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**THE LAKE BRUCE
CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
NEWS**

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its monthly meeting Thursday, March 12, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department. Three directors, eight freeholders and three guests were in attendance.

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

Chairman Porter covered the correspondence for the past month. He received the Aquatic Vegetation Control Permit for 2009 from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and sent a copy to Weed Patrol. He received a call from SM&P locator service, but the district is not prepared to retain their services at this time. The board will revisit the need for that service in May. The board requests that anyone in the immediate lake area planning any excavation other than normal residential sewer connections contact the District before digging.

The Lake Bruce Conservancy website is up for renewal and the directors voted not to renew it.

The District received a letter from the Mink and Owens families requesting a change in their sewer billing status. The board voted to decline their request. Letters of explanation will be sent to both parties.

The current building sewer ordinance is on file at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. All of the Lake Bruce Sewer Ordinances may be reviewed or copied during regular library hours, but they may not be removed from the library.

The District is moving forward with plans to build an office/meeting hall with grant money remaining in the sewer project. The building is slated to be placed at the waste water treatment plant site to serve the Lake Bruce community.

Director Glasson is still working on finding a local lawyer. He should have more to report at the next meeting.

Chairman Porter reported that the dredging project is on hold pending securing a site for the sediment basin.

Waste water treatment plant operator, Richard Denny, reported that 12 homes were connected this month and that brings the total number of connections to 53. Porter said that the District is way behind schedule on this part of the project and urged everyone to get their homes connected as soon as possible. The deadline for connecting is May 31, 2009.

Director Rich Tompos reported on current billing and lien status. He will have more to report next month.

Biscuit and gravy breakfast at VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will serve a biscuit and gravy breakfast at the post from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, March 21. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation and the public is welcome.

The band Hit-N-Run will perform at the VFW Saturday evening beginning at 8 p.m.

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Fish and chicken supper

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday, March 28, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Grass Creek Fire Station. Dessert will be included with the meal and carry outs will be available.

The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children, 6-12. Children age five and under may eat free.

The meal will be prepared by Dan's Frying Service of Huntington.

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Fish and tenderloin fry, April 4

The Fulton County 4-H Fair Association, 4-H Council and county 4-H clubs will serve a fish and tenderloin fry Saturday, April 4, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Serving will be from 4 to 8 p.m. and the cost will be \$7.50 for adults (in advance). Tickets at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Children 5 & under may eat free. Carryouts will be available.

Dan's Frying Service will prepare the fish and tenderloin.

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**RECYCLING DATES
THURSDAY, MARCH
12TH & THURSDAY,
MARCH 26TH**

After discussion, the board voted to adopt a policy of not issuing a building sewer construction permit to any property owner whose account is not current. The board urges everyone to be sure their account is current before submitting their permit application to the district.

The board also approved and signed Building Sewer Ordinance 2009-1. Verbiage was added to the Sewer Use Ordinance to address new sewer connections not included in the initial sewer project.

The DNR website to obtain a permit for goose egg and nest destruction was given out to interest parties.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Bruce Conservancy board of directors will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the same location. The meeting is open to the public.

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Youth League sign-up

The Kewanna Youth League is now accepting sign-ups for the 2009 season. Boys and girls between the ages of 4 through 12 are welcome to participate. The fee is \$15 per player with a maximum of \$40 per family. Assistance with fees is available if needed.

Sign-up forms are available at the Community State Bank, Kewanna Post Office and the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. For more information, call Maryanne at 574-653-2605.

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Flood damage

Fulton County residents who have experienced any flood damage due to the recent rains should report it to Fulton County Emergency Management at 574-223-6611 or go to the website www.in.gov/dhs to report the damage.

In order for the area to be considered as a disaster area and receive help, the damage has to be reported.

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The News In Brief

Town of Kewanna clerk treasurer, Jenny Kay, reports that last week's town council minutes should have reported that Larry Kimble has retired from the local fire department, not resigned.

Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary is offering scholarships to Fulton County residents who are pursuing a career in healthcare. For more information or to obtain an application call Becky Rude at 574-224-1180. The deadline to submit scholarship applications is April 1, 2009.

The Caston winter sports banquet has been postponed until April 2 due to the boys' basketball sectional championship win. The banquet will be combined to include junior high and high school and will feature a carry-in starting at 6 p.m.

The next V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) meeting will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 EDT at the Von Tobel Center in Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other visitors are welcome to attend. For more info, call Johanna Gudas at 574-946-6126.

Eastern Pulaski and Caston schools are on spring break next week, March 23 - 27.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, March 19, to open bids for county highway supplies.

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Victims of Severe Weather Urged to Report Damage

Toll-Free Number Now Available

Hoosiers who sustained damage caused by severe weather, including wind and flooding beginning March 8 are urged to call a toll free number to report damage. The number (866-210-1925) is staffed from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST through Friday, March 20, 2009. Damage reports also may be made online via the IDHS web site at www.in.gov/dhs.

Callers will be asked to provide their name, address, phone number, damage to property and type of damage the property sustained. Losses can include structural damage to homes and loss of personal property.

Individuals calling will not be in conversation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Information will be used to help local emergency management agencies and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security preliminarily assess damage to determine if federal assistance can be pursued. This is one of eight steps that must be taken to decide if we are eligible for federal assistance. Below is the eight steps of the declaration process.

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Be sure to consult your local permitting official *before* starting any repairs!

The Declaration Process

When a disaster occurs, the following steps are followed:

Step 1. Local emergency and public works personnel, volunteers, humanitarian organizations, and other private interest groups provide emergency assistance required to meet immediate human needs and restore essential services vital to public health and safety.

Step 2. At the same time, preliminary damage and impact information is gathered by local government and emergency officials and conveyed to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Emergency Operation Center.

Step 3. If necessary, the Governor declares a state of emergency and invokes the state's emergency plan to augment individual and public needs as required, including the use of the National Guard's military resources.

Step 4. When the state determines that the recovery appears to be beyond these combined resources, a request for FEMA to conduct a preliminary damage assessment is made.

Step 5. FEMA personnel from the regional office responsible for the area where the disaster occurred are deployed and join state and local representatives to conduct joint damage assessments and submit the results to the Governor's office.

Step 6. If the state judges that this survey data indicates full

Clerk's office closed, March 18-24

The Kewanna town clerk's office at the town hall will be closed March 18-24. Anyone needing assistance relating to the town or water and sewage works during this time may leave a message at 574-653-2112. Messages will be checked daily.

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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 through March. Serving time is 5 to 6 p.m. in the church annex.

