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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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## 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 made a circle in the barn lot to view the back displays.

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## Caston 6th Grade IMS Classroom Ranks in Top 30 in State

Indiana Department of Education provided an opportunity for schools to request to participate in the Apangea Math Program, a state-wide web-based math intervention program during the 2010-11 school year free of charge. The program is designed for students starting at the 5th grade level and provides incentives for students as they accumulate points for solving the problems. For instance, a student might be able to earn an iTunes card with an accumulation of a designated number of points which they can "cash in." The program includes live help via online tutors, which the kids can access from home when they are utilizing the program. Additionally, classes throughout the state utilizing the Apangea program have the opportunity to participate in the Hoosier Math Cup which has been taking place since November 23 and is a month-long math skills competition for students in grades 5 - 12. Classes throughout the state are ranked based upon the number of points the class has accumulated. Miss Teresa Burton's IMS (Integrated Math & Science) class, a class made up of high ability students in the 6th grade, was recently posted on the "Leader Board" as being in the top 30 classrooms in the state. More than 2800 Indiana schools and over 35,000 students in Indiana are currently utilizing Apangea's math program.

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## Caston Elementary School Recognized for High Growth in Math

In a recent press release from the Indiana Department of Education, Caston Elementary School was recognized as having the highest percentage of growth in Math of all the elementary, middle, and high schools in Fulton County. Principal Cindy Douglas attributes this to the hard work of the teachers and students. Caston utilizes the Saxon Math Program as the core math curriculum, but also supplements this curriculum with Accelerated Math, Apangea Math, ALEKS, and Academy of Math. Each of the math supplements are computerized programs which allow for individualization based upon a student's strengths and weaknesses in math. It is nearly impossible for a classroom teacher to target each child's individual needs when it comes to specific math skills - the computerized programs provide teachers with the tools to do this efficiently and allows students to be working on those skills that are most needed for them to make progress in mathematics. While this serves all students well, it is most important for those students who are either below grade-level or well above grade-level. Indiana is changing the way we determine if a school is making progress from a standard score to looking at how much growth a student makes throughout the school year. Because of this accountability shift, it is critical for schools to be able to determine exactly what skills a child is able to demonstrate at the beginning of the school year and then build upon that so that each child shows at least a year of growth. Schools will be "graded" on the percentage of students who make at least a year of growth each school year in addition to the percentage of students who pass the ISTEP+ test at grade level.

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### AREA FIVE MENU

**Kewanna Meal Site**  
Monday, Dec. 27 - Pepper steak, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, roll and milk  
Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Chopped steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, pudding, oatmeal bread and milk  
Friday, Dec. 31 - site closed for New Year's holiday

### Fulton County Courthouse Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8 to 4  
Friday - 8 to 5  
CLOSED Sat. & Sun.

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## The News In Brief

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24, in observance of Christmas.

The Fulton County board of finance will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, January 10, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, 126 E. 9th St., Rochester. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, review interest reports and discuss cash management.

Several Indiana state senators have vowed to introduce legislation next year to modify the alcohol ID law. Currently, anyone who purchases alcohol in Indiana is carded even though they are obviously over the age of 21.

Travelers are being encouraged to check the statewide travel advisory map at [www.in.gov/dhs/files/travel-advisory-map/](http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/travel-advisory-map/) to get updated travel warnings during wintry weather.

A foreclosure listing firm reports that the number of homes in the United States taken back by lenders dropped to the lowest level in 18 months in November. Several banks enacted foreclosure freezes due to allegations that evictions were not handled properly.

Legislation has been filed to ban handheld cell phone use while driving in Indiana. The bill is designed to stop motorists from texting while driving.

According to a report from the Indiana Department of Education the four-year high school graduation rate rose this year from 81 percent to 84 percent.

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## BMV announces holiday hours

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner R. Scott Waddell today announced that full-service license branches normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume normal hours of operation at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Customers needing to conduct business with the BMV without visiting a license branch can also be completed by phone through the BMV Customer Service Center at 888-692-6841.

