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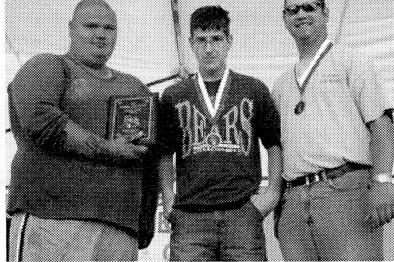


Salute to Hometown Heroes - Old Glory graced Kewanna's Main Street for the festival parade Saturday. This year's parade honored area farmers. The flag was held aloft by ladder trucks from the Plymouth and Rochester fire departments.



Kiss the Pig Contest - Jeff Finke, right, was the winner of the Kiss the Pig contest at this year's Kewanna Fall Festival. He is shown here collecting his reward(?) along with Tom Mate, festival chairman, and Buddy

Lowes, who provided the porker for the contest. Other contestants were Tony Pesaresi (runner-up), Luke Mate, Tracey Cunningham, Julie Shafer, Nicholas Hughes, Chris Tiedeman, and Angie Lowe.



Hot Dog Eating Contest - Winners of the Hot Dog Eating Contest were, left to right, first place - Joe Cottrell, who consumed eight hot dog sandwiches in 5 minutes and 20

seconds; second - Thomas Mollate, 7 minutes and 25 seconds; and third - Andy Pesaresi, 8 minutes and 5 seconds.

Center, Rochester, from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 7. The cost is \$20 and insurance will not be accepted. The H1N1 and seasonal flu shots are combined this year. For more information, call 574-223-5152 or 574-223-2881.

second - Thomas Mollate, 7 minutes and 25 seconds; and third - Andy Pesaresi, 8 minutes and 5 seconds. +++

County collects \$290,543 in delinquent taxes

Fulton County officials held their annual delinquent property tax sale September 24. This sale was conducted by County Auditor Judith A. Reed and County Treasurer Lorie L. Hurst. A property tax sale is required to be held in each Indiana county for those properties where an owner of real estate fails to pay the property taxes from the prior year's first property tax bill installment. The property may be sold at the property tax sale to satisfy the tax obligation, and is to be sold to the highest bidder. The

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Will Holloway of Kewanna was featured as the Logansport Pharos Tribune's Athlete of the Week in last Thursday's edition. The Caston senior football player leads his team in rushing (372 yards, four touchdowns) and passing (187 yards and one touchdown).

Nearly 250 artifacts salvaged from the wreckage of the Titanic are now on display at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, killing 1,500 of the more than 2,200 passengers and crew. The exhibit runs through January 16.

According to the Indiana Weekly Crop Progress and Condition report put out by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 46 percent of the state's corn has been harvested, compared to 2 percent at this time last year.

RECYCLING DATES
THURS., OCT. 7TH &
THURS., OCT. 21ST

Benefit chicken, pork chop dinner

A barbecued chicken or pork chop dinner will be served Friday, October 8, in conjunction with the Caston/Winamac varsity football game at Caston. The cost of the dinner is \$7 each. Football players at all levels are current selling tickets. The tickets can also be purchased at the book store. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Proceeds from this senior night activity will be used to upgrade football equipment, jerseys and the weight room. +++

Fish and chicken supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken supper Saturday, October 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grass Creek fire station. The cost of the meal is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. Children age five and under may eat free. Dessert is included with the meal and carry-outs will be available. Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken. +++

Free lunch and learn seminar

The Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO) in conjunction with the Rochester and Lake Manitowish Chamber of Commerce and Ivy Tech Community College will host the next lunch and learn seminar. "Accounting with QuickBooks" from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 7, at the Fulton County Public Library, Rochester. This seminar, offered free to the general public, marks the fourth in a series of monthly lunch and learn educational events.

QuickBooks is an accounting program for small to medium sized businesses. The class will involve navigation through QuickBooks to create a new company; working with customers and vendor transactions; using the software as a POS (Point of Sale) tool; and much more. The instructor will be Jan Chase of Ivy Tech Community College.

Space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call Melissa Sanchez at 874-223-3326.

The News In Brief

Chris Salors of the Fulton County Sheriff's Department and Ed Haines of the Rochester Police Department will conduct a CSI/crime scene safety/evidence protection in-service for emergency responders Saturday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rochester Fire Station.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Von Tobel Center, Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

There are two upcoming American Red Cross blood collection days coming up. The first is Friday, Oct. 8, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Talma Community Building and the second is Thursday, Oct. 14, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Akron United Methodist Church.

The Samaritan 2 crew and their new Dauphin helicopter will be in Rochester Thursday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m. to do a classroom helicopter safety and LZ info session and orientation for the new helicopter.

