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## KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met April 2 at the town hall with the council president, Jeff Finke, presiding. Others present were council members, Mark Smith and Dan Birge; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; town marshal, Dennis Price; deputy marshal, Jon Sailors, Jr.; Larry Baldwin, Kyle Bowyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller.

Larry Baldwin gave the March fire department report noting six town alarms, three fire and three medical, and 13 township alarms, 11 fire and two medical. He also reported that a supervisory board has been formed for the workout room being established in the town garage building. This board includes Kyle Bowyer of the fire department; Mark Smith of the town council; and Jon Sailors of the police department. Kyle Bowyer requested permission to install a keypad lock on the door to the workout room to eliminate the cost and uncertainty of providing keys to all departmental members who will be using the room. The council okayed the request and suggested there be a sign-in sheet for those using the room. A note was received from Tony Pesaresi informing the council that another blood drive will take place at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department on May 19. Pesaresi has also been working on the licensing for the FCC radios at the town hall. There is a cost of \$650 to update as well as an additional cost for a new radio that is narrow-band capable.

Marshal Dennis Price gave his March report which revealed five traffic warnings, eight criminal arrests, 39 calls answered and 1,409 miles patrolled. Price also submitted price quotes for new tires for the department's Trailblazer along with specs for a new police vehicle. The council okayed the purchase of tires and will begin looking for a new vehicle around August.

The council set May 30 as town-wide clean up day. Marshal Price will begin writing up residents for trash ordinance violations when the weather breaks, allowing them the opportunity to get their properties cleaned up and dispose of trash on clean up day.

The issue of loose dogs was addressed. The police department will actively enforce the town's ordinances pertaining to dogs. The ordinances state that it is unlawful for any dog owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of his or her dog or dogs so as to prevent the following actions by it or them:

- (A) molesting of passers-by;
- (B) chasing of passing vehicles;
- (C) attacking other domestic animals;
- (D) trespassing upon private property or school property;

(E) damaging private or public property;

(F) habitual barking or loud and continued noise; or

(G) unnecessary foul or noxious odors which offend people in the neighborhood

It is also unlawful to permit any dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the town. Any dog running at large within the town shall be impounded.

Bill Miller requested the trimming or removal of a town tree in front of his residence. The town superintendent is aware of the tree as well as one to the east of it. The town will get a quote on trimming or removing the trees and make its decision at the May meeting.

An anonymous letter concerning the use of barrels for burning was discussed. The council determined it will not ban barrel burning, but will continue to enforce Ordinance No. 061906.

Town superintendent, Mike Molitor, and council member, Jeff Finke, along with the town's grant writer, Bob Murphy, engineer, Mike Strang, and contractor, Mark Hall, were scheduled to attend a meeting in Indianapolis today (Thursday) to discuss a time extension request on the sewage construction project with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Claims against the town, water and sewage works were okayed for payment.

The superintendent's monthly report noted that he had shown the town's sewage treatment plant, including the work in progress, to mayors from Marion and Portland, and sewage treatment employees from Rochester. Jack Sheaffer of Sheaffer, Inc., and Stu Rhoades were also present. The group appeared to be impressed with the town's facility and Mr. Rhoades plans to bring more interested parties to tour the facility.

Molitor noted that five inches of rain fell in the area over a three-day period. Catch basins were cleaned to help the water get away. Sewer lines were also checked to see if signs of infiltration could be found. Rex Urbin was called in as only one pump was running at the No. 2 lift station. He found some burned wires in the control panel. One of the pumps at the No. 1 lift station became air-locked and a return hose started to leak. Town employees were able to make the repairs, but Urbin was called back to the No. 2 station to make some repairs on the lights and fan controls.

The state wastewater inspector was here in March. He found no violations but asked that Don Bixby, who does testing at the treatment plant for the town, make some changes in his paperwork. He also wanted to talk to Bixby about his sampling procedures. Bixby and the inspector have since conferred and everything is okay. The

### Bake sale Saturday

Fulton County Relay for Life will hold a bake sale Saturday, April 11, at the Community State Bank, Kewanna. The bake sale will start at 8:30 a.m.

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### Holy Week services

Everyone is invited to make Holy Week services at the local Methodist Churches part of their Easter celebration.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 p.m. April 9 at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. The Kewanna United Methodist Church will hold Good Friday services at 7 p.m. April 10. Easter sunrise services will be held at 7 a.m. April 12 at the Pleasant Hill Church, followed with a carry-in breakfast.

Regular Sunday morning worship services will be conducted at the Pleasant Hill Church at 9 a.m. Easter Sunday and at 10:30 a.m. at the Kewanna church.

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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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inspector questioned the hourly irrigation application rate and requested that the superintendent determine the type of soil being irrigated and convert the gallons applied to inches of wastewater. The result was that the treatment plant is within 1/10 of an inch of the limit, which is acceptable. The inspector is checking to see if the town should be doing some more testing.

Repairs were made to a 15" tile at East and Brunk Streets that was plugged with tree roots. A sinkhole at Main and East Street developed and was repaired.

Local residents have been doing a lot a spring clean up and tree trimming so an extra effort has been made at the dump site to keep the debris pushed into a pile for future burning.

Two residents made repairs to their sewer lines to fix problems found during the latest smoke testing. Pictures of the repairs were taken and put on file.

The sump pump line at the town hall broke and necessary repairs made.

The snowplows and sander have been stored for the season.

The town pumped a total of 1,143,800 gallons of water during March.

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### Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery Clean-Up Scheduled for April 15th

Spring clean-up at the Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery has been set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15th. Everyone is urged to help with this community project to get ready for the mowing season.

Persons who have grave decorations they would like to save are asked to remove them before the clean-up as all the old, faded decorations will be removed. The cemetery association reminds everyone that new decorations should be placed on the stone or foundation, not in the ground, to make for easier mowing.

The association's annual meeting will be held immediately following the clean-up.

### The News In Brief

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday.

State Road 14 between State Road 25 and State Road 19 in Fulton County will be restricted to one 12-foot lane as directed by flag persons during daylight hours now through July. The restriction will allow crews to perform resurface construction.

Hope Hospice will conduct volunteer training classes Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5 through 21, at the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester. Classes will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 574-224-4673 to register.

Israel's Defense Ministry reports that Israel has successfully tested an anti-missile system designed to protect the country against Iranian attack. Israel has identified Iran as its biggest threat, citing the country's nuclear program and its development of long-range ballistic missiles.

President Obama made a surprise visit to troops in Baghdad Tuesday telling them it is time to phase out America's combat role in Iraq. He told troops and Iraqi officials that they "need to take responsibility for their own country".

Bev Barnett was honored at a retirement party last Tuesday, March 31. The Kewanna resident spent 28 years dispatching law enforcement officers in Fulton County.

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators believe it is time for Congress to end restrictions preventing Americans from visiting Cuba. The lawmakers also made clear that their proposal to allow travel should be a first step in breaking down economic and trade barriers between the two countries.

A 60,000 square-foot Veterans Administration medical center will be built in South Bend, replacing the current 7,100-square-foot facility that treats

veterans, according to Rep. Joe Donnelly. Construction on the new medical center is expected to begin in 2012.

The recession and \$4 a gallon gasoline are being cited as reasons for the decrease in the number of traffic accidents in the U.S. The highway death toll fell to its lowest level in 47 years during 2008.

