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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District board of directors met Thursday, December 9, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. All directors were present as well as five freelanders and one guest.

The treasurer's report and the minutes of the October 14th meeting were read and approved. Chairman Porter went through the correspondence that the district had received since the last meeting.

Old business included legal updates on two properties. One is still not connected to the sewer system and the other has not responded to legal notice.

Lake Bruce resident Brad Gast has volunteered to do the maintenance on the district's generators. He did the work November 16 and will check them again in the spring. The district would like to thank him for his services.

The wastewater treatment operator, Richard Demney, reported that everything was fine at the plant and there are no problems. The board approved changes to the sewer use and rate ordinances to establish regulations for hauled septic waste.

Chairman Porter announced that T & W Construction got the contract for building a cover over the de-watering pad at the treatment plant.

One of the Norway spruce trees planted at the treatment plant has been destroyed by deer and another one was damaged.

Director Kathy Fisher reported on the cost of driveway topping for all of the plants. One quote was for \$2,750 and the other one was for \$2,440.

Inspector Paul Bradley said he had one hook-up this month and wanted to get approval to revise the sewer construction permit. He wants to limit the life of the permit to 30 days. This would help to limit the cost of locator services more than one time.

The board approved the request.

Chairman Porter reported on Lake Enhancement. He had attended a meeting with the DNR and discussed the weed situation at the lake. The district will submit a request for 2011 grant money for weed control even though it will probably be denied.

The board approved giving the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department a \$200 donation for the use of the community room for district meetings.

The conservancy billing agent, Bill Zartman, will send out the 2011 sewer billing coupon book around January 20. Anyone not receiving their coupon book by February 1, 2011, should contact Mr. Zartman at 574-382-2722 or Mr. Porter at 574-653-9984.

The board of directors will not meet in January. The next

Candlelight service at First Baptist

First Baptist Church on the Main, Kewanna, will hold a candlelight Christmas service this Sunday, December 19, at 7 p.m. A small reception will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Candlelight Christmas Eve service

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will hold its annual candlelight Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. Friday, December 24. Pastor Chris Tiedeman and the congregation invite everyone in the community to make this special service part of their Christmas celebration.

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Community State Bank Tourney at Caston

JV Schedule
Tuesday, Dec. 21 vs. North Newton, 4 p.m.
Game 1 - Caston vs. North Newton, 4 p.m.
Game 2 - Pioneer vs. Covenant Christian, 5:15 p.m.
Game 3 - Northfield vs. Sheridan, 6:45 p.m.
Game 4 - Taylor vs. Oregon-Davis, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 23
Game 5 - winner of Game 1 vs. winner Game 2, 10 a.m.
Game 6 - winner of Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 11:30 a.m.
Championship game, 3 p.m.

Community State Bank Shootout at Caston

Varsity Schedule
Session 1, Tuesday, Dec. 21
Oregon-Davis vs. North Newton, 4 p.m.
Pioneer vs. Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Northfield vs. Covenant Christian, 7 p.m.
Caston vs. Taylor, 8:30 p.m.
Session 2, Dec. 23
Sheridan vs. Northfield, 9:30 a.m.
Covenant Christian vs. Taylor, 11 a.m.
Pioneer vs. North Newton, 12:30 p.m.
Caston vs. Oregon-Davis, 2 p.m.

(Gym will be cleared immediately after 2 p.m. game)
Session 3, Dec. 23
Sheridan vs. Covenant Christian, 4 p.m.
Northfield vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
Pioneer vs. Oregon-Davis, 7 p.m.
Caston vs. North Newton, 8:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$6 per session or \$15 for an all session ticket. Immediate family all session tickets are \$35 and immediate family single session tickets are \$18.

Fulton County Courthouse Hours
Mon. - Thurs. 8 to 4
Friday - 8 to 5
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meeting will be February 17, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the fire department community room.

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Fulton County Community Foundation hands out 17 grants

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library was one of 17 organizations in the county to receive a grant from the Fulton County Community Foundation when awards were announced last week. The library received a \$5,000 grant for a new central circulation desk in the two-story Carnegie library. Construction is now in progress to double the space in the library which was built in 1914.

The Grass Creek Cemetery was also one of the grant recipients. Its \$2,500 grant will be used to stabilize several of the tombstones in the cemetery, some of which have been in place over 100 years and are starting to lean.