The Fulton County office of Women Infants and Children (WIC) is closed this week as it moves to a new location. The office will move from Centennial Tower to 913 Main St., Suite 101, in Rochester. The office will reopen Monday, Oct. 4.

The Fulton County Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate its 10th anniversary Saturday, Oct. 2, at the newest addition to the parks, Germany Bridge County Park, 4173 N 375 W. There will be a hog roast from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the new park will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m.

Next year's Fulton County 4-H fair will be held July 16 through July 23 according to the Fulton County Extension Office.

The Fulton County Health Department is giving flu shots to all adults at the Community Resource

— NOTICE —

Some one is again putting used kitty litter in the recycle bins at Kewanna. If this practice is not stopped the Fulton County Solid Waste District will remove the bins.

Please spread the word to all who use the bins and help put a stop to this abuse so the town can keep this important service.

If you see someone abusing the recycle bins in this manner, please notify the town clerk-treasurer at (574) 653-2112 or the Solid Waste District at (574) 223-4939.

Clubs Societies Personals



Birthdays open house for Clement Good

Clement Good, Kewanna, will be the guest of honor at a birthday open house Saturday afternoon, October 2, in celebration of his 90th birthday. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

Clement and his late wife, Mildred, are the parents of two children, Marvin and Gordon. He also has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is a retired farmer and a World War II Army veteran.

Friends, neighbors and acquaintances are invited to help him celebrate the occasion. Cards are welcome, but it is requested that gifts be omitted.

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Rural Youth reunion, Oct. 3

This year's Fulton County Rural Youth reunion will be held Sunday, October 3, at 12:30 p.m. at Karen's Restaurant, Rochester. Reservations are due by September 27. Reservations can be made by contacting Elen Walsh at 574-693-2704 or emwalsh@hotmail.com.



Couple plans October wedding

Ann Jeanette Garver, Midwest, Wyoming, and Christopher Lee Beadle, Casper, Wyoming, will be married October 8 at the United Methodist Church in Midwest, Wyoming.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kathy and Paul Garver, Jr., Midwest, Wyoming, and the granddaughter of Jim and Diane (Hunter) Smith, Plymouth. She is the great-granddaughter of

Jeanette Hunter, Rochester, a former Kewanna resident. A 2007 graduate of Midwest High School, she is a lab tech at Uranium One.

The prospective groom is the son of Stephen Beadle, Casper, Wyoming, and Jeanea Wambeke, Sheridan, Wyoming. He attended Natrona County High School and is employed with BiRite Variety and Liquor.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
 Monday, October 4 - Pepper steak, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, roll and milk
 Wednesday - Chopped steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, pudding oatmeal bread and milk
 Friday - Ham, beans and cornbread, cole slaw, fruit crisp and milk

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King, queen and court - The Kewanna Fall Festival royalty contest was held last Thursday evening at First Baptist on the Main. Chosen to reign over this year's festival were, left to right, Andrea Hamilton-Miller, first runner-up; Carissa Wyatt, Miss Congeniality; Ashlin Grube, queen; and Gabriel Hibern, king. Andrea also received the scholastic achievement award.

Winners of the talent competition held in conjunction with the royalty contest were Isaac Norris-Lowe, first place; Lauren Evers, second; and Ethan Coldiron, third.

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Ashlyn Foster and Isaac Norris Lowe were named Little Sweethearts for this year's festival. Isaac also received the congeniality award and Ashlyn received the scholastic achievement award.

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Coffee House at Caston

The Caston choirs will present their annual coffee house at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 9, in the school cafeteria.

The cost of the evening of entertainment and refreshments of homemade pie and drinks is \$5 per person.

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Ethan Coldiron and Makenzie Norris-Lowe resigned as prince and princess of the Kewanna Fall Festival. Chrystle Lachance was the first-runner up in the princess competition and Sadie Rude was named Miss Congeniality. Makenzie also won the scholastic achievement award.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 September 17
 Births - Ashley Waldrop, Winamac, a son
 September 18
 Births - Amanda Byrum, Lucerne, a daughter; Courtney Engle, Akron, a son
 September 19
 Births - Michael and Shawna Sammartano, Bourbon, a son
 September 20
 Admissions - Frances Smith and Richard Miller, both of Rochester
 Dismissals - Gerald Bogseth, Rochester; Richard Foreman, Warsaw; Teresa Lewis, Macy; Nikki Hipsher and son, Rochester; Christina Bowyer and daughter, Rochester; Kenneth Menzie, Plymouth; Raymond Weiler, Kewanee; Casey Bailey, Rochester; Shawna Sammartano and son, Bourbon; Ashley Waldrop and son, Winamac
 September 21
 Admissions - Debra Stout, Bourbon; Arnold Bell, Rochester
 Dismissals - Amanda Byrum and daughter, Lucerne; Courtney Engle and son, Akron
 Births - John and Sara Coleman, Rochester, a daughter
 September 22
 Admissions - Tamar Troyer, Argos
 Dismissals - Carol Wilburn and Richard Miller, both of Rochester
 September 23
 Admissions - Nancy Cleverly, Rochester
 Dismissals - Frances Smith, Rochester
 Births - Taylor and Crystal Fitz Patton, Winamac, a son
 September 24
 Admissions - Debra Lakey, Rochester; Lane Eckrote, Macy; Shirley Wolf, Tippecanoe
 Dismissals - Sara Coleman and daughter, Rochester; Debra Stout, Bourbon; Tamar Troyer, Rochester

