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VFW receives flag flown over Pentagon

John Briney, left, Sr. Vice Commander, and Wayne Bowyer CSM (Ret.), right, both members of the local VFW, are shown here as they accept a flag which has flown over the Pentagon. Presenting the flag is William "Pete" Clarkison SM (Ret.) who is now a civilian currently employed with the Department of the Army at the Pentagon.

Pete and Wayne have been friends since meeting in Korea in 1984. Pete visited the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 here last year while visiting with the Bowyers and reports he felt really welcome at the facility. He wanted to do something to show his appreciation to the Post, thus the flag presentation.

The flag presented to the post flew over the Pentagon on April 7, 2009 on behalf of the post and was presented in ceremonies held April 17 with members and family present.

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Flower sale

The Fulton Improvement Committee is hosting its annual flower sale at Mill Creek Family Restaurant in Fulton, May 5-11. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale is held each year to raise funds for the proposed community center, set to be built adjacent to the Liberty Township Park. In the past year and a half, the committee has raised over \$80,000 towards the building of the new community center primarily through private donations, but also through fundraisers.

The flower sale will offer perennials and annuals in flats or individually, as well as vegetables and beautiful hanging baskets. Prices are comparable to local nurseries.

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KHS alumni banquet, May 16

The 57th Kewanna High School alumni banquet will be held Saturday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station, 404 N. Toner St., Kewanna. The cost of the evening's festivities is \$15 per person. Reservations, along with your check or money order, should be sent to Robert Clyde, P.O. Box 92, Kewanna, IN 46939, by May 2. Those submitting reservations should include their graduation year. The class of 1959 will be honored guests. Donations are also being accepted for the Union Township Scholarship Fund.

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Walk the walk for Hope Hospice

The 2nd annual Walk the Walk for Hope Hospice will be held Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. The walk will begin at the 9th hole big pavilion of the Mill Creek Golf Course, Rochester, and will take place on the Rochester Pathway. Parking will be available at the Faith Outreach Church. To register, call Wendy at Hope Hospice, 224-4673, or toll free at 888-737-4673. Please register today.

Hope Hospice will be giving prizes for the following areas: oldest walker, youngest walker, longest traveled distance, most pledges received, and a drawing. A free t-shirt will be given to walkers with pledges of \$20 or more or \$20 for a t-shirt only.

The goal of Hope Hospice is to give an awareness of their compassionate care at the end-of-life. Everyone may participate - young or old, big or small. It is hoped that the families of loved ones will be able to come and walk and remember their loved ones while raising support and awareness for hospice.

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Recycling Dates
 THURSDAY, MAY 7TH
 & THURSDAY MAY 21ST

Hospice training

Hope Hospice, Rochester, will be conducting volunteer training classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. starting May 5 and ending May 21. Classes will be held at the Fulton County Public Library, Rochester and will be instructed by Sarah Purkey, RN.

Any adult who is interested in becoming a volunteer for Hope Hospice may register for the training classes by calling Wendy at the Hope Hospice office, 574-224-4673. If you live outside Rochester, call 888-737-4673, toll free. Please RSVP today.

Volunteers - men and women, young and old from Fulton County and nearby cities - are valued members of the Hope Hospice team.

Hope Hospice offers a number of volunteer opportunities including patient companion, bereavement, office work, fund raising and community relations. Under the direction of a volunteer coordinator, volunteers undergo pre-assignment screening, training and orientation to the hospice philosophy of care.

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Sign up for CDP, ACRE extended

Farmers now have until August 14 to sign up for the federal farm bill's Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and new Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program.

The original deadline was June 1, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the sign up period to allow farmers time to make informed decisions on choosing whether to stay with DCP for 2009 or participate in ACRE for crop year 2009 and beyond through 2012.

Area farmers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office in order to schedule an appointment and to obtain more information.

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Send In Your News

The News In Brief

Woodlawn Hospital will be hosting a book fair Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to peruse the exciting new titles and gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation and summer reading. Sale proceeds will benefit the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary.

The Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host a bake sale Friday, May 8, at Sanders Food Store in Winamac. The bake sale will start at 9 a.m. until sold out.

Green Tech America, Inc. of West Lafayette announced last week that it has begun producing genetically modified yeast that promises to make it easier and faster to turn corncobs, wood chips and other agricultural wastes into ethanol.