Other grant recipients include the Fulton County Animal and Adoption Center (\$27,000); Akron Area Arts League (\$1,200); Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fulton County (\$2,000); Compassionate Health Center, Inc. (\$3,810); Faith Outreach Center's Kids Bridge (\$1,500); F. Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra (\$1,000); Fulton County 4-H Fair Association (\$5,000); Fulton County Habitat for Humanity (\$1,021); Fulton County Historical Society (\$5,000); Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana (\$1,000); Hope Hospice, Inc. (\$2,000); Junior Achievement (\$1,500); Mental Health Association of Fulton County (\$2,000); Rochester Lions Club (\$5,000); and Victims Advocacy Domestic Violence Task Force (\$4,000).

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Emergency Medical report

Millie Sysma, Fulton County Emergency Medical Service director, has released her November report.

During the month the EMS answered 154 calls, 98 from Rochester; 31 from Kewanna; and 25 from Akron.

Average time from dispatch to beam enroute was 1.85 minutes and the average time from being enroute to arrival was 6.9 minutes. The EMS has responded to 1,118 calls since it started serving the county on April 15.

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Christmas display

Jerry and Shirley Werner invite everyone to enjoy their outdoor Christmas display which will be lit from 6 to 10 p.m. each evening beginning December 11 through January 1. The Werners live at 10957 W 950 S, southwest of Kewanna. Vehicles may pull in the back drive on 1100 W and make a circle in the barn lot to view the back displays.

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The Gaston Jr./Sr. High School Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, December 20, in the high school gymnasium. The concert was originally scheduled for Dec. 13 at McHale in Logansport but was postponed due to the severe winter weather.

Children in the community in need of gloves or mittens are invited to select a pair from the tree located at the Kewanna branch of Community State Bank.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include various reports, public hearings on the modification of M. Zion bridge and dam and vacating an alleyway; transfers; additional appropriations; a review of 2011 appropriations, old and new business.

The Fulton County Historical Society board will meet at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Farmers Market invites craft vendors to next Saturday's market, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fulton County Museum. This is the last Farmers Market before Christmas. Shirley Willard will be on hand to autograph Rochester pictorial history books. Joe Mathias's "Heading for Indiana" board game will be available. The public is invited to visit the museum and gift show and see the many Christmas trees in the museum.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the library.

The Fulton County courthouse, office building and extension office will close at noon Friday, Dec. 17, for an employee Christmas party.

The Fulton County Health Department will be open Wednesday morning, Dec. 22, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. for immunizations, including flu shots.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbot VFW Post No. 1121 will host its annual Christmas party for youth of the community Sunday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Infants through age 11 are invited to attend.

Layers of Hope is collecting boots, coats, hats, scarves, sweaters, etc. in all sizes. Items can be dropped off at the Akron Carnegie Public Library, First Federal Savings Bank, Fulton County Purdue Extension office, Fulton County Wellness Center, Riddle Elementary and Rochester High School in

- Service Notes -

Navy Seaman Corey A. Stevens, son of Connie J. and Corey A. Stevens, Lucerne, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. During the eight-week program, Stevens completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor. Stevens is a 2010 graduate of Caston High School.

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Rochester through Jan. 13. Donated items will be distributed from noon to 3 p.m. January 15 at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds.

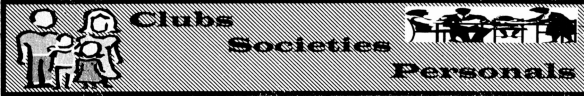
Dr. Lisa M. Ronback, orthopedic surgeon on the Woodlawn Hospital medical staff, recently performed the first Visionaire Patient Match knee replacement surgery at Woodlawn. The Smith and Nephew Patient Match technology is a system that uses a patient's MRI and x-ray images to design and build surgical instruments customized for his or her unique knee anatomy.

The Fulton County EMS and Ambulance Billing Service are sponsoring a logo design contest. The contest is open to Fulton County high school seniors. The deadline for entering logos is Dec. 27. Designs should be submitted to Fulton County EMS, Attn. Fulton County Auditor, 1225 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN 46975. The winner will receive a \$250 scholarship. For more information, call Millie Sysma at 574-223-2011.

The Indiana State Fair Commission approved a recommendation last week to have the State Fair run 17 days through 2013. The length of the fair was expanded from 12 days to 17 in 2009. Attendance during this year's 17-day run was down from 2009.