DEATHS

VIRGIL R. ZELLERS
 Virgil R. Zellers, 82, Kewanee, passed away suddenly at 2:57 p.m. Sunday, September 26, 2010, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.
 Born October 15, 1927 in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Arthur and Julia (Metzger) Zellers. He was married November 23, 1950 to Patricia L. Sanders, who survives.
 A 1945 graduate of Kewanee High School, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in Japan during World War II and was an active member of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121. He was retired from the Fulton County Highway Department and also formerly owned and operated his own trucking business. An outgoing person who never met a stranger, he enjoyed attending the Power of the Past. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
 Survivors include his wife, Patricia Zellers, Kewanee; his "adopted" family and best friends, Richard and Taru Powell, Kewanee, and their children, Traci Powell, Trent Powell and Trisha Forry and her husband, Brent; two brothers, Wayne Zellers and his wife Doris of Sun City Center, Florida, and Herbert Zellers and his wife Becky, Rochester; and four sisters, Virginia Cook, Texas, Naomi "Babe" Seidel, Indianapolis, Nedra Bahler and her husband Wally, Fishers, and Marilyn Williams, Indianapolis. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Bernice Zellers, and a sister, Marjorie Martin.
 Graveside military services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 29, at the Kewanee Citizens-IOOF

Cemetery.
 Friends called from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanee Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, P.O. Box 363, Kewanee, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the Zellers family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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taxes every year to pursue those that do not pay."
 For the properties that did not sell at the delinquent property tax sale, the county commissioners acquire a lien. The county commissioners may offer those properties to the public at a sale at a later date. County Auditor Judith Reed commented, "It is our ultimate goal to return these properties to the tax rolls as quickly and efficiently as possible. Property owned by people that pay their

property taxes ensure our local government services are fully funded."
 For more information on property tax sales, visit www.sr-taxsale.com.
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COUNTY TAXES
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owners of the properties sold at the property tax sale have one year to redeem the delinquent property taxes, costs and penalties to keep the property. The sale, conducted by Indianapolis-based SRI Incorporated on behalf of Fulton County, offered 222 parcels to 21 bidders. SRI conducts similar tax auctions in 78 counties in Indiana, as well as Florida, Michigan and Colorado. This year's property tax sale resulted in the collection of \$290,543.50 in delinquent property taxes from owners and buyers. 192 parcels had all delinquencies, penalties and costs paid in full. Treasurer Lorie Hurs said, "Tax sales are a necessary function of county government. It is only fair to the people who pay their property

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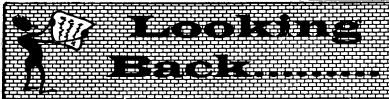
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HOW KEWANNA GOT ITS NAME

[Fourth Installment] by Bromley Smith - 1950

Topping the confusion arising from the plated name and the post office was a tendency to call the village "Pinhook". No one living knows how the town got that name, but the tradition of it lasts to this day. It may have been due to a sharp bend in the road near the present Curve-Inn Restaurant, or it may have been inspired by the rivalry of some neighboring establishment. It so happens that there have been four "Pinhooks" in the state - one in Wayne County which is included in the title of a book by Nelle D. Hubbard, Pinhook to Brazil; another in Lawrence County with a post office from 1852 to 1904; a third in LaPorte County, and a Pinhook Park in South Bend. In the latter the tag was applied to the village of Portage, at a bend in the St. Joseph River, by neighboring hamlets which were jealous of its prosperity. The name has survived to this day in the present Pinhook Park. How the term came by its offensive meaning is not known, for according to the dictionary it simply means "a bent hook used in fishing". On the case most in LaPorte County there was rivalry between Flood's Grove and New Durham that the former called the latter "Pinhook" supposing that to be a very scurrilous term. Whereupon New Durham dubbed Flood's Grove "Squat Ham." No matter how the term originated in Kewanna it has clung tenaciously in the memories of the elders and has been passed on to the younger generation - a real oral tradition. Mr. John Loft, aged 81, relates that when he was a boy his folks would say, "Let's hitch up and go down to Pinhook!" Whether the term was applied derisively is not known, but persons who now refer to it generally smile.