Bright Automotive of Anderson unveiled a 100-mpg plug-in hybrid electric van last week that it hopes to sell to fleet customers. The automaker's goal is to produce 50,000 vehicles a year starting in 2013. The company believes the vehicles will save millions of dollars in gasoline and drastically reduce emissions.

According to a report out of Washington, fewer Americans moved last year, reaching the lowest percentage in 60 years. It is believed that fewer jobs and tighter credit caused people to stay put.

President Obama issued a disaster declaration last week that covers 13 Indiana counties, including Pulaski and Fulton, for damage suffered during heavy storms and flooding from March 8 to 14.

The Lucerne Lions will serve a fish fry Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes perch, French fries, cole slaw, bread and butter, and beverages. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Children five and under may eat free.

General Motors has announced that it will temporarily close 13 assembly plants in the U.S. and Mexico and lay off nearly 24,000 workers to pare back its bloated inventory.

Rogelio Dominquez, Lake County sheriff, says he wants to run for Indiana governor in 2012, when his second and final term as sheriff is up.

The Cass County prosecutor has decided not to file criminal charges against anyone involved in the bus wreck that killed four elementary school children last September on U.S. 24, west of Logansport.

PMH prepared for flu epidemic

Pat Smith
 Director of Media Marketing
 pmhnet.com

Pulaski Memorial Hospital has been preparing for a pandemic flu outbreak since 2005. "We have systems in place that will effectively manage patients should a situation arise locally," according to Richard Mynark CEO.

George Ellis Jr, Infection Control Officer at PMH, encourages the public not to panic but remain vigilant. Ellis requests that our community residents and the hospital work together to protect ourselves.

"If and when the Swine Flu makes its way to our community the healthcare providers at PMH will need your help. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses," Ellis explained.

If you are sick, limit your contact with other people as much as possible. Do not go to work or school if ill. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Put your used tissue in the waste basket. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

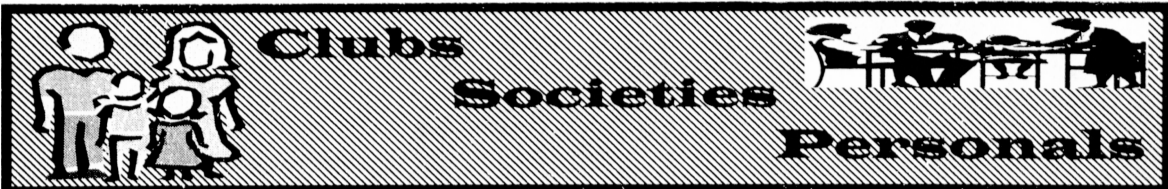
If you become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you feel the need to visit the hospital and you have influenza-like symptoms, there are a couple of things you should do as soon as you arrive that will help prevent the spread of germs within the hospital. Each registration desk at Pulaski Memorial Hospital has a supply of masks, alcohol gel dispensers and tissues. Feel free to use them and clean your hands every time you cough or sneeze. If you have a loved one in the hospital and you have influenza-like symptoms, stay home, they will understand.

Following these simple steps will help protect you, the patients, visitors and staff at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

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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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**Log cabin tour,
June 6 and 7**

Psi Iota Xi, a philanthropic sorority, will host its annual Brown County Log Cabin Tour Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, in and around Nashville, Indiana. Tickets for the event are \$15 adults and \$7 for children under 12. There is no charge for children under age two. Tickets can be ordered through the mail at Log Cabin Tour Tickets, P.O. Box 39, Nashville, IN 47448; by phone at 812-988-9072 or online at logcabintour@hotmail.com.

Five privately owned log cabins in the hills of Brown County will be featured during this 35th annual Log Cabin Tour. Proceeds will support art, literature, music and speech and hearing needs in the Brown County community.

Tour goers will take a beautiful drive, using tour maps provided with the tickets, through the back roads and gentle, rolling hills of scenic Brown County to see unique, decorated log cabin homes both new and old. The private homes feature gardens, antiques, family heirlooms, and the work of local artists.

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, rain or shine. Tour

headquarters will be at the Gazebo on the Village Green in downtown Nashville on the days of the tour only.

