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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its annual meeting Thursday, February 19, with all directors present as well as six freeholders and one guest.

The first order of business was to nominate and elect new officers. Gerald Porter was chosen chairman; Rick Tompos, treasurer; Brad Glasson, assistant treasurer; and Kathy Fisher, secretary. Norm Steigely, the outgoing chairman, swore in the new officers. The district would like to thank Norm for all his hard work and the time he spent in the conservancy. He will surely be missed.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Chairman Porter covered the correspondence for the past month.

Director Glasson had a new mailbox installed at the wastewater treatment plant. Effective immediately, the new address for the LBCD is 1829 N 675 E, Kewanna, IN 46939.

Director Fisher introduced Heath Davis of All Things Water who will be doing Phase 2 of the dredging project. He noted that they want to get started as soon as possible on the holding area. This will depend on the condition of the ground. He also stated that dredging can't begin until June 1, as mandated by the state. They are hoping to be done in 21 days if all goes well.

The district received a quote from Eaton for a fence around the west vacuum station to keep unlawful vehicles out of the area.

The district received proposals for an office/meeting building. The directors cannot make a decision on the building until all the bills are paid for the sewer project. The left over grant money needs to be spent or it goes back.

The wastewater treatment plant operator, Richard Denny, reported that he is still having generator over-voltage problems. Contractor Thienman will be coming out to address the punch list.

Paul Bradley, district inspector, reported all is going well.

Chairman Porter signed a contract with the Town of Winamac to test the wastewater.

Air Vac is working on electrical issues at the plant.

Changes were approved for exhibits B and C in the Building Sewer Ordinance. The new changes will be put in and a copy will be available at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.

Director Glasson is looking for a lawyer to handle sewer bill/lien issues.

Director Tompos reported that there are now 28 hook ups completed.

The district still needs to fill the

Starling and rodent control subject of meeting

Livestock producers have an opportunity to hear about starling and rodent control on their farms and receive credit towards their current pesticide license at a meeting to be held Tuesday, March 10, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, Rochester.

According to Mark Kepler, Purdue Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator for Fulton County, dairy producers in the area are experiencing a large population of starlings around their facilities. He, along with Bob Yoder, the Marshall County Educator, have put together this meeting to discuss that issue as well as the common rodent problems all livestock facilities have to deal with. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will conclude shortly after noon. The fairgrounds are located on 3rd St., east of U.S. 31.

The program is free but those people wishing to receive credit towards their Indiana private applicator pesticide permit will be charged \$10. The presenters for the program are Judy Loven, the USDA State Director of Wildlife Services and Dr. Carl Voglewede of the same office. They will share how they work with livestock farmers in starling control. Part of the program will also cover protecting wellheads from pesticides.

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Krystal Smith new librarian at Mentone

Former Kewanna resident Krystal Smith has been named the new director of the Bell Memorial Public Library in Mentone. Krystal replaces Lorna Klein who is retiring.

A Rochester resident, Krystal earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University, a master's degree in elementary education at IUPUI and is certified to serve as a small library director. While a resident of Kewanna, she taught school here and later served as librarian at both Kewanna High School and the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. She has served as head of adult services and reference librarian at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester for the past 23 years.

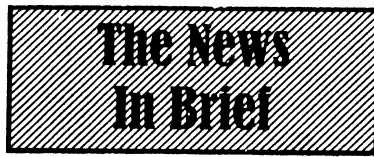
Krystal was married to the late Dennis Smith of Kewanna.

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vacancy left by the resignation of Norm Steigely. The term of office will be for one-year only, until the next election.

The next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The meeting is open to the public.

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The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, March 2, in the meeting room of the County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The meeting will include a hearing on the Wayne Township fire station grant application.

Julia Brown, Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at Ivy Tech Community College Region 5 for the fall 2008 term. She is majoring in computer information science and accumulated a 4.0 GPA.

The Indiana State Dept. of Health advised Hoosiers to check the growing list of products and brands associated with the expanded Peanut Corp. of America voluntary recall. To access the FDA's list go to www.fda.gov or call 1-888-463-6332. Anyone who has consumed a product with peanuts or peanut butter and is experiencing the symptoms of salmonella should contact their health care provider.

The Fulton County Board of Finance will meet at 8:15 a.m. Monday, March 2, in the small conference room of the County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The meeting will be to discuss cash management over the next two years and view reports.

The Caston High School FFA Week community hog roast will be served tomorrow (Friday) Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The cost is a free will donation.

GM and Chrysler want more money. The auto companies have already received \$17.4 billion in government loans, but requested double that amount last week when they filed their government-required restructuring plans. The plans also call for more job cuts, slashing of models and brands, union concessions and possibly further expense cuts.

Indiana residents who are collecting unemployment benefits will receive an extra \$25 a week beginning March 2 due to the federal economic stimulus package signed by President Obama last week.

Indiana lawmakers have proposed legislation that would eliminate the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association). The association would be replaced with a new sports administration within the State Department of Education if the proposed legislation were in fact passed.

A state-owned airplane carrying Gov. Mitch Daniels to the

Personal property returns due May 15

It is no longer the duty of the township trustee to assist with the filing of personal property returns and they will not be mailing the personal property returns as they have in the past. If you filed a business return (Form 103-L or 103-S) or a farm return (Form 102) last year, you will need to file the return this year at the Fulton County Assessor's Office located in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Suite 026, Rochester, or your accountant can file the return for you. It is no longer required by the state for individual returns (Form 101-S) to be filed which includes campers, ATVs, snowmobiles and human powered boats. Inventory (chickens, turkeys, ducks, livestock, grain, seed supplies, etc. or tangible personal property) is no longer required to be turned in on your farm or business return. You still need to turn in any new equipment you have acquired or any equipment that you no longer use for your business can be taken off your equipment list.

