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## Man held in shooting death of son

Randall "Randy" Ogle, 50, a rural Kewanna man, is being held for the shotgun shooting of his son, Cassidy W. Ogle, 29. The alleged incident took place early Monday morning at the elder Ogle's home, nine miles southeast of Kewanna on the Liberty/Wayne township line. Cassidy was a 1999 graduate of Rochester High School.

Reportedly, Ogle called the Fulton County Sheriff's department about 3:25 a.m. Monday to report the shooting. A subsequent search warrant revealed a marijuana growing operation, firearms, a large amount of ammunition and several pipe bombs and other destructive devices.

Randy Ogle is being held in the Fulton County Jail on a \$75,000 bond.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday for Cassidy Ogle in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

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## Holiday Art Tour, December 4 & 5

This year's Holiday Art Tour will be held Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, December 5, from noon to 5 p.m.

There are four stops on the tour, three in Rochester and one in Akron. The Rochester stops include the Corner Market Mall, 709 Main St., where several artists will be featured; Dave Fincher at DeBruiler Imaging, 808 Main St.; and Brushtracks Studio, 1505 Mitchell Drive featuring Pat Thompson, Gail Karas and Michelle Nelson. Various Akron artists will be featured at the Akron Community Center, 815 E. Rural Street. Over 20 artists will be participating and the articles on display will include paintings, limited editions, photography, jewelry, stained glass, note cards, and much more. The stops will offer refreshments and the opportunity for door prizes. Those who visit all four stops will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.

For a map of the tour go to [www.brushtracks.com](http://www.brushtracks.com) or call 574-223-6816. You may also email [holidayarttour@rtcol.com](mailto:holidayarttour@rtcol.com) or call 574-223-9098 for more information.

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## Emmaus in need of Christmas presents

Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport is in need of new, warm clothing for Christmas presents for the shelter residents.

Clothing suggestions include sweaters, sweatshirts and pants and flannel shirts for men and women.

The items can be taken to the mission at 805 Spencer Street in Logansport. Ask for Jason, Diane or Linda.

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## Send In Your News

## Book reading and signing Saturday

Don and Kathy Kegarise, Kewanna, will be at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester Saturday, December 4, at 6 p.m. for a book signing and reading of his book, *Where Have You Been? No Where, What Have You Been Doing? Nothing.*

Kathy will talk about editing and publishing your own book, including book binding. Don will share his reason for writing the book and read one of the short stories.

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## Local author Alan McPherson at Holiday Author Fair

Holiday shopping for an array of family, loved ones and new friends can be a daunting task, but the Indiana Historical Society offers a personalized, one-stop shopping opportunity for book lovers and gift givers alike this holiday season at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Author Fair. The event takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 4, at the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., in downtown Indianapolis.

The Holiday Author Fair is the largest book signing gathering for Indiana-related material, featuring more than 70 Hoosier authors including local author Alan McPherson. Books include works of fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, photography, history, children's books and more. Visitors can converse with authors, have books signed and enjoy refreshments and live entertainment.

There is no admission charge for this event, and free parking is available in the Indiana History Center's surface lot at the corner of New York and West Streets in downtown Indianapolis. For more details call the IHS toll free at 800-447-1830.

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## Richland Township Assn. Christmas Gathering

Residents of Richland Township, former school alumni and other interested parties are invited to attend a carry-in supper on Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Meat, drinks & table service will be provided. Please bring food to share and join in the community activities.

Ernie Hiatt will give a program at 7 p.m. on "Interesting Facts about Fulton County". Door prizes will be given.

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## James F. Talbott VFW December Calendar

Dec. 4 - Karaoke beginning at 8 p.m.

Dec. 6 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

Dec. 14 - Men's meeting, 7 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Children's Christmas party from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infants to age 11 welcome.

Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas (post will be closed)

Dec. 28 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

(Post will not observe its regular "open" Sunday in December)

## Recycle trailer pulled from Kewanna

The Fulton County Solid Waste District has pulled its recycle bins from their Kewanna location due to the fact that a patron (or patrons) continues to contaminate the recycle bins with used kitty litter. If anyone knows who the offender is, they should notify the Solid Waste District.

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## Deduction filing deadline nears

While Indiana real property owners have until the end of the year to file for property tax deductions, the Fulton county auditor is urging individuals to file as soon as possible.

"With the holiday season and winter weather approaching, property owners should file deduction applications as soon as they are able," said Auditor Judy Reed.

Deduction applications must be completed and dated by December 31, 2010 and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5, 2011 for the taxpayer to receive the eligible deductions on their 2011 property tax bills.

Deduction applications are available at the county auditor's office or they may be downloaded from the Department of Local Government Finance website, <http://www.in.gov/dlgt/2344.htm>.

In addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements for the desired deduction(s), the applicant for the deduction must own or be buying the property under contract on the date the application is filed in order to receive the deduction.

Persons filing for deductions on annually assessed mobile homes are still required to apply for the deduction during the 12 months before March 31 of each year.

Specific questions about property tax deduction eligibility should be directed to the county auditor. The telephone number is 574-223-2912 and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Power Assn. Annual Meeting/ Club Auction

The Fulton County Historical Power Assn. will hold a carry-in supper at 6 p.m. Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Members and guest alike are encouraged to bring food to share. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

Annual meeting and auction will begin at 7 p.m. with a short business meeting to elect directors. Auction items will consist of donated items from club members and serves as a fundraiser for the club. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item to sell or to come and participate in the fun.