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## "Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



### The Tree

My mom rocked Christmas. For her, the celebration encompassed more than one day and stretched to span an entire season. Our house became a red and green tinted winter wonderland within minutes after blowing out the candles on our jack-o-lanterns. The holiday started - and ended - with The Tree. Artificial. This may seem counter-intuitive for a person who rocked Christmas, but from my mom's perspective, a real tree came burdened with too many unpredictable variables. My mom's tree was, to her, perfect. It was proportionate. It was full. It was symmetric. Best of all it didn't shed needles all over the living room carpet.

When I was a kid, The Tree came out of its box early fall and the ornaments soon followed. How many ornaments can you fit on one tree? My mom challenged this question every year. The tree was filled from top to bottom with store-bought glass balls, molded figurines, candy canes, paper snowflakes and handmade trinkets brought home from school. When you thought for sure the tree was full, she'd find a spot to squeeze in another ornament - or maybe even two.

At the end, came the angel. After every ornament found a branchy home, my dad lifted either my sister or me onto his shoulders (we'd take turns from year to year) to place the angel atop The Tree. My mom would plug in the lights and we'd ooh and aah accordingly.

As the years went on, putting up The Tree must have become more of an effort. Even though she remained queen of Christmas, my mom wasn't as able to do the work required to get The Tree into its pristine, ornament-laden form. By this time, my sister and I had grown and gone, so my parents had sole responsibility for tending to The Tree.

Instead of giving up the task, my mom took an offensive approach. (She was a stubborn and pragmatic Scandinavian.) She began decorating The Tree earlier in the fall so she could do the work in small chunks and still be done well before the Thanksgiving turkey came out of the oven.

This continued for a few years. My sister and I joked about the possibility of her decorating in July, but I know we both appreciated The Tree come Christmas Eve.

Time marched on and the

tradition of The Tree became daunting for my mom. Because of her advancing age and Alzheimer's disease, everything about The Tree grew more difficult - from decorating to taking the ornaments off and carefully storing them away after the holidays ended. Some might think that others could step in and take over the responsibilities for The Tree. These people never met my mom. She might allow others to help with the angel or an occasional glass ball, but the big decisions - like how to position the garlands or where to place special ornaments - were hers alone.

For many people, the tradition would end here, but stubborn (and resourceful) Scandinavians do not give up easily. One Christmas a few years back, my mom decorated the tree for the last time.

Then she got herself an enormous plastic bag. After the holidays, she covered the tree with the bag and had someone move the whole shebang down to the basement where it sat, in storage, until the next year. We moved The Tree (decorations and all) up and down the stairs every year after that. My sister and I joked about the perennially decorated pine, but our tradition of The Tree never wavered.

I'm not sure how long my mom had Alzheimer's. She was probably aware of the disease well before any of us knew, so I'm guessing it was 10 years at least. The Christmas of 2009 was her last with The Tree - and with us.

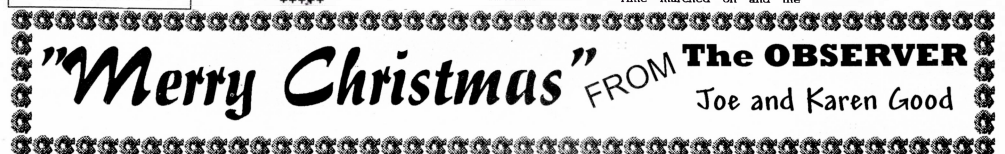
This Christmas will be different - without her.

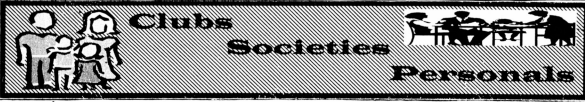
Still, our tradition continues. This year, my dad brought The Tree over to my sister's house, where they did their best to complete the decorating process in the grand style of my mom. We will celebrate around The Tree on the eve of December 24. We will remember my mom and we will miss her. And we will do our best to rock Christmas, exactly like she'd want us to.

Jill Pertler is a syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication." She's collecting fans on Facebook. Please check it out. Email her at [permtm@gwet.net](mailto:permtm@gwet.net); or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsai.com/>.