State tax collections for March in Indiana were \$157 million less than expected when legislators wrote the current budget, putting total revenues \$755 million behind for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

Christa Sommers of Kewanna has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet products.

The Town of Kewanna is looking for a part-time summer worker. Interested parties should call the town clerk at 653-2112.



### Open house to honor Larry Kimble

Larry Kimble, Kewanna, will be honored at an open house Sunday, April 19, in recognition of over 40 years of service to the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department. The event will be held in the fire station community room, 404 N. Toner St., Kewanna, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Larry recently announced his retirement from the department.

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**Methodist women meet**

The Kewanna United Methodist Women met Monday evening, April 6, at the home of Karen Good for its first meeting of the year, after a winter recess.

The meeting was opened with the repeating of The Purpose. Barb Steigely, president, presided over the meeting which included the secretary/treasurer's report by Beth Weller.

Plans were made for a breakfast to be served to district pastors when they meet later this month at the Kewanna church. Discussion was also held on preparing and delivering cookie/fruit baskets to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Karen Good gave devotions from I Timothy. Refreshments were served to nine members with Helen Miller receiving the door prize.

The next meeting will be May 4 at the home of Beth Weller.

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**MAHSEH CENTER PRESENTS**

**C.S. LEWIS SEMINAR**  
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, Kewanna, 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](http://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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**Grass Creek/North Caston alumni banquet, April 25**

The annual Grass Creek High School and North Caston alumni and friends banquet will be held Saturday, April 25, at the Caston Educational Center. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner seating will start at 5:45 p.m. The cost of the festivities is \$15 per person. Group pictures of the special classes will be taken at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations should be sent by April 18 to Ann Becker, 5732 West 950 South, Kewanna, IN 46939. If unable to make reservations by that date, please call 574-889-2200 by April 23.

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**Trail of Death newsletter**

The latest issue of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association newsletter is out. It contains 30 pages and sells for \$5 at the Fulton County Museum. To join the association and receive a

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copy of the newsletter in the mail, send \$20 per individual or \$30 per family or organization to: Potawatomi Trail of Death Association, Fulton County Historical Society, 37 East 375 North, Rochester, IN 46975. The newsletter can also be viewed at [www.potawatomi-tda.org](http://www.potawatomi-tda.org).

Articles include: Willard teaches classes and programs about Trail of Death; HowNiKan reports; Citizen Potawatomi Nation grant; Trail of Courage honors Abram Burnett descendants - Lockes; Potawatomi Trail of Death highway signs go up across Indiana; Trail of Death caravan travels from Indiana to Kansas; and Alone - book about frontier Indiana. It also includes obituaries for Bill Paxson, Jim Pearl, Thelma Tuggle and Harvey Jackson because they were involved with the Trail of Death caravan or the Trail of Courage.

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**Special Olympics sponsoring basket bingo**

Fulton County Special Olympics is sponsoring a Longaberger basket bingo Tuesday, April 14, at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rochester. The doors open at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained for a donation of \$20 for 20 games of bingo. They can be purchased from Ann Bauman, 574-223-7621; Manitou Center, 574-223-

6963; Janet Severns, 574-223-4158; John Mollencupp, 574-653-2664; Diana Clemons, 574-223-2611; Carol Housouer, 574-223-2346; Claudia Hartzler, 574-893-4044; or Barb Garringer, 574-223-7888. This fund raiser will help pay expenses to the summer games in Terre Haute.

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**Going away event planned for Spc. Kimble**

A going away party will be held Saturday, April 18, for Spc. Dustan Kimble who will be deployed to Afghanistan. The event will start at 12 noon at the home of his sister, Tasha, 212 N. East St., Kewanna. Veterans and those currently in the military are welcome to attend in uniform. Those attending should RSVP to Tasha at 574-225-1954 or Crystal at 574-835-6679.

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**JAMES F. TALBOTT VFW POST NO. 1121 APRIL CALENDAR**

- April 5 - Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station for infants through 11 years of age
- April 7 - Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 15 - Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 26 - Open Sunday at 12 noon; euchre at 1 p.m.
- April 28 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

The VFW is collecting clothing for the Veterans Home at Lafayette. They are in need of shirts size 2X to 6X and pants, size 44 and up.

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**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
 March 27  
 Births – Robert and Gina McMillen, Argos, a son  
 March 30  
 Admissions – Jerry Ringle, Rochester  
 Dismissals – Mallory Thomas, Peggy Migonis and daughter and Mary Clark, Rochester; Clea Walker and Gina McMillen and son, Argos  
 March 31  
 Admissions – Matthew Gast, Akron; Jill Bush, Winamac  
 Dismissals – none published  
 Births – Robert and Amber Davis, Rochester, a son  
 April 1  
 Admissions – Sue Miller, Rochester  
 Dismissals – none published  
 April 2  
 Admissions – Joyce Robinson, Argos  
 Dismissals – Amber Davis and son, Rochester  
 Births – Sabrina Wenglarz, Kewanna, a son  
 April 3  
 Admissions – none published  
 Dismissals – Jill Bush, Winamac; Jerry Ringle, Rochester; Joyce Robinson, Argos

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**DEATHS .....**



**LOIS E. SHIDAKER**

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Lois E. Shidaker, 94, Rochester. The former Kewanna resident died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Pastor Scott Meneely officiated and burial was in the Moon Cemetery, Kewanna.

Born July 21, 1914, in Wabash County, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Ova (Jones) Lambert. She was married December 26, 1937, to Lester H. Shidaker, who preceded in death on October 15, 2008.

A 1932 graduate of Linlawn High School in Wabash, Lois was the former bookkeeper for the couple's business in Kewanna, Shidakers DX/Sunoco Service Station for 42 years. She was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ where she was a Sunday school teacher for many, many years and also played the organ. She was a former Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Kewanna, and enjoyed quilting.

Survivors include three daughters, Janice Bleeke and her

husband, David, Fort Wayne, Linda Worl and her husband, Bill, Hometown, and Trudy Cilek and her husband, Dewayne, Crown Point; one sister, Sarah Baxter, North Manchester; one sister-in-law, Gladys Leap, Culver; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Delia Greer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Church of Christ, P.O. Box 337, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

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**Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar**

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, April 25, 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.

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**Memorial service/ butterfly release**

Pulaski Memorial Hospice holds a service every year to honor the patients who have been in their program the past year. This year, the services will be held during the annual Kiwanis Spring Fest on Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. on the west side of the Pulaski County Courthouse lawn in Winamac.

The service will consist of a prayer, poem or reading, and a vocal or instrumental song. During the song, Monarch butterflies will be released in memory of the hospice patients. The family members of the hospice patients are invited to attend as well as members of the community.

Anyone wishing to help contribute to the cost of the

butterflies for the service may contact Karen Utes at the Pulaski Memorial Hospice office, 574-946-2140. You may also mail a donation directly to Pulaski Memorial Hospice, ATTN: Butterfly Release, P.O. Box 279, Winamac, IN 46996.

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**Race for Rick, May 9**

Mike Haschel and Jason Hague have organized a 5K race to be held in Winamac Saturday, May 9, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Spring Fest. The race will commemorate the life of Rick Haschel, a well known enthusiastic runner. Rick could often be seen running the streets of Winamac and he passed his love of long-distance running on to his son, Mike. Rick lost his life to cancer in May of 2002.