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Shirley Willard will be at the Rochester Walgreen store Saturday, Dec. 4, from noon to 3 p.m., to autograph copies of the Rochester pictorial history book. She will also be at the Christmas Open House at the Fulton County Museum Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 6 p.m. to autograph books.

The Fulton County Health Department will be open from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, to administer immunizations, including flu shots. The office will close early due to the Christmas holiday.

The James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for youngsters in the community Sunday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the post on Railroad St. Children from infants to age 11 are welcome to attend and enjoy the games, crafts, food and presents.

Many boys and girls clubs are looking for car donations in any condition. The cars will be sold at auction and the funds generated will help support the clubs many programs. People wishing to donate or find out more information may call 800-246-0493.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Fulton County Office Building in Rochester. The agenda will include various reports, awarding of bids, additional appropriations, transfers and old and new business.

The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in the Commissioners/Council room of the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester, to award the Babcock Overmeier tile bid.

Seniors citizens who want or need a job but don't have the required skills can receive training through Experience Works. You can learn more about the program at a meeting to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Rochester WorkOne, 909 Main St., Rochester.

The Caston Jr./Sr. High School Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, December 13, at McHale Performing Arts Center in Logansport.

The Fulton County FOP's annual Shop with a Cop event for needy children will be held Saturday, Dec. 11. The FOP is seeking monetary donations so their members can take the children shopping for clothing and gifts. Donations may be sent to Shop with a Cop, P.O. Box 284, Rochester, IN 46975 or left at the Rochester Police Department or Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

The Indiana Secretary of State's

## Leaf pick up ends Friday in Kewanna

Since the trees have shed their leaves, leaf pick up in Kewanna will end Friday, December 3. This will enable town employees to get snow plowing equipment ready to go.

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## Christmas Open House at Museum

The Fulton County Museum will hold its annual Christmas Open House on Sat., Dec. 11 from noon to 6 p.m.

Trees are decorated throughout the museum and refreshments will be available.

Shirley Willard will be on hand to autograph the "Rochester" A pictorial history during this time. So if you have a book already or still need to purchase one and would like it autographed this is an excellent time to do so. The museum gift shop is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items include books, board game "Heading to Indiana", lots of stocking stuffers & ornaments, etc.

Farmers Market vendors will be set up from 9 a.m. to noon that weekend as well. They have been setting up every Saturday for the winter market at the museum from 9 a.m. to noon. Items include baked goods, vegetables, jams, noodles, and other craft type items.

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office has announced that voter turnout for November's general election in Indiana was up four percent from the last midterm election four years ago.

The Fulton County Farmers Market has moved to the Fulton County Museum for the winter months. The market is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday, except for holidays.

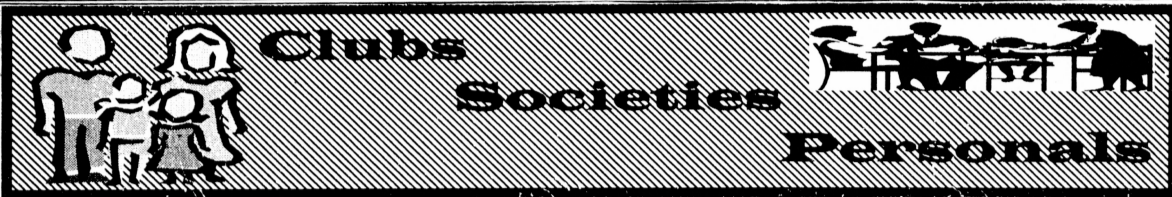
The annual Rochester Christmas parade will be held at 6 p.m. Friday. The parade route is from Rochester City Hall to the west side of the Fulton County Courthouse where the courthouse trees will be lit and Santa will open his house.

The Twelve Mile community will present its 40<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas pageant Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, at the Twelve Mile Park. The drive through event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both days.

Ground was broken Tuesday to replace the bridge over the Ohio River between Madison, Indiana and Milton, Kentucky. The expected cost of the construction project is \$103 million.

The Cass County Dentzel Carousel will be open Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Riverside Park in Logansport. There will be free carousel rides, cookies and punch, a basket raffle and face painting. Santa Claus will arrive at 3 p.m.

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**Master Gardener class to start in January**

The Fulton County Master Gardeners have been very effective in providing a lot of excellent volunteer services to the community through a program that has been active for 14 years. Master Gardeners are people that have taken twelve three-hour classes on a variety of topics such as soils, plant nutrition, plant growth, diseases, insects, weeds, lawns, trees, vegetables, flowers, houseplants and pesticide safety.

Course participants will receive Master Gardener certificates when they have completed 36 hours of volunteer time. There are more advanced levels, and in our community there are people who have put in over 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

A new class will be starting this January. The program will be on consecutive Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. starting January 6 and the fee will be \$110.00. If you are interested in a class with fellow gardening enthusiasts, this is the program for you.