Personal property forms can be picked up at the Fulton County Assessor's Office, all local libraries in Fulton County, and the Kewanna town hall. Forms are also available from the State website at www.in.gov/dlgf. Forms will not be available until March.

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Soup's still on

Due to the long, cold winter and popular demand, the Kewanna United Methodist Church will continue its Wednesday night soup supper. However, serving time will change from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Soup and crackers will be served every Wednesday evening until further notice in the church annex and there is no charge.

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National Governor's Association meeting in Washington D.C. Sunday morning made an unscheduled landing in Ohio after both of the plane's windshields developed cracks. The governor traveled on to the nation's capitol on a commercial flight.

President Obama has proposed to cut the federal budget deficit in half by the end of his first term. He believes this can be done by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the country's wealthiest taxpayers and streamlining government.

The Indiana House passed a bill last week (70-26) to ban smoking in many public places. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. The smoking ban exempts casinos and many bars.

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Woodlawn Hospital Capital Campaign Officials Announce They Are "Over The Top"

Rick Brown, Woodlawn Hospital Board of Trustees President, enthusiastically announced at Tuesdays monthly Board meeting, "We have exceeded our optimistic campaign goal of \$1,250,000 with current pledges totaling \$1,388,927."

"This is an exciting time for the hospital staff," Brown stated. "We are all pleased to see the high value our community places on their local hospital - even in a weakened economy. We are, also, pleased with the overwhelming response from hospital employees. Their belief and passion in the project, evidenced by their willingness to give, was a major milestone in the campaign's success."

Brown presented plaques to Melinda and Jim Straeter in appreciation of their service as co-chairs for this campaign. "Your efforts toward our campaign are greatly appreciated. The campaign was successful, in large part, due to your dedication and hard work," Brown stated.

Jim Straeter, on behalf of both he and his wife, Melinda, stated, "The campaign not only raised money, it raised an awareness of health care issues and how Woodlawn is an integral part of providing this community with quality care locally. It also showed how willing many citizens are to help make this kind of effort successful. We are all fortunate to live in a caring community."

Campaign Honorary Chair, Jack Overmyer, shared his thoughts by stating, "This is another example of the commitment of the Fulton County community to its betterment."

The \$13.25 million renovation plan, based upon the philosophy of "patient-centered care," will modernize the facility, improve patient accessibility and comfort, and update the delivery of healthcare.

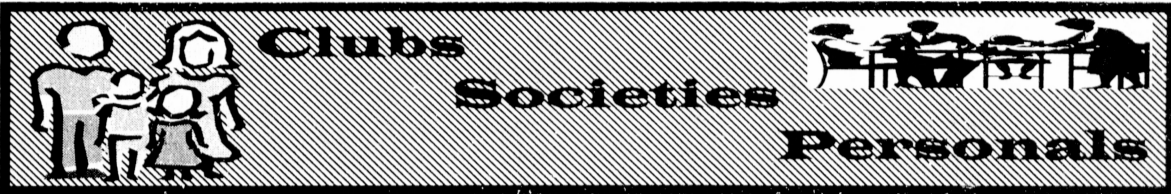
The project consists of creating an outpatient surgery experience, expanding the front of the facility to create a central registration area; creating a public concourse to a new lobby; constructing two waiting areas; reconfiguring outpatient areas; and creating additional medical office space.

John Alley, President and CEO, stated, "Because of the design of the new area, the staff will be able to work more efficiently. This will allow current staff to treat more patients and result in a long-term reduction to the healthcare cost, which in turn will result in the need for smaller rate increases in the future."

Alley concluded by stating, "I look forward to being able to give tours of the new areas and to continue providing excellent healthcare and service to our community."

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Send In Your News



World Day of Prayer observance, March 6

The Kewanna Church of Christ will host the community's observance of World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend to lift up our churches, community, nation and the world. The mission project this year will be the local food pantry.

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Living History Faire, March 7 and 8

A Living History Faire will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, at the Fulton County Museum. This event is similar to the Trail of Courage but will be held indoors and will depict the 1840-1890 time period. Hours will be 9 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1 and food will be available.

The faire will offer attendees a chance to see what traders have at the bigger festivals, such as the Redbud Trail Rendezvous April 25 and 26 and the Trail of Courage Sept. 19 and 20, and not have to walk a mile to see everything. Traders will offer leather, furs, blacksmith items, jewelry, dream catchers, wood carvings, beads, silver, etc. Historic books and patterns will also be available.

Joe Krom, Argos, of the Eel River Traders will be present to autograph his new book, "Heart of a Warrior". Historic books by the Eel River Tribe of Indiana, George Winter, and others will also be available.

There will be no Farmers Market on that Saturday.

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True West magazine features Trial of Death

The March 2009 issue of True West magazine includes an article about Shirley Willard of Rochester and her work to preserve the history of the

Potawatomi Trail of Death. It includes a picture of George Godfrey, Tom Hamilton, Sister Virginia Pearl, Bob Pear, and Shirley and Bill Willard at the historical marker at Winnemac's Old Village site on the Towpath Road in Carroll County.

You can purchase a single issue for \$6 by calling 1-888-687-1881 and use your credit card. Or, you may find the magazine for sale in book stores, drug stores or newsstands.

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Lions to hear exchange students

Caston's foreign exchange students will address the Grass Creek Lions when they meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The students will talk about their home country.