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh announced Sunday that he will not be a candidate for Indiana governor in 2012. Bayh did not seek re-election to his senate seat this year and Democrats were hoping he would consent to be a candidate for governor, an office he once held.

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Moyers celebrate 40th anniversary

George and Janet Moyer of Union, Michigan, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise.

Moyer and the former Janet Erickson were married December 27, 1970 at the Augustana Lutheran Church in Elkhart. He is CEO and owner of Moyer's, Inc. and she is the president of the company. Their children include Heidi Scupham and her husband Andy of Union, Michigan, and Mark Moyer and his wife Emily of Bristol. They also have four grandchildren, Jill and George Scupham and Dorothy and Leah Moyer.

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Emmas in need of Christmas presents

Emmas 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.

CASTON MENU
December 20 and 21

Breakfast
Monday - Sausage and cheese or egg and cheese sandwich and milk
Tuesday - Biscuits and gravy and milk
Wednesday - Christmas vacation starts

Lunch

Monday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dirt pudding and milk. Choice - hot ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, French fries, carrots, pea cream and milk. Choice - baked fish
Wednesday - Christmas vacation starts

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
Monday, Dec. 20 - Chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, Mandarin oranges, wheat bread and milk
Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, Christmas cookie, roll and milk
Friday, Dec. 24 - meal sites closed

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Area Five moms group seeking members

The Area Five Moms Group is talking reservations for group members. Registration day is Tuesday, January 4, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church 102 W. Main St., Logansport, or Wednesday, January 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rochester Church of Christ, 419 Main St.,

Rochester.

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of a group that supports each other, shares information and learns while having fun, be sure to check the group out. The group is great for moms and children just needing a break.

Children learn social skills in childcare while moms are in their group. The group members are those returning to school, finding employment, purchasing homes and reaching other goals they have set for themselves and their families. The goal of the Area Five Moms Group is to share information while supporting members in making their goals attainable.

There are no fees or charges. To reserve a spot for you and your children or for more information on the group, call 1-800-664-9421, ext. 265 or 233.

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season.
To make a contribution, fill out the form below and mail it to the address indicated.

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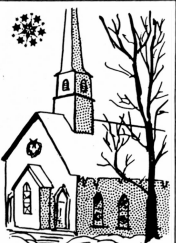
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 December 5
 Births - Rebecca Acheson, Akron, a daughter
 December 6
 Admissions - Wayne Wagoner, Danny McGowen, Donna Smith and Leona Archer, all of Rochester
 Births - Morgan Patton, Rochester, a daughter
 December 7
 Admissions - Kenneth Menzie, Plymouth
 Dismissals - Eva Smith and Danny McGowen, both of Rochester
 December 8
 Admissions - Rita Ziesemer, Culver; Fay Duff, Tippecanoe; Gene Ramsbey, Argos
 Dismissals - Gloria Eaton, Rebecca Acheson and daughter and Morgan Patton and daughter, all of Rochester
 Births - Joshua and Pauline Warren, Rochester, a daughter; Amadeo and Ashley Medina, Rochester, a son
 December 9
 Admissions - Johnie Parman, Twelve Mile; Jerome Clavers, Rochester
 Dismissals - Lena Giarre, Wayne Wagoner, Donna Smith and Leona Archer, all of Rochester
 December 10
 Dismissals - Pauline Warren and daughter, Rochester
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Red Cross blood collection day, December 28

The American Red Cross will conduct another blood drive Tuesday, December 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. Ninth St., Rochester, in Classrooms A & B. Persons who donate blood from December 6 - 31 will be entered in a weekly region-wide drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card. In addition, all donors from December 20 through January 31 will receive a coupon for a free donut from Dunkin' Donuts.

Planning ahead is one way to take the stress out of holiday gift giving. And, when you plan to give the gift of life through the American Red Cross, you can make the most of your donation experience by following a few simple tips.

Getting a good night's sleep, having a good breakfast or lunch, and drinking extra water and fluids can help ensure a successful blood donation. Donors are also advised to avoid eating fatty foods, and to eat plenty of food rich in iron and Vitamin C in the days leading up to the donation. Wearing comfortable clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow is also recommended.