If you are interested, call or write Mark Kepler, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1009 W. Third St., Rochester, IN 46975; telephone 574-223-3397 before December 22. Purdue Extension's website is at [www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/fulton](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/fulton). There is a link to the Master Gardener brochure, listed at the

bottom of the page under the "Hot Topic" portion of the page. The brochure may be downloaded. The link to the Fulton County Master Gardener blog is also listed. +++

**Four shows coming to Honeywell**

The Honeywell Center in Wabash will welcome a variety of shows in early December. Tickets for *A Chorus Line*, *4TROOPS*, *Uncle Kracker*, and *Away in a Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas*, are now on sale.

The Wabash Valley Music Association presents *A Chorus Line* Tuesday, December 7. The Tony Award-winning production tells the story of 17 dancers auditioning for the role of a lifetime. Tickets are \$25, \$35 and \$45.

United States combat veteran singing group *4TROOPS* will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. Three men and one woman, all veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, come together to sing on behalf of all troops, honor their sacrifices and create awareness for their needs. Tickets are \$12, \$18 and \$25.

Uncle Kracker will appear at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. After getting his start in the rock/rap genre, Uncle Kracker went on to achieve success in the country music scene with hits like "Follow Me," "Drift Away," and his latest hit "Smile." Tickets are

\$16 and \$32. The Church Basement Ladies bring their holiday show *Away in a Basement* to the Honeywell Center for two shows on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The musical comedy is set in 1959 - the day of the Sunday School Christmas program. As the children rehearse upstairs, the ladies prepare holiday treats, unaware of what surprises are in store for them as they are called upon to save the day. Tickets are \$12, \$18 and \$25.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 260-563-1102 or visiting [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org). +++

**AREA FIVE MENU**

**Kewanna Fire Station**  
Monday, December 6 - Sloppy Joe, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit salad and milk

Wednesday, December 8 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal bread and milk

Friday, December 10 - Pork loin, brussel sprouts, black eye peas, cookie and milk +++

**EASTERN PULASKI MENU**

**December 6 - 10**  
**Elementary Breakfast**  
Monday - Blueberry muffin, string cheese, juice and milk  
Tuesday - Pancakes with cinnamon glaze, juice and milk

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Wednesday - Biscuit with sausage pattie, juice and milk

Thursday - French toast, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

**Elementary Lunch**

Monday - Cheese pizza, corn, pineapple, brownie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken sandwich, parsley potatoes, applesauce, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Toasted cheese sandwich, hash browns, grapes, cinnamon crackers and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, apple juice, cinnamon roll and milk

Friday - Nacho cheese with chips, green beans, apple crisp and milk

**Middle/High School Lunch**

Monday - Taco Snax, 8-way vegetables, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Cheese pizza, peas, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Ravioli, cheese breadstick, green beans, banana and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Grilled chicken sandwich, California blend vegetables, peaches and bananas, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Hot dog sandwich, seasoned fries, fruit mix, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar +++

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**And bingo was its name - oh!**

B-i-n-g-o! The month of December marks the anniversary of the manufacture of the game "Bingo" in 1929 by Edwin S. Lowe. The famous game of chance was first recorded in 1778 as a children's game called "Lotto". The original American form, "Keno", "Kino" or "Pokeno" dates from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Played with cards divided into numbered and blank squares, the object of Bingo is to achieve a vertical, horizontal or diagonal line by placing markers over numbers that are randomly called out. The first to have such a line shouts "Bingo!"

During periodic crazes, Bingo has been one of the most popular forms of low-priced gambling in the world. Although now illegal in most U.S. states when played for gambling purposes, Bingo is permitted in many churches or similar organizations when played for charity. +++

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**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
 November 22  
 Admissions - Dawna Mayo, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Dawna Mayo, Rochester  
 November 23  
 Admissions - Phillip Rentschler, Macy; Joseph Baughman, Argos  
 Births - Shaun and Lacy Barnes, Rochester, a son; Jona Cottrell, Rochester, a son  
 November 24  
 Admissions - Eva Smith, Rochester  
 November 26  
 Admissions - Paul Rayl, Akron; Walter Quier, Macy; Mary Borer, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Phillip Rentschler, Macy; Joseph Baughman, Argos; Jona Cottrell and Lacy Barnes and son, Rochester  
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**DEATHS .....**

**MARVIN A. MIKESELL**  
 Marvin A. Mikesell, 75, North Manchester, died Monday, November 29, 2010, at Fort Wayne V.A. Medical Center.  
 Survivors include his wife, Lu (Cassel) Mikesell; two daughters, Robin Gould, Monticello, and Rhonda

Vanderwall, Kewanna; five sons, Timothy Mikesell, Kewanna, Todd Mikesell, Rochelle, Troy Mikesell, Athens, Tracey Mikesell, Kewanna, and Terry Mikesell, Logansport; three sisters, Lou Ann Britt, Esther Bledsoe and Frances Bounds; three brothers, David Mikesell, Larry Mikesell and Cliff Mikesell; and 10 stepchildren.  
 Services for the former Kewanna resident will be at 11 a.m. Friday, December 3, at Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, Liberty Mills. Arrangements are being handled by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.  
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**THOMAS O. HOOVER**  
 Thomas O. Hoover, 59, Star City, died at 8:55 p.m. Friday, November 26, 2010, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.  
 Hoover was married to the former Kim Smith of Kewanna. No services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the family for the college expenses of his son, Kohl.  
 Frain Mortuary, Winamac, is in charge of arrangements.  
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**Fulton County Courthouse Hours:**  
 Mon. - Thurs. 8 to 4  
 Friday - 8 to 5  
 CLOSED Sat. & Sun.  
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**Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar Sibling Class**

The next sibling class is scheduled for December 11 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, from 9 am to 10:30 am. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10 years) to adjust to the new baby in the family. They are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is to be born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or big sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule your child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child.