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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU
May 4 - 8**

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Donut, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, juice and milk

Wednesday - Cinnamon toast, sausage link, juice and milk

Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Cheese pizza, corn, peaches, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Toasted cheese sandwich, French fries, applesauce, graham cracker and milk

Wednesday - Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, orange juice, cheese breadstick and milk

Thursday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, green beans, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Friday - Chicken strips, fries, pears, peanut butter sandwich and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk. Choice - salad bar

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Tuesday - Tenderloin sandwich, peas, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheeseburger, parsley potatoes, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Breaded chicken sandwich, carrots, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Nacho supreme, Tostitos, corn, orange juice cup, and milk. Choice - potato bar

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CASTON MENU

May 4 - 8

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Breadsticks with meat and cheese, potatoes, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - chicken salad sandwich

Tuesday - Smokey links, seasoned potatoes, green beans, snicker doodle cookie and milk. Comet Café - tenderloin sandwich and fries

Wednesday - Turkey and cheese sandwich, carrots, fresh apple, Rice Krispie treat and milk. Comet Café - baked steak, whipped potatoes and roll

Thursday - Pizza, broccoli with cheese, pretzel twists, peaches, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - Chicken and potato wedges

Friday - Chicken patty, potato wedges, peaches, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - Polish sausage and chips (early dismissal day)

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Caston Sports Schedule

Sat., May 2 - Varsity and JV boys' golf Bethany Christian invitational, 10:30 a.m.; varsity baseball at Tri-County, 11 a.m.

Mon., May 4 - JH co-ed track and field with Pioneer and Rochester at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; varsity baseball vs. Culver Military at Caston, 5 p.m.; JH co-ed golf vs. Wabash at Caston, 5 p.m.; varsity softball vs. Frontier at Caston, 5 p.m.

Tues., May 5 - Varsity co-ed track and field Cass County meet at Logansport, 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball at North White, 5 p.m.

Thurs., May 7 - Varsity baseball at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 8 - JH co-ed golf at Rochester MS, 4:30 p.m.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

April 17

Births - David and Lori Matthew, Rochester, a daughter

April 18

Births - Brian and Rhonda Johnson, Rochester, a son

April 20

Admissions - Angie Peltz, Schenna Green and Janyce Davidson, all of Rochester; Jessie Bentley, Mentone

Dismissals - Barbara Smith, Leiters Ford; Shirley Wilcox, Argos; Wensday Crist, Denver; Olga Cook, Mary Thomas and son, Ronald Scott, Lori Matthew and daughter and Margery Overmyer, Rochester

April 21

Admissions - Stewart Kapp, Winamac

Dismissals - Janyce Davidson and Rhonda Johnson and son, Rochester

Births - Seamus and Mildred Pinder, Fulton, a son; Amy Goff, Rochester, a daughter

April 22

Admissions - Bonita Berndt, Knox

Dismissals - Schenna Green, Rochester

Births - Jeff and Dana Verhaeghe, Argos, a son; Kristen Field, Kewanna, twin boys

April 23

Admissions - Signe Borg, Argos; Richard Fletcher, Rochester

Dismissals - Angie Peltz, Helen Hill and Amy Goff and daughter, Rochester; Mildred Pinder and son, Fulton

April 24

Admissions - none published
Dismissals - Jessie Bentley, Mentone

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DEATHS



MARYELLYN "SCRUBBY" TENNENT

Former Lake Bruce resident Maryellyn "Scrubby" Tennent, 90, died at 3:47 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at Waterford Place Kokomo. Born August 2, 1918, in Kokomo, she was the

daughter of Harry and Ella (Hennigan) Boring. She was married April 12, 1947 in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo, to Hugh G. Tennent, who survives.

Maryellyn was a 1936 graduate of Kokomo High School. She grew up in St. Patrick Catholic Church and continued her active membership in the church until she and Hugh moved to Lake Bruce. She then became a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, and also volunteered many hours of her time with the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lake Bruce. She enjoyed cross stitch, fishing and spending time with family and friends at Lake Bruce. She had worked for Dr. Cuthbert and retired from the office of Dr. Corky Williams prior to moving to Lake Bruce.