Donating blood is simple and takes about an hour from the time you arrive until the time you leave.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar

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.

Announcing New Technology for OB Training
 Soon to be parents will be given a web-enhanced book and code so they can go to an interactive on-line site to learn more about pregnancy, labor and baby care. The site will also offer videos of interest for new parents.

The process will begin with a visit to the OB, where they will receive a tour of the rooming in suites, and get to meet some of the nurses. The goal is to help the parents feel comfortable and educated for the coming birth of their baby. It is during this visit when they will also receive their book and code.

Their doctor's office staff will schedule this visit any time after the 4th month of pregnancy.

This on-line education is supported by traditional prenatal classes which are offered three times a year as evening classes.

Free Breastfeeding Clinic (Please note new location)

There is a new location for the Pulaski Memorial Maternity Department's "Drop-In" Clinic where you can get your breastfeeding questions answered. Please come to the hospital front lobby and ask for the drop in clinic. The clinic is offered weekly; each **Wednesday** from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The visit is completely free and no appointment is needed. Julie 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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James F. Talbott VFW December Calendar

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)

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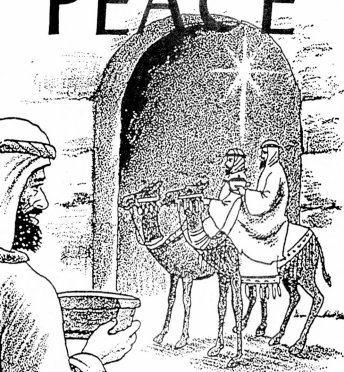
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
December 22, 1950
Goldie Van Meter entertained the Social Club at a Christmas party Thursday evening, December 14. Mrs. Bertha Jennings was her assistant hostess. Mrs. Vause Polen, Mrs. Keith Dubois, Mrs. Bert Gillespie and Mrs. Richard Fisher were guests.

The Kewanna Homemakers Club met Monday night at the home of Anna Nutt with Gertrude Hiland assisting her. This was the annual Christmas party and carry-in supper.

Miss Nellie Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Walsh, has pledged to the Omega Sigma Chi sorority at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie.

Melvin O. Ingram is recovering from a heart ailment at his home northeast of Kewanna.

Jim Zellers returned home last Saturday from a two-week visit in Florida with the Charles Van Meters.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Bob Emmons residence on Main Street about 5:30 Tuesday morning when an oil stove started smoking. There was also some flame, but it was extinguished before the firemen arrived. Fire chief Paul Shull believed it was caused by a plugged flu.

The building being prepared for Topps Manufacturing is rapidly nearing completion and will be available by January 1, according to Loyd Woolington, general contractor.

Guy Nellans of Fulton passed away suddenly early Thursday morning, December 21. He was the father of Ruth Urbin of Kewanna.

Miss Laurabell Wilson was honored at a birthday party given by her mother, Mrs.

George Wilson, last Saturday afternoon. Guests included Dara Masteller, Shirley Swafford, Sara Fairfield and Norma Guyer, all of

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 22, 1955
Katharine Williamson, daughter of Kewanna High School, school of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williamson, won the Good Citizenship contest sponsored by the Mantou Chapter of the DAR. Terry Williams of Rochester High School was the runner-up. Other contestants were Bertha Pontious of Richland Center; Virginia Buton of Fulton; Kelsa Reffett of Grass Creek; Martha Lee Overmyer of Auburn; Verla Joan Roger of Akron; and Sara Leininger of Talma.

Tommy Garner, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Garner, was the honored guest at a birthday party Saturday evening. Helping him celebrate were Jennifer and Karla Garner and Mrs. Roy Deckard of Lake Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schnapf and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sommers of Grass Creek; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie House.

The Friendly HD Club enjoyed a turkey dinner and Christmas party recently at the home of Mrs. Joe Bucks. She was assisted by Mrs. Ela Magnusson and Mrs. Pearl Williams. Guests were Mrs. Bill Yoder and Mrs. Forrest

FIFTY YEARS AGO
December 22, 1960
A 1955 Ford driven by Maurice Horn, 24, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and a 1958 Pontiac wagon driven by Stewart Ann, 44, Evansville, sidwiped each other on State Road 17, three-fourths miles east of Grass Creek Saturday afternoon.