The registration fee for the race is \$15. A registration form can be downloaded from [www.rhm5k.com](http://www.rhm5k.com). Forms are also available from Mike Haschel, 574-270-0427; Jason Hague, 574-242-2237; or Pulaski Memorial Hospice, 574-946-2140. Pre-registration must be postmarked by April 15. Race day registration will be available but t-shirts may be limited.

The proceeds from the race will benefit the Pulaski Memorial Hospice program. Hospice provides care for terminally ill patients not only in Pulaski County but also in the surrounding six counties. Hospice care is designed to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of patients and their families.

If you are interested in being a sponsor or volunteering to help with the event, please contact Mike or Jason. Tax deductible donations are also being accepted.

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**To Reserve the Fire Department Community Room - Call Bev Baldwin at (574) 653-2622 Evenings +++++**

**AREA FIVE MENU**

**Kewanna Fire Station**  
 Monday, April 13 – Barbecue pork sandwich, sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple and milk  
 Wednesday, April 15 – Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, wheat bread and milk  
 Friday, April 17 – Cheeseburger, cauliflower & broccoli, potato salad, melon and milk

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**Fulton County Historical Society 2009 Events**

March 7 and 8 – Living History Faire at FCHS museum  
 April 25 and 26 – 19<sup>th</sup> annual Redbud Trail Rendezvous on the FCHS grounds  
 June 11-13 – 39<sup>th</sup> annual Round Barn Festival in downtown Rochester  
 June 19-21 – Fulton County Historical Power Show on the FCHS grounds  
 Sept. 19 and 20 – 34<sup>th</sup> annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival on the FCHS grounds  
 Oct. 16-17 and 23-24 – 4<sup>th</sup> annual Haunted Woods Trail on the FCHS grounds

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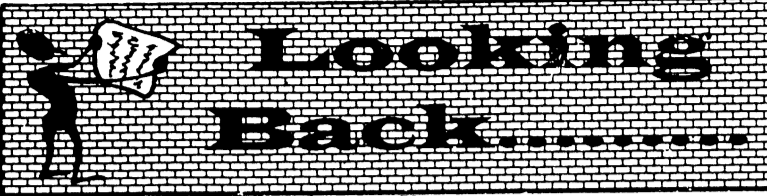
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul McFarland of Akron are the parents of a baby boy, Michael Paul, born Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital. Mrs. McFarland is the former Virginia Enyart of Kewanua.

The Kewanua Saddle Club met Friday evening, April 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Barker. Thirty-three members attended. Plans were discussed for the club horse show to be held in June. A committee of Carl Warmbrod, Ralph Kreamer and Emmitt Frasa was appointed to plan the show.

Phillip J. Kingery, one of Kewanua's oldest residents, celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday at a family dinner hosted by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of Rochester.

The WSCS group, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Nutt, met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Emma Felder. Seventeen members and four guests, Mrs. Alice Rans, Mrs. Beth Hunter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hott and Mrs. Jesse Dubois, were present. Rose Rainsberger gave devotions.

T. Matsumoto, dean of a girls' school in Hiroshima, Japan, at the time of the dropping of the atomic bomb, gave an interesting talk recently at the WSCS conference in Rochester. Forty churches were represented at the conference. Attending from here were Mrs. Harold Hyatt, Mrs. Harlan McKinsey, Mrs. Roy Nutt, Mrs. Rose Rainsberger,

Mrs. Richard Fisher, Mrs. W. H. Jennings and Mrs. W. C. Evers.

The Business Girls Club met April 12 at the home of Ielda Crabb for its regular meeting. Ten members and three guests, Helen Woolington, Mary Brown and Violet Smith, were present. Mrs. Smith, a former member, rejoined the group.

### FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 9, 1954

Alice Crist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Crist, Rt. 2, Kewanua, has accepted a position as laboratory and x-ray technician at the Belding City Hospital in Belding, Michigan. Miss Crist graduated from Elkhart University March 25.

Pvt. David E. Holiday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holiday of Rt. 2, Kewanua, has completed the eight-week wiring and maintenance school at Fort Riley, Kansas. He flew to Ft. Lewis, Washington, last week where he is to leave for the Far East. He finished basic training January 16 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Truitt, a daughter on March 25 at Aiken, South Carolina. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and has been named Barbara Jane. Mrs. Truitt is the former Dorothy Ley.

Major and Mrs. Dallas O. Dawson of Washington D.C. are the parents of a son, Michael Lee, born March 24 in Walter Reed Hospital. Mrs. Dawson is the former Mary Elizabeth Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ware.

The Kewanua Church of Christ presented its attendance awards Sunday morning. Bessie Engle topped the list, having perfect attendance for nine years. Her

brother, Ed Mollencupp, was honored for having seven years perfect attendance. Others receiving pins were Clem Good and Vivian Montz, three year pins; Betty Graffis, two year pin; and Marvin Good, Mildred Good, Sherri Evans, Pat Evans and Trudy Troutman, one year pins.

The Fold-A-Whirlers of Purdue sponsored a dance Saturday, April 3, in the south hall of the Union Building on the Purdue campus. Members of the Fulton County Rural Youth attending the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomas, Carlene Thompson, Ruth Benjamin, Frieda Kampen, Dorothy Douglass, George Burton, Jackie Johnson and Roger Field.

Robert W. Agnew, Indianapolis, a government employee for the past 13 years, died Saturday, April 3, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after a short illness. He was 65 years old. Funeral services were held April 5 at the First Methodist Church in Winamac and burial was in the Winamac Cemetery. Survivors include a son, John M. Agnew, Kewanua.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO April 9, 1959

Bus bids for the local school were opened recently and awarded to Dick Mills, Lester Shidaker, Raymond Hinderlider, Henry Montz and George Starr. Mills replaces Lincoln Burton who has driven a bus for the past 15 years.

Danny Hauser of Fulton received the Hoosier Farmer Degree at Purdue Friday, April 3. He was one of 12 boys who received the degree and was first in his district.

The Kewanua fire department was called to the Chester Smith farm Sunday to put out a grass fire. No damage was reported. The department was called to the Arlie Russell farm Monday to put out a grass fire and again no damage was done.

Beth Ann Reason, daughter of Mrs. Beth Reason of Kewanua, broke both the bones in her right arm at a skating party in Rochester Monday night. She was treated at Woodlawn Hospital and returned home Thursday.

Robert Lee Rans, five-year-old

son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rans, Rt. 1, Kewanua, was in St. Joseph Hospital Tuesday where he was treated for a cut over his right eye after his four-year-old brother accidentally hit him with a pitchfork.

### FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 9, 1964

Maurice Edward Talbott, 61, of Rochester, collapsed and died at 4:20 p.m. Saturday on the sidewalk in front of the Cook Brothers Furniture Store. He was a brother to Albert and Simon Talbott of Kewanua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bennett, Kewanua, a daughter in Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

The Caston School District has named Charles E. (Casey) Jones of Logansport to the newly formed duties of athletic director for Caston High School. Jones has been baseball and junior high basketball coach at South Caston.

Mrs. Bessie Reed, 72, Rt. 2, Kewanua, died Monday morning at Woodlawn Hospital where she had been a patient the past five weeks. Surviving are a son, Don, Rt. 2, Kewanua; and three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Dice and Mrs. Ruby Wildermuth, Fulton, and Mrs. Betty Kerby, Frankfort.