Survivors include her husband, Hugh Tennent, Kokomo; a brother-in-law, Nat Tennent, and his wife, Jen, Kokomo; nieces and nephews, Bill Coburn and his wife, Andrea, Villages, Florida, Judie DeWitt and her husband, Richard, Kokomo, Pam Dance and her husband, Russ, Kokomo, Kathy Coburn and her partner, Lyn McKinzey, Gainesville, Florida; great-nieces and great-nephews, Mark DeWitt, Kokomo, Jeff DeWitt, Lafayette, Jim Dance and his wife, Stephanie, Goshen, K. C. Coburn, Elkhart, David Dance and his wife, Kacie, Peru, Sara Campbell and her husband, Nick, Kokomo; several great-great nieces and great-great-nephews; and two great-great-nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Pat Coburn and Ruth Henry; and one nephew, Larry Coburn.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at noon Monday, April 27, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo, with Rev. Fr. Andrew Dudzinski as the celebrant. Burial was in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. The Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Messages of condolences

may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

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STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE HOOSIER PARENTS TO 'LOVE, PROTECT, AND IMMUNIZE' THEIR CHILDREN

April 25 to May 2 is National Infant Immunization Week, and parents are being reminded to care for their children and, "Love them. Protect them. Immunize them." Since 1994, National Infant Immunization Week has served as a call to action for parents, caregivers, and health care providers to ensure all infants are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases.

"One of our greatest resources is happy, healthy children," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. "But good health doesn't just happen by itself. Getting your child immunized protects not only your child, but also other families in your community."

State health officials say parents without health insurance or with health insurance that doesn't cover vaccines should be aware they do have options to get their children immunized.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) is a federal program that provides eligible children all recommended vaccines at no cost. Children from birth through 18 years of age can receive vaccines through the VFC program if they are eligible for Medicaid, without health insurance, American Indian or Alaska Native, or underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines). State health officials say if your doctor does not participate in VFC, you can take your child to your local health

department or your community or rural health center.

In addition, the state of Indiana has provided \$11 million for childhood immunizations. The funding was used to purchase vaccines for local health departments and private providers to give for free to eligible children. State health officials urge parents to take advantage of the immunization resources in the state to get children vaccinated. Parents needing additional information on childhood immunizations or vaccine-preventable diseases can contact the Indiana State Department of Health at 1-800-701-0704.

"Diseases like chickenpox, measles, meningitis and pertussis are not diseases of the past," said Dr. Monroe. "They are still with us and circulating in many parts of the world, and are just a plane ride away. I urge every parent in Indiana to get your child immunized and ask that all vaccinations be recorded in Indiana's immunization registry."

The Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) is a secure and confidential Web-based system that provides health care providers with immediate access to immunization records, helping them identify Hoosiers who are missing vital immunizations and ensure immunizations are not duplicated.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, May 4 - Smoke sausage sandwich, sauerkraut, peas and carrots, apple rings and milk

Wednesday, May 6 - Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, oatmeal bread and milk

Friday, May 8 - Sloppy Joe sandwich, toss salad, corn, pears and milk

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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO April 28, 1949

Don Metzger was notified Friday night that he has been unanimously elected general manager by members of the board of directors of the Farm Bureau Co-op. Metzger has been manager of the Standard Elevator in Kewanna for the past 2½ years.

A fire resulting from faulty oil feeding into an oil burner caused \$150 worth of damage to his property Saturday morning, according to E. B. DeVault.

Joe Hower, owner and manager of an upholstering shop in Fulton, was injured Thursday morning when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car three miles south of Rochester. He was taken to Woodlawn Hospital.

Samuel Woodcox, 69, father of Mrs. Mabel Ball of Kewanna, died Monday morning at his home eight miles west of Rochester after an illness of three weeks.

Arvin Carr has been named field representative for the Peru Production Credit Association in Fulton County. He has been in training under Henry Shanks, Winamac, who has been in charge of the Fulton and Pulaski

county offices for the Peru Credit Association for several years.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 23, 1954

Postmaster Joe Crabill reported this week he has received 260 new post office boxes. These are to replace the 255 boxes now in use. The new boxes have two dials instead of one and each dial has to be set in the proper position before the box will open. The old boxes have a conventional combination lock.

Cloyd Zuck suffered a severe gall bladder attack Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Zuck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Plummer, in Napoleon, Michigan, where the Zuck family had gone to spend Easter. He was brought to Woodlawn Hospital for observation and treatment and dismissed Monday, much improved.