Kewanna and the rest of Fulton County awoke Tuesday morning to find a slick, white blanket of snow rapidly becoming thicker and thicker. By Wednesday when the sun drove back the clouds, crews were busily loading the white stuff into trucks and hauling it out of the business district.

A one-car crash Saturday, December 17, sent two Kewanna men and a Lucerne girl to Plymouth's Parkview Hospital. William J. Werner, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and Paul Rans of rural Winamac are recovering from painful injuries after the car they were riding in missed a curve on State Road 17 in Marshall County. Carol Lemmon, Rt. 1, Lucerne, another passenger, is also convalescing from cuts to her head.

The First National Bank of Rochester has announced that the new branch located in Fulton will be open for business on Wednesday, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hamman, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born December 17. He weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and has been named

Michael Eugene.

honored on Tuesday, December 14, on their 40th wedding anniversary with a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings. Other guests were Mrs. Elizabeth Grafias, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Overmyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie.

Johnny Vigus has been dismissed from the hospital.

Howard Zellers underwent an appendectomy Sunday, December 18, at Woodlawn Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Greer and Mrs. Lester Shidaker went to Wabash Monday, December 19, to visit their father who is a patient in the Wabash County Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 23, 1965
The members of Faith Assembly No. 114, Order of Rainbow, met recently for the initiation of Jane Overmyer and Dixi Evans. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. DeVon Overmyer and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Engle.

Gaston school officials have expressed hope that the contracts for construction of the new educational center could be awarded in time to start construction in the spring.

Airman Earl L. Clyde, son of John J. Clyde, Rt. 4, Rochester, has been selected for training at

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"LOOKING BACK"

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Chanute AFB, Illinois, as an Air Force weapons systems specialist. He is a Kewanna High School graduate and attended Wright Junior College in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith were honored recently at a surprise family gathering in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. The celebration was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith, Tim, Pam and Mike. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith and Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conrad. The Smiths are building a new house south of Kokomo. They expect the new house to be ready for occupancy by February.

Mrs. Marion Lamb, Rt. 1, Kewanna, has been admitted to Woodlawn Hospital.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 18, 1980

Kewanna Metal Specialties has signed an agreement for a \$300,000 economic development bond issue. The bond is for construction of a new plant section and equipment to implement a new process to the company's welded wire business.

Rev. Rupert Evans of Jamaica will begin pastorate duties at the Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches after the first of the year. Rev. Evans is currently a student at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He was born and raised in Jamaica. He graduated from school in 1967 after which he worked as a records clerk in a mental hospital and later in a printing office.

Mr. Lawrence Siders, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has been dismissed from Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

Four Kewanna and former Kewanna residents got together recently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Enjoying the reunion were Dr. Jim Hines of Chicago; Mike Hines, an attorney in Las Vegas; Ret. Lt. Col. Roy Hogan of Eastover, S.C.; and Bob Scott of Kewanna and Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kurler, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weller and Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson were visitors of Mrs. Naomi Enyart Friday night in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McFarland, Akron. The group helped her celebrate her 81st birthday.

Amanda and David Leazenby of here and April Troutman of Rochester celebrated their birthdays at the Burger Chef in Rochester on Tuesday of last week. Sharing in the celebration were Angie Whitman, Julie Zellars, Nikki Hamann, Jeremy Agnew, Brad Bitterling, and Shawn Schmall.

Mrs. Gertrude Hiland was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haschel at Winamac. The dinner was in celebration of the birthdays of Mr. Haschel and Edwin Olson.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 20, 1990

Rites were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Harrison-Meyer Funeral Home for Wilma V. Zuck, 80, Westlaco, Texas. Burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery, Wilma retired in 1974 from the U.S. Postal Service having worked as a postal clerk at the Kewanna post office.

Four of Ray and Beth Weller's grandchildren were featured as "Tomorrow's Leaders". Pictured were Michael Reason, age 5, Don Reason, III, age 7, Lauren Tufts, age 3, and Leah Tufts, age 6. Michael and Don are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reason of Trevoix, France, and Leah and Lauren's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tufts of Lebanon, Ohio.

Antonia Arndt Gudas, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a recent buffet dinner-reception held at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Robert and Millie Redweik. The party was in celebration of her 86th birthday.