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Send In Your News





**LOCALS**

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Monday, Dec. 13. Coming over for a snow-day were their granddaughter and her family, Shelby, Duva and Eli. Joe and Judy St. Clair had a couple of special visitors recently. Staying with them for five days were their son and grandson, Don St. Clair and Grant of Burbank, California.

Nick Oliver has been on holiday leave and visiting his parents and siblings, Tim and Dr. Cathy Schauer, Jonathon and Meredith of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Nick is stationed at Kirkland AFB near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ruth Cogdill enjoyed a special day Wednesday, Dec. 15. It began with a visit from her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy. In the early afternoon, her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki of Winamac, surprised her. They had a wonderful evening celebrating an early Christmas as Linda had brought Ruth's Christmas presents with

her. Linda and Gordon were preparing to travel out west for a few days and were looking forward to the trip.

Don and Pauline Scales had a surprise visitor Wednesday. Stopping by for a very nice chat was former Fulton County resident, Dave McDougall currently of Alabama. He has been in the area visiting with family.

Julie Brown had a fun time Thursday, Dec. 16. She was among the many family and friends who attended the Sonshine Nursery School's Christmas program. The event was held at the United Methodist Church in Fulton. Among the performers were her "munchkins" Tanner Sutton and Addison Zimpleman. Accompanying her was Tanner's grandmother, Mary Personett. Angela Cast returned home Thursday so she could spend Christmas with her family.

Renee Colley and Bunny Brogdon enjoyed lunch together Thursday. They dined at the Chi-Am restaurant in Rochester in the afternoon.

Pauline Brown was in

Rochester Friday, Dec. 17. She met Barbara Brown and Sharlene Haimbaugh for a holiday lunch at the Mashiana family truck stop restaurant.

Pauline and Don Scales had a caller Friday. Coming over in the afternoon for a family chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Beth and Ray Weller had houseguests over the weekend. Staying with them for a couple of days were their daughter, Beth Ann Deckard; their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Rev. Steve Tufts; and their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Kirsten Kaufman and Kate.

Ella and Jaden Whiteman of Indianapolis spent the holidays visiting with family. Over the weekend, they were houseguests of Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee. At the beginning of Christmas week, they spent several days with their grandparents, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski.

Kay Brown spent Saturday morning, Dec. 18, with her daughter and granddaughter, Sue McKinney and Molly. The

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ladies enjoyed some holiday shopping in South Bend. Later they dined at the Oaken Bucket restaurant.

Florence Hogan had visitors Saturday. Coming up for the day were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys brought her groceries (in preparation for the next siege of bad weather) and helped set up her Christmas village.

Joyce Luhnrow hosted the Tomlinson family Christmas gathering Saturday. Joining her for a day of celebration that included dinner and a gift exchange were 41 members of her family.

**Kewanna/Union Twp. Library News...**  
 Nicholas Hughes

Have a Joyous and Merry Christmas from all your friends here at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. We will see you all in the new year.  
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**HOSPITAL NOTES....**

**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
 December 13  
 Admissions - Marilyn Snider, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Kenneth Menzie, Plymouth; Gene Ramsbey, Argos; Ashley Medina and son, Rochester; Rita Ziesemer, Culver; Fay Duff, Tippecanoe; Jerome Clavers, Rochester; Johnie Parman, Twelve Mile  
 December 14  
 Admissions - Donald Vernon, Logansport; Evelyn McFarland, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Marilyn Snider, Rochester  
 December 15  
 Admissions - Patricia Ginther, Rochester; Ronald Gross, Kewanna; George Miller, Plymouth  
 Dismissals - Evelyn McFarland, Rochester; Ronald Gross, Kewanna  
 December 18  
 Admissions - Dale Mangun, Culver; Angela Johnson, Rochester  
 Dismissals - George Miller, Plymouth  
 Births - Terry and Mary Widner, Rochester, a son

December 17  
 Dismissals - Donald Vernon, Logansport  
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**MARY K. GEIER**