A two-car accident at the corner of Main and Toner Monday afternoon resulted in \$175 worth of damage, but no injuries. The accident involved cars driven by John Sisinger, Kewanna, and Mrs. Barbara Sommers, Rt. 3, Kewanna.

The second annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet was held Saturday evening with

approximately 350 in attendance. The meal was prepared by the ladies of the Christian and Methodist churches. Fred Graffis, president, was the master of ceremonies. New officers are Burdette Garner, president; Robert Miller, vice president; and Helena Shine, secretary and treasurer.

A dinner party was held Wednesday evening, April 14, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fields, Rt. 2, Kewanna, in honor of their daughter, Sandra, who was celebrating her 16th birthday.

Mrs. Clara Evers, lecturer of the local Pinhook Grange, has announced that Billy Sheridan, Rt. 3, Kewanna, is the local winner of the 1953-54 nationwide essay contest sponsored by the National Grange and the American Plant Food Council. The subject of the essay was "Building Fertility to Cut Farm Costs."

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 23, 1959

Jesse Button, 46, Fulton, was burned to death Wednesday morning in a fire that was apparently caused by gasoline. Alone at the time, he was filling a tractor with gasoline from an overhead tank in the barnyard and must have spilled some on himself.

Charles Baggerly, 84-year-old sexton of the Fulton IOOF Cemetery, was burned on his left hand, back and left leg Thursday, April 16, when he fell into burning brush at the cemetery. He is reported in fair condition.

Floyd J. Leasure, former resident and one-time principal at Grass Creek, died in Long Beach, California, where he made his home.

Ralph (Coon) K. Talbott, 49, died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday morning at his home in South Bend. Survivors include two brothers, Albert and Simon of here.

The Heinz pickle plant, which has been operating here for 25 years, will remain closed this year and four of the brine vats are being taken to Plymouth. Officials of the company claim they can process all of the pickles necessary at Plymouth and Argos, which is closer to their Holland,

Michigan, packing plant.

Judy Friedrich, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Friedrich, Rt. 1, Kewanna, cut two tendons in her left arm in an accident at school. A student at Grass Creek, the accident occurred when her hand slipped as she took hold of a wet spot on a door and went through the glass.

Karen Engle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Engle, was hit with a ball bat on her temple while at school Friday. She was taken to a local physician's office for treatment and returned home.

Phil Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman, Rt. 3, Kewanna, broke a bone in his left arm Friday evening at the ball park when he was jumping hurdles. He was taken to Woodlawn Hospital where the fracture was reduced.

Darla Jean Sayers became the bride of Robert Dean Greer during a double-ring ceremony Sunday afternoon, April 12, at the Church of Christ. Rev. Floyd Saxton officiated.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 23, 1964

Fire of intense heat swept from building to building on the Art Showley farm in the Reiter neighborhood Wednesday afternoon destroying eight structures and causing \$16,950 worth of damage. Thirty firemen from Rochester, Kewanna, Grass Creek and Fulton battled the blaze from about 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Flames from a grass fire, fed by gusty winds, spread to a barn and granary on the Margaret Maroney farm two miles south of Kewanna Friday afternoon destroying the barn and contents. Loss was set at \$5,000.

Joyce Anderson became the bride of Fred Luhnnow Saturday evening, April 18, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Luhnnow.

All "A" honor roll students at Kewanna include Marigene Troutman, Betty Graffis, Steve Byfield, Maurine Masterson, Tom Troutman, Jane Walters, Lora Eber, Karla Garner and Phil Troutman.

THIRTY YEARS AGO April 26, 1979

Richard and Florence Baldwin of Kewanna will open the door to their new business establishment, Baldwin Sundries, Saturday. They will carry a complete line of health and beauty aids, greeting cards, gift wraps, paper products, batteries, cigarettes and tobacco, school supplies, candy and gum. The business will also feature a soda fountain offering soft drinks, coffee, sodas, sundaes, malts, shakes, banana splits, ice cream, etc.

David S. Evers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evers, Rt. 4, Rochester, recently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. Dave, a 1977 graduate of Kewanna High School, will report for training May 10.

A newly formed club, the Blend and Mend Extension Homemakers Club, held its first meeting April 19 in the home of Deb Walsh. Mary Beehler, president of the sponsoring club, the 20th Century Extension Homemakers, installed officers for the new club. They are, Sherry Van Meter, president; Deb Walsh, vice president; Peggy Dague, secretary; Dottie Sommers, vice secretary; Ruth Ann Smith, treasurer; and Dottie Showley, vice treasurer and flower fund chairperson.