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St. Clair earns doctorate

Don St. Clair has been awarded a doctorate of education in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University in California. St. Clair, a graduate of Caston High School, is the son of Joe and Judy St. Clair, Kewanna, and the grandson of Mary St. Clair, also of Kewanna.

St. Clair's doctoral dissertation focused on innovation in business schools in the Western United States.

St. Clair is vice president of Woodbury University in Burbank, California. He earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from Ball State University.

He lives in the City of Los Angeles neighborhood of Toluca Lake with his wife, Janet, and three children, Kendall, Payton and Grant.

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Fulton County Historical Society 2009 Events

March 7 and 8 - Living History Faire at FCHS museum

April 25 and 26 - 19th annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous on the FCHS grounds

June 11-13 - 39th annual Round Barn Festival in downtown Rochester

June 19-21 - Fulton County Historical Power Show on the FCHS grounds

Sept. 19 and 20 - 34th annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival on the FCHS grounds

Oct. 16-17 and 23-24 - 4th annual Haunted Woods Trail on the FCHS grounds

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April 7th—Dynamics of Grief. Video. Deals with the powerful aspects of grief and loss in people's lives, and establishes the importance of looking at grief.
April 21st—Stress and Loneliness. Video. Encourages looking at the loneliness of grief in different ways to help manage the stress in our lives.
May 5th—Beyond Death's Door. Video. Provides firsthand understanding of the grief process, and will give you help during your grief journey.
May 19th—Recognizing Fear and Anger. Teaches helpful methods in dealing with fear and anger during your grief experience.
June 2nd—Managing Guilt and Depression. Explores the meaning of guilt and depression to give a better understanding of these emotions in your grief experience.
June 16th—Grief and Addiction. Assists with understanding the powerful correlation between grief and addiction in our culture.
For additional information or to register call Jason See, Woodlawn Hospital Chaplain, at 574-224-1267 or Anne Beattie, Hope Hospice, at 574-224-HOPE (4673).
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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

February 16
Admissions - Luella Emery, Macy
Dismissals - Samantha Hyde and daughter, Rochester; Elizabeth Love, Akron
Births - Sandra Hall, Laketon; Pennie Paul, Argos
February 17
Admissions - Virginia McQueary, Rochester
Dismissals - Jacob Schlosser, Rochester
Births - Kevin and Amy Miller, Logansport, a daughter
February 18
Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Mildred Conley and Braydn Furnival, Rochester
February 19
Admissions - Charlotte Swafford, Kewanna
Dismissals - Ethel Eastwood, Kewanna; Sandra Hall and son, Laketon; Pennie Paul and daughter, Argos
Births - Samantha Hoff, Kewanna, a son; Laura VanLake, Kewanna, a son; Jordan Stevens, Delong, a daughter
February 20
Admissions - Drake Heishman, Macy
Dismissals - Amy Miller and daughter, Logansport
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH is hosting a blood drive by the Indiana Blood Center Wednesday, March 4. Times for the blood drive are from 2 to 6 p.m. Call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday or register online at www.donorpoint.org.

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, miscarriage, or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH in Winamac for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass, White and

Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, February 28, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

PMH is offering a breast feeding class Thursday, March 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference center. The course offers information about the benefits of breast feeding for both mother and baby; how to get started breast feeding; how to develop a good milk supply; and problem solving. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2193 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH is open to residents of any county who have experienced the death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information. This is a free service offered by PMH.

The Living with Grief Support Group is offered at PMH. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For information, please call 574-946-2100, ext. 1149.

A one-day prenatal class will be held March 7 in the PMH conference center beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

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Special Olympics team suffers loss

The Fulton County Special Olympics basketball team started its season with a disappointing loss to Logansport Saturday, Feb. 21.

The dream team took an early lead that lasted well into the second half, with solid shooting from Robert Shaffer and Jeremy Housouer, but even with a spectacular three-point shot from Kim Gearhart, they were not able to hold off Logansport's superior height advantage.

Kristin Clemons also scored and was assisted by Justin Eckelbarger and Ace Cook.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Putting for Partners: Feb. 27 in Farm Bureau Building. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and registration available at www.pihdc.org. Contact: Partners in Housing (317) 633-1861 or www.pihdc.org.

Midwest Reptile Show: March 1 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 861-5550 or www.midwestreptile.com.

Budweiser Fight Night: March 3 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bouts begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$15, \$20, \$30 and \$35. Contact: Jeannie Raymann (317) 924-7523 or www.indianastatefair.com.

Top Notch Apprenticeship Fair: March 5 - 6 in the Farm Bureau Building. Hours: Thurs. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to noon. Admission: By Invitation Only. Contact: Michelle Boyd

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Murat Shrine Circus: March 5 - 8 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Show times: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m., 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$10, \$15 & \$18. Contact: Sherri (317) 635-2433 Ext. 167.

CFA Cat Show: March 7 - 8 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; \$2.50 seniors; \$2 children age 4 - 11; family of 5 \$12. Contact: Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573 or www.CFA.org.

Chrysler Trade Show: March 7 - 8 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$10 or \$15 for both days. Contact: (317) 862-0226 or www.indyheads.com.

Art, Rubber Stamp & Paper Arts Festival: March 7 - 8 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Sat. \$8 w/free Sun. pass; Sun. \$6; advance \$6 w/ Sunday pass available online. Contact: Heirloom Productions (541) 574-8000 or www.heirloomprog.com.
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU March 2 - 6

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Muffin, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, juice and milk

Wednesday - Ham/cheese/egg stick, juice and milk

Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Sausage pizza, green beans, apricots, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken strips, potatoes, peaches, peanut butter sandwich and milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, corn, pears, cookie and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, applesauce, cinnamon roll and milk

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, hash browns, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Breaded chicken sandwich, peas, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Hot dog sandwich, seasoned fries, peaches, blueberry muffin and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Nacho supreme, chips, corn on the cob, apple juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Cheese breadsticks, salsa, broccoli, applesauce, graham cracker and milk. Choice - salad bar.