Mary K. Geier, 95, of Lucerne passed away at 2:17 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.  
 Born March 28, 1915 in Cass County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Estella (Martin) Joice. She was married December 7, 1939 to Max W. Geier and he preceded her in death on July 31, 2006.  
 Mary was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking and most of all spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Max E. Geier, Kewanna, and Barbara Finney and her husband Frank, Walton; grandchildren, John Geier and his wife Lisa of Kewanna, Joyce (Finney) White and her husband Wayne of Harmony, North Carolina, Marilyn Geier of Kewanna, Mark Finney and his wife Carrie of Greenville, South Carolina, Frank Finney, Jr. and his wife Lindsay of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Susan Finney of Pensacola, Florida. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Pastor Frank Finney officiated and burial was in the Metea Baptist Cemetery.

A visitation was held Friday, December 17, at the funeral home.  
 Online condolences and tributes may be made to the Crier family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).  
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**CLINTON "BUD" CRULL**

Clinton "Bud" Crull, 76, 4157 N 750 W, Rochester, passed away at 1:41 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at Woodlawn Hospital. He was

born in Letters Ford on November 5, 1934, to Wilford "Sam" Wayne and Sarah Hemminger Crull.

He was a mechanic and a member of the Machinist Union. Clinton is survived by a daughter, Angel Crull of Letters Ford, two sons, Nathan Crull, Letters Ford, and John "Chewy" Crull and his wife Debbie, Letters Ford; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Patsy Daley and her husband John of Florida; and a brother, Charles Crull and his wife Mary Jo of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and a brother, Richard Crull.  
 Private family services were held.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, was in charge of arrangements. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtccol.com](http://goodfamily@rtccol.com).  
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December 6-31 will be entered in a weekly region-wide drawing for a \$280 Visa gift card. In addition, all donors from December 30 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.

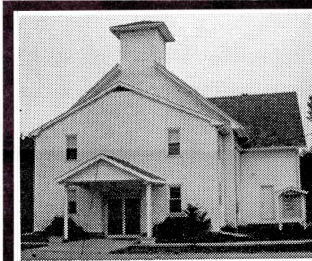
Donors are also advised to avoid eating fatty foods, and to eat plenty of food rich in iron and Vitamin C in the days leading up to the donation. Wearing comfortable clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow is also recommended.

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

**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

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# Looking Back

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 29, 1950**  
 Mrs. Harry Foglesong fell Saturday night in her home and broke her hip. She was taken to Memorial Hospital in Logansport. Mrs. Frank Swafford fell in front of her home as her dinner guests were leaving Monday afternoon and broke her ankle in two places. She was treated at Dr. Kelsey's office. Mrs. Peter Dwyer sustained a fractured wrist when she fell on the back step of her home Monday afternoon. She was treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Logansport.

Patricia Hurlburt hosted a skating party Wednesday afternoon for members of the KHS sophomore class. Following skating on Lake Bruce, the group enjoyed a buffet supper. Those attending were Albert Brooks, Allen Rosenberg, Rex Talbott, Larry Rans, Leonard McIntire, Fred Brown, Jim Yerkas, Pat Lebo, Barbara Wood, Nila Whybrew, Shirley Ingram, Mary Bauman and Marilyn Zellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Duyn, Rt. 1, Kewanna, announced the engagement of their daughter, Donabelle Jean, to Pfc. Clifford M. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher. Miss Van Duyn is employed at the Farm Bureau Co-op office in Rochester. Pfc. Fisher is stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland. No date has been set for the wedding.

Recruit Robert Hamman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamman, Kewanna, arrived home Thursday for a five-day furlough.

He is stationed with the U.S. Army at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

James Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham, Grass Creek, fell Christmas Day as he was getting into the car and sustained a badly bruised right arm.

**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**December 29, 1955**  
 A barn belonging to Russell Poonux east of Grass Creek, was destroyed by fire Friday. Origin of the fire is not known. The 40 x 80 foot structure contained 1,500 bushels of raw corn, some hay, milkers and a milk cooler. Four calves were also destroyed in the fire.

