dumpsters for getting rid of your unwanted items will be located at the south well house, 215 E. Maple Street. Town of Kewanna residents are urged to get their spring cleaning done and make use of the dumpsters provided by the town.

Items that CANNOT be placed in the dumpsters includes leaves, stoves, appliances containing a refrigerant, tires, syringes, motor oil, batteries, propane tanks, automotive parts, pool chemicals, animal carcasses, flammables, metal drums, liquid paint and varnish and electronic equipment (TVs, computers, etc.) Persons may contact the Fulton County Solid Waste District at 574-223-4939 about disposal of these items.

Persons dropping off trash will need to have a photo ID to assure this service benefits Town of Kewanna residents only.

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.

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Hope Hospice hosts awards gala

Hope Hospice hosted its first annual "Twilight on Manitou" gala Saturday evening at the Rochester Elks Lodge on Lake Manitou. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Excellence in Healthcare award. The award is given to a healthcare professional that goes "above and beyond" what their job calls for in caring for patients. This year's winner is Sandy Gearhart, RN, of Woodlawn Hospital. Other

New Fulton County Folk Finder published

The latest issue (Fall 2010 to February 2011) of the "Fulton County Folk Finder" is now out. It contains 28 pages and sells for \$5 at the Fulton County Museum. Annual dues of \$10 per individual can be mailed to Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N., Rochester IN 46975. Copies of the Folk Finder are mailed to members.

This issue contains articles about the new Rochester Underground Railroad monument; how the first railroad came to Rochester and became the Nickel Plate Trail; fire at FCHS museum; obituaries: Leon Stewart, L. D. Thousand, Mildred Wagoner, Bertha Waltz, and Mary Lukens; good books to read about the past; corrections to the Rochester pictorial history book; Velma Bright retiring; Joe Mathias donates Indiana history games; grant received to restore roan barn and Polke house - stagecoach inn; Michigan Road will be Historic Byway; "Hunting for Ernest Hemingway;" meet Melinda - FCHS Museum Director; Floor-Hillman round barn restored; Chief White Eagle obituary and life story; and query about miners from Rochester to Sierra County, New Mexico in 1880.

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)

June 1st Enrollment Deadline for DCP and ACRE Programs

Quickly Approaching
Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of USDA's Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that June 1, 2011 is the deadline for enrolling in the 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program.

"It is critical for producers to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible. Over 100,000 farms were enrolled in the DCP and ACRE Programs during 2010. To date, approximately 65% of Indiana's farms have been enrolled in the 2011 DCP and ACRE Programs. At the current rate of enrollment, it is possible that a significant number of farms eligible for 2011 will not be enrolled by the June 1st deadline," said Wickard.

"FSA understands that spring is here and planters are headed to the fields. We don't want our Hoosier farmers to miss the important deadline," Wickard concluded. Signatures of all producers receiving a share in DCP or ACRE payments are required by the June 1st deadline. It is important producers contact their local office to set up appointments well before the deadline.

For more information about the DCP or ACRE Programs please visit your local FSA county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Send In Your News

Finalists for the Hope Hospice Excellence in Healthcare award were honored Saturday night at a gala at the Rochester Elks. The finalists were, left to right, Paula

Moore, Tracy Pocock, Sandy Gearhart, and John Alley. The award was presented to Sandy Gearhart, RN, a nurse at Woodlawn Hospital.

The elegant affair was attended by 179 persons who enjoyed a return to the past, many attired in tuxedos and gowns. The three-course dinner was prepared by Pat and Robin Burkett. Table settings and arrangements were provided by the Burketts with help from Shari Durkes and the Hope Hospice staff.

Finalists are John Alley, CEO of Woodlawn Hospital; Tracy Pocock, a pharmacy technician at Webb's Pharmacy; and Paul Moore, a nurse at Life Care of Rochester.

Clubs Societies Personals



The group made final plans for the delivery of flowers/cookies to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Labels were removed from old prescription bottles to get them ready for shipment to Haiti where they will be used by mission teams.

Both Weller gave devotions. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Evelyn Peters. Helen Whiteman received the door prize.

Barb Steigely will host the June meeting which will be on Monday, the 6th

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Fulton alumni meet

The 80th annual Fulton High School alumni gathering was held Saturday, April 23, at Gaston Educational Center with 154 graduates and guests in attendance.

Shirley Shubat gave the welcome and Mary Murphy offered the invocation. Jim Sutton and Betty Gundrum led a memorial service for the 13 members who passed away during the last year.

The class of 1961 which graduated 50 years ago was recognized. Class members present included Geneva Clemons Packard, Carolyn Hanaway Hatcher, Gerald DePoy, Sam Pugh and Mike Maloney.