Sports Shorts

Wrestling

The Comets went 2 and 3 for the day at the Caston Super 6 Saturday, Dec. 11. Team scores were Caston/North Miami, 27-42; Caston/North White, 32-48; Caston/Manchester, 36-42; Caston/Tyton, 54-18; Caston/LaVille, 47-33

The Comets daily record included: Derek Barkshire (103) 4-1, 2 pins; Cane Nilson (112) 4-1, 2 pins; Cole Nilson (119) 4-1, 2 pins; Kyle Harvey (125) 4-1, 4 pins; Wil Holloway (135) 5-0, 2 pins, class winner; Braxton Lee (140) 2-3, 2 pins; Graham Redweik (145) 5-0, 4 pins, class winner; Jeremy Gonzalez (152) 5-0, 4 pins, class winner; Josh Andrade (160) 1-4; Myles Hardel (189) 1-4.

Caston Sports Schedule

Friday, Dec. 17 - Caston 10 team wrestling duals, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 - Caston 10 team wrestling duals, 9:15 a.m.; boys JH basketball MWC tourney at South Newton, 11 a.m.; boys JV basketball vs. Frontier at Caston, 6:30 p.m. girls varsity basketball vs. Frontier at Caston, 6:30 p.m.; boys varsity basketball vs. Frontier at Caston, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21 - boys varsity CSB shootout and CSB JV tourney at Caston Wednesday, Dec. 22 - girls varsity basketball holiday tourney at Culver, 6 p.m.; girls JV basketball holiday tourney at Caston, 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 - boys varsity basketball shootout and boys JV basketball tourney at Caston; varsity wrestling at Rochester, 9 a.m.

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Attend Church Sunday

Sometimes I've believed as many as six impossibly things before breakfast. -Lewis Carroll

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Perfter



It's all in the details

By nature, I am not a detail-oriented person. An activity with multiple steps – no matter how exciting at first – becomes a laborious chore somewhere around step number three. I wasn't born with the patience for particulars or lengthy, drawn-out instructions. I am interested in the finished product – and get me there quickly, please.

I don't bake cookies because the painstaking process of scooping and dropping the cookies – one by one – onto the cookie sheet is enough to put me over the edge.

I don't put my photographs into cute scrapbooks because I don't possess the temperament to cut and snip and glue and paste a border, caption and cutesy sticker around one solitary picture before doing the exact same thing with another photo (and so on) until I have my 82 photos placed in a scrapbook.

I don't concoct elaborate decorating schemes for birthday parties. When I sew, I can't bring myself to follow a pattern. I most definitely don't practice the fine art of needlepoint.

There is one activity, however, where I enjoy putting and lollygagging over details that need not be detailed. It comes around once a year with the holiday season and involves the elaborate wrapping of gifts.

Surprised? I am, sort of, and I'm the one doing the wrapping.

Packaging a package – at the most basic level – involves paper and tape. For birthdays, I've been known to use newspaper and brown masking tape. Nothing fancy about that. Get the thing covered and you

are good to go. The paper's just going to be tugged to pieces anyway, right?

This is my attitude – 11 months of the year. Until the Christmas season hits and I find myself enraptured by wrapping. I employ all sorts of extracurricular materials and techniques to my boxed masterpieces. I cut the patterned paper to precisely the right dimensions. The glue gun is plugged in and set to the "on" position. I utilize ribbons, ornaments, tinsel, garlands, candy canes, silk florals and some striking fluffy things to adorn the tops of my packages. It's all in the name of Christmas glory.

No two presents are the same; each is its own thing of beauty. Completed by me, the gal who can measure the sugar for cookies or get her kids' photos into an album. Life is one sarcastic statement after another, isn't it?

After wrapping, my beautiful packages are arranged in an arrangement created by none other than yours truly. I position each one – so the bow or adornment or fluffy thing shows

to its utmost. The base of my tree becomes a statement of Christmas perfection. I stand back and let out a satisfied sigh.

Then the clock strikes three, and we all know what that signifies. School's out and soon they will be home. Within ten seconds of entering the house, they hone in on the tree and its newest adornments. Even if I have added only one new package, they will spot it quicker than you can say, "Rudolph."

That is when my wrapping paper of emotion gets all crunched in a bunch. My boys are not content with merely giving their rapt attention to my wrapping. Seeing new packages under the tree leads to touching under the tree and touching under the tree leads to moving my artwork hither and yon.