Two Fulton County Purdue students, Bob Burton and Don McCrosky, are included in the 1964 class of pre-veterinary students accepted to continue toward graduation at Purdue University School of Veterinary Science and Medicine. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burton, Rt. 1, Kewanua. McCrosky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCroskey, Rt. 6, Rochester.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO April 5, 1979

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanua, for Mrs. Judith L. Sadler, 37, Rt. 2, Kewanua. Rev. William Utley officiated and burial was in the Grass Creek Cemetery. Mrs. Sadler died Thursday at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Warren Tatter of Rochester was the winner of the Grass Creek Lions Club annual "car sink" contest. The car which the Lions placed on the ice at Fletchers Lake sank at 5:10 p.m. March 19. Tatter's winning guess was 5:30

p.m. March 19. The prize of \$100 was presented to Tatter at Monday's meeting by Lion Joe Dague, who sold the ticket to Tatter. Officers were also elected at Monday's meeting. They include Ed Rentschler, president; Mike Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; David Sommers, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; James Dague, 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president; George Hendrickson, secretary; Ivan Dague, Lion tamer; Ted Van Meter, treasurer; and Bob Fiedner, tail twister. Estel Champ, John Herrold, Vincent Berwanger and John Price were named to the board of directors.

The Purdue University Department of Bands has announced that Kerry Newman, Rt. 1, Kewanua, has been accepted for membership in the Purdue University band. Kerry plays baritone in the Rochester High School band and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman, Kewanua.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler attended a concert Sunday at Winamac given by the Ball State University Symphony Orchestra. Their grandson, Jeffrey Hoover, is a member of the group.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO April 6, 1989

Deanna Rene Showley, Rt. 1, Kewanua, has been named to the Dean's List at Indiana University, Bloomington, for the first semester.

Grissom Air Force Base plans to conduct extensive war game exercises beginning April 8. This is the first exercise of its kind in seven years. The war games will include dawn-to-dusk flights by fighter plans of the 930<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group. Simulated airfield attacks, which will take place April 12-14, will include low altitude flights, smoke grenades and blanks being fired.

Mildred McColley, Lois Kumler and Ray and Beth Weller of here and Sara Lincoln of South Bend enjoyed Easter dinner with Art and Ruth Ann Anderson.

Rich and Tami Powell, Traci, Trent and Trisha, have returned home from a week's vacation in Tampa, Florida.

### TEN YEARS AGO April 1, 1999

Former Kewanua resident Joan Smith is now residing at a health care facility in Sheridan.

Maurice Siders of The Bloomin' Corner in Rochester has successfully completed the requirements to become an Indiana Accredited Plantsman as recognized by the Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association.

Services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanua, for Mary A. Allman, 51, Winamac. Pastor Bob Dixon officiated and burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Allman was the house manager for Pulaski County Developmental Services. Survivors include her husband, Eric, four daughters and three sons.

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## Kindergarten roundup at Caston

Caston Elementary School will host its annual kindergarten roundup Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Caston Elementary library. Parents may come in at 6:30 p.m. for pre-registration.

Parents of children who will enter kindergarten next school year are encouraged to attend this informational meeting. Children must be five (5) years of age by August 1, 2009 to be eligible to attend kindergarten. Parents who have children meeting the age requirement will have the opportunity to register their child in next year's kindergarten program while at the meeting. Parents must bring a legal birth certificate to verify the age of the child. Children need not attend with the parents, as there will be no screening or programs for the children that evening.

Parents are asked to bring the following three items to the meeting: their child's legal birth certificate; Social Security card; and immunization record. Immunization records will be reviewed by the school nurse that evening and parents will be informed if there is a need for any additional immunizations that the children must have prior to entering school next year.

For more information, contact Cindy Douglass, principal, at 574-857-3025 or [douglasc@caston.k12.in.us](mailto:douglasc@caston.k12.in.us).

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## Caston honor roll

Caston Elementary School has announced the names of its honor roll students for the third nine-week grading period.

Students named to the all "A" honor roll include:

Second grade – Brianna Calfee, Noah Colvin, Damon Malott, Isabel Newcom, Makinzie Nies, McKenzie Paschen, Destiny Ray, Brock Buczkowski, Ally Wiese, Peyton Crissinger and Noah Hinkle

Third grade – Abby Rimpler, Erin Frye, Ryonn Doan, Hanna Hoover, Jayda Shafer, Miranda Thornton and Jacob Taylor

Fourth grade – Brant Buczkowski

Fifth grade – Michael Smith, Madison Martin, Samuel Rhymer and Emily Strain

Sixth grade – none

Students earning "A/B" honor roll status include:

Second grade – Alysa Goff, Kateryna Heiny, Garrett Hook, Hannah Siders, Mark Smith, Haven Vorhees, Levi Lowe, Kenzi McClory, Sydney Moon, Ron Gendron, Chris Smith, Hailey Hurtt, Cydnie Smith, Lexi McClory, Ashlee Hamman, Taylor Czchilski, Tray Mikesell, Brianna Lee, Zack Ruby, Mitchell Rans and Elizabeth Bailey

Third grade – Tayt Cowell, Caleigh Frye, Hannah Holt, Nicole Houk, Kady Loper, Samuel Mittica, Kendra Pugh, Noah Rushinsky, Brianna Young, Jordyn Campbell, MaKayla Banta, Brandi McCroskey, Kennedy Ault, Holley Hoff, Elizabeth Sutton, Kyler Gick, Kasey Ault, Arieon Burns, Zack Conrad, Jalyn Louthain, Maegan Pendley, Bailey Shultz, Jaden Zeider, Sidney Berry, Evelyn Byrum, Kyle Hedrick, Payton Hedrick, Taylor Teel and Jordan Schmid

Fourth grade – Adrianna Dague, Ellei Kay, Megan Evans, Kaylah Gearhart, Trenton Howard, Emily Rose, Eli Douglass, Alyssa Hubenthal, Matthew Rans, Carson Gates, Isaiah Conrad, Matthew Holliman, Taryn Seng, Marcus Slothour and Jon Sailors.

Fifth grade – Joe Cattin, Alyssa Fagner, Luke Sutton, Trey Young, Dakota Andrade, Ethan Coldiron, Emilee Thomson, Garrett Brouette, Jaycee Denton, Jacob Kistler, Kylie Pugh, Terry Scott, Santiago Henderson, Mariah Jones, Max Loper, Tori Rentschler, Miramax Turnpaugh, Tyler Kies, Nate Callendar, Mariah Lachance, Jonny Miller, Kyler Spencer, Shyann Teel, Parker Thompson and Preston Walker

Sixth grade – Natasha Calisto, Sarah Holt, Jacob Kingery, Madeline Moeller, Sheyenne Scheffer, Haley Small, Andrew Smith, Hayley Anders, Kennedy Crissinger, Alex Howdeshell, Jenna Showley, Madison Taylor, Erin Connolly, Derek Klimes, Brayton MacLain, Cheyenne Meyer, Dustin Offenberger, Jacqueline Rans, Tucker Shriver, Bryana Slisher, Kylee Sutton, Brandon Garver, Trey Doan, Shawn Brown, Braden Moss, Karly DeWitt, Dalton Daily, Bailey Schmid and Winston Weller.