The secretary's report was offered by Barbara Hall and the treasurer's report was given by Mary Murphy. Robert Eber gave the benediction.

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AREA FIVE MENU
Kewanna Fire Station
 Monday, May 9 - Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, roll and milk
 Wednesday, May 11 - Ham, beans and cornbread, pickled beets, sweet potatoes, peach crisp and milk
 Friday, May 13 - Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, peas, roll and milk

Friday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, applesauce, cinnamon roll and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
 Monday - Cheeseburger, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Tuesday - Taco snack, asparagus, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, broccoli - cinnamon bread, grape juice cup, and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Thursday - Mini corn dogs, corn, cookie, pears and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Friday - Cheese pizza, lima beans, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

EASTERN PULASKI MENU
May 9-13
Elementary Breakfast
 Monday - Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk
 Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
 Wednesday - Breakfast burrito, juice and milk
 Thursday - Cheese bread with sausage patty, juice and milk
 Friday - Omelet, juice and milk

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

Advertising and News Deadline.... Noon on Tuesday!!

Kate Ash to be honored at open house

Kate Ash will be the guest of honor at an open house Sunday, May 15, in celebration of her 100th birthday. The open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Winamac United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to join her in celebrating this milestone. Cards will be appreciated, but gifts should be omitted.

KUMW holds May meeting

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met Monday evening in the church annex for its May meeting.

The president, Barb Steigely, presided over the business meeting which was opened with the repeating of The Purpose.

Both Weller gave the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 22
Births - Chayla Conwell, Warsaw, a son

April 25
Dismissals - Walter Woodcox and son, Denver, Walcott; Macy, Melissa Musselman and daughter, Rochester; Keshia Moore and daughter, Rochester; Chayla Conwell and son, Warsaw

Births - Sebastian and Mindi Villanor, Rochester, a son

April 27
Admissions - Jacob Freeman, Rochester

April 28
Admissions - Ronald Bird, Rochester

Dismissals - Mindi Villanor and son and Jacob Freeman, all of Rochester

Births - Abigail Robbins, Kewanna, a son

April 29
Admissions - Edgar McKee, Rochester; John Casey, Akron

Dismissals - Ronald Bird, Rochester

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DEATHS



LOIS JEANNETTE (AGNEW) SIGHTS

Lois Jeannette (Agnew) Sights, 89, passed away Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Sanctuary of St. Paul's with loved ones by her side.

Born December 10, 1921 in Frankfort, she was the daughter of the late Robert William and Bessie (Zellers) Agnew. She married Herbert R. Sights on November 21, 1942 in South Bend. He died December 3, 1993. Mrs. Sights lived on East Oakside Street in South Bend for many years and was a member of Faith United Methodist Church. Lois worked at Bendix for 23 years as an office clerk, retiring in 1969.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Virginia Agnew, Kewanna, and Helen Agnew, Kokomo; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, John and Wayne Agnew.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Chapel at the Sanctuary of St. Paul's with Rev. Eldon Heatwole,

chaplain, officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

McGann Hay Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made in her memory to any charity. To send condolences to the family, log on to www.McGannHay.com.

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GERALD "JUNIOR" FEECE, JR.

Rochester "Junior" Feece, Jr., 82, Gerald, passed away at 3:

40 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2011, at Life Care Center of Rochester. A lifetime resident of Letters Ford, he was born January 27, 1929, at Sink Hole near Delong to Gerald and Thelma Robison Feece.

He was married in March of 1982 to Mable D. Tapron. She preceded him in death on

August 3, 1996.

Survivors include a son, Gary W. Feece and his wife Anna Rosa of the State of Washington; a granddaughter, Laurie Birchmeier of Plymouth; a special daughter, Debbie Bland of Rochester; and his canine companion, Susie.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Interment will be in the Letters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post 399 of Monterey and the Finney-Shilling Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6919 of Culver. Memorial contributions may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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FRANCES P. BOWERSOX

Frances P. Bowersox, 96, formerly of Letters Ford and Duneedin, Florida, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton.

She was born April 19, 1913, in a sod house on the family homestead near Garland, Oklahoma, the daughter of Grover Cleveland and Pearl Bunnell Kline.

On August 22, 1931, she married Chester M. Bowersox. Their union of 87½ years

produced two sons, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Chet and Frances not only shared married life together but they were also savvy business partners. From 1945-1962 they were the owners of Letters Ford State Bank. Frances was on the board of directors and was the bank secretary. After selling their interest in the bank to Wayne Roe, she and Chet embarked on a two-year world vacation, eventually settling in the Ozona, Florida, area where they became avid tennis players. Together they played doubles making many friends on the tennis courts. Frances continued to play tennis well into her 80s.