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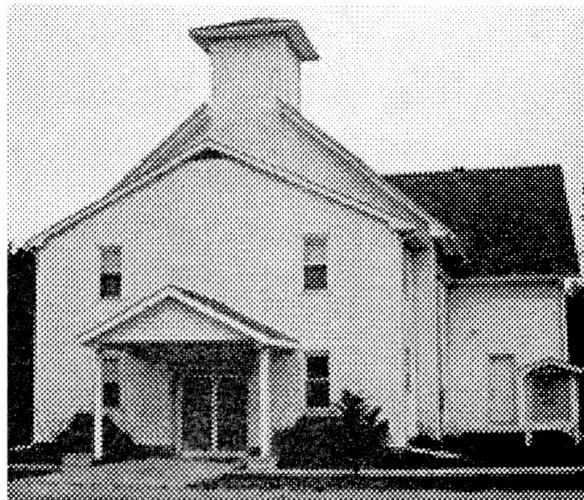
World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6, 2009
7:00 PM

Kewanna Church of Christ

Come join us for an evening focused on prayer. Area churches, as the body of Christ, come together each year to unite our hearts in praise and petition before God. Let us lift up our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world so that God will be glorified in all that we do.

The mission project this year will be the local food pantry. Today's economy has left many in need, so we thought that serving the needs of those in our communities was appropriate.

LET US PRAY



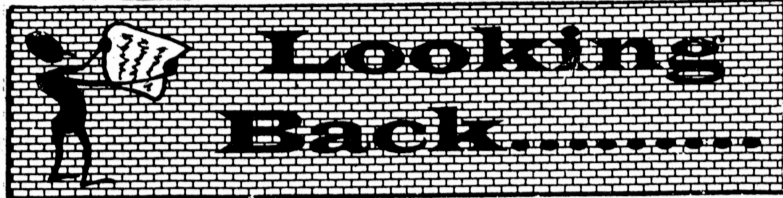
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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO February 24, 1949

Thomas Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter of Kewanna, won the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Gary last week. He will go to Chicago shortly for further competition.

Loran Leap, 63, of Rt. 4, Rochester, died at his farm home near Leiters Ford Saturday morning after an illness of two years. Surviving with the wife are a son, Manson; four daughters, Eva and Treva Leap, at home; Mrs. Frances Sims of Culver and Mrs. Beulah Adams of Kewanna.

Students named to the distinguished honor roll at Kewanna for the first semester were Gladys MacLain, Ellen Sulek, Ann Jester, Wayne Miller and Linda Ingram.

Several local students participated in a music contest held at Kokomo. Receiving superior ratings were Don Woolington, cornet; Ann Jester, piano; Pat Kumler, piano and clarinet; Kathleen Kraning, flute; and Barbara Talbott, clarinet.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Urbin left last week for a month's vacation in Phoenix, Arizona. While there they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jester and daughter moved this week to their new home. They have been residing with Mrs. Jester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Keeney, for the past year.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 26, 1954

The Elston building on Main Street, formerly occupied by the Wynkoop Pharmacy, was sold last week to William F. and Robert Duchess of Galveston who plan to open a drug store in the near future.

Jerome Mersch, 21, Rt. 1, Kewanna, is reportedly in satisfactory condition at Woodlawn Hospital following his admittance Sunday noon for injuries suffered when he was run over by a heavily laden trailer. Mersch was helping his brother move when he fell from a drawbar as he attempted to make some adjustments while in

motion, falling under the right wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stingley will observe their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 28, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the William Jump farm Friday when a grass fire got out of control and set fire to a brooder house. A spark also set the roof of the house on fire but the flame was soon extinguished.

Sue and Ruth Ann Anderson entertained Janice Shidaker, Ruth Ann Reinholt and Sandra Hinderlider at a chili supper Friday evening after which they all attended the Richland Center/Kewanna basketball game at Richland Center.

Edward Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harding of North Liberty and grandson of Mrs. Elnora Harding of here, has completed his degree in the School of Art and Design at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is now working on his Masters Degree at the university while serving as an instructor in the School of Art and Design.

The Get Together Club met recently with Mrs. Elizabeth Boldry. A valentine exchange was enjoyed and Hazel Swank presented a painting demonstration. The next meeting will be at the home of Edna Zartman.

Mrs. Keith Smith entertained at a party Monday afternoon in honor of her son, Timmy, who was celebrating his 4th birthday.

Dollar Days have come to Kewanna and practically every merchant in town is having special discounts for this occasion. You can get clothing,

groceries, dry goods, hardware and just about everything else you can think of at terrific savings. Some of these savings can be seen in the ad below from the Friendly Store operated by Peter Dwyer.

FIFTY YEARS AGO February 26, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stingley of Bruce Lake Station will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 1, with a family dinner in their home

Lillian Ingram was hostess to the Business Girls Club Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at her home. Games were enjoyed and prizes went to Jeanette Sanders, Enid Barnett, Dean Murhling, Ielda Crabb, Helen Worl, Nadine Rans, and Violet Clyde. The next meeting will be in the home of Lois Kumler.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith and daughter Gayle were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibbs in South Bend.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 27, 1964

A two-story six-room frame home in Marstown occupied by the Jim Nickels family was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. No one was at home at the time of the fire. The alarm was phoned in at 2 p.m. by a neighbor, Bill St. Clair. The blaze gained so much headway that only the furniture in the downstairs was saved.