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Concert Sunday in Denver

The Denver Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring an afternoon of gospel, bluegrass and old time country music from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Denver community building. The Blue Grass Buddies and Friends will be performing. Donations will be accepted and dedicated to the volunteer firefighters to fund the purchase of much needed equipment.

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The Caston varsity boys' basketball team was defeated in the first game of the Triton regional last Saturday by Bowman Academy, 55-28. Wes Rigney led the Comets with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Bowman Academy, which was ranked No. 2 in the state, suffered a 60-50 defeat at the hands of the host team in the championship game.

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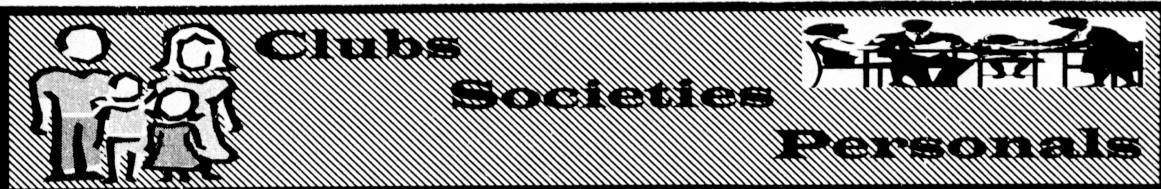
recovery is beyond available capabilities, the Governor submits a written request to the President through FEMA's regional office asking that federal aid be provided under a major disaster or emergency declaration.

Step 7. Following a FEMA regional and national office review of the request and findings of the joint damage survey, the Agency's Director provides the President with an analysis of the disaster conditions and a recommendation course of action.

Step 8. From this information the President declares a major disaster or emergency exists in the state, or FEMA advises the Governor of a denial of the request.

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CROCHETED HATS – The Oncology Department of Pulaski Memorial Hospital has received several hand-crocheted hats for those in need due to chemotherapy treatments. Joan Lauder, RN, Director of Oncology displays one of the hats that come in a variety of sizes.

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MAHSEH CENTER PRESENTS

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With Dr. Edwin Brown

On Saturday, April 25, Mahseh Center at Lake Bruce will be hosting an opportunity to spend time with Dr. Edwin Brown and learn more about C.S. Lewis, author of the *Chronicles of Narnia* and *Mere Christianity*. Ed is a Harvard educated physician who has traveled the world for business and ministry purposes and has been involved in numerous projects that have brought him in to contact with a fascinating array of political, business and Christian leaders.

In addition, Ed is renowned as a C. S. Lewis scholar and collector of Lewis memorabilia. His personal collection of Lewis letters, first edition books and other collectibles are now on permanent display at Taylor University library. During his 30 plus years of pursuing the works of C. S. Lewis, Ed has created friendships with numerous individuals key to Lewis' life including Walter Hooper, Doug and David Gresham, Owen Barfield and George Sayer. Ed is the author of *In Pursuit of C. S. Lewis* as well as a biography, *Around the World in Eighty Years*.

Ed will host two part seminar focusing primarily on Lewis on Saturday, April 25. The 90 minutes sessions will start at 10 and 1:30 at Mahseh and will be

open to fifty people. Mahseh Center is located at 1516 N. Lake Shore Drive, Kewanua, Indiana, on the east side of Lake Bruce. The cost is \$35.00 per person and \$50.00 per couple with lunch included.

For further information, please contact Mark Eckel at the Mahseh website (www.mahseh.org), or Rob Wingerter at 317-769-3445, or mail a check with your name and address to Mahseh Ministries, Inc., 9902 E. 200 S, Zionsville, IN 46077.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanua Fire Station

Monday, March 23 – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, cookie, roll and milk
Wednesday, March 25 –

Chopped steak and gravy, Key West blend vegetables, lima beans, cake, oatmeal bread and milk

Friday, March 27 – Carry-in
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James F. Talbott VFW Post March Activities

March 10 – Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 18 – Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
March 21 – Biscuit and gravy breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon. Live band, Hit 'N Run, 8 p.m. to ?
March 24 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
March 29 – Open Sunday at noon
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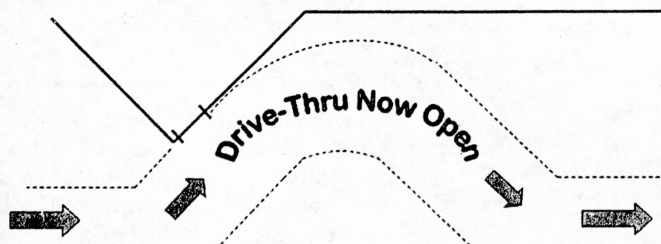
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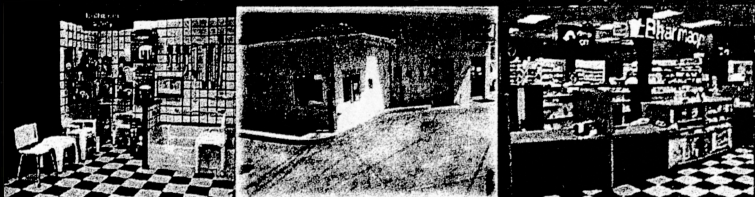
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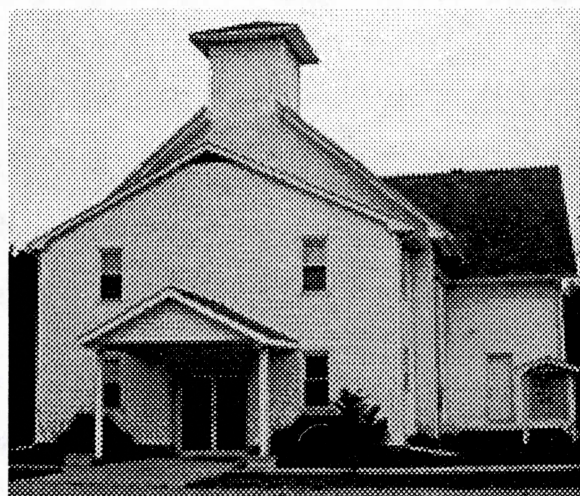
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

March 6
Births – Kayla Escobar, Rochester, a daughter

March 9
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Amanda Hayes and son, Argos; Amy Burgess and son, Winamac; Logyn Honkomp, Rochester; Kayla Escobar and daughter, Rochester

March 10
Admissions – Joseph Oliver, Miriam Gordon and Lonnie Shelton, Rochester
Dismissals – John Waltz, Rochester
Births – Jeff and Marie Harness, Argos, a daughter

March 11
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Rose Swanson, Rochester
Births – Brian and Samantha Goodman, Rochester, a son

March 12
Admissions – Mary Casey, Plymouth; Betty Nightengale, Francesville
Dismissals – Samantha Goodman and son, Laura Shoemaker and Henry Rentschler, Rochester

March 13
Admissions – Thomas White and Henry Rentschler, Rochester
Dismissals – Marie Harness and daughter, Argos; Miriam Gordon and Lonnie Shelton, Rochester

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DEATHS

PAUL McGAUGHEY

A celebration of life was held at 12 noon Sunday, March 15, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Paul McGaughey, 66, Rochester. Pastor Jim Abott officiated. Mr. McGaughey passed away Thursday, March 12,

2009 at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Illinois.