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. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at Pulaski Memorial. There will be a \$6 charge if you plan to deliver elsewhere.

**Auxiliary South Bend Chocolate Sale**  
 The South Bend Chocolate

company will have a two day sale December 20 and December 21 in the ER lobby. All profits from this sale will go towards the purchase of a digital mammography machine.  
**Free Breastfeeding Clinic**  
 Pulaski Memorial Maternity Department is hosting a "Drop-in" Clinic so you can get your breastfeeding questions answered. The clinic is offered weekly; each Wednesday at the Winamac Church of the Heartland from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The Drop in Clinic is completely free and no appointments are needed. Julia Decker, RN, RNC, and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant will staff the clinic.

**Social Security**  
 No Social Security representative will be at Pulaski Memorial Hospital for the months of December, January and February  
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**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)  
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**To Reserve the Fire Dept. Community Room**  
 Call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 evenings  
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**Kewanna/Union Twp. Library News...**

Nicholas Hughes

Our Christmas Storytime program will be on December 18, here at the Kewanna Union-Township Public Library. Stories, crafts, and fun will be had for all. In preparation for this event, we are running a hat, scarf, and glove drive at the library. Bring in donations and, much as was done with our successful food drive, they will be given out to local families.

The new Friends of the Kewanna Union-Township Public Library's next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30. The public is welcome to come and join in. It is a good way to help out your local library and to give back to the community. There will be gaming at the library this weekend. Magic tournament starts at noon, while our numerous card and board games will be available all day. Come in and play. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend.  
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# Looking Back.....

## SIXTY YEARS AGO December 8, 1950

Gordon Graham of the Rochester City Dairy announced earlier this week that he has purchased the Kewanna Creamery. Local deliveries will continue on the same schedule as before with John Enyeart still driving. Grade "A" milk is now available through the Reliable Dairy of South Bend since neither Rochester or Kewanna dairies have the equipment for processing this grade of milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Steinke will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary December 17 with a family dinner and open house at the Kewanna Church of Christ. Mrs. Steinke is the former Dara Grimes VanCleave. The couple was married in the log cabin home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Grimes in the Prairie Grove neighborhood. They are the parents of Mrs. Clayton Brown.

Three Kewanna men were injured in an accident Thursday, November 30, on U.S. 30 east of

Gary. They were enroute to Chicago to attend the International Livestock Exposition. Clyde Miller, 67, Rt. 2, Kewanna, suffered a concussion and facial lacerations. He was admitted to Gary Mercy Hospital. Thomas Eldridge, 25, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and George Bitterling, 55, Rt. 1, Kewanna, were treated and released.

Mr. and Mrs. Urbin Jackson of Fulton announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene, to Earl E. Williams, son of Lloyd E. Williams, Mishawaka. Miss Jackson is a graduate of Fulton High School and Indiana Business College, Logansport.

A pink and blue shower was held Sunday, December 3, in the home of Mrs. Donna Heiden for Mrs. Loma Lou Collins. Bunco bridge was enjoyed with prizes going to Mrs. Ned Warfield and the guest of honor.

## FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 8, 1955

Five persons were injured in a two-car, head-on collision Saturday afternoon on State Road 25. Dorothy Lavengood, 25, Rochester, was admitted to Woodlawn Hospital. Treated and released were Daniel Lavengood, 2; Ethel Mathias, 38;

James Mathias, 9; and Paul Lavengood, 25. The accident occurred when Paul Lavengood was attempting to pass a car, and hit the Mathias auto. The Lavengoods are former Kewanna residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kubicki, Kewanna, were injured in an accident November 22 near Three Rivers, Michigan, when the pickup truck they were driving was hit on the right side by a car driven by Roy Walker of Three Rivers. The Kubickies were treated at a Three Rivers hospital.

Phillip Wills was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party in his home in celebration of his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Guests included members of the Grass Creek High School junior class - Loren Thomas, Bill Jones, Jim James, Larry Bucks, Larry Cunningham, Kay Sadler, Shirley Sadler, Janey Wills, Louise Bassler, Kathy Burns, June Fall, Eileen Waddups, Sylvia Feidner, Barbara Watts and Kelsa Reffett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ewing, Rochester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine, to Phillip E. McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarter, Fulton. Miss Ewing is currently teaching at Wabash High School and is a graduate of Purdue University. McCarter, a graduate of Ball State Teachers College, is the coach at Akron High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher entertained Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fisher and family Sunday evening in honor of Bill's birthday.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO December 8, 1960

The Prairie Grove EUB Church was the scene of the recent wedding of Mr. Clyde Collins and Mrs. Louise Zellers. Rev.

George Bosard, assisted by Rev. Charles Cook, performed the ceremony.

A Winamac man was injured and his car demolished in a one-car accident Saturday, December 3, two miles east of Winamac on State Road 14. John Hinderlider, Sr., 77, suffered severe injuries to his head and is being treated at an Indianapolis hospital. He is the father of Raymond Hinderlider of Kewanna.