Inasmuch as the plated name of the village was Pleasant Grove, naturally we would like to know

why it was given that name and why it was afterwards abandoned. A walk through the town will reveal that it is situated on a slight elevation, one high enough to shed rainfall in several directions. On this elevation grew many splendid oaks and other hardwoods among which the citizens gathered to recreate themselves. The remains of that noble forest are still evident in the huge stumps on Toner and Troutman streets. It was this wood, growing even on Main Street, that led the Troutmans to name the village "Pleasant Grove". But also, other towns had the same name, a circumstance that led to complications. There were in 1849, eleven localities with the word Pleasant, several of which were Pleasant Groves. One of these, on November 11, 1842, was given a post office which drew mail to Jasper county that should have come to Fulton county. Nevertheless in spite of inconveniences this community clung to the name for 25 years.

(Continued Next Week)

Kewanna/Union Twp. Library News...

Nicholas Hughes

Today, I wish to focus on one of the most important issues within the library field. It is not theft, copyright infringement, or policies. Nor is it budgets, content, or services. It is people.

A director is just one person. It takes more than that to run the worst of libraries. And Kewanna Union-Township Public Library may not be as fancy as Salt Lake City's or have the resources of

the New York Public, but it far from the worst. In fact, it should count itself lucky for the people it has involved and invested in its future.

Through recent trials and tribulations, she has had a dedicated board that has refused to give up on the promise that this building shows. The up and coming library addition comes through their hard work. She has had a staff that loves what they do and the opportunities it provides. Before I arrived, she had four loving patriots who wanted nothing more than to see this building, not only become more than functional, but also make it surpass, her former splendor.

Even with a caring library board and staff, a successful library needs more to truly become whole. She needs you, the public, to enter through its doors and delve its riches. She needs you to support it by proving, in your hearts and minds, that she is an important part of your lives and the life of the community. And last weekend, you proved that.

During the Kewanna Fall Festival the Kewanna Public Library held what is hoped to be the first of many annual book sales. Over \$500 was raised to support the building and its programming. But that is only a side note. Many of your fellow citizens stepped up and proved that this building and all it represents is important to this community, for now and in years to come. So to all involved; the volunteers who staffed the event, Martie Collins for the loan of a tent, the Church of Christ for the loan of needed tables, everyone who donated books.... Thank You.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. The same applies here. It takes a community to make a library truly live and breathe. In some ways, I am the teacher here. This isn't my building, but yours. I can only do so much, it takes you to bring her alive. Respect, love, and

affection is needed. The community has shown it. I have many failings, youth and inexperience being part, but nowhere near all I can only hope that I can, in time, match your love for this building and its place in the community. She is, after all, alive. +++++

Letter To The Editor...

Caston School Corporation and its students and patrons have been the recipients of two wonderful acts of kindness recently of which I would like to make you aware of and thank those responsible publicly.

First of all, as many of you may have read, Ms. Marjorie Kime, who passed away in October 2009 at the age of 88, left the desire and nearly half a million dollars to establish "The Kime Medical Scholarship Endowment Fund". This endowment will provide scholarships to Caston students only to pursue degrees such as medical doctors or registered nurses. Scholarship details will be announced at a later date.

Secondly, Logansport Memorial Hospital donated funds to purchase the second digital sign for a local school corporation. Pioneer was the first recipient last year and Caston was fortunate to be the recipient the year. The new digital sign has been installed and is operational. While it is difficult to put all the activities on the sign and read them all in passing, the addition of this sign is a welcome upgrade for our corporation. The signs are funded through grant money that LMH has acquired to place these signs along major highways should there be the need to post

emergency information such as Amber Alerts. On behalf of the Caston School Corporation community, I would like to thank Ms. Kime (and the Cass County Community Foundation) for their efforts and Logansport Memorial Hospital (especially Dave Brumett) for their wonderful displays of generosity to our school community. Sincerely, Dan L. Foster, Superintendent Caston School Corporation + + +

Caston Athletic Events

Fri., Oct. 1 - Varsity football vs. South Newton at Caston, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 2 - Varsity co-ed cross country invitation at Winamac, 9 a.m.; 6B girls volleyball county tourney at Lincoln, 9 a.m.; JH girls volleyball Caston County tourney at Berry Bowl, 9 a.m.; JV/varsity volleyball tourney at Caston, 9:30 a.m.; JH boys football vs. Culver at Caston, 10:30 a.m.; JV football at South Newton, 11 a.m.