Fred Graffis, Kewanna, has returned home following surgery last week at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Barbara Prilliman, secretary at Kewanna School, along with secretaries from Logansport, Rochester, Pioneer and Tippecanoe Valley, attended the 27th annual Conference for Educational Office Personnel in the State of Indiana, April 16-17, at Indiana University.

KHS principal Wayne Pearl presented plaques to Deana Baldwin and Rick Evers. Deana's plaque was for being named to the Midland Athletic Conference girls' basketball team and Rick's was for being selected all-conference for boys' basketball.

TWENTY YEARS AGO April 27, 1989

Megan Klinefelter, Kewanna, recently served as a page for State Representative R. Webber. Megan, age 12, is a seventh grader at Kewanna.

Staff Sgt. Donald R. Weller has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Castle Air Force Base, California. Weller, an in-flight refueling operator instructor with the 93rd Air Reserve Squadron, is a 1971 graduate of Kewanna High School and the son of Raymond Weller and Barbara Gast, both of Kewanna.

Eight Kewanna Christian Academy students participated in the A.C.E. state convention in Indianapolis last Thursday and Friday. The students included Marci Pine, Julie Van Meter, Shad Sibert, Caree Sibert, Missy Garner, Glen Scott, Jeff Johnston and Kye Belanger. The convention is an opportunity for Christian schools to come together to compete in a wide variety of events and academic contests.

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BY THE WAY.....

Karen J. Good

In search of things blooming...

We spent a recent weekend in Southern Indiana – Madison to be exact. We were ready to see something in bloom and things just weren't popping here yet.

Several years ago we visited Madison in the spring and it was a true breath of fresh air and refreshment for the eyes! Historic Madison with all the yummy colors on the houses is doubly breath taking when the magnolias, crab apples, dogwood and ornamental pears are in bloom – not to mention the spring flowers.

Mother Nature has played tricks on us on a couple of visits to Madison. On both occasions we were enroute to Frankfort, Kentucky, to openings nights for Diane Tesler's art exhibits at Capitol Gallery. On one occasion, we woke up to about six inches of late spring snow at Clifty Falls State Park, just west of Madison and on another occasion it rained non-stop, both of which put a damper on our plans.

This time, we watched the weather forecast and didn't make final plans until we were pretty sure we were going to have fair weather. We lucked out – the weather was perfect!

Since we waited so late to make reservations, we were only able to get one night at Clifty Falls Inn. We checked out a couple of other hotels, but all they had left were smoking accommodations, which we prefer to avoid. So we opted for two days and one night in Madison and then drove back to Columbus for one night. That worked out well as we wanted to be in Avon Saturday afternoon for an open house for my nephew, Ryan Baker.

Lea Papai, an artist friend from Anderson, called early in the week, prior to our final arrangements, to see if we were going to be around the end of the week. Diane Tesler had taken a couple of Lee's paintings to Georgia for an exhibit earlier this year and had returned them to her Works in Progress studio here a few weeks ago. When Lee found out we were headed south anyway, she asked if we could meet her at the Westfield McDonald's and bring her paintings with us, which we agreed to do. Of course, she didn't come empty-handed. She presented us with a gift – a beautiful deep dish cherry pie! That cherry pie got priority handling for the next couple of days and ended up as dessert for Ryan's open house. It was refrigerated or carefully packed on ice to keep it cool and fresh. Now, if she had given that pie to Diane, it would have become a subject for a still life painting, but we used it for its intended purpose – we ate it!

The trip south itself was enjoyable. Not only did we get a quick visit with a friend, but we started seeing signs of spring, just 20 or 30 miles from home. It always amazes me how much difference just a few miles can make in the weather and

landscape.

We traveled Interstate 65 to Columbus and then took State Road 7 to Madison, enjoying the countryside. If you have driven into Madison on that route, you'll remember that the highway into Madison is a steep, winding downgrade into the Ohio River valley. I'm subject to motion sickness at times and I made the mistake of leaning over to pick up something that slid off the counsel on one turn. When I sat back up it was instant nausea! Since it was too early to check into the inn, I dropped Joe at a little par 3 golf course and ambled around Madison (very slowly) for a while.