Betty Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson, and Connie Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer, will attend the Grange conference at Purdue University in December.

Sgt. Paul A. Welier arrived in Kewanna recently to spend some time with his family before reporting to White Sands Missile Base, New Mexico.

A surprise going-away party was held at the home of Susan Seidel December 3 for Barbara Lyon. Barbara will be leaving for California with her parents December 18. Attending the party were Sheila Gilliland, Betty Jo Baldwin, Mary Jean Troutman, Vickie Evans, Kathy Ley, Kenan Cook, Janice Hattery, Jane Stoudt and Sandra Turner.

The Prairie Grove Ladies Aid met Tuesday evening in the church social room for a carry-in dinner which was enjoyed by the members and their families. Hostesses were Alice Carr and Mary Watrous. Election of officers was held. Elected to serve were Jean Friedrich, president; Alice Carr, vice president; Mary Watrous, secretary; and Dorothy Chizum, treasurer. Hostesses for the January meeting will be Ruth Walters and Shirley Fear.

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 9, 1965

The annual community Christmas party sponsored by the Kewanna Progressive Association will be held in the high school gymnasium Wednesday night, December 22, from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be singing of Christmas carols and Santa Claus will have treats for the kids. Kewanna stores will be open until 9 p.m. during the week of December 20-24 for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Fred Hizer of Grass Creek is a patient at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after suffering a severe heart attack Friday night.

The Kewanna Indians racked up their fourth victory in five outings as they defeated their hosts, Aubbeenaubbee Braves, by a score of 57-53 Friday night in a Tippecanoe Valley Athletic Conference game. Ron McColley was Kewanna's leading scorer with 15 points. Ken Robbins scored 13.

A fire at the Robert Craig home, Rt. 3, Kewanna, caused minor damage at 3:40 p.m. Sunday. The fire started where the pipe from the coal stove went into the chimney. The house is owned by Robert Redweik, Rt. 3, Kewanna, and was insured.

Bill Downhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Downhour, Kewanna, arrived home recently from

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Germany where he has been for the last several months. Mr. and Mrs. Downhour met him at the South Bend airport. He will spend 30 days here after which he will return to Germany for another year.

Coach Ron Lebo's Caston Comets upped their record to 6-1 Saturday night by defeating Northfield, 66-48, paced by Bruce Zabst's 22 points.

Mrs. Elizabeth Graffis and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis were at Buchanan, Michigan, recently where the former attended the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration for Mrs. Rhoda Harrison.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO  
December 4, 1980**

Fred Bauman of Bauman Electric, Kewanna, recently purchased an International digger truck. The truck features a pole digger, wire take-up reel, 36-foot boom extension and guy anchor driver. Bauman has been in business since 1968. The newly acquired truck will enable him to better serve the community and surrounding area.

Mrs. Frances Easterday, Kewanna, is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis as the result of an automobile accident Saturday morning. Mrs. Easterday apparently lost control of her car which went over an embankment into a drainage ditch. She was found by a passing motorist who saw the tracks in the snow and investigated.

The Welcome Neighbors Club met at the home of Ruby Baldwin for its November meeting and Thanksgiving carry-in. Mrs. Baldwin was assisted by her daughter, Betty Doty, and Betty's nieces. Alice Sisinger asked the blessing prior to the meal which was enjoyed by 13 members and four guests, Mrs. Doty, Artha Kreamer and Laura and Carol Allen.

Anita Fox was crowned homecoming queen Saturday evening at the Kewanna-Wheeler basketball game. Anita, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Fox. Stacey Personett was the first runner-up and Angela Gudeman was the second runner-up.

Mary Ellen Starr Bennett was featured in Teepee Talk's "Senior Who's Who".

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Woolington entertained their family Sunday at Gropp's restaurant in Rochester. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Osborn of Culver, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Avery of Wilshire, Ohio; Mrs. Rosetta Newgent, Mrs. Helen Woolington and Mrs. Goldie Hamman of here. The group returned to the Woolington home where they enjoyed ice cream, cake, sandwiches, nuts and mints in the evening. The occasion was in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Woolington's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and the birthday of Mrs. Loyd Woolington and Mrs. Newgent.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO  
December 6, 1990**

Dana Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doran Collins, Kewanna, was among the ten Winamac High School students who flew to the Bahamas October 30 with their zoology

teacher, Mr. Dave Ralstin and his wife, Cathy, to take part in a 24-hour outdoor classroom.

George Hendrickson, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has returned home after accompanying a group of Lions Club members from Indiana to Guatemala City. The group delivered 11 ambulances, a fire truck, a panel truck and a pick-up truck along with various medical supplies and eyeglasses.

Wilma Zuck of Kewanna recently underwent heart bypass surgery at her winter home in Texas.

Kip and Janece Cook of Bremen are the parents of a daughter born December 4 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and has been named Calley Marie. Calley's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, all of Kewanna.

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh and Beulah Milliser of Rochester and Merle Reichard of Letiers Ford. They attended Vera Wickline's Christmas recital at Winamac.

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**Kewanna Locals**

Suzanne and Mike Crump, Katie and Tyler, of Muncie hosted the Mills family Thanksgiving gathering Thursday. Among their guests were Suzanne's grandmother, Helen Miller.