The Kewanna Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star honored its oldest member, Nannie Sparks, at a birthday party following its regular stated meeting Tuesday evening. Mrs. Sparks passed her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12.

Ed and Harvey Rowman, two residents of the orphanage at Lebanon, spent their Christmas holidays in the Kenneth Smith home. Each year anyone desiring to spread a little Christmas cheer by taking children into their homes can do so.

Mrs. Norma Hudkins, 79, Kewanna, died Sunday morning at Woodlawn Hospital. She was married to Frank Hudkins and was a member of the Kewanna Methodist Church.

Shirley Fultz of near Grass Creek is confined to her home with the flu.

Vivian Montz, Kewanna, underwent a tonsillectomy at Woodlawn Hospital Tuesday.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**December 29, 1960**  
 Denton Electric Co. of Rochester has announced that it will open a service headquarters in Kewanna. The business will be located in the former Shidaker Service Station on State Road 17. Harley Denton will operate both businesses with his father, John Denton, in charge of the Kewanna operation. Associated with them as service man is Vachael Walters of here. Harry Meiser of Lake Bruce is in critical condition as the result of a fall.

"The True Meaning of Christmas" was presented by

the children of Pinhook Grange Saturday evening, Dec. 17. The presentation was directed by Mrs. Frank Greer. Elston Sayers and Mrs. Clair Nellans won the surprise packages.

Harry Bauman has arrived home from a trip to Africa where he visited his son, Daniel, who teaches there.

Charles Donathen has been elected master of the Kewanna Lodge No. 548 F. & A. M. Other elected and appointed officers to be installed January 3 are senior warden, DeVon Overmyer; junior warden, Marvin Engle; senior deacon, Marvin Willis; junior deacon, J Masteller; senior steward, Howard Lovengood; junior steward, John Chase; secretary, Eldon Smith; treasurer, Robert Masteller; and trustee, Adam

Sommers.

**FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

**December 30, 1965**  
 Six Indiana residents were commissioned as Lieutenants in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps last week in a ceremony at the Army's Recruiting Main Station in Indianapolis. Among them was Jeanne Urbin of Kewanna who has been assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado.

Reappointments of county officials for 1966 were made Wednesday by the Board of County Commissioners. Murray McCarty, Rochester, was renamed county attorney and also attorney for the county drainage board which is to be established next year. Mrs.

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**"LOOKING BACK"**  
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Homer Carr, Akron, was reappointed county service officer and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fenstermaker were reaffirmed as courthouse custodians. Also returned were Deron St. Clair as weights and measures inspector and Dr. Bert Kent of Fulton and Dr. Virgil Miller of Akron to the county health board. Elmer Douglass, supervisor, and Charles Green, timekeeper and bookkeeper, were renamed to county highway positions.

Airman Second Class Tommy Mitchell, son of Marge Cinn. Rt. 1, Kewanna, has completed the rigorous U.S. Air Force survival and special training course conducted by the Air Training Command at Stead AFB, Nevada.

Ella May Kline, Rt. 3, Rochester, suffered bruises and scratches on her forehead and knees when her 1958 Ford went through a fence on U.S. 31, four miles north of Rochester Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Kline was going south when she applied her brakes as a north bound car began turning left into the Presbyterian Conference Center construction site. Mrs. Kline's car went out of control, crossed the highway and went through a fence on the Ralph Whitney farm.

A two-car accident on U.S. 31 near the conference center construction site Tuesday morning injured Mrs. Louise Fisher, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and Larry Hurley, Rt. 1, Kewanna. Mrs. Fisher suffered head, rib and back injuries and was admitted to Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. Larry sustained a severe cut on the top of his head. A car driven by a Rochester woman had stopped to make a left turn, and Hurley apparently didn't see the car in time to stop.