Frances was a member of the Letters Ford United Methodist Church for over six decades. She was also a past member of several tennis clubs in Florida. The past five years, she made her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Diane.

Survivors include two sons, John Bowersox and his wife Ruth of Duneedin, Florida, and Thomas Bowersox and his wife Diane of South Bend; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Bernice Rath, Martha Gintzer and Dorothy Talbot. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Dean Bowersox; three sisters, Betty Stayton, Margaret Corbin and Lajune Welling; and a brother, Robert Kline.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, May 4, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Father Burt Woolson officiating. Interment was in the Letters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Letters Ford United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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Rep. Gutwein comments

"It's been a difficult session, but we were able to get our work done. We lost some time when the Democrats walked out for more than five weeks, but we continued working and hit the ground running when they returned.

"In September, we made a promise to strengthen Indiana by protecting taxpayers, promoting job creation and expanding education opportuni-

ties. We delivered on that promise.

"We passed a balanced budget without increasing taxes. We passed legislation that will foster job creation as businesses relocate and expand in Indiana. We restored some funding to education that will be used to help provide full-day kindergarten to every school district in the state.

"These were some difficult decisions to make, but we moved bills forward that will benefit all Hoosiers. Overall, this session was a success."

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Beginners oil painting workshop

Wade Bussett 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 Bussett, Box 151, Kewanna, IN 46939.

For more information, call 574-653-3002 or 574-635-6055.

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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Judd Crabb, Union Township trustee, announced this week that Carl Harmon of near South Bend has signed a contract as the new principal for Kewanna schools. The principal, Keith Dubois, has signed a contract with a high school in Sarasota, Florida.

Keith Farr, 37, of Niagara Falls, New York, one of the 11 victims of the fatal airplane crash at Fort Wayne Saturday night, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farr of here. Farr was enroute to Kewanna to spend the weekend when the United Airlines C-3 exploded in a violent rainstorm. His parents were at the South Bend airport awaiting his arrival when they received the news of his death.

The Arthur Feindern felt the impact of the severe storm last Saturday when lightning struck their hog house. A short time before the lightning struck the hog house, a bolt caused a fuse in the house to blow and a large ball of fire danced around the farm yard. This apparently frightened the market-ready pigs from their shelter, thereby saving them from injury when another bolt hit the hog house.

County clerk Ralph Johnston has received word from Indianapolis that all county home residents who are financially able must pay \$10 per week for their keep. The \$10 per week may be paid by the nearest of kin, or the nearest relative may take them into their homes.

New officers of Indiana University's 2,300-man R.O.T.C. include Ted Olson, Rochester, cadet captain, and James Sparks, Kewanna, cadet second lieutenant.

Norma Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray, has accepted a graduate assistantship in the Women's Residence Hall at Indiana University for the fall term. Miss Murray graduated from IU in 1948 with a degree in journalism. When she returns this fall she will resume her studies towards a master's degree in education and personnel.

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Tommy Wilson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Wilson, is recuperating in their home after delicate throat surgery performed April 24 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He is the son of Robert Wilson, Plymouth.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Coffee Shop changed hands recently when Mrs. Helen Fagan of Lucerne purchased the cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cinn. Mrs. Fagan has been operating the cafe for the past six months under an option-to-buy. The restaurant was originated by Aubrey Zellers who sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heiden. The Heidens operated it until Carl entered the service when they sold it to Mrs. Aileen Lane. At the death of Mrs. Lane, the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ginn. The Ginn first operated the cafe and then leased it to Mrs. Harrison DeWitt before finally selling to Mrs. Fagan.

Gravestone services were held Saturday at the Grass Creek Cemetery for Clyde Robbins, his wife, Lillie, and his son, Max, former Grass Creek residents. According to meager details, Robbins strangled his wife, shot his son and then shot himself. All three had been in poor health. He was a brother to Mrs. George Murray of Washington, Indiana. Mrs. Murray was enroute by train to visit the family in

Bakersfield, California, when Mr. Murray received word of the deaths. He telephoned police to meet her at the station and inform her of the incident.

Final rites were held at the Fry and Lange Funeral Home, Winamac, for Mrs. Mandy Green, 63, Rt. 1, Winamac. She was a sister of Ed Shadle of Kewanna.

Elston Sayers was pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when friends called at his home with a carry-in supper to help him celebrate his birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Crist, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rude and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walsh and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kreamer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bitterling.

Jimmy Carr, Rt. 1, Kewanna, returned to school Monday after being confined to his home for about two weeks with measles and mumps.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Woolington Construction of Kewanna has been tentatively awarded a \$185,860 contract to build a new building for the Fulton County REMC, manager Clarence Martens announced Wednesday.