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## CASTON MENU

April 13 – 17

### Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; or toaster pastry

### Lunch

Monday – Ham patty sandwich, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookies and milk. Comet Café – pasta combo and garlic bread

Tuesday – Taco salad, corn, applesauce, triple chocolate cookie and milk. Comet Café – cheese-stuffed breadsticks

Wednesday – Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, pears and milk. Comet Café – corn dogs and fries

Thursday – Hot dog sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, peaches and milk. Comet Café – pork barbecue sandwich and mini cubes

Friday – Pizza, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie and milk. Comet Café – soft pretzel with cheese and cook's choice

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## Caston honors winter sports athletes

Junior high and high school winter sports athletes were recognized during an awards banquet held Thursday, April 2, in the Caston cafeteria.

Cheerleaders recognized include:

Junior High – Anna Brown, Cheyenne Fagan, Haley Hoover, Marli Leazenby, Morgan Clupper, Katie Henry, Abby Kemper and Tierney Rentschler

Freshman – Alishia Davis, Amelia Hawkey, Holly Kingery, Jessica Showley, Emily Douglass (mental attitude award), Lily Henderson, Brittney Offenberger and Morgan Wood

JV/Varsity – Hanna Black, Courtney Herd, Shelby Loeffler,

Chelsea Troyer, Chelsey Dague, Dana Miller, Courtney Woodcox, Candace Gardner, Breanne Huffstatler, Meghan Schroder (mental attitude award), Kayley Woods, Sierra Frye and Jada Powlen

Athletes honored include:

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball – Haley Hoover (highest free throw percentage), Hayley Johnson, Tierney Rentschler (defensive award), Katie Henry, Mickayla Rans (most improved and most rebounds), Anna Brown, Andrea Mangelsdorf (mental attitude award) and Morgan Clupper

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball – Marissa Hicks (most improved), Brittany Geller, Samantha Swanson (mental attitude award), Jordan Moss (highest free throw percentage and defensive awards) and Amanda Watson

JV girls basketball – Hali Berry, Emily Douglass (highest free throw percentage), Morgan Herrold (mental attitude award), Beth Mettler, Maggie Daily (defensive award), Cathryn Frank, Henriette Holton and Whitney Thomas (most improved)

Varsity girls basketball – Shelby Loeffler (most steals, most rebounds, highest field goal percentage, most assists, highest free throw percentage, MVP, all conference, Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week and Loganland athlete of the week), Haley Markley, Jada Powlen (Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week), Jessica Showley (most improved), Lauren Tam, Brittney Baldwin, Brittney Offenberger, Emily See (highest three-point percentage, defensive award, honorable mention all conference and Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week), Chelsea Sivits (mental attitude award) and managers, Tristan Conner, Chelsea Troyer, Caitlin Scully and Savannah Frye

Junior high wrestlers – Austin Goforth, Austin Marbach, Ethan Sailors, Jennings Hall, Andy Wert, Brayton Jellison, Jacob Kistler, Trey Doan, Braxton Lee, Matthew Moss, Chad Swango, Jeremy Gonzalez (most promising), Brock Hartman, John Fagan, Derk Berkshire (most aggressive), Dakota Tabler, Braden Moss (most improved), Jacob Maroney (mental attitude award), Jacob Centers and Derek Klimes and managers, Brooklynn Rigsby, Aperl Fox and Cheyanne Fagan

Varsity wrestlers – Austin Ault (most reversals and escapes Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week and regional qualifier), Jordan O'Neal, Blain Hizer, David McMenamin (most aggressive, Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week and regional qualifier), Graham Redweik (most improved, Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week, most near falls and regional qualifier), Evan Pulliam, Kyle Harvey, Wil Holloway (MVP, most takedowns, mental attitude award, Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week, sectional champion, regional qualifier) and Cole Nilson and managers, Holly Kingery and Chelsey Dague

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball – Nate Cousins, Quentin Douglass (highest free throw percentage and defensive award), Daniel Jones, John Martin (mental attitude award), Aaron Morrow, Mason Shafer, Alex Dillman, Zach Herd, Conner Martin (most

improved), Jacob Mettler and Luke Rudicel

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball – Chance Ault, John Fagan, Corey Moss (most promising), Caleb Rowe (mental attitude award), James Weiss, Tyler Baumgardner, Brock Hartman, Jacob Howdeshell (most improved and highest free throw percentage), Daniel Scales (defensive award) and Andy Wert

JV boys basketball – Kent Burton, Max Foreman (mental attitude award), Dylan Johnson (highest free throw percentage), Austin Levernier, Luke Schroder (co-most improved), Justin Cousins, Tim Huff, Zek Kesler (co-most improved) and Bryant Liming

Varsity boys basketball – Ethan Zartman (co-MVP, most assists per game, mental attitude award, highest three point percentage, Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week and Loganland athlete of the week), Wes Rigney (co-MVP, most steals, highest field goal percentage, most rebounds, all conference, and Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week), Trevor Hoover (most improved, defensive award, highest free throw percentage and Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week), Caleb Brown, Sam Jones (Rochester Sentinel athlete of the week), Alex Herd, Allen Russell (mental attitude award), Brant Hartman, and managers, Erica Zartman, Rachel Madary, Seth Cowell and Holly Kingery

The varsity boys basketball team was also recognized for winning the sectional title.

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## CASTON SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday, April 11 – Boys JV and varsity golf at Triton, 8 a.m.; boys varsity baseball vs. South Newton at Caston, 11 a.m.; girls varsity softball at Tri-County, 11 a.m.; varsity co-ed track and field Caston invitational, 11 a.m.

Monday, April 13 – JV boys baseball vs. Rochester at Caston, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball vs. Culver Military at Caston, 5 p.m.; co-ed junior high track and field at North Miami, 5 p.m.; varsity co-ed track and field vs. Oregon Davis and Triton at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14 – varsity boys baseball at Triton, 5 p.m.; JV and varsity boys golf at Winamac, 5 p.m.; co-ed junior high track and field at Carroll, 5 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field vs. Cass at Caston, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball at Knox, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16 – co-ed junior high track and field at Logansport, 4:30 p.m.; varsity boys baseball vs. Cass at Caston, 5 p.m.; JV and varsity boys golf vs. Tri-County at Caston, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball vs. Triton at Caston, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 17 – girls varsity softball vs. Pioneer at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; JV boys baseball vs. Northfield at Caston, 5 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field at Culver, 5:30 p.m.

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## Some good advice

The following pointers were forwarded from a Lake Bruce reader. The tips were sent out by a corporate attorney to the employees in his company after his wallet was stolen.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "Photo ID Required".

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a post office box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a post office box, use your work address. NEVER have your social security number printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. Then if you're your wallet is stolen, you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. This attorney also carries a photocopy of his passport whether traveling here or abroad. Everyone has heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, social security number, credit card.

5. We've all been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent and this is a first step toward an investigation, if there ever is one.

7. Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the social security fraud line number. This is very important and something the attorney did not think to do until a bank called and told him an application for credit had been made over the Internet in his name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

## Kewanna Town Council Meetings

First Thursday of Each Month

7 p.m. – Town Hall

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# EARTH TALK

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**Dear EarthTalk:** I am looking at possibly buying a house that is very close to a gasoline station. Is it safe to live so close to a gas station? What concerns should I have? I have toddler and infant babies. -- Ranjeeta, Houston, TX

Despite all the modern health and safety guidelines they must follow, gas stations can still pose significant hazards to neighbors, especially children. Some of the perils include ground-level ozone caused in part by gasoline fumes, groundwater hazards from petroleum products leaking into the ground, and exposure hazards from other chemicals that might be used at the station if it's also a repair shop.

Ozone pollution is caused by a mixture of volatile organic compounds, some of which are found in gasoline vapors, and others, like carbon monoxide, that come from car exhaust. Most gas pumps today must have government-regulated vapor-recovery boots on their nozzles, which limit the release of gas vapors while you're refueling your car. A similar system is used by the station when a tanker arrives to refill the underground tanks. But if those boots aren't working properly, the nearly odorless hydrocarbon fumes, which contain harmful chemicals like benzene, can be released into the air.

Higher ozone levels can lead to respiratory problems and asthma, while benzene is a known cancer-causing chemical, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The quest to reduce ozone levels has led the state of California to implement a more stringent vapor-recovery law, effective April 1, 2009, which requires that all gasoline pumps have a new, more effective vapor-recovery nozzle.

Underground gasoline storage tanks can also be a problem. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that there are some 660,000 of them from coast-to-coast. Many a lawsuit has been filed against oil firms in communities across the country by people whose soil and groundwater were fouled by a gas station's leaking underground storage tank. In the past, most tanks were made of uncoated steel, which will rust over time. Also, pipes leading to the tanks can be accidentally ruptured.

When thousands of gallons of gasoline enter the soil, chemicals travel to groundwater, which the EPA says is the source of drinking water for nearly half the U.S. If buying a home, consider its potential loss in value if a nearby underground storage tank were to leak. Gasoline additives such as methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE), which has been outlawed in some states, make the water undrinkable—and that is only one of 150 chemicals in gasoline. Repeated high exposure to gasoline, whether in liquid or vapor form, can cause lung, brain and kidney damage, according to the NIH's National Library of Medicine.

Spilled or vaporized gasoline is not the only chemical hazard if the station is also a repair shop.

Mechanics use solvents, antifreeze and lead products, and may work on vehicles that have asbestos in brakes or clutches. Auto refinishers and paint shops use even more potentially harmful chemicals.

In today's car-centric world, we can't escape exposure completely, because these chemicals are in our air just about everywhere. But by choosing where we live, keeping an eye out for spills, and pressuring the oil companies to do the right thing for the communities they occupy, we can minimize our exposures.

**CONTACTS:** U.S. EPA, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov); National Institutes of Health, [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

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## 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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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, the Fulton County Museum, and the Kewanua Town Hall. Forms are also available from the State website at [www.in.gov/dlgr](http://www.in.gov/dlgr).  
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## NIPSCO JOINS GOVERNOR MITCH DANIELS TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH CUSTOMERS URGED TO CALL 811 BEFORE DIGGING

Northern Indiana Public Service Company joins Governor Mitch Daniels and the Common Ground Alliance in recognizing the month of April as National Safe Digging Month, which is dedicated to increasing awareness of safe digging practices across the country and to promote use of the Indiana 811 call-before-you-dig number. "NIPSCO is committed to keeping customers safe when starting any outdoor digging project, large or small," said Colleen Reilly, Director of Communications and Public Affairs. "Since the month of April is a busy time for digging

projects, we are encouraging homeowners and contractors to call the convenient 811 number before they dig to prevent injuries, property damage and inconvenient outages."

Failure to call 811 before digging results in more than 256,000 unintentional utility damages annually across the country — an average of 700 incidents per day.

Whether Hoosiers are planning on planting trees, building a deck, installing a mailbox or any other project that involves digging, Indiana 811 offers the following recommendations for a busy digging season:

- Always call 811 before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.
- Tell neighbors, co-workers, family and friends about 811 if they discuss their plans for an outdoor home improvement project with you.
- Plan ahead — Indiana 811 is always open. Just make sure you call at least two working days in advance of your project start date.
- Avoid starting projects until you're sure all lines are marked. If you're unsure, confirm that all lines have been marked by contacting Indiana 811.
- Choose another location on the property for a project if the original planned site is near utility line markings.
- If your excavation is within two feet of the marked facility, you must only use hand tools with extreme caution.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that a call to 811 has been made. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

Visit [www.indiana811.org](http://www.indiana811.org) for more information about 811 and the call-before-you-dig process.  
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## NIPSCO ANNOUNCES DECREASE IN GAS COST FOR APRIL

Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced today that the Gas Cost Adjustment for April 2009 decreased compared to last month. This month's decrease is attributed to an expected decrease in wholesale natural gas prices as compared to the previous month, and the depletion of underground gas storage supplies, which were filled during the spring and summer of 2008 when gas costs reached an all-time high.

NIPSCO residential customers will see a decrease in natural gas costs of 42.50 percent when compared to March 2009. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved the adjustment subject to refund.

A typical NIPSCO residential customer using 100 therms of natural gas should expect a decrease of approximately \$45.51 from last month's statement in their April billing, although total bill amounts will vary as a result of actual consumption.

## Railroad announces 2009 season

The Whitewater Valley Railroad (WVRR), an authentic, historic train offering recreational train excursions and events officially begins its 36<sup>th</sup> operating season Friday, May 1.

Ride from Connersville to Metamora, a restored canal town. Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants. Trains consisting of vintage equipment depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays, May 2 through November 1. This train will not operate June 20, 21, 27 and 28 due to a special event.

Also, during the month of May, trains depart Connersville's station for Metamora at 10 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

All aboard with a western twist and join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train every third Saturday May through October excluding June. Come and see bandits, marshals, robber barons, fancy and some not-so-fancy women as you roll through the scenic countryside.

Cost of the 33-mile round trip excursion is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children ages 2 to 12. Groups are welcome with group rates for 30 or more. Special school rates are also available.

The popular Train to Dinner will begin on Friday, May 1, at 6 p.m. This train takes riders from Connersville to the Laurel Hotel Restaurant for a delicious pan-fried chicken dinner and other home-cooked meals. The Train to Dinner operates each month on the first and third Fridays. Total cost for the train ride, meal, tax and tip is \$29 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2-12. Reservations are required for the Train to Dinner. Train to Dinner will not operate on June 19 and September 4 due to scheduled special events.  
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Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste

## Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

**Indy Home & Remodeling Show:** April 17 - 19 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. noon to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$7 adults; \$3 children 6 - 12; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Kim Huber (317) 863-0415 or [www.indyhomeandremodelingshow.com](http://www.indyhomeandremodelingshow.com).

**Hoosier Antique Expo:** April 17 - 19 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7. Contact: Shawn Hastings Promotions (618) 635-2895 or [www.HoosierAntiqueShows.com](http://www.HoosierAntiqueShows.com).