Walter Pesaresi, owner of Winamac Coil Spring, Kewanna, has announced the following executive appointments effective January 1, 1966: Victor Montz, five years of service, will be controller in addition to his purchasing duties. Don Alexander, eight years of service, will be plant superintendent, in addition to his duties as foreman in the automatic coiling department. Alonzo McIntire, six years of service, will serve as assistant plant superintendent and assistant foreman in the coiling department. All three will join Walter Pesaresi, Dan Pesaresi and Theresa Pesaresi to form the executive council of the company.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
December 25, 1980  
Jon Donathen, Rt. 3, Kewanna, is among the 30 Marching College students from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan to receive a Brembeck Scholarship this year.

A new business enterprise was recently established in Kewanna. McGrath's Clean Sweep, operated by Mike McGrath. Due to the high cost of hearing oil and gas, many people have turned to wood-burning as an auxiliary heat. Mike opened his inspection service to help people guard against a costly fire.

A memorial service was held in Indianapolis Sunday for Frank R. Christ, 56, of Indianapolis, a former pastor at the local Methodist Church. He was an intern minister of pastoral counseling for the Unitarian University Church of Indianapolis. He had worked for the Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis News since 1970 as

a district sales manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and their new son, Ryan, were the guests of honor at a baby shower and buffet supper Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good and family.

A daughter was born Dec. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Newton of Indianapolis. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and has been named Kami Marie. The mother is the former Gayle Smith. Mrs. Joan Smith of Kewanna is the maternal grandmother.

Helen Miller returned home Saturday after spending nine days with her daughter and son-in-law and family, Major and Mrs. Fred Blume, in Lubbock, Texas.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
December 27, 1990  
Rev. Ronald C. Purkey, Sr., pastor at the First Baptist Church, has completed 30 years in the ministry. A native of Hammond, he preached his first sermon on December 30, 1960,

at the Union Gospel Mission in Hammond.

William and Chris Powell, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the parents of a son, Travis Ryan, born Saturday, Dec. 18, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 10 1/2 ounces. Beverly Barnett, Kewanna, is the baby's maternal grandmother.

Lois Kumlter spent the weekend in LaFontaine with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kumlter, Robert and Andrea. She was present for Andrea's confirmation in the LaFontaine United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of here and Mrs. Ann Michael of Indianapolis were recent breakfast guests of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schwan in Indianapolis. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Michael attended the candlelight walk at Conner Prairie in the evening.

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**Letter To The Editor...**

A few years ago, my fiancé and I discovered an older, dirty, lifeless dog on the sidewalk downtown. We thought she had been hit by a car, so we took her to the vet. He found nothing wrong with her except malnutrition. We decided to keep her. We left her there to be bathed and shaved, because her hair was so matted. I didn't want a dog in my house. (I had new carpeting). We got her a nice dog house and set up a runner to chain her to.

Even though it was May, it was chilly the day I brought her home. She was shivering. I couldn't stand it. I opened the door and told her to come in. She immediately jumped up on

the love seat and put her head on the pillow. That was now her bed. We gave the dog house away.

I shudder to think that I was going to make her live outside!! Even though she would have had a dog house full of straw, she would have been extremely cold in this kind of weather. Her "fur coat" wouldn't have been nearly warm enough. She could have gotten frost-bitten!

She would have been so sad and lonely. Dog's are pack animals. They need companionship.

Her water would have frozen when I went to work

She would have had no protection from people and animals. She would have become aggressive and mean, because she would have known that she couldn't escape when in danger.

She would have gotten very little exercise (because she was chained), especially in the winter when I was too cold to take her for a walk.

We would have missed all of the joy she brought to us. She loved us as much as we loved her (if that's possible)!

Domestic animals are not the same as wild animals who can choose their own shelter and conditions for survival. Pets are restricted to the provisions dictated by you. They are often forgotten, neglected and lonely, living a miserable life of solitary confinement.

If you have a dog living outside, PLEASE, PLEASE bring him inside to be part of your family...you'll never regret it!

Patty Clod  
South Bend, IN  
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THE OBSERVER  
PO Box 307  
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Dear Editor,  
If you are still looking for the perfect present this holiday

season for an adult friend or family member, consider gifting yourself as a designated driver. What better way to tell others you care about them than helping them get home safely from a holiday celebration or night on the town. If you do, you won't be alone. More than 137 million American adults have been a designated driver or been driven home by one, according to a projection based upon a 2010 survey conducted by GIK Custom Research North America®. Now that's a reason to celebrate.