Russell Walters, 49, Kewanna, was appointed Monday to his first full four-year term as county school superintendent by action of the county board of education. Walters is currently completing the four-year term begun in 1957 by Earl Rouch who resigned in 1959.

Winners in the closing-out sale at the Hiland Farm Store in Kewanna were Mrs. Ralph Bitterling, three-piece bedroom suite; Mrs. Bessie Engle, five-piece dinette set; Mrs. Lora Pander, swivel chair; Mrs. Francis Hurlbut, rotisserie; Mrs. Madeline Miller, four-piece Revere ware set; Mrs. Ralph Kreamer, toaster; St. Ann's Rosary, ice chest; Mrs. Rosetta Newgent, stainless steel ware; Rainbow Girls, electric iron; and Mrs. Mildred Troutman, coffee carafe.

Joe Dague of Grass Creek swears its true and calls as his witnesses Loren Cunningham, Sam Kirk, Gary Plummer and Floyd Latta, all of whom are willing to stake their reputations on the tale that is told - April rains and snows have swollen the waters of Mill Creek until they have covered a sizeable chunk of land along its course. As the waters were receding, Joe proceeded to look the situation over and found several large fish trapped in a field some distance from the creek bed. The largest measured over two feet long.

After much consideration, the merchants of Kewanna have decided to remain open on Friday evenings, instead of the usual Saturday night hours.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Zellers of Indianapolis are the parents of a daughter born May 2, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zellers of here are the paternal grandparents and Mrs. Zella Kreamer, also of Kewanna, is the maternal grandmother. The couple has one other child, a son Stephen.

Shirley Crippen, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has received the 1966 Betty Crocker Homeemaker of Tomorrow Award at Caston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crippen.

A/3c Philip Dean Smutley, son of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Smutley, Rt. 1, Kewanna, has completed his Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and is being transferred to Keester AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Danny L. Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corbett, has returned home after serving two years with the Navy in Japan.

The Kewanna Cleanup Campaign sponsored by the Kewanna Progressive Association rolled into its final phase this week. Residents were asked to cleanup their properties to make it more attractive to the public. Saturday, May 7, has been designated as trash pickup day and all trash placed in suitable containers by 10 a.m. will be hauled away free. This will be done through the cooperation of the Boy Scouts and the supervision of Harold Hickle and Don Woolington. The tree planting campaign last week turned out to be a huge success with 60 residents responding by planting 230 trees in Kewanna.

Baskets of carnations, snapdragons and violets decorated the altar of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Winamac Saturday for the wedding of Mary Francis Bucinski and Joseph John Wegner. Rev. Father Robert

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"LOOKING BACK"

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Sorg of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanaw officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bucinicki, Rt. 3, Kewanaw, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wegner, Rt. 4, Winamac.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

May 7, 1981

John Sharp, a senior at Kewanaw High School, has been selected by the State Student Assistance Commission as a Hoosier Scholar.

David Besse of the local VWV Post presented a 10-speed bicycle to Matthew Chaganan who was the champion fundraiser in the recent St. Jude bikeathon sponsored by the VWV.

Some of the winners in last week's sidewalk days door prize drawings were Lester Shidaker at Baldwin Sundries; Mary Raderstorf at the Farmers and Merchants Bank; Linda Dilling at Buckeye Feed and Supply; and Nicky Klinefelter at The Observer.

A bridal shower was held Sunday in the home of Mrs. Paul Bauman, Sr. for Janece Bauman, bride-elect of Kip Cook. Hostesses were Mrs. Fred Bauman, Mrs. Paul Bauman, Jr., Mrs. Jim Bauman, Mrs. Gary Kline and Paula Walsh.

The Wheloh 4-H Club met recently at the town hall. Officers elected for this year include Beth DeWitt, president; Lisa Shrader, vice president; Stephanie Brown, secretary; Denice Wegner, reporter; Sharylyn Brown, devotional leader; and Becky DeWitt and Kathy Fisher, song leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tomerlin and family in Hebron. They helped their granddaughter, Erin, celebrate her sixth birthday.

Ann Wilson came home

Monday from Indiana University. She will be graduating Sunday as an optometric technician.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
May 2, 1991

James R. Collins, formerly of Rt. 2, Kewanaw, recently became an independent sales agent with the Starke County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency. A 1984 graduate of Caston High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins, Rt. 2, Kewanaw.

Sami and J.J. Good of Indianapolis were featured as "Tomorrow's Leaders". They are the grandchildren of Joe and Karen Good, Kewanaw, and the great-grandchildren of Forrest and Elnora Baker, Delbert Good, and the late Ginger Good, all of Kewanaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Troutman, Kewanaw, are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Jane. She has two brothers, Ryan and Marcus. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman of here are the paternal grandparents.