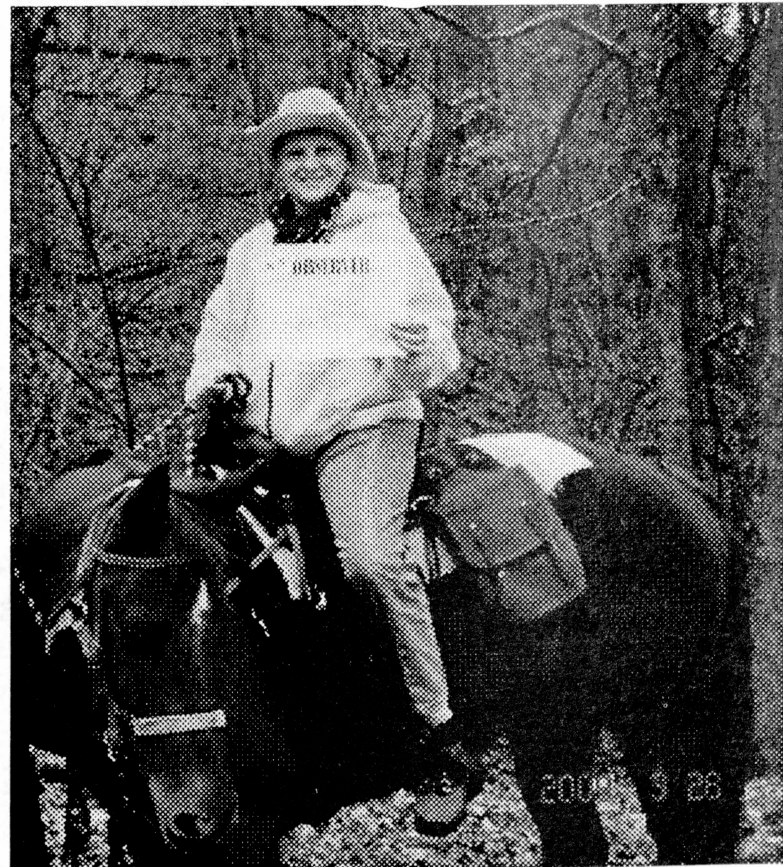
**2009 hgregg WFMS Country Music Expo:** April 18 - 19 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Doors open at 10 a.m.; shows are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: 2-Day Gold Circle Seats \$50; free tickets are available at various ticket stops; visit [www.wfms.com](http://www.wfms.com) for more information; tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster Outlets, [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), or Charge-by-phone at (317) 239-5151. Contact: WFMS radio (317) 842-9550 or [www.wfms.com](http://www.wfms.com).

**Women's & Food Expo:** April 18 - 19 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; grandparents \$3.50; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Dean Taylor (440) 625-6161 or [www.womensexpo.org](http://www.womensexpo.org).

**Midwest Reptile Show:** April 19 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free.  
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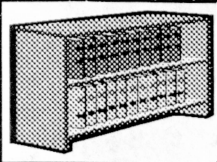
Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.



Judy Collins of Kewanua and Norma Wells traveled to Brown County March 27 and 28 where they enjoyed riding Norma's horses through the beautiful hills

and streams of Brown County State Park. They took The Observer along for a ride, but if you want to know "the rest of the story", you'll have to ask Judy!



## Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

New books at the library:

### ADULTS:

**Christian Fiction—** *The Passion of Mary-Margaret* by Lisa Samson; *Michael* (#1 of The Wives of King David series) by Jill Eileen Smith; *Journey to The Well* by Diana Wallis Taylor; and *The God Cookie* by Geoffrey Wood.

**General Fiction—** *Irish Tweed* (from the Nuala Anne McGrail series) by Andrew M. Greeley and *One Day at A Time* by Danielle Steel.

**Western Fiction—** *Silver Trail* by Max Brand.

**Large Print General Fiction—** *Execution Dock* by Anne Perry and *Pursuit* by Karen Robards.

### JUVENILES:

**Books Fiction—** *A Friend for Dragon*, *Merry Christmas*, *Dear Dragon* and *The Purple Pussycat* by Margaret Hillert.

**Picture Books Nonfiction—** *Tow Trucks* (from the Mighty Machines series) by Kay Manolis.

**Youth Nonfiction—** *Baryonyx and Other Dinosaurs of The Isle of Wight Digs in England*, *Camarasaurus and Other Dinosaurs of The Garden Park Digs in Colorado*, *Torosaurus and Other Dinosaurs of The Badlands Digs in Montana* and *Xiaosaurus and Other Dinosaurs of the Dashanpu Digs in China* (from the Dinosaur Find series) by Dougal Dixon and *An Arctic Tundra Food Chain*, *A Desert Food Chain*, *A Mountain Food Chain*, *An Ocean Food Chain*, *A Prairie Food Chain* and *A Rainforest Food Chain* (from the Nature's Bounty series) by A.D. Tarbox.

### EASTERN PULASKI MENU

April 13 – 17

#### Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Easter break, no school

Tuesday – Cinnamon roll, yogurt, juice and milk

Wednesday – Biscuit with ham & cheese, juice and milk

Thursday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

#### Elementary Lunch

Monday – Easter break, no school

Tuesday – Hamburger sandwich, pickle spear, applesauce, chips and milk

Wednesday – Burrito, corn, apple slices, cookie and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, strawberry cup, cinnamon roll and milk

Friday – Chili, cheddar potato nuggets, peanut butter sandwich, mixed fruit and milk

#### Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Easter break, no school

Tuesday – Breaded chicken sandwich, carrots, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Hamburger sandwich, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, green beans, apricots, cake and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – Chicken strips, potatoes, pears, blueberry muffin, and milk. Choice – potato bar

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Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

### Coping with Shingles

Pat Smith  
Director of Media Marketing  
pmhnet.com

Many of us experienced the itching and soreness of chickenpox as children. Still, the discomfort of that illness is nothing compared to the pain of shingles.

Caused by the varicella-zoster virus, which also causes chickenpox, shingles typically occurs many years after you've had chickenpox. Researchers believe that some virus particles lie dormant in your nervous system for years. Then, the virus reemerges as shingles.

Symptoms of shingles include:

- Burning or tingling pain in one part or side of your body
- Numbness
- Itching
- A red rash of fluid-filled blisters
- Headache
- Fever and chills
- Upset stomach or abdominal pain

**Treatment:** To treat shingles, your doctor may prescribe pain relievers, anti-inflammatory drugs, and/or antiviral medications. You also can use anti-itch creams, calamine lotion, and antihistamines; wash the blisters twice a day; apply cool, wet compresses; and take cool baths with baking soda or oatmeal.

**Prevention:** No one knows what causes shingles to appear, but some believe that as we age, our lowered immunity makes us more vulnerable. That's why it's important to ask your doctor about a shingles vaccine if you're 60 or older. The single injection doesn't completely protect you. However, the vaccine may help reduce the length and severity of shingles. It also may reduce your risk of postherpetic neuralgia, severe pain that lasts long after the blisters disappear.

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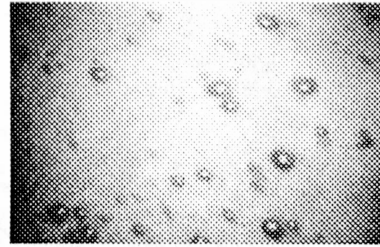


April 6, 2009

CRIME / BURGLARY  
CASE NUMBER: 25-088-08  
LOCATION: 7486 Storm Street  
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**SUMMARY:** Sometime during the early morning hours of 3-22-09 the suspect(s) made entry to the victim's shop at the listed location, and committed the theft of hand tools, a Honda Generator, and a Miller Stick Welder. Also stolen from the victim's yard was a 1989 Honda 400 Foreman four wheeler which was brown in color. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to \$1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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A close up look at shingles...