If you planning on hosting a holiday party for adults, remember these tips to help have a safe celebration:

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Frederick K. Zahrt  
President  
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## Sports Shorts

### Wrestling

The Caston wrestling team went 5-4 on the day at its 10-team event Saturday.

Wins came over Clinton Prairie, Frontier, Northwest, North Judson and West Central. Losses were to North White, Fountain Central, Pioneer and Calumet.

Individual records were: Derek Berkschire (102) 7-2 with one pin; Cane Nilson (112) 3-6; Cole Nilson (119) 7-2 with three pins; Kyle Harvey (125) 6-3 with two pins; Andy Wert (130) 3-6 with two pins; Will Holloway (135) 8-1 with four pins; Braxton Lee (140) 5-4 with four pins; Graham Redweik (145) 8-1 with four pins; Jeremy Gonzalez (152) 6-3 with three pins; Josh Andrade (171) 5-4 with four pins; and Myles Hirdel (189) 4-5 with three pins.

### Basketball

The Caston varsity boys basketball team posted its first win of the season Saturday over visiting Frontier, 62-49. Alex Hird had a game-high 20 points for the Comets, including six three-point shots. Trevor Hoover had 16 points; Quentin Douglas added nine; and Allen Russell had eight. The win gave Caston a 1-4 record for the year and a 1-0 conference record.

The Caston boys varsity basketball team recorded its second straight win of the season Tuesday when it defeated Taylor 52-50 in the Community State

Bank Shoot Out at Caston. The overtime victory gives the Comets a 2-4 record for the season. Alex Hird was again the leading scorer with 16. Quentin Douglas added 13. Trevor Hoover had eight points and Brant Hartman added four. The Comets will play Oregon-Davis at 2 p.m. and North Newton at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the shoot out.

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**Caston Athletic Schedule**  
Tues., Dec. 28 - varsity boys basketball holiday tourney at North Judson, 6 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 29 - varsity boys basketball holiday tourney at North Judson, 6 p.m.; JV boys basketball holiday tourney at LaVie, 9:30 a.m.  
Thurs., Dec. 30 - wrestling invitational at Twin Lakes, 8 a.m.

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### Attend Church This Sunday

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE TO FREEHOLDERS OF MILL CREEK CONSERVANDY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the freeholders of Mill Creek Conservandy District of Fulton and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, will be held on the 5th day of January, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the District, 1252 E. 100 S. USDA Building, Rochester, Indiana. The purpose of the Annual Meeting on January 5th, 2011 is to elect officers and transact any business that may come before the Board.

Board of Directors:  
Mill Creek Conservandy District:  
Jerry Brown, Chairman  
Larry Friedrich, Vice-Chairman  
William Fred, Board Secretary  
Pub. 12-23-2010

#### STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF FULTON ) SS:

BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF KEWANNA, INDIANA  
ORDINANCE # 12022010  
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF KEWANNA, FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Kewanna, pursuant to Indiana Code 3-10-7-2.9, wishes to establish an ordinance prescribing the length of term of office for its Town Council members and its Town Clerk-Treasurer elected in 2011 in order to change the year

when town elections are held within the Town of Kewanna, Indiana.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEWANNA:

1. It would be in the best interest of the town to provide for town elections to occur during an election year so that town elections will occur during even-numbered general election years when elections for federal, state, and other local offices occur.
2. It will save the town money in election expenses to hold its elections during an even-numbered general election year since, pursuant to IC 3-5-3-11, when a town election coincides with a general election, the county election board may not assess the town for the cost of the town's election.

3. Town council members and the town clerk-treasurer elected to office in the November election in 2011, or holding over in office following the 2011 municipal election under Article 15 Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, shall serve a term of three (3) years.

4. After 2011, the town council mem-

bers and the town clerk-treasurer shall next stand for election in 2014.