Former Kewanaw resident Angie Whiteman, Winamac, claims a new title this spring. She is the first to graduate from Ancilla College's "We Believe in You Program". After 2 1/2 years of study, she will graduate this year with a two-year degree in business administration and an associate degree in science. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Ousley of here.

Sara Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lincoln, recently won first place in the girls' singles open bowling competition, Division F, in the city-wide tourney held in South Bend. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson of here.



Graduates of Grass Creek and North Caston High School and their guests gathered at the Caston Educational Center Saturday evening, April 30, for their annual alumni banquet.

Members of the 1941 graduating class celebrated their 70th high school graduation year. They are, left to right, Ellen Walsh, Delbert Kistler, Lillian Leazenby Webster, Gale Boldy and Jean Boldy.



Graduates and friends of the Grass Creek High School class of 1951 celebrated their 60th high school graduation anniversary Saturday. The members of the group included, left to right, Richard Sommers, Madeline Sommers, Charlotte Sommers Schnapf and Don Schnapf.

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The Grass Creek High School class of 1946 was represented by Corabelle Kistler Crippen, who graduated 65 years ago.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Perrier



Hairballs and terrorists – pains in the gut

I was all set to write this week's column about hairballs. You, know, the gut-wrenching pain of fastidiously clean cats. I came up with the topic out of guilt. I should have written about it last week, but the royal hulla-balloo distracted me and I missed National Hairball Awareness Day – a blip on the calendar I think we all agree is worthy of our attention.

Even if you are not a cat. So I figured hairballs would get their time in the spotlight this week. Then another not-so-royal curvball came my way. You know what they say: news happens.

According to my young son, hairballs have been trumped – again. Not by the Donald, but by the founder of Al Qaeda.

"He's a dirty rat who hurt a lot of people," my son told me first thing Monday morning. "And we finally got him."

Yes we did. We got him. Exclamation point. Osama bin Laden: the man who hurt a lot of people (in the words of my innocent young son when describing the horrors of 9/11).

The man who spent a decade running from justice finally met his maker, but not before reportedly using his wife as a human shield when confronted by the firing power of our Navy Seals. There's not much I can say to comment on that last gesture of matrimonial bliss. It speaks for itself.

It speaks of the man Osama bin Laden was. Hiding in remote caves (or preferably mansions in upscale neighborhoods). Hiding in countries he couldn't call home. Hiding behind religion and rhetoric. Perhaps even hiding behind the body of his wife.

So today we take pleasure in knowing we got him. None of our troops or civilians were injured. It was a successful mission all around. People are cheering in the streets. It's always good to be an American. Some days are just better than others.

Still, I feel more than a twinge of sadness. Not because of this victory or of the death of Osama bin Laden – but because circumstances can exist to make good, normal people have cause to celebrate death.

Adolph Hitler. Ted Bundy. Saddam Hussein. Joseph Stalin. Jeffrey Dahmer. Osama bin Laden. There is no doubt evil walks in our world. Knowledge of this makes us shudder and when we eliminate something so unthinkable it seems right to dance in the streets.

Except it's a hollow celebration, because the truth that comes with evil sits like a foreign object, wedged in our guts: a hairball of sorts.

Hairballs grow gradually – layer by layer. They accumulate as result of a cat keeping itself clean on the outside, while the dirty hair piles up inside. The same can be said of evil. It builds up, festering and growing. It becomes larger and more powerful as it feeds upon itself, until it becomes a name on a page recognized by those of us afraid to forget history, lest it repeat itself.

The best thing that can happen with a hairball (if there is a best thing) is to hack it up and spit it out into the open so it can be done away with once and for all. There's that, and there's the National Hairball Awareness Day. It's good to be aware of the things we want to prevent. This goes for hairballs as well as bad people who want to hurt us. Like knowledge, awareness is power. Times that by 10 when the Navy Seals have your back.

Jill Perrier, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfers' Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life column. Email her at perrierjill@quest.net or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital 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 PMI. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital.

Community Wide Health Fair
Pulaski Memorial Hospital will host a community wide Health Fair Saturday, **May 14** from 9 am to 1 pm. The emergency staff will be demonstrating the use of the new robot for stroke victims. Pharmacy will offer a disposal program for out of date medicine. Massages will be

available for a free will donation that will go to the PMH Auxiliary. Prizes will include a Wii, bicycle, three month membership to the YMCA, gift baskets, digital mammogram, and bone density test. The staff will provide information on smoking cessation, breast cancer, the use of nebulizers, exercise and diet tips for weight loss, HIP program and payment options for medical bills, and the Healthy Baby Program. The Lions club will be available for screenings for glaucoma and other eye problems.

Cancerfree

Dr Brian Johnson will be speaking on "Tanning Beds & Malignant Melanoma" at the Cancerfree 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 country.