Born September 9, 1942, in Mt. Eden, Kentucky, he was the son of William and Grace Woodring McGaughey. He was married September 6, 1986, in Logansport to Donna Frey.

Paul was a 1959 graduate of Hazzard High School, Hazzard, Kentucky. Blessed with a mellow tenor voice, he pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in vocal music at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky. During his undergraduate studies he was selected to solo in the Stephen Foster Story theater musical. This led to an opportunity to sing with the talented Blackwoods. He continued his graduate studies at Indiana State University and earned his master's degree in vocal music. Paul taught vocal music, history and driver's training at Knox High School. He also enjoyed coaching the wrestling team and was the assistant high school football coach during his tenure. He later enjoyed a 22-year stint with the Fulton-Marshall Co-op, Kewanna branch. Most recently Paul, who was semi-retired, hauled grain for Glen-Di Trucking Co. of Rochester locally and around the Midwest.

At home, Paul enjoyed many aspects of farming. He oversaw a fine herd of cattle including Black Angus, Crossbreeds and Maine Anjou. Paul supported the many Fulton County 4-H activities and was a past member of the 4-H Board and Beef Committee. He was also involved as an advisor for the Rochester High School FFA group, an active RHS Booster Club member and former youth football coach.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his mother, Grace, of Lexington, Kentucky; a daughter, Tina Haworth, and her husband,

Robert, and their daughters, Elixia and Quinn, of Burnettsville; four sons, Kyle of Rochester, Todd and his wife, Jane, and their children, Elizabeth, Quintin and Jonathon of Walkerton, Kevin and his wife, Phoebe, and their daughter, Alexis, of Knox, Brian and his wife, Kelly, and their daughter, Abby, of LaPorte; two sisters, Sue Lambert and her husband, Dr. Dan, of Columbus, Ohio; and Brenda Gutzman and her husband, Mark, of Lexington, Kentucky; his mother-in-law, Eileen Fry, Logansport; a sister-in-law, Debbie Fret, Logansport; a brother-in-law, Randy Frey and his wife, Patti, Indianapolis; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father.

A visitation was held Saturday at the funeral home and one hour before the services on Sunday. Memorials can be made to Camp We Can. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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KAY MARIE LEWIS-CAPPADORA

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 13, in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery for Kay Marie Lewis-Cappadora of Winamac. The former Chicago resident died at 1:09 p.m. Tuesday at Howard Regional System, Kokomo.

Born September 2, 1957 in Chicago, she was the daughter of the late George and Frances (Harris) Wilson. Kay was a retired teacher.

Survivors include her husband, John J. Cappadora, Winamac; one son, Andre Timothy Lewis of Little Rock, Arkansas; one brother and one sister.

Rev. Steven McPeck officiated at the service. The Harrison-Metzger and Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, was in charge

of arrangements. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a "Look Good Feel Better" workshop Monday, March 30, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the PMH conference center. This program is for women entering chemotherapy or radiation therapy within one month of the program and women currently receiving cancer treatment. Certified cosmetologists will teach cancer patients how to apply special make-up, and the use of hair coverings to enhance their appearance. To register for the event, call Joan Lauder, RN, OCN, at 574-946-2180. RSVPs are required.

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends will meet Tuesday, March 31, in the PMH conference center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Kathy Dekka will be attending to join in a

conversation about "Survivorship". This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

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, extension 1149.

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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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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO March 17, 1949

About 25 neighbors and friends gathered last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crill northeast of Kewanna for a surprise farewell party. The Crills are moving to Leiters Ford. Mr. and Mrs. John Hott are moving to the farm being vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Crill.

Dr. Charles Harrison of Sidney, Australia, left for Los Angeles, California, after visiting here with his brother, T. L. Harrison and his sisters, Mrs. Jane Albo and Mrs. Daisy Sanders. Dr. Harrison is a former Grass Creek resident and has been in Australia for 25 years where he is head surgeon at a large hospital in Sidney. He returned to the States to take a post-medical course in California.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the Cloyd Earp home near Lake Bruce Sunday due to a fire in the upper story of the Earp home. The fire, discovered by a neighbor, did considerable damage to the upstairs, but most of the contents were saved. Mr. Earp was doing chores at the time the fire broke out and the rest of the family was at church. The Earps have moved into the Davison house near Lake Bruce while repair work is being done to their house.

The Business Men's Association met Thursday night at the Curve-Inn to elect officers and discuss activities for the coming year. The newly elected officers are Lester Shidaker, president; Roy Deckard, vice president; and Al Yerkes, secretary-treasurer. Kenneth Hiland, outgoing president, was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cummins will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary March 19.

A birthday dinner was held Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis in observance of the birthday of Mrs. Marvin Rife. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Evans of Niles, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. James Evans of Benton Harbor, Michigan; Mr. W. H. Evans of near Fulton; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rocco and daughter Marlene; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans and son Carl of Logansport.

Dr. R. T. Lord, Union township chairman of the polio drive, reported Monday that \$208.01 was collected during this year's drive.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 19, 1954

The Grass Creek sixth graders won the two-day basketball tourney at Grass Creek Thursday night, March 11, when they defeated Gilead 42-30 in the finals. Reiter turned back Twelve Mile 32-31 in the consolation game. Leading Grass Creek to victory were Dave Huffman with 11 points and Joe Dague and Rod Hoff with eight apiece.

William S. Werner, 82, who had

been seriously ill for the past several weeks, died Sunday at his home in Winamac. A member of the Pleasant Hill EUB Church, he was the father of William Werner of Lake Bruce.

Cadet Kenneth K. Kraning, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kraning of here, is a member of the 38-voice choir at Culver Military Academy. The choir will sing at the First Presbyterian Church in Detroit Sunday morning, March 21, and will present a half-hour program over WJBK-TV in Detroit Sunday afternoon. The cadet group will be guests of the Detroit-Culver Club at a dance/reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Marlene Louise Landis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rocco, Kewanna, was featured as the "Future Citizen".