David Huffman, a senior at Indiana Central, is doing his student teaching at Southport High School teaching physical education. He is the son of Mrs. David Hill, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and a 1960 graduate of North Caston High School.

Frank Hiland, 77, Kewanna, died early Saturday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Church of Christ with Rev. Lonnie Bennett officiating. Burial was in the Reed Cemetery, Winamac.

Navy Commander Robert Clark, son of Lela Clark of Kewanna, is serving aboard the antisubmarine aircraft carrier USS Essex operating out of Quonset Point, R.I.

A2/c Tom Livengood is home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livengood, before reporting to New York March 25 for duty in Germany.

THIRTY YEARS AGO February 22, 1979

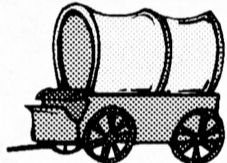
Seventeen social sororities at Indiana University admitted 452 new pledges at the close of spring semester formal rush. Among the new pledges is Kathy Sisinger, Rt. 1, Kewanna, who pledged Delta Zeta.

Steve Baldwin, Democratic precinct committeeman in Union Township, has called a meeting of local Democrats to select a new member of the township advisory board to succeed James Fisher who has resigned.

Kewanna's Dave Stangle was among the more than 75 of the nation's best tractor pullers who competed at the recent Indy Super Pull. He was one of the

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2006 Pontiac G-6 GT Sunroof, XM, V6, 38k.....	\$13,500	2006 GMC Envoy XL SLT trim, sunroof, rear entertainment.....	\$18,700
2006 Buick LaCrosse CX trim, 38k, cloth.....	\$12,800	2003 Pontiac Montana Ext 63k, extra clean.....	\$ 9,900
2005 Buick LaCrosse CXL trim, heated leather, sharp.....	\$12,900	2002 Chrysler Town & Country Mini van, high miler, nice.....	\$ 3,850
2004 Chevy Malibu LT Sunroof, CD, V6, local.....	\$ 9,500	2005 GMC Envoy 4x4 Sunroof, OnStar, XM, 49k.....	\$12,800
2004 Pontiac Grand Am SE 4 dr, 4 cyl, new tires, 60k.....	\$ 8,700	1987 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup V8, auto, exempt.....	\$ 2,500

*plus applicable taxes

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National Tractor Puller Association champions invited to the World Series of tractor pulling. Dave finished 17th in the sixth annual event.

Approximately 200 Avon representatives, all members of the President's Club, an elite group of successful salespeople, were honored recently at a luncheon held at the Notre Dame Athletic Center in South Bend. Ivy Kreamer of Kewanna was awarded a \$200 U.S. savings bond in appreciation of her outstanding sales achievement.

TWENTY YEARS AGO February 23, 1989

Marie Burrough, 79, Leiters Ford, died at 11:06 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital. A homemaker, she had lived in the Logansport and Lucerne areas before moving to Leiters Ford. She was the grandmother of Denise Baker of Kewanna.

Services were held Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, for Lloyal Bugby, 90, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. He owned and operated a shoe repair shop in Logansport for 45 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church, Kewanna, for Opal I. Garner, 71, Rt. 1, Kewanna, with Pastor Ron Purkey officiating. Survivors include a daughter, Vicky Scantlen, Warsaw, and a son, Tom, Kewanna.

Several Girl Scouts attended the Thinking Day program at St. Joseph's Church in Rochester Saturday. Those attending were Traci and Trisha Powell, Candy and Camile Douglass, Carrie Hickle, Annie and Billie Jo Hurley, Hannah Cook, Jennifer Mollencupp, Jenny Akemon and Stacey Cunningham. Accompanying them were Barb Hickle, Angie Douglass and Joan Smith.

TEN YEARS AGO February 25, 1999

Heidi Scales, Rochester, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University during the 1998 fall semester. She is the granddaughter of Don and Pauline Scales, Grass Creek.

Ray and Vera Wickline are now residing at the Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

The Bunco Babes met Sunday at the home of Angie Dimmock. The hostess was the high scorer for the afternoon. Mary Lu Sweet placed second and Lorrie Artist had the most buncos. Pat Dimmock won the booby prize.

Victoria and Bethany Snider, age 8, and Chad Heinold, age 11, children of RaeAnn Snider, Kewanna, were featured as "Tomorrow's Leaders".

RECYCLING DATES
THURSDAY, FEB.
12TH & THURSDAY
FEB. 26TH

State Representative DOUG GUTWEIN District # 16

Rep. Doug Gutwein (R-Francesville) offered the following statement about House Bill 1001, the budget bill:

"It would have been nice to have been able to have an input on how this budget was crafted.

I feel it is critical that we do not spend any of the reserve funds. Unfortunately, the bill spends a large amount of our surplus, and we may have not seen the worst of this recession.

The bill the majority pushed through is, frankly, risky for Hoosier taxpayers. It isn't balanced, spends from our reserves and puts the property tax caps in jeopardy. In no way is this budget in the best interests of Hoosier taxpayers."

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Don't fall for mystery shopping scam

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Northern Indiana has received information from the BBB serving Louisville, Southern Indiana and Western Kentucky warning consumers that thieves are using the name of a local, legitimate mystery shopping company to scam people across the country.