Romayne Wentzel hosted her family's holiday get-together over the weekend. Joining her for dinner and a lot of visiting were 17 members of her family.

Virginia Agnew's family joined her for dinner Thanksgiving Day. Guests included Ed Tomerlin, Eric, Megan and Jacob Tomerlin, Erin and Ashlyn Tomerlin and friend Jason of Hebron; Alfredo and Kelly Barquist, Lucas and Sophia, Alphareta, Georgia; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod and Amy Agnew, Zachary and Alexis, Joshua Agnew and Kim Hunter, Caleb and Raeann, Greg and Jackie Agnew, and Jeff and Tina Agnew, Shayna and Kayleena, all of Rochester; and Jeremy and Angie Agnew of Westfield. Marsha Agnew was not able to accompany her family due to illness. The meal and afternoon of visiting was enjoyed by all, especially the kids.

Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans hosted their family's holiday gathering Thursday. Their guests for dinner and an afternoon of visiting were their daughter and grandchildren, Kim Jenkins, Brendan, Riley and Katelyn of Letiers Ford; Cora Lynn's siblings and their spouses, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon, Don Weller of Kathleen, Georgia and Angela Gast; their nephew and his family of Rolling Prairie, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody; their nephew, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw; their great-niece, Shelby Wagoner of Etna Green; and Cora Lynn's parents, Barb and Jon Gast and Ray and

Beth Weller. Later they were joined by their son and his family, Doug and Kara Sutton, Ethan, Owen and Goshen.

Ann Zartman and Jane Green and Shirley Zartman enjoyed celebrating the holiday together Thursday. (Jane's husband, Rich, was unable to join the ladies as he is fighting the illness that is hitting the area.)

Helen Whiteman enjoyed celebrating the holiday as a dinner guest of her grandson and his wife, Doug and Robin Whiteman and children at Winamac.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Dan and Julie Birge were Ashley and Lacey Birge, Lillix Cook, Eric and Ruth Harper, Evelyn Markley, Kevin Birge, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Birge and friend Brian and Calvin Holloway.

Friday evening visitors of Evelyn Markley were Julie Birge, Ashley and Lacey Birge, Lillix Cook, Eric Harper, Haley Markley and Will Holloway, all of Kewanna; Jeff Markley and son Spencer and Haydon Prater of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bitterling of Logansport; and Mr. and Mrs. Shane Bitterling of Mentone, California, who were making their first visit to Indiana in three years.

Lillix Cook celebrated her fifth birthday Saturday, November

27, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Guests were present from Kewanna, Winamac, Rochester, and Logansport. Everyone enjoyed ice cream, cake and punch in celebration of the event which was actually November 23.

**Sports  
Shorts**

The Caston varsity boys basketball team opened its season Tuesday, Nov. 23, losing to Maconaquah, 65-41. Alex Herd was the leading scorer for the Comets with 14 points. Jake Howdeshell added 10 points, Trevor Hoover had eight, and Corey Moss, six.

The Caston Comets lost to Lewis Cass in opening round action of the Cass County tournament at Logansport Tuesday evening, 48-27. Quentin Douglass led the Comets with seven points.

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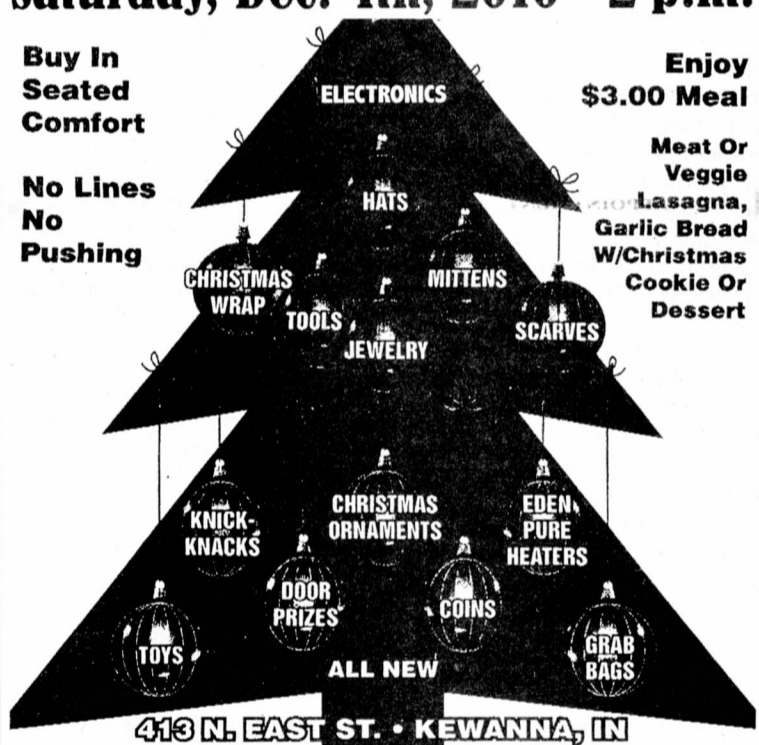


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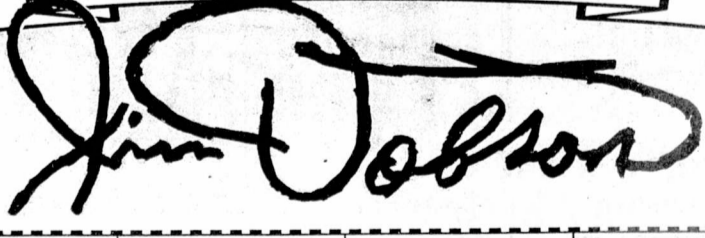


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# "Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



## Lighting the candle

I never imagined the simple task of lighting a candle could be completely overwhelming. Today I lit one candle and it took all the strength I had in me, and then some.