Officials of United Telephone Co. announced today their preliminary plans for the conversion of the Kewanna exchange to automatic dial service. It is hoped the change-over can be made in early 1955.

Norma Jean Cohagen, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and a senior at Grass Creek High School, was awarded a sweater Monday evening at the school's athletic banquet. She has been a cheerleader for all four years of high school.

Triplet calves were born Sunday morning to a four-year old Guernsey cow belonging to Mrs. Hazel Pownall, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Mrs. Pownall says the calves are all about the same size.

Army Major Roy Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hogan of here, placed three times Wednesday in the National Mid-Winter pistol match in Tampa, Florida. The major, the second highest scoring marksman of the day, was first place in the rapid firing match and second place in the slow firing competition. Winners of the meet will be determined by totaling the daily scores at the end of the four-day match.

FIFTY YEARS AGO March 19, 1959

The citizens of Wayne Township, through their trustee Joe Dague, have purchased a double unit resuscitator and inhalator. It is available to anyone in the township and will be kept at the fire station.

Word has been received that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Jump in Germany March 6. Mr. Jump was the coach at Grass Creek for a few years and is now stationed in Germany with the Army.

Mrs. Lera McKinney, Rt. 1, Kewanna, underwent major surgery at Woodlawn Hospital Monday.

Mrs. Don Foglesong entertained the Birthday Club in honor of Miss Gladus Wharton Saturday evening. Guests included Mrs.

Ethel Smith, Mrs. Edward Shadle, Mrs. Jessie Urbin, Mrs. Oscar Enyeart, Mrs. Edna Buchanan, Mrs. Ida Hogan and Mrs. Warren Gillespie.

A family carry-in dinner was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer McIntire honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Beth Bryant, Nancy Ann Crabill and Wilmer McIntire. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bryant and family of Talma, Mr. and Mrs. Oval McIntire of Grass Creek and Mrs. Delmar Crabill and children.

Mrs. Albert Walsh entertained Tuesday evening with a diner in honor of her husband Albert Walsh and Mrs. Jim Walsh who were celebrating birthdays. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ware and children, Mary Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Walsh.

Tommy, Danny, Jimmy and Susan Overmyer were Sunday dinner guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loudon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leazenby and sons of Grand Rapids, Michigan, spent the weekend in the Raymond Weller home and with the Arvin Carrs in Winamac. Sunday, the Leazenby family and the Weller family were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Carr in Winamac.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren St. Clair were pleasantly surprised Thursday evening in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Clawson, near Argos when Mr. and Mrs. Edgar St. Clair and son Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Perry and son, Mr. and Mrs. Don St. Clair and George Cooper arrived to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

THIRTY YEARS AGO March 15, 1979

Kewanna's chief of police, Bill Walters, recently attended another all day seminar presented by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board at Plymouth.

Maurice and Mary Lu Corbett of Kewanna have purchased the

Curve-Inn restaurant from Frank and Juanita Johnson.

Linda Bangel of Valparaiso University and Bruce Bangel of Ivy Tech at Kokomo spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangel.

Jeff Hubeny received the James F. Talbott award at the annual basketball banquet held Monday evening.

TWENTY YEARS AGO March 16, 1989

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home in Kewanna for Claude G. Bucks, 82, Kewanna, formerly of South Gate, California. Mr. Bucks moved to Kewanna in early December to live with his nephew, Larry Bucks, and family.

A retirement party was held at the Kewanna post office Friday for Bob Abbott. He has been the rural carrier for Route 3. His substitute, Gene Fry, will be his successor.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO...



These eight girls received trophies Monday night for their basketball accomplishments this past season. They are, front row, left to right, Judy DeWitt, most rebounds for the varsity team;

Deana Baldwin, varsity most valuable player; Angela Gude-man, junior varsity free throw award winner; and Cindy Carlson, most improved junior varsity player; And back row, Ann

Wilson, varsity mental attitude winner; Cheryl James, honored for most assists on the varsity; and Cheryl Pearl and Lisa Harris, both named most improved on the varsity squad.



This group of boys was honored at Monday's basketball banquet. They are, front row, left to right, Randy Hall, junior high A-team free throw award winner; Chad Bibler, junior high B-team free throw; Larry James, junior varsity free throw; and Malcolm

Howdeshell, rebound trophy for the junior varsity; second row, Jeff Markley, most improved on junior varsity; Rod Hall, varsity free throw winner; Steve MacLain, varsity, mental attitude; Rick Evers, varsity, most assists; and Scott Bibler, junior varsity,

mental attitude; and back row, Bryan Prilliman, varsity, free throw; James Percy, varsity MVP and rebound winner; Dave Field, junior varsity hustle award winner; and Larry Pearl, most improved for the varsity team.

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"LOOKING BACK" Con't. From Page 4

Kewanna post master, Marvin Gilliland, has announced the recent appointment of two new clerks. They are Ed Rentschler, Rt. 4, Rochester, and Raymond Zartman, of near Fulton.

Regen Ton has advanced to the state competition of the geography bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The state-wide competition will be held April 7 at the College Avenue United Methodist Church in Muncie. Regen is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bryon Ton of Kewanna.

Rites were conducted Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, for Edward Williamson, 72, Rt. 5, Winamac. Mr. Williamson died Friday at Pulaski County Roads 350 South and 625 East after suffering a heart attack while driving his truck. He was married to the former Mary K. Wiesjahn, who survives.

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Shirley Willard to teach Potawatomi history class

Shirley Willard, Fulton County historian, will teach a class on Potawatomi history and the Trail of Death from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on April 13 at the Morton Center, 222 North Chauncey Ave., West Lafayette. Tracy Locke, Lafayette, will tell about her ancestor, Abram Burnett, who was on the Trail of Death. She will also tell what it is like to be a Potawatomi today.

This is part of a series called History of Native Americans in Indiana. It is sponsored by the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA). WALLA was founded in 1993 and provides learning opportunities for more mature students, as an affiliate of Elderhostel. Classes are offered for four weeks each spring and fall. There are no learning prerequisites and no tests. WALLA classes are held in an informal classroom environment which invites participation, discussion, and fellowship. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Speakers and topics include:

March 23 - Archaeology and History of 17th and 18th Century Native Americans in Indiana, Rick Jones, State Archaeologist, Department of Natural Resources

March 25 - History of the Miami Nation of Indiana, John Dunnagan, Vice Chief of Miami Indian Nation of Indiana

March 30 - The Founding of Prophetstown - Religious Movement and Culture, Dr. Dawn Marsh, Assistant Professor of History, Purdue University

April 1 - The Battle of Tippecanoe, Joseph D. Bartlett, Attorney

April 3 - Guided tour of the Historic Settlement at Prophetstown, 10:30 - 12:30. Lunch at TC's Restaurant & Tavern, 109 N. Railroad St., Battle Ground, and then visit the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum.