In the evening, we ate at the Key West Shrimp House, a favorite spot, and then sat along the riverwalk and just enjoyed the warm weather and people watching. We also watched a couple of barges come up the Ohio, one carrying stone and one loaded with coal. Madison has been rejuvenating its riverwalk with commemorative bricks and benches, a gazebo and viewing areas. The area also includes a public boat launch, playground equipment, volleyball and basketball courts, shelter houses and picnic tables.

Madison was settled in 1809, so this year the residents are celebrating its bicentennial. A 200 hour celebration week will be observed June 6 – 14 and will feature a founders parade, lighted boat parade, a film festival, talent show, an old fashioned chautauqua, music and arts, historic reenactments, sporting events, soapbox derby, community picnic, carnival and laser light show.

The arrival of the steamboat and a brisk river trade brought wealth and good times to Madison in the 19th century. Beautiful buildings and homes were constructed. With the arrival of the railroad, traffic on the river slowed and the town became a sleepy little community. That has become one of its major assets as it boasts the largest historic district in Indiana with over 133 blocks on the National Register of Historic Places, three National Historic Landmarks and National Historic Landmark District designation.

Historic Madison, Inc. is the organization behind the historic preservation of Madison and its 1,500 historic residential, commercial and industrial structures. Historic Madison was founded in 1960 by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Windle. The organization owns, operates and maintains 16 properties. Four of the properties are open as museums and others are open for special programs.

Madison hosts several festivals and special events every year including Madison in Bloom, Spring Garden Tour; the Madison Regatta; Madison RibberFest; Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art; and the Nights before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes.

The spring garden tours are the second and third weekends in May and features tours of private gardens filled with spring

blossoms and color in the historic district.

The Madison Regatta is the first full weekend in July and features the annual running of the world's fastest race boats. The regatta also includes fireworks, Little Miss, Miss Pre-Teen and Miss Teen pageants, beauty pageant, bed races, waterball fight, street dance, music and food.

The Madison RibberFest includes the annual Indiana State barbecue cook-off held along the riverfront the third Friday and Saturday in August. The event also features continuous blues music, a balloon race, and of course, food.

The 38th annual Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art will be held Sept. 26 and 27 and is Southern Indiana's premier open-air juried fine arts and crafts show. The event draws approximately 275 artists and craftsmen from across the nation.

The original chautauqua dates back to 1901, when ten-day camp meetings gave Sunday school teachers a chance to mix their religious studies with recreation. The outdoor event grew to include not only morally inspiring sermons, but informative lectures, scientific demonstrations, political speeches, dramatic readings, theatrical presentations, magic acts and musical performances. These annual camp meetings were held until 1929. I would imagine the Depression had something to do with the demise of the event.

In the early 1970s, local high school teachers and students participated in a sidewalk art sale with the aim of bringing more business to the downtown area. The event grew, adopted the name Madison Chautauqua and is held the last full weekend in September every year.

The Nights before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes is the first weekend after Thanksgiving and the first weekend in December. We have participated in a couple of tours. One year we walked to most of the tour homes through light falling snow, which made the event even more magical.

This year's 28th annual tour will be held November 27, 28 and 29 and December 4, 5 and 6. The tour features four public historic sites, including the Lanier Mansion, the Costigan House, the Masonic Schofield House and The Heritage Center, along with five private homes not normally open to the public, all decorated for the holiday season.

A couple of other interesting facts I learned about Madison is that it has the second oldest newspaper in Indiana and is the only newspaper to have been owned by the same family for over 100 years. (We've been publishing The Observer for over 42 years, but Joe has been involved with the paper for almost 50 years.) Madison also boasts the oldest volunteer fire company in the state. At present, Madison actually has six volunteer fire departments. Each company has its own constitution and by-laws, its own officers and owns all of its equipment. It is also one of the few cities that still has approximately 35 cisterns in which water is stored as a reservoir for use in fighting fires.

Our stay at Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park was enjoyable as

usual. The park was established in 1929 to preserve the falls on Clifty Creek. The park initially consisted of 617 acres, primarily the canyon and its waterfalls, four in all. In 1965, the park more than doubled in size when it acquired land from Madison State Hospital. The park now covers 1,416 acres. For the more adventuresome travelers, there are 160 campsites at Clifty Falls State Park along with an amphitheater, swimming pool, tennis court, nature center, playground, dumping station and laundry and vending facilities. The park also has ten trails for hiking ranging in length from one half mile to 4.5 miles.