Mon., Oct. 4 - 6B girls volleyball vs. Akron Elementary at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity soccer vs. Twin Lakes at Caston, 8:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 5 - JH co-ed soccer vs. Manchester at Caston, 8:30 p.m.; JH girls volleyball vs. Lincoln at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JV/varsity volleyball vs. Frontier at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 7 - varsity co-ed cross country MWC meet at West Central, 5:30 p.m.; varsity soccer sectional at Caston, 6 p.m.

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Stocks (Schedule D)	40,483,301	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	127,080,149
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule D)	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	282,407,717
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0	Reserve for Taxes	0
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	108,906,028	All Other Liabilities	138,684,709
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	39,197,017	TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,414,712,495
Other assets	498,302,645	Special Surplus Funds	18,531,658
TOTAL ASSETS	2,023,861,957	Capital Stock	5,000,000
		Grass Paid-in and Contributed Surplus	550,349,476
		Unassigned Surplus	35,288,328
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	1,993,170,858
		Surplus as regards Policyholders	609,149,462
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	2,023,861,957

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ASSETS OF COMPANY		LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Bonds (Schedule D)	1,249,179,359	Reserve for Losses	59,975,395
Stocks (Schedule D)	23,555,159	Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	19,568,536
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0	Reserve for Unearned Premiums	22,397,847
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0	Reserve for Taxes	244,127
Cash & Short-Term Investments (Schedule D & E)	3,669,684	All Other Liabilities	117,927,215
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	113,722,337	TOTAL LIABILITIES	219,283,820
Other assets	14,782,550	Special Surplus Funds	1,047,933
TOTAL ASSETS	1,818,509,138	Capital Stock	4,500,000
		Grass Paid-in and Contributed Surplus	25,168,845
		Unassigned Surplus	145,909,440
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	335,909,128
		Surplus as regards Policyholders	176,625,318

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Mushball Tournament - The Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department team won the mushball tournament held in conjunction with this year's Kewanna Fall Festival. Team members are, front row, left to right, Lacey Birge, Jay Cunningham, Nikia Lowry, Chuck Felda and Brock Hinderlider; second row, Sarah Guzman, Holly Felda, Tina Pesaresi, T. J. Stevens, Chuck Baldwin, Jim Felda, and Collin Ulrich; and third row, Micah Cook, Brian Guzman, Calvin Holloway, Tony Pesaresi, Tracey Cunningham, Bob Clyde, Steve Sutton and Brent Hamman.

Nine teams competed in the double elimination tournament. The Caston All Stars was the runner-up team and the Kewanna Metal Squadies No. 2 team took third place.



North White scored with just 32 seconds remaining in the game to defeat the visiting Caston football squad last Friday night, 18-14. Caston will host South Newton this Friday.



Chief Kewanna run best ever

This year's Chief Kewanna 5-K was the best ever with a new 5-K course and a record number of 104 participants.

Nine Little PowWow runners took the line in a very entertaining race, followed by nine Little Chiefs runners. Maci Brown won the girls' race with Blake Bailey coming in second. Seth Gainer won the boys' division with Cale Pesaresi coming in second.

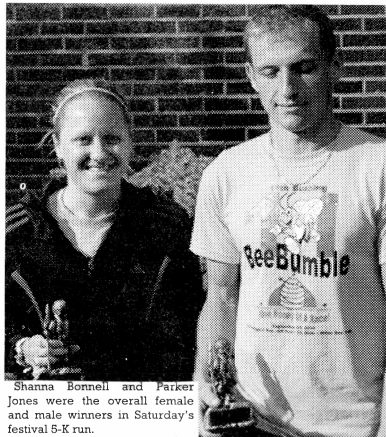
Fifty-one 5-K participants and 35 2-mile walkers took to the starting line next with Shanna Bonnell winning as the overall female for the fourth year in a row. Parker Jones was the overall male winner, both setting new course records.

Kelly Smith and Glenn Bailey won the masters groups for the second year.

5-K participants and their times include:

Parker Jones, 16:48; Eric Doyka, 17:47; Kyle Collins, 18:07; Glenn Bailey, 18:50; Brian Van Soest, 18:54; Adam Collins,