5. The town council members and the town clerk-treasurer elected in 2014 shall serve a four (4) year term and each subsequent town council member and town clerk-treasurer elected thereafter shall serve a four (4) year term as provided by law.

6. The town clerk-treasurer shall forward a signed copy of the Ordinance to the Circuit Court Clerk for Fulton County Indiana and shall request the Clerk to include a copy of this Ordinance in the records of the Fulton County Election Board.

7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

Adopted by a vote of 3 aye, 0 nay, this 22nd day of December, 2010.  
KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL  
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ATTEST:  
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Dave and Maria Evers hosted the Evers family Christmas gathering Saturday. Among the 25 members of the family who were able to attend were Dave's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers. Everyone had a wonderful time visiting, playing games, eating delicious food and exchanging gifts. Later in the day, Santa Claus made an appearance and listened to everyone's wish list.

Renee Collier and Dick Fedorchak were in Culver Saturday evening. They enjoyed a visit over dinner at the Edgewater restaurant.

Barrett Brown was the guest of honor at a family gathering Saturday evening. The event was in celebration of his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and hosted by his grandparents, Mick and Mark Brown. Helping them mark the occasion with pizza, cake and ice cream were Barrett's parents and sister, Ted and Faith Brown and Chloe; his great-grandparents, Jerry and Kay Brown; his uncle and aunt, Steve and Brenda Fox, and their children; and his great-great-aunt, Evelyn Peters.

Florence Hogan was among those who enjoyed the carolers from Kewanna's First Baptist on the Main Church Saturday evening.

Linda Garner traveled to Valparaiso Sunday, Dec. 19. She spent the day holiday shopping with her daughter, Amanda Wassermann.

Wilma Wilson enjoyed a wonderful day Sunday. She accompanied her son and his family, Tim and Deb Wilson, Taylor and Kaylee, to the Wilson family Christmas gathering. Hosting this year's get-together were Wilma's granddaughter

Cast's great-grandson, Brendan Sutton. Julie Brown accompanied Stacey Kesler and Mary Personett to Gaston Schools Monday evening. They had a wonderful time attending the junior-senior high school holiday program. Among the performers were Julie's "munchkins," Luke Sutton, Hali Berry, Katie Hawkey and Zek Kesler.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas. Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Robert Bangel, Craig Bitterling, Mike Clyde, Kathy Dees, Gwen Holt,

Julie Nies and Tammy Wilson, Dec. 26; Andrew Bitterling, Rachel Evers, Amanda Heckeman, Taylor Warner, Beth Weller and Anna Winegardner, Dec. 27; Brennan Cook and Hanna Plummer, Dec. 28; JoAnn Bowyer, Michael C. Brown, Myranda Glant, Sandra Hendrickson, Julie Kline and Brittany Ruffe, Dec. 29; Kahlan Edwards, Joe Federer and Terry Kimble, Dec. 30; Michael Kimble, Dec. 31; and Ashlyn Foster, Brad Good, Becky Herford, Kirsten Kaufman, Sherri Miller and Randy Neidig, Jan. 1. There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Teeter, Dec. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Doug

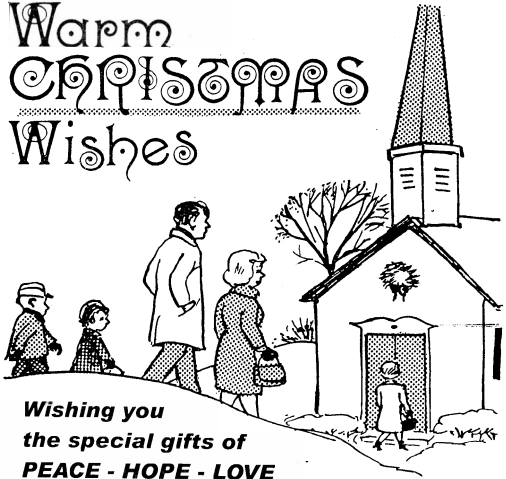
Smith, Dec. 28; and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Neidig, Jan. 1.

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