The day started innocently enough. We went to church - a custom many people follow on Sundays. Only problem was, this week we celebrated saints. At my church that means lighting a candle in remembrance of a saint in your life who has died.

Last year I recall sitting in my pew. I didn't light a candle because I didn't personally know any saints who had died. I didn't realize the significance of that at the time.

Six months later, my mom passed away. I don't think she saw herself as a saint. I'm not sure if any religion would consider her a saint. I certainly did.

I won't go into details, but she was a wonderful mother, wife and person. She had her baggage, like we all do, but I could always count on my mom to answer the phone when I called. She put me first, or at least she made me feel like she put me first. In this day and age that means something.

She understood me better, sometimes, than I understood myself. She had a sixth sense about things. Each time I got pregnant, she knew before I ever got the chance to tell her. If I ran into her a minute after finding out myself, she'd look at me with a knowing eye and ask the question: "Are you?"

A person who knows you inside and out - and manages to love you anyway - is like the credit card commercial: priceless. My mom was priceless.

Then she got Alzheimer's. And then she died. It's been six months and I thought I was doing well. I can talk about her without crying. I am starting to remember the good times. I understand grief, while infinite, is not insurmountable.

But grief is a curious beast. You think you have it licked. You begin to let your guard down, but before you can catch your breath, it comes out from the shadows, swinging with both fists. That's how it felt when I had to light the candle: like an insurmountable punch in the gut.

As I stood waiting for my turn, I worried about a flame catching fire on someone's clothing.

Hundreds of people filled the church. There are so many good reasons not to allow hundreds of people to light hundreds of candles indoors. What were we thinking?

If I'd known it was candle lighting day at church I might have skipped. Then I would have escaped grieving publicly. People would not have witnessed my tears.

Then I would have missed the memories that flooded me today. I would have missed the opportunity to honor my mom with a flame representing memories of her.

My turn came and my hand shook. I only hoped I wasn't going to be the one to set the church on fire.

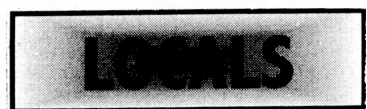
I tried not to cry and failed horribly. I attempted to wipe my tears away so no one would see, but as soon as I completed a face swipe with the back of my hand, my eyes produced even more tears. Note to self: carry a tissue in your pocket at all times. You can never predict when you'll be asked to complete a difficult task like lighting a candle.

I did light the candle. I stood a moment to watch the flame. And I remembered my mom.

I returned to my seat and something magical happened. Someone came to hug me. Then another. I was surrounded by support. It didn't take the sadness away, but it made it bearable, somehow.

If I'd realized it was candle lighting day at church today, I might have stayed home because I thought it would be too hard. I'm glad I didn't know. I'm glad I went.

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Florence Hogan had a visitor Monday, Nov. 22. Stopping by for a short chat was her granddaughter, Stephanie Malchow.

Tuesday, Nov. 23, Ruth Cogdill welcomed some very special guests. Tom and Dixie Schrum of Rensselaer and their son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lorrie Schrum of Midlothian, Virginia, spent the morning with her. Ruth had not met these

generations of the Schrum family, but her connection with the family goes back 88 years. Ruth's father, Marion Norris, was a teacher at the Schrums' school in Calumet City in 1922. Tom's father, Wilmer, and uncle, Anthony, were students of Mr. Norris who taught 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade in a two-room schoolhouse. This is when the friendship between the two families began. During World War II, Ruth wrote to Wilmer for two- and- a- half years. (He served in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy from 1941-1946.) In the late 1940s, their families drew apart as everyone went on with their lives after the war had ended. "Then the Internet came along." Ruth was on the Internet Oct. 1 researching her husband's and Wilmer's ships. She saw an inquiry about Wilmer from his grandson, Mike. The name "Tricedar" was on his email address so she knew it had to be a member of the Schrum family as that was the name of their farm. Ruth wrote a letter to the family in Rensselaer and 28 days later she heard from them. Ruth had lots of great stories of their families as the Norrises had spent many days at Tricedar farm. Many photos were exchanged between Ruth and the Schrums and it made for a wonderful visit.

Jerry Brown was in Rochester Tuesday evening. He had an exciting time attending the Rochester vs. Lewis Cass high school girls' basketball game. His granddaughters, Kaelee and

Leighnee Smith, play for Rochester.

Tim Cogdill of Macy spent Wednesday, Nov. 24, with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. Both were having a quiet Thanksgiving as Tim's wife, Deb, was in Virginia; Ruth's daughter, Linda Ligocki, was in Flagstaff, Arizona; and Ruth's daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter, were still in Texas. Thanksgiving for Ruth is always when her family is together. She received holiday phone calls, from Tim, Linda, Jane and their brother, Mike Cogdill in Alaska, Thursday making her day complete.