20:17; Shanna Bonnell, 20:22; Sonny Adkins, 20:38; Vernie Criswell, 20:48; Jeff Scott, 20:56; Dave Sommers, 21:19; Justin Schramm, 21:50; Don Bobby, 21:52; Brittain Gillem, 22:03; Phil Rozzi, 22:14; Mike Lozano, 22:33; Sara Bailey, 22:45; Claire Collins, 22:46; Charlie Baldwin, 22:47; Jamie Hoover, 22:52; Jill Collins, 23:41; Mark Couts, 24:14; A. J. Berger, 25:34; Blake Bailey, 26:16; Rachel Arndt, 26:29; Curt Palmer, 26:53; John Warren, 27:16; Kelly Smith, 27:43; Matthew Schramm, 28:11; Christy Coon, 28:29; Dawn Bailey, 29:27; Chase Brown, 30:11; Jordan Reinhold, 30:11; Erika Brogton, 30:36; Mike Doty, 30:39; Candy Field, 30:49; Alison Reinhold, 32:46; Brent Ropp, 40:55; Chuck Smith, 41:01; Landsey Smith, 41:24; Barbi Baldwin, 43:55; Brittney Baldwin, 43:56; Jacob Shroeder, 43:58; Danelle Hilton, 44:49; Nicole Earp, 44:50; Anna Roe, 45:01; Juanita Rude, 45:02; Stephanie Hinderlider, 45:20; Donna Babb, 51:38; Jean Cloud, 51:39; Diane Tesler, 52:54.



Shanna Bonnell and Parker Jones were the overall female and male winners in Saturday's festival 5-K run.

Caston's JV football team defeated North White Saturday, 34-6. Josh Andrade had three touchdowns; Kyle Harvey had one touchdown and one two-point conversion rushing; Kevin Graham had one receiving touchdown and one two-point conversion; and Quinten Douglass had one touchdown and one two-point conversion. Brock Hartman had one fumble recovery for the defense. Hartman, Chance Ault and Josh Andrade led the team in tackles. The team is now 4-2 and will play at South Newton Saturday.

The Caston JH cross country team competed in a five-way meet Monday evening at Pioneer. Seth Cousins finished in 13th place with a time of 11:20. His team mates and times were: Andrew Smith, 6th place, 12:08; Darin Chew, 14th place, 13:01; Dalton Daily, 20th, 13:14; and Matt Moss, 22nd, 14:10. Coach Huffman congratulated the runners for a wonderful season; the parents for their support; and Mark Smith and Debb Stevens for their help.

The Caston cross country teams competed in the Logansport invitational Tuesday evening. The Caston girls team finished in 13th place out of the 17-team event. Kara Smith led the Comets with a 59th place finish and a time of 23:50. Other runners and times were Maggie Daily, 26:56; Andrea Mangelsdorf, 30:12; Amanda Watson, 33:35; and Carissa Wyatt, 34:37. The boys did not field a full team. Justin Cousins led the Comets with a 37th place finish in a time of 18:37, placed with Conner Martin, 21:57; Zach Smith, 21:05; and Aaron Morrow, 23:08.

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Local residents in amazement yesterday as Collectors provide a stimulus package to Rochester!

They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!

By CHRISTINA BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started Tuesday in the Comfort Inn.

One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for

\$4600.00, with one of the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 tally.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old Jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.

If you go:

WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery
Reclamation Drive

WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.

WHEN: Sept. 28th - Oct 2nd

WHERE: Comfort Inn
289 McDonald Drive
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Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Rochester with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

By CHRISTINA BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. According to collectors I talked with, the better the grade the more they are worth. With the current silver and gold markets, high prices are being paid for older coins too. Any coins minted in 1964 and before in the U.S. are 90% silver except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now. Even well worn and heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times their face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. This country didn't start minting coins until 1792 says Eades. Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change.

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

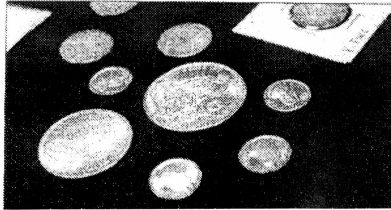
Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including: foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

Items we will accept include:

Scrap Jewelry
Dental Gold
Sterling Silverware
Sterling Silver Tea Sets
Silver Dollars
All Coins Dated 1964 & Earlier
Industrial Scrap
All forms of Platinum



"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money!"
CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1896.

Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Rochester!

By CHRISTINA BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

The first days of the 5 day reclamation drive in Rochester will be a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives are on hand this week purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated 1964 and earlier were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

Items of Interest:

Vintage Guitars:
Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others

Pocket Watches:
Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Philippe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others
Wrist watches: Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more

Old paper money: United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more

Antique Toys: Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more

War Memorabilia: Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

On the other side of the room were representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said, "We have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week." The event continues today and runs through Saturday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Local Residents are ready to cash in!

International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!
By CHRISTINA BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see left) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the Comfort Inn paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It's a great value for people to get a great value for their items.



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Refinery representatives will be on hand through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Perler



Campus life can be intimidating

I visited my daughter at college today. That's the good news. Now for the bad: Never before have I felt so blatantly middle-aged.