The owner of Measure Consumer Perspectives, Kimberly Nasief, has received calls from consumers all over the U.S. who say they received a hefty

check from her company, along with a letter stating they have been chosen for two mystery shopping assignments. The letter looks legitimate with the company's logo and a reference to the company being a BBB Accredited Business.

So far, the BBB has received one complaint in Northern Indiana related to this scam, but is expects to hear from more consumers. The complainant is apparently out \$8,000. He wired the money to Canada.

The letter being sent to consumers states they have seven days to finish two assignments. One assignment includes evaluating a wiring service (Western Union or Money Gram). The consumer is told to take the check they were sent, keep a portion of it and wire the rest of the money back to them. The check is fake and the consumer is out the money.



ASHLYNN ALEE VAN LAKE

Laura Marie Van Lake and Joshua Kenneth Konopasek, 3271 S 800 W, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 1½ ounces, was 19½ inches long and has been named Ashlynn Alee.

The maternal grandparents are Dennis and Susan Van Lake, Kewanna. The paternal grandparents are Mark and Tari Bateman, also of Kewanna, and George Konopasek, New Mexico.

CASTON SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thurs., Feb. 26 - Girls JH basketball vs. North White at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys JH wrestling vs. Pioneer/Cass at Caston, 6 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 28 - Boys JH wrestling MWC meet at Caston, 10 a.m.; girls JH basketball tourney at Pioneer, 9 a.m.

Mon., Mar. 2 - Girls JH basketball at Frontier, 5:30 p.m.; boys JH wrestling vs. LaVille at Caston, 6 p.m.

Tue., Mar. 3 - First round action in the varsity boys basketball sectional at West Central. Caston will play South Newton and West Central will take on North White.

Thurs., March 5 - Girls JH basketball vs. North Miami at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys JH wrestling vs. Lincoln Middle School at Berry Bowl Auxiliary, 5:30 p.m.

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(NAPS)—Shelby H. is a 26-year-old professional from Santa Monica, CA, who recently started doing her own taxes. Shelby is one of the estimated 80 million Americans who have a fairly simple tax return.

Now more than ever, taxpayers like Shelby are looking for ways to save money on tax preparation while ensuring they get the biggest refund possible. One of the easiest ways to save this year is to go online. Online tax preparation is easy, accurate, convenient and, for the majority of taxpayers with simple returns, free.

Some things to consider before you go online to prepare your taxes:

- **Look for free options:** Free online tax preparation websites are a great option for people with simple tax returns. Taxpayers can prepare and e-file their federal tax return at no cost. TurboTax.com, the leading online tax preparation website, even includes free help and downloadable audit support tools in its free product.

- **Do your homework:** Not all online tax preparation websites are created equal. Check out the website's privacy policy and select one that will not share or sell your personal information for marketing purposes.

- **Try before you buy:** Look for a website where you only pay when you're ready to print or electronically file your tax return. This allows you to prepare your return, get familiar with the product and even run "what if" scenarios before you pay a dime.



Free tax preparation websites can help boost refunds—but they're not all created equal.

- **Don't sweat security:** The best online tax preparation websites have industry-standard security protocols to protect your personal and financial information.

- **Don't wait until the last minute:** As April 15 approaches, the traffic at popular online tax sites can increase.

- **E-file:** If you're preparing your taxes online, electronically file your taxes online, too. E-filing is easy and the fastest way to get a refund, in as little as eight days when you use direct deposit.

"TurboTax Free Edition is an awesome product for novice do-it-yourselfers like me. The step-by-step instructions made everything so easy. I'm no longer intimidated by doing my own taxes," said Shelby. "Plus, being able to use a free service is a lifesaver. The money I used to pay to someone else to prepare my taxes can now go to buy gas and groceries."

For more information on free tax preparation, go to www.turbotax.com.

Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—Every year, more than 10,000 people are diagnosed with a life-threatening disease, but only 4,000 get the transplant they need. Registration drives help the National Marrow Donor Program increase the database of donors. Find out more at Matthewwelling.org.



The Aveeno Clear Complexion Cream Cleanser contains 2 percent salicylic acid to fight and prevent blemishes and round microbeads to exfoliate skin, as well as moisture-rich soy to even skin tone and texture. Learn more at AAD.org and www.aveeno.com.



The oldest professional hockey franchise is the Montreal Canadiens, who first hit the ice in 1909.

INGENIOUS IDEAS

DEPARTMENT

Protect Your Favorite Memories With A Cedar-Lined Chest

(NAPS)—Many of us have treasured family keepsakes from weddings or christenings made of delicate fibers such as angora, lace or silk.

It can be difficult to find room in your house to store such precious items, especially when closets never seem to be big enough to hold everything we need.

Looking beyond our packed closets, the price tag can be daunting for a new chest of drawers (\$500 to \$1,500) or a completed cedar chest (\$350 to \$500). But it's easy to turn an unfinished chest or toy box into a cedar-lined memory chest. The box is small enough to fit into tight spaces. And the Aromatic Eastern Redcedar liner naturally protects your special items from moth larvae that eat wool, leather and silk, as well as silverfish that like to eat cotton, linen, rayon and book bindings. It even protects naturally against dirty roaches.

"Cedar closet liners can change an ordinary toy box or unfinished wooden chest into a beautiful cedar memory chest for special, delicate keepsakes," says HGTV and CedarSafe Home Improvement Expert Pat Simpson.

You can purchase a simple child's toy box online from children's specialty retailers for about \$175. An unfinished wooden chest will cost about \$150 at an unfinished furniture store. Then you'll need about



Cedar closet liners can change an unfinished wooden chest or ordinary toy box into a beautiful cedar memory chest.

two or three boxes of cedar planks, available at most major home improvement stores. Cost: about \$28 a box. Simply line the inside of the chest with the planks using subfloor adhesive or nails. The planks fit together with tongue-and-groove joints, so this project will take a short amount of time.