Safe Sitter Classes

Pulaski Memorial Hospital will be holding two-day Safe Sitter Classes on **Tuesday June 7** and **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 1-800-858-7644 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



Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

On Saturday, May 21, the Kewanna/Union Township Public Library will be hosting another of its famous story times. This family friendly event will feature crafts, food and, of course, stories. The whole family is invited. So come on down, we look forward to seeing you here.

Some days 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 games and come on down. The library has games that may fit your family's style, from checkers to chess to Candyland. We look forward to seeing you here.

If you, or anyone you know, has purchased an e-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.

For those of you who haven't been into Kewanna lately, the library expansion project is continuing to move along. Last week, most of the concrete was poured, leaving us with a finished basement floor. The steel started going up. It seems at this point that the outline of the building can really be seen. No more is it just a hole in the ground where a building would be. We hope that you are just as excited about this as we are.

Currently, the library is switching to the Indiana Evergreen system. This will allow you to browse and receive books from other libraries, while

only having to travel here to pick them up. We feel that this is a great boon to the library as a whole. In addition to the advantages it gives you the users, it will allow us to track our collection more effectively. This will give you the ability to track your check-ins, checkouts, fines and all the information you might want to have. The goal is to be on the system by the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

The Friends of the Library will have a meeting on **May 10** at 4:30 p.m. at the library. Please feel free to come and join us. The Friends group will be working on plans for the summer and future programming.

Charles Rude
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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes County General Clerk Mileage (\$ 712.80), Auditor Mileage (\$ 37.56), Extension Office Mileage (\$ 472.80), Total County General (\$581.36), CIM CIP DEV (\$ 1,760.00), EMS (\$ 831,762.00), SIF AMBULANCE (\$ 1,850.00), TOTAL CUM CIP DEV (\$33,262.00), RAINY DAY COMMISSIONERS (\$25,000.00), INSTITUTION STATE (\$25,000.00), TOTAL RAINY DAY (\$25,000.00), Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. Additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance.

ATTEST: Judith A. Reed, Fulton County Auditor Pub. 5-5-11 *****

can download it as a free App for your iPhone.

To make it easy to use, EWG has distilled its analysis into two lists. The first, "Dirty Dozen: Buy These Organic," lists foods that when grown conventionally contain the largest amounts of pesticide and fertilizer residues. These include peaches, strawberries, apples, blueberries, nectaries, bell peppers, spinach, cherries, kale/collard, greens, potatoes, and (imported) grapes. Consumers should definitely spend the extra money for organic versions of these foods. On the other side of the coin, EWG's "Clean 15" list includes foods that contain the least amount of chemical residues when grown conventionally. These include onions, avocados, sweet corn, pineapples, mangoes, sweet peas, artichokes, kiwi, cabbage, eggplant, cantaloupe, watermelon, grapefruit, sweet potatoes and honeydew. It's OK to eat conventionally grown varieties of these foods. EWG analysts developed the "Clean 15" guide using data from some 89,000 tests for pesticide residues in produce conducted between 2000 and 2008 and collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). What's the difference, you may ask? EWG found that by eating five conventionally-grown fruits and vegetables a day from its Dirty Dozen list, a consumer on average ingests 10 different pesticides; those who stick to the Clean 15 list ingest less than two.

Other foods you and your family eat, such as meats, cereals, breads and dairy products, might also be exposing you to unwanted chemicals. According to EWG, the direct health benefits of organic meat, eggs and milk are less clear, but you should play it safe by sticking with all-natural, free-range, grass-fed meats that are not fed antibiotics or growth hormones, and by choosing only organic dairy products. Thanks to increasing demand, more and more food purveyors are putting extra emphasis on organics. This will ultimately result in both lower prices and larger selections. Natural foods market aisles are already teeming with organic choices—

and chances are your local supermarket or big box store has introduced organic versions of many popular items. Consequently, there has never been a better time to take stock of what you are feeding yourself and your family, and to make changes for better health. CONTACT: EWG, www.foodnews.org; USDA/FDA, http://usda-fda.com/articles/organic.htm SEND YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS TO: EarthTalk®, c/o E - The Environmental Magazine, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; earthtalk@emagazine.com. E is a nonprofit publication. Subscribe: www.emagazine.com/subscribe; Request a Free Trial Issue: www.emagazine.com/trial. *****

Letter To The Editor

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library is experiencing change inside as well as outside.

Charlie Rude is now the interim director. He will be in this position for a time not to exceed six months.

The library is looking for a part-time clerk for the months of June, July and August. Interested applicants can come to the library to fill out an application. If you have applied within the past year to work at the library, just stop in to refresh your application and to let us know you are interested.