April 6 - 19th Century Indian Removals in the Old Northwest Territory, Dr. Dawn Marsh, Assistant Professor of History, Purdue University.

April 8 - Indians and a Changing Frontier: the Art of George Winter, Salle Cooke, co-author of book by same name, published by Tippecanoe County Historical Association and Indiana History Society in 1993

April 13 - History of the Potawatomi and the Trail of Death, Shirley Willard, president emeritus of Fulton County Historical Society and Fulton County historian, Rochester. Tracy Locke, Lafayette, member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, will tell about her ancestor Abram Burnett on the 1838 Trail of Death

April 15 - Historical Facts vs. Commonly - Thought Historical Truths by Mike "Five Trees" Floyd, Ogema/Chief of Eel River Tribe of Indiana

To register for these classes, send a check for \$60 to WALLA, Mary E. Gardner, Coordinator, Continuing Education Division, Stewart Center, Room 116, 128 Memorial Hall, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2034.

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State Representative DOUG GUTWEIN District # 16

Last week was slow at the Statehouse, except for one small development. Several of the original Kernan-Shepard recommendations were heard by the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee.

I asked you how you felt about these recommendations in the survey I sent out before the start of session. And you responded. An overwhelming majority thought these proposals were a step in the wrong direction.

On Wednesday, the committee voted to reject those proposals. The committee chair combined several of the original recommendations, including the elimination of township boards and replacing county commissioners with a single county executive, into a single bill, which failed to pass.

However, where Kernan-Shepard goes from here is uncertain. I still expect to see something brought to the House floor before we adjourn in April, but at this point, it's unclear what that will be.

Of course, if any of these proposals do come before the House, you can be sure I have listened to your voice on the issue and will vote accordingly. That's my job as your representative for District 16.

Another major issue before the General Assembly right now is the state budget. A couple of weeks ago, the House voted to send a broken and incomplete budget over to the Senate. Obviously, I couldn't support this measure. There were many problems with the House Majority's budget plan. It would spend too much money and deplete our much-needed reserves and trust funds.

It's important to note that the budget is nowhere near complete. It's currently in front of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and I am confident the members will restore the bill so it will help, not hurt, Hoosier taxpayers. The budget must be balanced, and it must not contain wasteful government spending. The economic conditions of our state and nation are too serious to waste taxpayer dollars.

I will always support legislation that helps improve our state

through fiscally-conservative means. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns, issues or questions. I am open to hearing what you have to say. You may reach me by email at h16@in.gov, by calling toll-free 1-800-382-9841 or by writing me at the Statehouse at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Preventing Lyme Disease

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When the grass turns green and cold winds give way to warmer breezes, those of us in northern climates flock outside to celebrate spring. Unfortunately, so do ticks. The leading carriers of human illnesses in the United States, ticks can transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and also Lyme disease.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium called *Borrelia burgdorferi*. In the Midwest and Northeast, the disease is spread by the deer tick. While symptoms vary, most people will develop a small rash that typically expands in a bull's-eye pattern from several inches to a foot across (although sometimes it remains very small). Other symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, and muscle and joint pain. Eventually, it can spread to the nervous system, joints and heart.

To diagnose Lyme disease, physicians usually look for a rash, ask about other symptoms and determine if you could have been exposed to ticks recently. They also may run blood tests. Treatment usually consists of several weeks of antibiotics. Occasionally, Lyme disease becomes chronic.

Prevention: To avoid Lyme disease, stay out of tick-infested areas during April, May and June, the height of tick season. If you can't avoid these areas, protect yourself through the following measures:

- Wear long pants tucked into socks and a long-sleeved shirt tucked into the pants; light-colored clothing is better, because it will be easier to see any ticks that land on you.
- Wear hats.
- Wear shoes that cover your entire foot (no sandals).
- Use insect repellents over your clothing. Keep in mind some insecticides are not approved for direct contact with skin.
- Check for ticks on your body as soon as you leave a tick-infested area.
- Take a shower when you come inside. A wandering tick may

wash off while you're bathing.

- Promptly remove ticks you find. If a tick has been attached for less than 24 hours, you have only a small chance of getting Lyme disease.
- Talk to your doctor if you've been bitten by a tick; he or she may recommend preventive measures.

You also can protect yourself in your yard by:

- Keeping the lawn closely cut
- Removing tall weeds
- Mouse-proofing your home and removing outdoor materials that mice could use for nests
- Inspecting your pets for ticks before they come inside
- Asking a licensed exterminator about treating your yard if deer frequently visit the area around your home.

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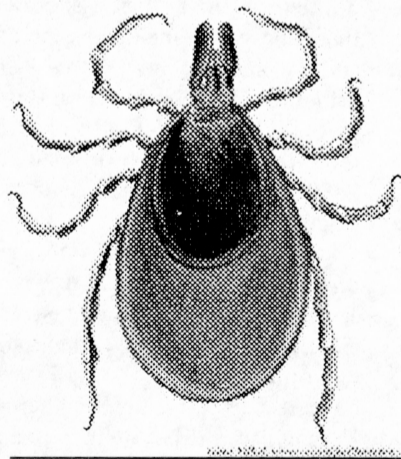
CAPTION:

A severe problem in the Northeast United States, Lyme disease is now showing up in Indiana. According to the Indiana State Department of Health, 70 of Indiana's counties, including Pulaski County, have confirmed cases. Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a deer tick. The deer tick is about the size of a poppy seed. Above is an illustration of a deer tick, and then an actual deer tick is shown on the thumb nail to help you get an idea of its size.

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indiana Flower & Patio Show:
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Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show:
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
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BY THE WAY.....

Karen J. Good

We mailed The Observer a little early last week – if you noticed you probably figured we were out and about and you would have figured rightly! Joe's uncle, Ron Hamman, has a time-share condo in Branson, Missouri, and we had time to share, so we, along with cohorts Bev and Larry Baldwin, took off early in the morning hours (whose idea was that anyway?!) Wednesday with Larry's GPS set on Branson. Ron traveled southwest with Bev and Larry and accompanied Joe and I on the return trip.