"Depending on the size of the box, the lid may become a bit heavy," says Simpson. "You may want to consider hydraulic closers [about \$9] to prevent the lid from slamming shut."

Then, place your treasured items into the chest. The cedar scent will keep them smelling fresh for a long time. Every year or so, be sure to pull items out of the chest and lightly sand the cedar liners. That'll restore the cedar scent and that keeps the bugs away, so your keepsakes are protected.

For more information, visit cedarsafeclosets.com.

BUDGET STRETCHING IDEAS

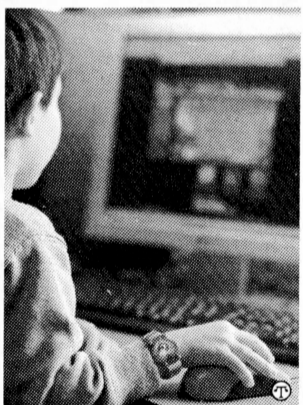
Cutting The Cost Of Fun

(NAPS)—There are a number of ways to squeeze plenty of fun into a tightening budget.

That may be particularly good news for the 72 percent of Americans that the marketing research group NPD says play some type of video game. For many consumers, a \$60 game played on a console has become a luxury they are learning to do without. But now online gaming may help change that.

An increasing number of games are available over the Internet for play on PCs, and they could offer a number of money-saving benefits. For instance, in addition to there being no CDs or game cartridges to lose or scratch, Web-game users don't have to commit to buying a game until they've played it and know they're interested. There are also no late fees from rented games, and if the player loses interest in a game or completes it altogether, there are a seemingly infinite number of new games from which to choose without having to spend \$60.

Additionally, many online gaming companies offer options such as try before you buy, monthly gaming subscriptions or even virtual currency called WildCoins, which allows consumers to pay for game play on a per-session basis. These options mean consumers can



The Web could save video game fans some serious cash.

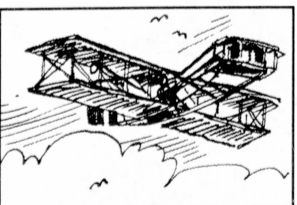
often spend the same amount or even less playing multiple titles than they would have typically paid for a single boxed console game.

Ad-sponsored game play is also emerging as a popular option, giving gamers almost endless free play in exchange for watching a short 15-second video ad while their game loads. WildTangent, one of the largest online game companies, uses its WildCoins virtual currency to offer subscribers play-to-own privileges on any game. Gamers can apply the money spent on their game sessions toward the purchase of the full game.

For players, it can all add up to less money spent on games—and a smaller price tag on fun. For more information, visit www.wildtangent.com.



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—Gerald Ford

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—Hank Aaron

When you have given nothing, ask for nothing.

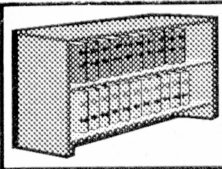
—Albanian Proverb

Examine what is said, not him who speaks.

—Arab Proverb

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

—Irish Proverb



Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian General Fiction— *The Someday List* (#1 of the Jubilant Soul series) by Stacy Hawkins Adams; *Paper Roses* (#1 of the Texas Dreams series) by Amanda Cabot; *Shadows of Lancaster County* by Mindy Starns Clark; *On A Someday* by Roxanne Henke; *Age Before Beauty* (#2 of the Sister to Sister series) by Virginia Smith; and *Word Gets Around* by Lisa Wingate.

General Fiction— *The Associate* by John Grisham and *Run for Your Life* by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge.

Christian Non-fiction— *Uncommon* by Tony Dungy; *Oprah, Miracles, and The New Earth* by Erwin W. Lutzer; and *From One Widow to Another* by Miriam Neff.

JUVENILES:

Preschoolers: *Birds* by Kevin Henkes.

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Teenage Christian Fiction— *Noah's Notebook* by Allia Zobel Nolan.

Youth Christian Fiction— *Just Another Girl* by Melody Carlson; *Gatekeepers* (#3 of the Dreamhouse Kings series) by Robert Liparulo; *Out of Time* (#2 of the Time Thriller series) by Paul McCusker; and *Wild Cat and Dark Horse* (#3 and #4 of the Starlight Animal Rescue series) by Dandi Daley Mackall.

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New book features Indianapolis Motor Speedway

A new book about the Indianapolis Motor Speedway written by Ralph Kramer will be available in March.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway: 100 Years of Racing, published by Krause Publications, chronicles the moments, big and small, that mark the Speedway's first century as the most renowned racing venue in the world. The coffee-table book showcases more than 500 memorable images of early cars and their drivers, track officials in knickers and derby hats, turn-of-the-century spectators dressed in Sunday best, historical contracts, advertisements, and many other never-before-published photos culled from the Speedway's archives.

The book shares the people who have made the Speedway an institution, from Carl Fisher and his wild dreams to Eddie Rickenbacker, Wilbur Shaw and the Hulman/George family, who continue to uphold the Speedway's hallmark of world-class championships and world-class events. And, of course, the legendary drivers who have become household names: A. J. Foyt, Bobby Unser, Rick Mears, Mario Andretti, and so many others.

From the early days of balloon races and motorcycle face-offs, to the most iconic motorsports race in the world – the Indianapolis 500 – as well as NASCAR showdowns, U.S. Grand Prix Formula One, and the Red Bull Indianapolis GP, this book captures all of the intriguing series of events that have transformed the dirt and gravel track of 1909 to the "Brickyard" of today and celebrates the

pageantry, tradition and excitement that has been thrilling millions of spectators and fans worldwide.