The library is also switching over to Evergreen system, checking out how to serve those with e-readers and working the bugs out of our Wifi system.

In the midst of all the changes, the staff and board members of the library strive to serve our patrons and community. Thank you for bearing with us during this time of change. Rev Ton Board president ***

I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days. —Bill Dana ***

Caston Sports Schedule Friday, May 6 - Co-ed JH golf with Rochester and Tippy Valley at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; JV boys baseball with Tri-County at Caston, 5 p.m.; boys JV and varsity golf with Northfield, Wabash and Maconaquah at Honeywell (Wabash), 5 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field Midwest Conference meet at South Newton, 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 - boys varsity baseball at Pioneer (DH), 10 a.m. Monday, May 9 - boys JV baseball with Pioneer at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; boys JV and varsity golf with North Wild at Caston, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball with Carroll at Caston, 5 p.m.; co-ed JH track and field with Frontier and West Central at Frontier, 5 p.m.; boys varsity baseball at Bethany Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 - co-ed varsity track and field at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.; boys JV baseball at Trion, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball at Winamac, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11 - co-ed JH track and field Cass County meet at Caston, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12 - co-ed JH golf with Maconaquah at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; girls varsity softball with Wabash at Caston, 5 p.m. ***

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The work shall consist of removal of construction and other materials and disposal on-site by burying as further described in these contract documents, as identified in the attached former Fulton County Landfill, and all other work necessary for a complete project and as included in the Construction Schedule and Specifications for the 2011 Former Fulton County Landfill Debris Removal Project.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Fulton County Annex, 125 East Ninth Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975.

The Proposal must be made on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check, drawn on an acceptable bank, or an acceptable bidder's bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, payable to Fulton County, Indiana.

The bidder to whom a contract for work is awarded will be required to furnish performance, maintenance and Payment Bond executed on the specified forms and acceptable to the County in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract.

The Bidder (proposer) must supply all the information required by the bid proposal form. Liquidated damages for delay will be as provided in the Bid Proposal. Work hours will be as provided in the Technical Specifications.

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Fulton County Indiana reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof and to waive all responsibility for irregularities in bids. Bids may be held by Fulton County for a period of not to exceed 90 days from the date of the opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and the qualifications of the bidders. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted in Form of a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID" and to be opened by the County. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at immediately thereafter.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by: Fulton County Public Library, 400 E. Main Street, Addition At: Rochester Library until Monday, May 23rd at 4 PM, a.m./p.m. (EST).

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A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the site on May 9 at 9 AM (p.m. EST) Site location is at the Aubree Branch Library in Lettors Ford, IN.

The project will not be bid in common construction wage scale. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the bid must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bid security shall be a certified check or bid bond. All bid bonds shall be made payable to: Fulton County Public Library. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any irregularities in bidding, and is not obligated to accept the lowest bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of (60) sixty days after the date he secures the receipt therefor. The successful bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Maintenance Bonds for 100% of his contract amount prior to execution of contracts. Bonds shall be in full force and effect for a period of at least two (2) months after the date of completion and acceptance of the longest guarantee provided under the contractor's contract. Should the contractor's bonding company default, the contractor will be responsible for securing a new bond within four (4) calendar days.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders must attach their company financial statement to form 96. By: Rebecca J. Williams, Library Director Pub. 5-5-11, 2011



Dear EarthTalk: What are the most important foods to buy organic?

-- Rachel Klepping, Bronzville, NY Given the usual higher prices of organic versus conventionally-grown foods, it can be a challenge to get the biggest bang for our buck while eating healthy and avoiding the ingestion of synthetic chemicals along with our nutrients. One approach, say some experts, is to only buy organic when the actual edible parts of a non-organically grown food might come into direct contact with toxic fertilizers and pesticides.

The nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) reports that consumers can reduce their chemical exposure by some 80 percent by either avoiding the most contaminated conventionally grown fruits and vegetables altogether, or by eating only the organic varieties.

To help us sort through what and what not to buy, the group offers a handy Shopper's Guide to Pesticides, which fits on a small piece of paper that you can keep in your pocket and have handy on grocery trips. You can print it out for free from EWG's FoodNews.org website, or you

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Renee Colley had a houseguest last week. Arriving Tuesday, April 26, for a six-day visit was her friend, Georgia, from Atlanta. Wednesday, the ladies enjoyed going to see the movie "Water for Elephants."

Ruth Cogdill had a couple of visitors at the beginning of the week. Tuesday, her sister, Janet Norris, paid her a surprise visit. Wednesday morning, April 27, her son Tim Cogdill of Macy, stopped by for a chat.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Thursday, April 28. Coming over for a pleasant chat was their granddaughter, Cindy Wise.