They count the packages. They group them by color. By size. By recipient. They build forts with my packages (which are actually their packages, but not until Christmas is really). At their hands, my artwork ends up lying embellished-side down, undignified, embarrassed and – in the worst scenario – disfigured and do-beowed.

I think about scolding them and telling them to restore the sanctity of the arrangement I toiled so hard on, then I remember they are little boys and it is Christmas.

It is a miraculous time of year – a time when we remember a regular baby who grew into a no-to-regular man who gave us the greatest gift of all. If one had to equate him with a wrapped package, he'd probably be closer to newspaper and masking tape than a fancy and ornate affair. His greatest gift to all of us was when he left us, embellished-side down, undignified, and do-beowed.

I am not a detail-oriented person. That's okay. If I can learn to stand back and focus on the bigger picture, the details will take care of themselves. As I lift my carefully wrapped beauties and place them back under the tree, I try to remember this.

Jill Perfter is a syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication." She's tweeting fans on Facebook. Please check it out. Email her at perftm@quest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

Head Encourages Students to Serve as Statehouse Pages

State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport) invites area middle and high school students to make the Indiana Statehouse their "classroom for a day" by serving as Senate pages during the 2011 Indiana General Assembly.

Head said pages have the opportunity to spend a day at the Statehouse working with their senator and Senate staff in the upcoming legislative session, which runs from Wednesday, Jan. 5 to Friday, April 29.

"Students who page learn about the legislative process through observation and participation," Head said. "By interacting firsthand with legislators and staff, state government is brought to life. Pages get to see lawmakers introduce bills, debate and vote on important issues, all while

meeting other students from Indiana."

Interested students should submit page requests as soon as possible in a letter or e-mail. The student's name – as it would appear on a certificate – address, home telephone number, age and school affiliation should be included with requests. Friends wanting to page on the same day should send requests together. Specific date requests will be considered, but may not be possible.

Head said the Senate's page office will confirm the scheduled date after processing incoming requests.

To be a page for Sen. Head, e-mail Requests to SenatorHead@iga.in.gov or send by U.S. Mail to:

State Sen. Randy Head
Indiana Senate
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Participating as a page is an excused absence from school. Pages must arrive at the Statehouse by 8:30 a.m. to begin their day in orientation. They then tour the historic Statehouse and observe proceedings in either committee rooms or the Senate Chamber.

Parents are responsible for transportation and student pages provide their own lunches, which can be economically priced at the Government Center Cafeteria, Circle Centre Mall or one of the many downtown restaurants.

For additional information, Head said to visit www.in.gov/SenatorHead or call 1-800-382-9467.

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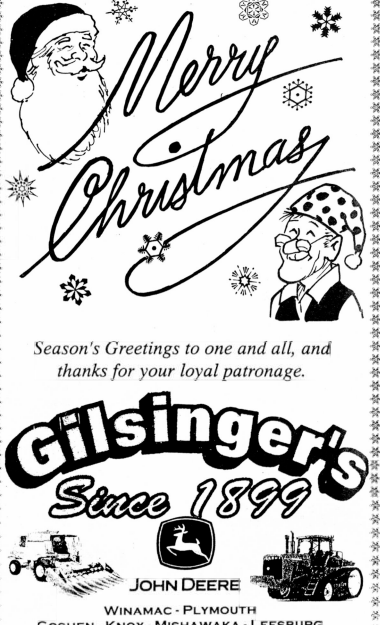
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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

Nicholas Hughes

Our Christmas Storytime program will be this Saturday, December 18, here at the Kewanna-Union-Township Public Library. Stories, crafts, gifts, 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.

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.

The library will be closed for the day on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Regular hours will continue outside of those select days.

For those of you who do not know, last Thursday, the Kewanna-Union-Township Public Library received a grant for \$5,000 from the Fulton County Community Foundation. This money is earmarked for a new

circulation fund. I would like to thank the Fulton County Community Foundation again for this money. What they have done will greatly help us, and, in turn, help you. So, when the construction is complete, be sure to come in and see our new desk. We sure will be showing it off.

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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/dlgr/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 574-223-2312 and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 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. There is a link to the Master Gardener brochure, listed at the bottom of the page under the "Hot Topics" portion of the page. The brochure may be downloaded. The link to the Fulton County Master Gardener blog is also listed.