Ralph Kramer, the author, grew up on a farm 50 miles from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and saw his first Indy race in 1950. As a writer for *The Indianapolis News*, Kramer later covered the race from 1964-1973. He also negotiated Chevrolet's Indy 500 pace car presence and managed Chevy's public relations functions at the track in 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1993. Kramer served as director of the Speedway's Hall of Fame Museum from 1995-1998.

The book sells for \$30 (hardcover) and will be available from major bookstores, online sellers and from Krause Publications, 800-258-0929 or at www.krausebooks.com in March.

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LOCALS

Mary and Earl Bangel had several visitors Sunday. Joining them in celebrating their wedding anniversary and overseeing the "little" repair job were their son and his family, Darel and Nancy Bangel of Ft. Wayne, Josh of Lafayette and Sara of Indianapolis; their son and his

family, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac; their son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Theresa Bangel of Indianapolis; Earl's brother and his daughter, Glenn Bangel and Lindsay of Indianapolis; a friend of Kevin and Rob's, Andrew Summit; and a friend of Kevin's, Rachel Bernatt.

Scott and Jill Meneeley, Austin and Brooklyn, Lori Leach and Joe and Juanita Rude, Sadie and Darius, enjoyed a visit during lunch at the Pizza Hut in Rochester Sunday. Afterward, Lori joined the Meneeleys for church services at Wynnfield Crossing.

Jerry and Kay Brown stopped in Kokomo Sunday on their way home from Lawrenceburg. They had a nice time dining at the Olive Garden restaurant.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had company Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon to wish Leonard a happy birthday were Ray and Phyllis Pownall.

Sherri Lett has returned from a week-long trip to Colorado. She had a wonderful time as a

houseguest of her sister and brother-in-law, Drs. Cindy and David Parker.

Lori Leach, Jill Meneeley and Martha Sheridan traveled to Indianapolis Tuesday, Feb. 24 on business.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Kathie Brown, Kay Brown, Amber Doty, Betty McKinney, Lauren Metzger, John Mollencupp Jr., Charlie Richardson and Mackenzie Wassermann, March 1; Shirley Bussert, Randy Miller and Laura Purkey, March 2; Cole Cook, March 3; Margaret DeWitt, Mary Ruth Ingram and Darious Rude, March 4; David Besse, Angie Easterday, Anita Klinefelter, Donna Rude and Willa Bea Shriver, March 5; Cathy Carter, Dustin Ewing, Bill Lamb, Tillie Lamb, Luke Nikolich, Jerrold Steele and Tanner Sutton, March 6; and Evan Baldwin, March 7.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fross, March 2; Mr. and Mrs. David Stangle, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. David Berry, March 5; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Yocum, March 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wagoner, March 7.

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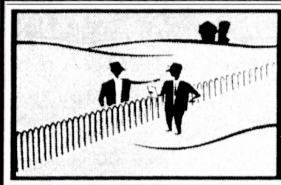
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By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Jerry Brown and his mother-in-law, Mary K. Williamson, attended the Winamac vs. Rochester 7th grade girls' basketball game in Winamac Monday evening, Feb. 16. Jerry's granddaughter, Kaelee Smith, is a player for Rochester.

Pastor Scott Meneeley escorted Lori Leach to Indianapolis Tuesday, Feb. 17. She had a doctor's appointment at the IUPUI Medical Center.

Tom and Barb LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Wednesday, Feb. 18. They enjoyed lunch and visiting with friends.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of callers Wednesday. Coming over in the evening for a visit were their daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, and their great-granddaughter, Ally Wiese.

Kay and Jerry Brown left Friday, Feb. 20, for a weekend stay with their son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown at Lawrenceburg. Friday evening, the group attended a high school boys' basketball game. (Kerry is varsity coach for the home team.)

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Friday evening. Stopping by for the late day chat was her

granddaughter, Teresa Conner.

Linda Garner enjoyed lunch with her daughter and grandchildren, Missy Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, Saturday, Feb. 21. Afterward, Trey, Brianna and Kaylyn accompanied their grandmother home for a few hours of visiting. In the evening, Linda took the children home to Twelve Mile.

Earl and Mary Bangel had working visitors Saturday. Coming up to help with a "little" repair job, were their grandsons, Rob and Kevin Bangel.

Leonard Evers was the guest of honor at a large gathering Saturday afternoon. The event was held in the community room of the local fire station and was in honor of his birthday. (It was also a pre-birthday celebration for his wife, Nancy.) Approximately 31 friends and family were in attendance for lots of good food, conversation and wonderful memories.

Kay and Karen Brown had a fun time at the Rising Sun casino Saturday, while Jerry and Kerry Brown attended a basketball game.

Lori Leach was among those who enjoyed attending the party in honor of Leonard Evers

Saturday.

Helen Miller was the guest of honor at a family gathering Saturday evening. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and held at the Edgewater in Culver. Treating her to dinner and a wonderful visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Scott of Frankfort; her son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller of

Plymouth; her son, Ron Miller of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; her grandson and his wife, Rod and Judy Miller; and her granddaughter and her family, Traci and Scott Hilliard and Olivia.

Nancy and Leonard Evers had houseguests Saturday evening. Staying with them for a pleasant visit were their children, Gary Evers of Michigan City and Diane Evers of Indianapolis.

Finally, a wonderful sign that

spring is about to arrive! Mike Hogan spotted 12 robins in his yard Sunday, Feb. 22.

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