Bev had info that State Road 17 south of Grass Creek was under water in places so we took State Road 114 to State Road 25 and then into Logansport, figuring the county roads might have water hazards, too. We stopped for gas and Joe and I opted for a cup of cappuccino to wake us up and keep us alert until breakfast. The trip to Indianapolis went smoothly. In spite of the darkness of the hour you could get a glimpse of flooded fields and over flowing streams. I had picked up a couple books on tape at the library Tuesday so I popped one of those in to listen to. As the first tape was about to wind down, Joe commented that it was a short story. I said, "Oh, no, that's just the first of four tapes." When I took the tape out to put the next one in, I realized I had put the last tape in first. I guess that's what you call the condensed version. That's what I get for trying to operate in the dark!

Ron, Joe and I favor Cracker Barrel restaurants and that's where we have made breakfast stops on past excursions, but Larry must have had a bad experience at a CB so he led us on to a Bob Evans on Rockville Road. (More about the Cracker Barrel situation later.) As we were waiting on the light to turn into the Bob Evans, the traffic went whizzing around us with their horns blaring (including a big rig!) As Joe and I were making our turn into Mr. Evans' establishment, I noticed a "no left turn" sign. Apparently, it was a temporary situation due to road construction as Larry has made this stop before and didn't encounter the no left turn. If they would just put up signs using letters and words instead of symbols, we probably would have seen it. When we left the restaurant, we went south to Washington Street (had a little problem here, more honking) then back to the interstate. I began to wonder if we were really supposed to make this trip. But – things smoothed out from then on. I was amazed at the amount of semi rigs on the road. I thought the down economy might have slowed the trucking industry. Between Indy and Effingham, Illinois, the big rigs were pretty prevalent outnumbering other vehicles about 10 to 4. We spied the Arch heralding St. Louis about 11:30 a.m. our time. It was a little tricky keeping track of Larry through the city but we managed to keep him in sight. I think he was keeping pretty good track of us, too, in his rear view

mirror.

We stopped for lunch in Cuba. No, we didn't make a wrong turn. Cuba is a little town of about 3,200 west of St. Louis. We filled the gas tanks and then looked for a place to fill us up. We choose a Country Kitchen. I guess it is part of a restaurant chain, but I don't think we've ever partaken at one before. It was a good stop though.

We left the interstate at Springfield, Missouri, and headed south to Branson. I noticed the forsythia was blooming, which was a welcome sight after the winter we have had in Northern Indiana. We arrived at our destination about 12 hours after take off, unpacked the cars, and headed out to find something to eat, again, and then called it a day.

Thursday morning we were on the road again – looking for food of course! We decided since we had so many eating places to choose from, we should not eat at the same place twice. Of course the idea of Cracker Barrel was brought up but was nixed by somebody. While we were eating, a guy came to our table inviting us to a "free show" (remember this) at the Branson Mall. His name was Keith Allyn and he did a Neil Diamond tribute. He did a really good job, too, and even resembled Neil Diamond. I guess the mall uses various entertainers to attract shoppers. Remember, this was a "free show". Well, before we left, Joe and Ron managed to drop \$500 between them! As we were "Experiencing the Feel of Neil", Larry pointed out to Joe the Total Balance Orthotics booth to our right since he knew Joe had been having some severe pain in both heels. I was pretty sure I was in trouble when Joe headed over there after the performance. The vendor's presentation and the fact that Larry has had a good experience wearing orthotics the past three years convinced Joe he should give them a try. Of course, they talked Ron into getting tested, too. He doesn't have a foot problem – but he has a shoulder that doesn't want to cooperate and wouldn't you know the orthotics can help that, too! And, if they both make a purchase, they are only \$250 instead of \$300. Joe is tickled pink with the inserts so far, but Ron isn't sure what he got himself into. He claims he bought them to save Joe \$50! I sure hope they help his shoulder or we'll never hear the end of it!

We were hoping the weather in Branson would be 10-15 degrees warmer than here, but it was really cool, although the magnolia and other ornamental trees were in full bloom. The locals said it was nearly 80 Tuesday, but Thursday stayed a little too cool for golf so we decided to go back to the Branson Mall for the free entertainment after eating lunch at Dick Clark's restaurant. I was a little leery of attending another "free show", but I'm glad we did as this guy, Mike Walker, was really good. He imitated about 30 top country singers. His voice range was amazing! We were doubly

entertained, as Larry knew the words to about every song. About half way through his performance, he conducted a "free" drawing. The catch was, you had to sign your name on a dollar bill to enter. There were about 75-80 people there and of the four prizes given away, I won one and Bev won another. Ron said later we should have ran out and bought lottery tickets to see if our luck would hold.

We also checked out Branson Landing, a relatively new mall along the shores of Lake Taneycomo. Branson Landing is a 95-acre entertainment and retail spot offering eclectic shops, dining, sumptuous condos, hotels, nightspots and a waterfront boardwalk. The 1.5 mile long waterfront also includes a \$7.5 million water fountain featuring a water, fire, light and music show. We took a tour through the Bass Pro shop and a candy store. Bev and I checked out Branson's Quilts, which offered numerous quilts in many beautiful colors and designs at what we thought were reasonable prices. We were telling the guys what a neat store it was and Ronnie mentioned he would like to have a new bedspread, so Bev and I said "Come on, we'll help you pick one out!" So, it wasn't long before he was the proud owner of a new quilt and two pillow shames. He'll never let us go anywhere with him again!

Several people we talked to recommended we see the show put on by a group called SIX so we purchased tickets for Thursday night. We stopped at Mickey Gilley's restaurant for a light supper before the show. We opted for soup, but I was a little disappointed. I was expecting a good, homemade soup – but it was more like a can of Progresso. Oh, well, you can't win them all. But, the show was really good. SIX are six real brothers – Owen, Lynn, Kevin, Jak, Barry and Curtis Knudsen. They actually come from a family of ten brothers, the other four are younger brothers and are a huge support to SIX behind the scenes. They made their national television debut on the Donnie and Marie show in 1978 and have shared the stage with Trisha Yearwood, Diana Ross, the Beach Boys, Olivia Newton John, Rod Stewart, the Doobie Brothers and many others. The unique thing about them is that they sing a cappella, using their own voices to provide accompaniment. It's amazing! They did a tribute to their mother, who died of cancer at the age of 52, which was quite touching.

Friday found us at IHOP for breakfast. Mr. Keith (Neil Diamond) Allyn made an appearance again, but we stayed clear of the Branson Mall. We did some sightseeing and returned to The Fish House at Branson Landing for lunch. The Fish House sets right on the lakefront. It is furnished with an eclectic mix of tables and chairs and decorated with very old fishing gear and equipment. A gas log was burning in the huge fireplace rather than wood, but it added to the cozy charm of the restaurant. I'm thinking it might be part of the Bass Pro holdings.