I suppose my attire didn't help. I was dressed like a mom. You know, jeans, sneakers, long sleeved T-shirt and (get ready to cringe) fleece vest. The fact that my T-shirt didn't have the right word on the front and my jeans didn't have the correct squiggle stitching on the back pockets only added insult to injury.

All around me, people who haven't lived more than two decades apiece gazed into laptops or listened to silent music via ear buds. They toted backpacks; I carried a purse - remarkably devoid of hip logos or trendy lettering - that was probably older than most of the students. My ears, regrettably, were budless.

I stood out like a beacon. I've felt out of place before, but can't remember ever being a member of such an obvious minority. I've never thought of my age as setting me apart from the crowd, but being surrounded by a throng of teenagers wearing flip flops, ear buds and back packs has a way of making you feel older than you did an hour ago.

If you are ever called upon to visit a college and do not wish to repeat my mistake (and are over the age of 24), I'd advise dressing like a professor. Professor attire differs depending on which field of study you profess to profess. In general, black is a good color choice - preferred by three out of four professors - and seems to be quite academic.

Professors don't carry backpacks or sport ear buds (just sport coats). They also do

not wear fleece vests, so leave yours at home. I will next time. You can add to your scholarly appearance if you carry a couple of books, preferably hard cover, preferably no dictionaries from the 1980s (they just don't hold the universal university appeal). Besides, you don't need to be a professor to have a dictionary. I own at least five. (Okay, I'm a bad speller, but that's another article.)

I was summoned to the college because I was in possession of two items necessary for campus survival: a laptop and credit card (my daughter already has ear buds). I was also allowed to buy lunch.

We moms boast never-ending appeal and power when it comes to on-campus presence.

The plastic card, which I held in my elderly purse, was needed in the bookstore to purchase... well... books. My daughter added a class to her schedule at the last minute and we needed to find out about the text (and credit card) requirements.

We located the book. (Ka ching!) I bought lunch. (Ka ching!) I handed over my laptop. (Farewell dear friend. Have fun on Facebook.) I said my goodbyes (and even got a hug) before I zigzagged my way through the isen crowd toward my snazzy red convertible (which doubles in real life as a white mini van) and drove back into my comfort zone.

Most days, I understand exactly who I am and where I'm at in life; most days I embrace my status. That's because most days I frequent the gas station or grocery store and find myself surrounded by other seasoned adults. A college campus reverberates youth in a more youthful manner than I am accustomed. It is filled with kids (okay, 19-year-old adults with

ear buds) who are ready to make their way into the big, bright, laptop-filled world. They are on the cusp - whether they realize it or not. All too soon, they will not only be a part of the adult world, they will exert immense influence over it.

As awesome as that is, it's more intimidating than any college campus ever could be.

Follow Slices of Life on Facebook. *Jill Perler is a syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication." She offers writing and design services at <http://marketing-by-design.com.mchs.com>. Email: perlermj@guest.net*

Ohio Valley Refinery purchasing gold, silver & antiques

Collectors state \$300,000 is expected to be distributed to Rochester area residents this week for antiques, collectibles and gold and silver items. The Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow travels across the globe in search of rare and unique items. During this event, local residents will have the opportunity to sit with experts from around the world and sell their items to collectors. This event started Tuesday (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the Comfort Inn in Rochester and will run through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A few recent residents have sold items to these collectors including a rare gold coin collection purchased for \$107,000; a Civil War pistol used during battle for \$40,000; and a letter written by George Washington to the doctor of his wife expressing his disdain toward the doctor's actions regarding the treatment of his wife.

This is a free event and you can bring unlimited items. At recent show in Ohio, a resident brought in a letter from Abraham Lincoln that she thought was a fake for over 15 years. She brought it into the

show and walked out \$25,000 richer after finding out it was an authentic letter. These stories happen every day. You might say to yourself, "Well I don't have an Abraham Lincoln letter or sword from the Civil War..." Well everyone has some sort of broken jewelry or old coins from 1964 or before and they are extremely sought after. Millions of dollars are paid out every single year for these collectibles.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Mathilda Lamb spent several days last week in Ft. Wayne as a houseguest of her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Lamb. She was in the city to attend the wedding festivities of her great-grandson, Jameson Gudorf, and his fiancée, Lauri.

The Henry Dittman family enjoyed their reunion Sunday, Sept. 19. Over 55 members of the family were in attendance at the gathering held in the community room of the local fire station.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Kokomo Monday, Sept. 20. They had a wonderful time attending a surprise dinner at Martino's Italian Villa in honor of Tom's birthday. Helping them celebrate the occasion were their friends, Tom and Shirley Miller of Sharpesville, Bud Lander and his friend, Sheila, of Greentown, and Kathy Barlow, Jim Croen and Owen and Kathy Martin of Kokomo.