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### Waiver extension for 2008 crop disasters

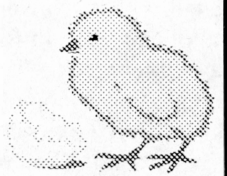
Producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for

2008 have until May 18, 2009 to pay a buy-in fee to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. These programs would cover 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disasters.

Interested producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for more details and to pay the buy-in fees.

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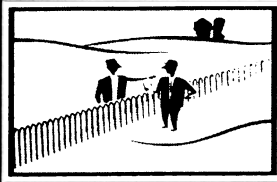
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Brittany Duca spent her spring break in Bowling Green, Kentucky, visiting with her Uncle Jerry and Aunt Kenan Kimble. She had a great time checking out their horses and baby lambs. While there, she also spent time with Savannah and Corey Bitterling who were visiting Grandpa and Grandma.

Hannah Tatman of Stanton, Kentucky, was a weekend houseguest of Brittany Duca. Hannah was here with her family who was visiting friends in the area.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle traveled to St. John recently. During the trip north, they stopped at Portillo's restaurant for brunch. Afterward, they stopped at a few groceries to pick up some ethnic foods that they are not able to obtain around home. Later, they met a group of ladies whom they had worked with while associated with the railroad. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up during the luncheon at Dick's restaurant.

Carol Broda, her granddaughter, Krystal Kane, and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester one day last week. They enjoyed doing some shopping and dining at the Silver Lake restaurant.

Jaden and Ella Whiteman of Indianapolis spent the week visiting with friends and family in the area during their spring break.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had a visitor at the beginning of the week. Arriving Monday, March 30, for an overnight stay was Barb's grandson, Joe Wilk. Joe did some chores around the house and showed Barb and JoAnn the new computer he had gotten as a replacement for one that would not work correctly.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Tuesday, March 31. They had a nice time visiting with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast, in the morning.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Tuesday. Stopping by for a chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Wednesday, April 1. They enjoyed spending the day with Barb's mother, Pauline Eikenberry. They did a little shopping and dined at the Golden Corral restaurant as guests of Pauline.

Helen Whiteman had company Wednesday. Stopping by for a visit were her daughter, Sherri Lett, and her great-granddaughters, Rylee Daugherty of Winamac and Jaden and Ella Whiteman.

Tom and Barb LaFollette enjoyed breakfast at the Silver Lake restaurant in Rochester Thursday, April 2.

Helen Whiteman, Sherri Lett, Jaden and Ella Whiteman and Rylee Daugherty enjoyed breakfast together Thursday at the Kewanna Kafé.

Pauline Scales accompanied her daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, to Warsaw Friday, April 3. They enjoyed lunch together before heading to the hospital to visit with Pauline's daughter, Linda Garner.

Jackie Heidenreich had company over the weekend. Coming for a visit were her daughter, Lola Pruess of Jefferson, Wisconsin, and Lola's daughter-in-law and grandson, Angie Pruess and Caleb.

Earl and Mary Bangel had working visitors over the weekend. Arriving Saturday, April 4, for an overnight visit and to tackle several odd jobs around the farm were their son and grandsons, Bruce Bangel, Rob and Kevin, of Indianapolis. Also arriving for an extended visit was their daughter, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Beth and Ray Weller had company over the weekend. Staying with them for a couple of days were their daughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts, and their granddaughter and

great-granddaughter, Kirsten Kaufman and Kate, all of Lebanon, Ohio.

Florence Hogan had company Saturday. Coming up to tackle some more chores at the farm were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. Stopping by for a wonderful and unexpected visit were Florence's granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Jaime Smith and Madison of Monticello.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were among those who attended the Future Farmers of America auction Saturday. They bid on some fencing and enjoyed the offerings of the food booth.

Jackie Heidenreich and Lola, Angie and Caleb Pruess had callers Saturday. Coming for a delightful visit and to help with a cookout were Jackie's daughter, Vickie Molitor; Jackie's son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Brenda Vogel of Rochester; and the Vogels' daughter and granddaughter, Cindy Oswald and Lizzie.

Jackye Pugh of Lake Bruce attended a party for Amos Peterson of Monterey Saturday. The event was held at the First Christian Church in Winamac and was in celebration of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Tomlinson family enjoyed their belated Christmas get-together Sunday, April 5. The gathering was held in the home of Joyce Luhnnow with 49 members of the family and friends in attendance. Among those present were the four youngest members of the family whom many in attendance had yet to see.

Sunday dinner guests of Joe and Karen Good for an early Easter gathering were Jeff and Tonya Good, Tosha, Allie and Devin of Indianapolis, Mark and Kelly Smith, Lindsey, Kara and

Zachary, Ron Hamman and Dick Good. Joining the group later in the afternoon were Ryan and Leslie Baker of Avon, Bruce and Denise Baker, and Daniel Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder of Culver hosted the Pugh family Easter dinner Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Madison and Levi, of Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Brandt and Cassie, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pugh, Lucy and Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh, Cole and Luke, Emily Larkin, Cal and Will, Mike Haschel, and Christina Turpin and Gram, all of Winamac; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pugh and Kyle of Kewanna; Mrs. Jackye Pugh of Lake Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Clar and Allie, and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven of Culver.

Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center hosted a family gathering Sunday. Their guests for a very nice day spent with family were their daughter and her family, Kim and Ed Shroder and sons; Mary Lou's mother, Wilma Wilson; and Mary Lou's siblings and their spouses, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne and family and Tim and Deb Wilson and family.

Barb and Jon Gast enjoyed dining at the Oak Grove restaurant in Star City Sunday after church.

Mary and Earl Bangel and their houseguests, Linda, Bruce, Kevin and Rob Bangel, had company Sunday. Joining them for an early Easter celebration were the Bangels' 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; Bruce's wife, Theresa Bangel; Earl's brother and niece, Glenn

Bangel and Lindsay of Indianapolis; and Kevin's girlfriend, Rachel Bernatt.

Helen Whiteman was busy Sunday. Following church services, she accompanied Sherri Lett to Pulaski. They enjoyed the chicken noodle dinner hosted by the St. Joseph Parish. Afterward, they visited with Helen's son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman, and their houseguests, Kevin's son, Rodney, of Indianapolis, and Rodney's girlfriend, Rayna.

Ray and Beth Weller and their daughter, Cora Lynn Clemans, were in Logansport Sunday evening. They had an enjoyable time attending the "Dino in Concert" show at the McHale Auditorium.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Robert Evers, Jeff Finke and Joshua Zellers, April 12; Lindsay Bailey, Ashlee Hamman and Lyanna Snider, April 13; Troy Corbett, Dawson Doty, Drew Markle, Pastor Ron Purkey and Betty Tharp, April 14; Tedd Carlson, Kaelee Dent, Olivia Freels and Keith Kottkamp, April 15; Pauline Briney, Danielle Carlson, Nathan Cook, Joshua Green and Angie Smith, April 16; Frances Hudkins and Janet Yocum, April 17; and Jennifer Beach, Larry Donathen, Maria Evers, Kaitlin Hawkey and Robin Michael, April 18.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. David Leazenby and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tennent, April 12; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bangel, April 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Sean Smith, April 16.

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