Bev and I made a few purchases at a couple of flea markets before the guys headed for the golf

course where they managed to get nine holes of golf in. It sounded like they spent most of their time walking up hill or down hill. (They played the Thousand Hills Golf Course and Ronnie swears he found 500 of them.) Bev and I hit one of the outlet malls and secured tickets to see Presleys' Country Jubilee in the evening. We had a good meal at Applebee's before arriving at the theater for a sing-along before the show. I assumed it would be a country music, but it was all gospel music with a very good pianist.

The Presleys (no relation to Elvis) were the original settlers on what has become "the live country music capital of the universe". They started out performing in caves to a packed crowd. In 1967, they opened the first theater on "the strip" on Highway 76. Branson now boasts over 40 theaters with 60,000 theater seats, over 70 live theater shows, over 200 lodging facilities with over 23,000 rooms, 5,000 camping spaces, 350 restaurants, three lakes, nine golf courses and over 200 retail outlets.

Four generations of Presleys were on stage entertaining with their country and gospel music and hilarious comedy routines. It was the opening night for the new season, and they even had each other laughing so hard they couldn't carry on. Herkimer and Cecil kept us in stitches even after we left the theater.

Enroute back to our temporary home, we came upon a sobriety checkpoint. We were still laughing so hard we were afraid they would think we had been partying too hardy. It took a great deal of effort to "sober up" while they checked Joe's driver's license.

Saturday we ate breakfast at Shoney's before heading back to our accommodations where we had agreed to listen to a sales pitch from Diamond Resorts International in return for a \$75 gift card. Even Uncle Ronnie had to listen to their spiel – they wanted him to upgrade his holdings. I have to tell you, that is the hardest I ever worked for \$75! It was supposed to take an hour and a half, but it was more like 2½ hours. And, it was not supposed to be a high pressure sales pitch, but Joe and I got handed off to three different salesmen before they finally gave us up as a lost cause. Larry and Bev already have a time share in Myrtle Beach, S.C., so they definitely weren't interested. In fact, if anyone out there is interested in purchasing a time share, contact Ron or Larry – you can probably get a really good deal!

After such a grueling morning, we headed to the Fall Creek Steak and Catfish House for lunch. It is billed as the "home of the tossed rolls", I assume its a take-off on the world famous Lambert Café and their "throwed rolls". It was okay and the rolls were good, but it didn't compare with the light, yeasty missiles at Lambert's.

The rain that was supposed to move through during the night made its appearance during the day so the guys gave up golfing for real and Ron, Larry and Bev opted for some indoor miniature golf. Bev and I also checked out another quilt shop and an antique mall. We rested for a while in the afternoon before heading out for the evening. We were planning to

eat at Red Lobster, but there was a 45-minute wait, so we pulled into an all-you-eat-buffet. Big mistake, you always overeat at those things! Red Lobster seems to be the choice of a lot of people. We tried to eat at one in Lafayette for our granddaughter's 16th birthday and it had a 45-minute wait, too.

Saturday's show was a group called Pierce Arrow, which was named "Best Overall Show – 2008" by the Branson Christian News. The group features the lowest bass singer in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records. As most shows, they offer country and gospel music with some good wholesome comedy thrown in. All the shows close with a tribute to God, veterans and the U.S.A., which just gives you a real lift.

We stopped for some ice cream after the show, finally. The idea of dessert or ice cream had been suggested for the two previous evenings, but Joe got that car headed toward our home away from home and that's where it went! We knew from the banners around town that the local college was hosting the Division II national basketball championship, but didn't realize until we stopped for our ice cream treat that there were four schools from Indiana involved – Bethel, Grace, Indiana Wesleyan and Indiana Southwest. Had we known, we could have found time Saturday to take in a game.

We were up early Sunday morning for the trip home. We decided to drive for an hour or so before stopping for breakfast. Larry called and reported that there was a Shoney's down the road and we agreed to stop there. But when we exited the interstate, he pulled into a Cracker Barrel! Finally! Travel was good and we made better time coming than we did going. You'll never believe this, but guess where Larry took us for lunch – another Cracker Barrel, this one in Terre Haute.

At Logansport, Larry and Bev headed off to Rochester to see their grandson, Carson, and the rest of his family, of course, and we came on to Kewanee. It was a good trip, good to get home, but also good to get away for awhile.

If you like country music, southern gospel and silly comedy, you'll enjoy a trip to Branson. This was the second time Joe and I have gone to Branson. Both trips have been off-season. Summer time is their peak season and I understand it really gets congested. Ronnie said he thought the small Ozark town gets two to three million visitors a year. One of the shows we attend mentioned five million visitors a year and the people trying to sell us a time-share reported nine million. No matter which one is correct, that's a lot of people!

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Angela Hunt, read by Carol Monda, on 9 cassettes and 10.25 hours in length; *A Promise to Believe In* written by Tracie Peterson, read by Barbara McCulloh, on 9 cassettes and 11 hours in length; and *Rebecca's Reward* written by Lauraine Snelling, read by Stina Nielsen, on 10 cassettes and 11.25 hours in length.

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Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction— *Freddie's Fast-Cash Getaway* (from the Bug Parables series) by Bill Myers.

Youth Nonfiction— *My Parents' Divorce, My Stepfamily, Our New Baby, Racism and When People Die* (from the How Can I Deal With...? Series) by Sally Hewitt; *Christmas Fun, Fun and Games, Mean Machines and School Times* (from the Spot-It

Challenge series) by Jennifer L. Marks; and *The Water Factory* by John R. Sheaffer, Ph.D.

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LOCALS

Janel Norris, and her brother, David Norris, spent last Sunday afternoon visiting their sister, Ruth Cogdill, who is recovering from spine surgery. Ruth is being attentively looked after by her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter, at their home in Bluffton. Ruth is recovering very nicely. After weeks of misdiagnosis and wrong treatments, she is greatly relieved to finally find some answer to her severe and chronic pain. The cause has turned out to be bone spurs on her neck vertebra pressing on nerves. Now that they have been removed, she feels like her old self again. After she recuperates from this surgery, she still faces surgery on her lower back, but she's actually looking forward to having that also taken care of so she can be back home, tending her flowers once again. Also dropping by the Teeters' that afternoon were Ruth's great-grandchildren, Sophia and Sampson Shaw with their father,

Chad Shaw. Although still in pre-school, Sofia can already read and write, and great-granduncle David helped her plot her family tree, which can be traced back eight generations to her Kewanna ancestors, John and Elizabeth Dice Weary. Jim Teeter surprised the visitors with a delicious Japanese specialty called Yaki-Soba, which is buckwheat noodles with sauteed vegetables. Dessert was fresh home-made berries dressed with home-made creme fraiche. A delightful end to a very pleasant day.