Kay Brown traveled to Rochester Monday evening. She had an exciting time attending the high school girls' junior varsity volleyball game. Her granddaughter, Kaelee Smith, is a member of the Rochester squad.

Mathilda Lamb recently enjoyed a visit with her granddaughter-in-law and great-grandsons, Pam Gallagher, Drew, A.J. and Jake.

Renee Colley traveled to Shipshewana Tuesday, Sept. 21. She met her friend, Carol McNorton of Lowell, and Carol's daughters, April and Karen, for a delightful day of shopping and visiting.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had guests Tuesday. Coming over to help them celebrate Tom's birthday were their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester, and their granddaughter and her family, Shelby and Duva Lopez and Eli. They had a fun time celebrating the day with Chinese cuisine and a Dairy Queen ice cream cake.

Ruth Cogdill welcomed her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy, Wednesday, Sept. 22. Since autumn has arrived, Tim put away the lawn furniture and helped his mother with some chores. They always love catching up on all the family news.

Helen Whiteman had company Wednesday. Stopping by for a chat was her granddaughter, Teresa Conner.

Renee Colley and Dick Fedorchak enjoyed going out to see a movie Wednesday evening.

Ruth Cogdill had a surprise visitor Thursday, Sept. 23. Her sister, Janel Norris, and brother, Dave Norris, stopped by to see her in the afternoon. As always Ruth enjoyed their visit.

Kay Brown was in Rochester

Thursday evening. She enjoyed attending the junior varsity girls' volleyball game in which Kaelee Smith was playing.

Wilma Wilson enjoyed dining with a few ladies in her family Friday, Sept. 24. Joining her for lunch in Rochester were her daughters, Mary Lou Foeging of Royal Center and Judy Graham of Lucerne, and her daughter-in-law, Nicki Wilson.

Helen Whiteman had a surprise visitor Friday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat was her former neighbor, Dorothy Roberts of Schenobee, Florida.

Pauline Brown had a few visitors Saturday, Sept. 25. Barbara and Fred Brown, Tonya and Mike Kenny, and Tonya's mother, Betty Weller, all of Rochester came over for a short chat, as well as to watch the Kewanee Fall Festival parade.

Jessica Brown of Winamac was the guest of honor at a housewarming party Saturday afternoon. Among those in attendance were her great-grandmother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; her grandmother, Kay Brown; her great-aunt, Evelyn Brown; her aunts, Angie Smith and Sue McKinney of Rochester; her cousin, Leighnee Smith; and Becky Lettice.

Mathilda Lamb had a caller Saturday. Coming over in the afternoon for a visit was her son, Wayne Lamb of Peru.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a few visitors Saturday. They were joined by their daughter and her family, Janet and C. J. Yocum of Rochester, Andrea Kochak of Indianapolis and Jason Yocum of Plainfield, to watch the Fall Festival's parade and for a chat in their home afterward.

Helen Whiteman had a few visitors Saturday. Her daughter, Sherri Lett, and her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee, of Winamac, stopped by for a visit in the afternoon.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Saturday. Coming over for an evening visit were their daughter and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Brianna,

Kaylin and Stevanna of Twelve Mile. (Their grandson, Trey, was attending a birthday party.)

Kay Brown joined her daughter and great-grandsons, Sue McKinney and Will and Aidan Smith, for a trip to Doua's Orchard south of Akron Sunday, Sept. 26. They had a fun time taking a wagon ride through the orchard.

Helen Whiteman had company Sunday. Stopping in for a short visit were her granddaughter Judy Nies, and her sons of Winamac.

Winter is fast approaching. Mike Cogdill and his family in Eagle River, Alaska awoke to snow on the ground Monday, Sept. 27. The weathermen say there is a chance of frost in this area the first few days of October.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Sheri Cook, Stacy Evans, Donovan Evers, Bill Graham and Rex Urbin, Oct. 3; Kaelee Baird,

Amanda Donathen, Stacy Horn, Doug Luhnrow, Alissa Troutman and Kaylin Young, Oct. 4; Alesea Eastwood, Mary Hinderlider, Jill Leazenby, Sarah Metzger, Linda Miller, Micah Rans, Jodie Smith, Jack Urbin and Scott Wilson, Oct. 5; Candy Field, Karen Good, Kristin Horn and Lynday Szmara, Oct. 6; Nicki McCrady and Belinda Weller,

Oct. 7; Landa Bangel, Tim Graham, Aaron Herrell, by Powell and Matthew Webb, Oct. 8; and Andrew Bangel, Oct. 9.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baldwin, Oct. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hines, Oct. 7; and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Thomas, Oct. 9.

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