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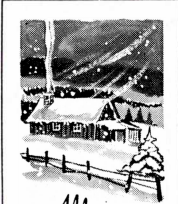


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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Ruth Cogdill welcomed her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy, and her sister, Janel Norris, Wednesday, Dec. 8. They had a wonderful morning of visiting and recalling so many great old days. The three shared lots of laughter and will not forget all the wonderful family get-togethers.

Helen Whitman had a couple of visitors Wednesday. Coming over in the evening and bringing along supper were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whitman of Pulaski. While here, Kevin and Monica set up Helen's Christmas tree.

Tom and Linda Garner were at Caston Schools Thursday evening, Dec. 9. They enjoyed attending the elementary holiday program. Their granddaughters, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna Young, were among the many performers.

Julie Brown had an exciting time Thursday evening. She accompanied Steve and Wendy Sutton and Tanner to the Argos vs. Caston junior high boys' basketball game. The Suttons' son, Luke, is a player for Caston.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Friday, Dec. 10. They had an emotional time attending the Pearl Harbor Day remembrance activities. There was a special ceremony at the court house followed by a chili dinner at the VFW post.

Helen Whitman had a pleasant afternoon Friday. She enjoyed visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and

Barb Whitman.

Barb and Tom LaFollette and their great-grandson, Eli Lopez, traveled to Greentown Saturday, Dec. 11. They had a wonderful time attending the Elkenberry family Christmas. This year's gathering was held at the Jerome Christian Church with 35 family members in attendance. Also making it to the gathering were the LaFollettes' children and grandchildren, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte and Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester. Everyone enjoyed lots of visiting, good food and holiday games.

Helen Whitman accompanied her daughter, Sherri Lett, to Winamac Saturday. They had an exciting time attending the high school girls' basketball game. Sherri's granddaughter, Whitney Hook, is a player for Winamac.

Renee Colley and her friend, Dick Fedorchak, traveled to Valparaiso Sunday, Dec. 12. They had a wonderful time attending a holiday open house. The hosts for the event were Renee's sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and John Zupancic.

Ann and Shirley Zartman had a visitor Sunday. Coming over in the afternoon to see them was Ann's great-grandson, Jacob Green of Culver.

The Scales family held their Christmas gathering Sunday in the community room of the

Grass Creek fire station. Among those helping Pauline Scales (Don was not feeling well) celebrate the day were her children and their spouses, Barbara and Doug Grandstaff of Kendallville, Bruce and Rosemary Scales of Fulton, Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester; Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City and Linda and Tom Garner; and her grandchildren and their families, Barry and Julie Scales, Britney, Daniel and Isabel, of Fulton, Heidi and Craig Rudicek, Jasmine and Bryce, of Twelve Mile, Eric Koontz of Muncie and his fiancé, Nicole, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally of Grass Creek; Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile, T.J. and Ashley Garner, Matt and Angie Heiden, Austin and Audrey, of Columbia City and Jaime Heiden, Cody and Ty, of Ft. Wayne.

Tom and Barb LaFollette made a trip to Merrillville Sunday. The excursion was a birthday gift from their son and his family. Their gift included dinner at T.J. Malley's restaurant followed by the Jim Brickman concert and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Star Theatre.

Wilma Wilson had a couple of visitors Sunday. Joining her in the afternoon for a pleasant chat were her daughters, Mary Lou Foery of Royal Center and Judy Graham of Lucerne.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19; Marilyn Fisher and Corey Mills, Dec. 20;

Beverly Baldwin, Robert Basham, Raymond Engle, Austin Heiden, Jonathan Masteller, Tim Mikessel and Christopher Thomas, Dec. 21; Jennifer Bland, Danny Corbett, Mildred Engle and Karen Troutman, Dec. 22; Bruce Bangel and Kanan Kimble, Dec. 23; Edward Carr, Emily French and Karon McColley, Dec. 24; Dorothy Lease and Trent Powell, Dec. 25.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smutley and Mr. Mrs. Jordan Vigney, Dec. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Metzger, Dec. 20; and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Goetz, Dec. 22.

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- Farm chemical containers - MUST be triple rinsed

Refrigerated Units

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers (Any item containing Freon)

Steel Food Cans

- Include metal lids from glass jars
- Pet food containers

Please make sure all items are separated and rinsed out. Manufacturers require clean and contaminant-free materials to make new products.

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