Helen Miller had a houseguest over the weekend. Coming up to spend a few days with her was her granddaughter, Nancy Gibson of Kokomo.

Florence Hogan and her daughter, Kathy Dees, had callers Friday, April 29. Coming over for a visit were Florence's granddaughter, and a great-grandson, Stephanie Malchow and Luke of Star City.

Renee Colley had company over the weekend. Staying with her for a few days to help with chores around the house were her son and grandchildren, Eric Colley, Meghan and Nathan of Bartlett, Illinois, and her friend, Dick Fedorchak.

Friday, Ruth Cogdill had three visitors. The first to arrive was her granddaughter, Michele Sheline of Macy. They enjoyed a wonderful visit and Michele helped with several household chores. In the afternoon, Ruth's sister and brother, Janel and David Norris, stopped in for a visit.

Ellen Walsh had houseguests over the weekend. Staying with her for a couple of days were her son and daughter-in-law, Korry and Beth Walsh of Clinton and their son, Andy Walsh of Wabash College.

Helen Whiteman had a busy day Saturday, April 30. She and her daughter, Sherril Lett, were among the many who attended the benefit breakfast for Jim Hott in the morning. The sausage and pancake meal was served at the local fire station. In the afternoon, her grandson, Tristan Conner, stopped by so she could see him in his prom clothes before he left for Knox to pick up his date. In the evening, Helen and Sherril traveled to Winamac to have their pictures taken with Sherril's granddaughter, Whitney Hook, before she left for her prom.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of callers Saturday. Stopping by and bringing along chicken for lunch were their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Kooz of Rochester. The Koozents of Rochester. The Koozents of Rochester. The Koozents of Rochester. The Koozents of Rochester.

Ruth Cogdill had a houseguest over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for an overnight visit was her daughter, Jane Teeter of

Bluffton. In the afternoon, Jane's sister, Ianda Ligocki of Winamac joined them for a chat.

Florence Hogan and Kathy Dees had several visitors Saturday. Joining them for a chat were Florence's son, Mike Hogan; her granddaughter and her children, Wendy Shock, Haley and Bella; and her daughter, Alice White of Winamac. (Alice could not stay long as her husband, Darrell, is still recovering from his accident.) Also coming for a visit were Florence's daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. (Wendy remained overnight with her mother and sister.)

Ellen Walsh was accompanied by her son, Mike Walsh of Highland, to Caston Schools Saturday evening. They were attending the Grass Creek alumni banquet.

Renee Colley, Dick Fedorchak and Georgia were in Westville Saturday evening. They enjoyed dining at Olga's restaurant.

Gene and Phyllis Kooz were among those who enjoyed attending Caston High School's Class of 1969 reunion Saturday evening. The event was arranged by Butch Miller and held at Karen's restaurant in Rochester. Everyone enjoyed a lot of reminiscing and catching up on each other's lives.

Sunday, May 1, Tim Cogdill arrived to visit with his mother and sister, Ruth Cogdill and Jane Teeter. In the afternoon, they welcomed Jane's daughters and grandchildren, Jaclyn Shaw, Jacob and Nick, and Jessica Teeter, Sophia and Sam, for an early Mother's Day celebration. It was the first time this year that they were able to sit outside and enjoy a spring day. How special is it to have four generations together at one time—the perfect Mother's Day.

Mathilda Lamb had a visitor Sunday. Coming over for a family chat was her niece, Dorothy Dibernon of Winamac. They had a great time discussing and catching up on all of the family.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Sunday. They enjoyed attending the wings dinner at the VFW post. Everyone had a hard time choosing between the seven different types of wings. Bryan Frushour provided the musical entertainment for the day.

Helen Whiteman had a working visitor Sunday. Coming over in the afternoon was her son, Kevin Whiteman of Pulaski.

He was able to take care of some yard work before it started raining again.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Phyllis Cobagen, Mike Mihalik, Emma Masteller, D.J. Pesaresi, Kaelee Smith and Zachary Smith, May 6; Carter Batta, Molly McKinney, Matthew McHenry, Jordan Moss and Bob Sutton, May 8; John Evers, Emily Graham, Spencer Lewis, Vivian Pesaresi, Scott Straub, Al Van Cesco and Rick Weller, May 10; J.J. Good and Kim Hunter, May 11; Bobby Evers, May 12; Logan Drew, Bob Herrold, Macee Hinderluder, Ken Keyser, Keatin Shroder, Glenda Urbin and Kenny Whiteman, May 13; and Jarrod Agnew, John Anderson, Becky Baldwin and Mackenzie Carter, May 14.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeWitt, May 8; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foerg and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Malchow, May 10; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Whiteman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wingerter, III, May 14.

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