Helen Miller left Wednesday for a holiday visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Scott at Frankfort.

Ann Zartman and her daughters, Jane Green and Shirley Zartman, were in Culver Wednesday evening. They enjoyed an early Thanksgiving with Jane's son, Dale Green, and his family.

Helen Whiteman was in Winamac Wednesday evening. She had a fun time attending the boys' basketball game. Her great-grandson, Jeffy Nies, is a player for Winamac.

Bill Evers of Henrietta, New York, spent several days over the holiday weekend as a houseguest of his parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers.

Kay and Jerry Brown hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Thursday, Nov. 25. Their guests for a wonderful visit and dinner were their children and their families, Mark and Mick Brown, Sue and Mike McKinney of Rochester, Mike

Brown with Lynn Hall and Bryce and Angie and Tom Smith, Kaelee, Leighnee, Will and Aidan of Rochester; their grandchildren and their families, Jessica Brown of Winamac, Jason Brown of Avon, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer of Monterey and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; and Kay's siblings, Rita Williamson and John Williamson of Winamac and Carol Fernandez of Kennesaw, Georgia.

Wilma Wilson had a couple of callers Thursday. Coming for a visit and bringing along dinner were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center.

Florence Hogan had company Thursday. Joining her for a quiet Thanksgiving were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette, and her son, Mike Hogan. Later in the day, her daughter, Kathy Dees of Visalia, California, called to talk with everyone.

Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester were holiday dinner guests of their daughter and her family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally. At dinnertime, part of the group fixed up dinner plates and delivered them to Phyllis' parents, Don and Pauline Scales.

Leonard and Nancy Evers traveled to Indianapolis Thursday. They were holiday dinner guests of their daughter, Diane Evers. There were 27 members of the family in attendance. Bill Evers was the special guest as he had not been able to join the family for the holiday in quite some time.

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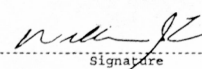

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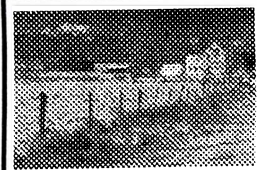
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday visitors over the weekend. Arriving Friday, Nov. 26, for an overnight visit were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Friday in Royal Center. They were joined by 30 members of their family including Judy's mother, Wilma Wilson. The only families who were missing were those living in Germany and California.

Randy Neidig, Cora Lynn Clemans and Angela Gast enjoyed Black Friday shopping in Warsaw. Everything was going along just fine until the sisters started picking on each other. But what can you expect with three sisters, one car and crowds in the stores.

Helen Whiteman had callers Friday. Stopping by for a family chat were her daughter, Sherri Lett; Sherri's granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty; and Rylee's friends, Kendall and A.J.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Winamac Saturday evening, Nov. 27. They had a fun time attending the Winamac vs. Rochester high school girls' basketball game.

Angela Gast and her "Little Brother," Cody Pickett, enjoyed bowling in Rochester Saturday evening.

Saturday dinner guests of Joe and Karen Good for a Thanksgiving celebration were Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary, Payton Daily, Bruce and Denise Baker, Daniel and Andrea Baker and Ronnie Hamman. The group also helped Joe celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pauline and Don Scales had a visitor Sunday, Nov. 28. Stopping by for a delightful family chat was their nephew,

Larry Foutz of Logansport.

The Pugh family Thanksgiving celebration was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder near Culver. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Chase, Brandt and Cassie, and Tim Peters and Brock of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, of Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh, Luke and Kole, Emily Larkin, Calvin and Will, Mike Haschel, Christina Turpin and Cole Reinhold, all of Winamac; Mr. Steven Pugh and Kyle of Kewanna; Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Clar and Allie, and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven, of Culver; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, of Rochester.

Tom and Linda Garner hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Sunday. Joining them for dinner and a lot of visiting were their children and their families, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zachary and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso; Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile and T.J. and Ashley Garner. The family also celebrated the birthdays of Trey, Brianna, Don and Zachary.

Florence Hogan had visitors Sunday. Coming up for a chat and bringing along pizza for dinner were Wendy and Dan Kelly.

Julie Brown had a fun time Sunday afternoon. She attended the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday party held in

honor of her "munchkin," Luke Sutton. The event was hosted by his parents, Steve and Wendy Sutton.

Helen Whiteman had working visitors Sunday. Coming over to set up her outside Christmas lights were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski.

Beth and Ray Weller had holiday visitors late in the weekend. Arriving Sunday for a short visit were their daughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio.

Those persons who will be

having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Mindi Cogdill, Torrie Crissinger, Amanda Leazenby and Juan Sanchez, Dec. 5; Ryan Baker, Ann Bauman, Cindy Eastwood, Angela Gudeman, Kami Newton and Zack Short, Dec. 6; Courtney Brazier, Dec. 7; Derek Eisbrenner and Gayle Newton, Dec. 8; Kent Cook, Nita LaFollette, Sydney Lewark and Noah Womeldorf, Dec. 10; and Bob Bauman, JoAnn Collins, Michelle French, Sarah Purkey, Hampton Short and April Troutman, Dec. 11.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peters, Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bucks, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamman, Dec. 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dees, Dec. 8.

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