Jackie Heidenreich had a visitor Tuesday, March 17. Stopping by for a St. Patrick's Day visit was Roger Vogel.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Larry Bucks, Tina Pesaresi and Bryan Thomas, March 22; Catilin Behny, Rob Kumler, Ron Lett, and Jackson Murphy, March 23; Louis Bangel, Dr. Jeff Bitterling, Jim James, Michael LaFollette, Spencer Markley and Ryan Troutman, March 24; Steve Hinderlider, Bob Plummer and Taylor Williams, March 25; Cress Hizer, Gabrielle Lewis, Jeff MacLain and Kevin Whiteman, March 26; Gary Brazier, Vickie Dugan and Candice Cogdill, March 27; and Kandi Evers, Denise Gilbert, Dale Green and Ethan Shroder, March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Boyer will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 25 and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ulerick will be celebrating theirs March 28.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FIVE YEAR PLAN REVISION OF THE FULTON COUNTY PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Fulton County Park & Recreation Department of Fulton County, Indiana will hold a Public Hearing at the Fulton County Office Building in the Commissioners/Council Room, 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana on March 30, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. D.S.T. on the Revision of the Five Year Plan of the Fulton County Park & Recreation Department.

A copy of this plan, and all pertaining thereto are on file and available for examination prior to the Public Hearing at the Fulton County Auditor's Office at 125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana; Fulton County Public Library at 320 West 7th Street, Rochester, Indiana; Akron Public Library, 205 East Rochester Street, Akron, Indiana; and Kewanna Union Township Library, 210 East Main Street, Kewanna, Indiana. Written comments in support of or in opposition of the plan may be filed with or mailed to the Fulton County Park & Recreation Department (125 East 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana) prior to the Public Hearing, or filed with the Auditor's Office.

Said Public Hearing will be open to the public and any comments for or against the plan will be heard at this meeting.

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend phone (574) 223-3492 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

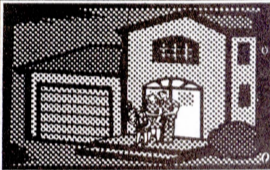
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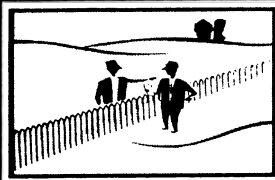
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CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Among those helping Kay Brown celebrate her birthday March 1 in the home of her daughter, Sue McKinney, were her grandsons and their families, Steve Fox and Griffin and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Monday, March 9. Stopping by for a chat was their granddaughter, Cindy Wiese. She brought along pictures that were taken while her family was on a trip to Hawaii in February.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Carmel Monday. Barb underwent knee surgery at St. Vincent's hospital. Before leaving the hospital, they were met by Carri Sinnis, Logan and Lawson. Carri and the boys had prepared several meals' worth of food for the LaFollettes so Barb could concentrate on recovering instead of cooking.

Jerry Brown was in Rochester Monday evening. He had a fun time watching his granddaughter, Kaelee Smith, play in a 7th grade girl's basketball game.

Jackie Heidenreich enjoyed spending an afternoon with her son, Roger Vogel of Rochester, one day last week. They went out

to eat and drove around for awhile.

Carol Broda and Barb LaFollette spent some time in Rochester Thursday, March 12. They did some shopping and enjoyed a visit over lunch.

Kay and Jerry Brown had company Thursday. Joining them for a visit in the afternoon were Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac, and Kay's sisters, Carol Fernandez of Kennesaw, Georgia and Karen Kruger of Brownsburg. Carol and Karen had just returned from a trip to Veracruz, Mexico and had pictures to show Kay and Jerry.

Helen Whiteman accompanied her daughter, Sherri Lett, to Winamac Friday, March 13. They had an exciting time attending the 8th grade girls' basketball game. Whitney Hook, Sherri's granddaughter, played in the game.

Mathilda Lamb and her son, Wayne Lamb of Peru, enjoyed dining out Friday evening. They had a delightful time celebrating Wayne's birthday with dinner at the Silver Lake restaurant.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Friday. Arriving for an overnight visit and bringing along

carry-outs from the Los Campadres restaurant were their granddaughter and her family, Shelby, Duva and Eli of Rochester.

Jerry and Kay Brown and Mary K. Williamson traveled to Rochester Friday evening. They had an exciting time watching Kaelee Smith play in two games during the 7th grade girls' basketball tourney.

Ethan Sutton of Goshen was the guest of honor at a large gathering Saturday, March 14. The occasion was in celebration of his 4th birthday and hosted by his parents, Kara and Doug Sutton. Many of Ethan's friends and family enjoyed the swim party at the Wellness Center in Rochester.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Saturday. Coming up to take care of some yard work were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. After the outside work was finished, the trio enjoyed dinner and watching the Purdue University basketball game.

Mildred McColley had company Saturday. Stopping in for a visit were her son and grandson, Steve McColley of Muncie and Matt McColley of Indiana State University.

Tom and Linda Garner hosted a family gathering Saturday. Their guests for an afternoon of visiting and celebrating were their children and their families Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile; Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie of Valparaiso; and T.J. and Ashley Garner. Everyone had a wonderful time helping Mackenzie and T.J. celebrate their birthdays.

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Saturday. Joining her for a nice visit was her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart.

Helen Miller had a houseguest over the weekend. Arriving Saturday for a four-day visit was her daughter, Judy Scott of Frankfort.

The ladies of the Kewanna Church of Christ enjoyed a "meal and a movie" Saturday afternoon. They watched "Steel Magnolias" and had held a discussion about the movie afterward. Jill Meneeley served as hostess for the event. Their next "meal and a movie" will feature the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan was a recent houseguest of her parents, Earl and Mary Bangel.

Patricia Koons of Logansport was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Sunday afternoon. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday. Joining her for dinner at the Bob Evans restaurant were her sisters, Josephine Illingworth of Fowler and Mathilda Lamb, and her nephew, Wayne Lamb. After the meal, they returned to Patricia's for an afternoon of family catching-up which included

numerous visits from Patricia's children and their families.

Wilma Wilson enjoyed spending Sunday, March 15, with her daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center and Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne. The family attended church together and then had a delightful visit during dinner.

Jon and Barb Gast were among those who enjoyed the carry-in dinner and music program at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. The music was provided by Pastor Steve McPeek's sisters.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had a caller Sunday. Stopping by for a visit and joining them for dinner was their son, Robert Evers.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had guests Sunday. Arriving in the afternoon for a visit and bringing along Chinese food were their daughter and grandson, Karina Bohac and Nicholas of Rochester.

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