The current Indiana Recreation Guide put out by the Department of Natural Resources has an interesting recipe for homemade ice cream in its Campfire Recipes section. Place 2 cups of milk in a small coffee can. Add ½ cup sugar, a pinch of salt and ¾ teaspoon pure vanilla extract. Snap the lid on the coffee can and seal with duct tape. (That's a new use for duct tape!) Place the small coffee can inside a large coffee can. Alternate layers of ice and rock salt in the large can. Snap the lid on and seal with duct tape. Roll the can for about 20 minutes, or until the ice cream is desired consistency. If anyone tries this or has tried it, let me know how it works.

There's a good view of the town of Madison from Clifty Inn, including the Ohio River and the Clifty Creek Power Plant. The power plant, along with one in Cheshire, Ohio, began operations in 1955 to meet the electric power needs of a uranium enrichment plant in Pike County, Ohio. At one point during construction of the plant, over 5,000 construction workers were employed. The power plant quite providing power for the uranium enrichment plant in 2001 but still provides power for several electric companies. The plant sits on 820 acres along the Ohio River where over 350 employees are involved in operating six 217 MW coal-fired units. The plant operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It burns 4.5 million tons of coal each year, 75 percent of the coal is from Wyoming and 25 percent from the eastern states. All of the coal is received by barge, with each barge holding about 1,800 tons of coal. The plant also uses 1.4 billion gallons of Ohio River water per day for cooling purposes and 140,000 pounds of air per minute for combustion. Most of the plant's ash is recycled and sold to concrete manufacturers and blasting grit markets.

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Friday morning, Joe and I tackled a couple of the trails at the park, taking in the sites at three of the four falls. Most of the trails are pretty rugged with lots of steps! We even got off the beaten track a little to look for mushrooms. I guess they do find them there, but like always "you have to know where to look!"

After we checked out of Clifty Inn Friday, Joe played a round of

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
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JUVENILES:

Picture Books General Fiction— *Diego and The Dinosaurs* and *Diego's Birthday Surprise* (from the Go, Diego, Go series) by Lara Bergen; and (from the Dora The Explorer series) *Dora and The Baby Crab* by Kirsten Larsen, *Dora and The Rainbow Kite Festival* by Christine Ricci and *Dora's Snowy Forest Adventure* by Lauryn Silverhardt; *Fun with Mo and Ella* by Tui T. Sutherland; and *Lucky Duck* by Ellen Weiss.

Ages 10 and Under General Fiction— *Dora Saves The Snow Princess* (from the Dora The Explorer series) by Phoebe Beinstein; *Diego's Great Dinosaur Rescue* (from the Go, Diego, Go series) by Sheila S. Higginson; and (from the Scooby-Doo series) *Scooby-Doo and The Thanksgiving Terror* by Mariah Balaban and *Museum Madness* by Jesse Leon McCann.

Youth Nonfiction— *Bulldozers at Work*, *Cement Mixers at Work*,

Cranes at Work, *Diggers at Work*, *Garbage Trucks at Work* and *Tractors at Work* (from the Big Trucks series) by D.R. Addison; *Magical Creatures and Mythical Beasts* by Mark Bergin; *How to Deal with Teasing* by Julie Fiedler; *Cartooning* by Christopher Hart; *Brains and Bones* by Kate Lennard; *How to Deal with Lying* by Rachel Lynette; *Dolphins* by Jason Skog; *Ancient Greece* by Robert Snedden; and *Christmas* by Walter Wick.

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golf at Hanover while I took in more of the antique stores and shops in Madison and a flea market in Hanover. We then headed back up the Interstate to Columbus. Saturday morning, he played golf at Edinburgh while I check out the outlet mall. I was in search of greeting cards and a shower gift. I was amazed at the number of people at the mall. I've never seen it so busy! I don't know whether the shoppers didn't know there is supposed to be a recession going on or if the recession is bringing more

shoppers to the mall looking for bargains.

We enjoyed visiting with Ryan and his wife, Leslie, family members and friends at Ryan's open house in the afternoon. Although for a time, we wondered if we were going to be able to get to their house as construction on Interstate 465 had the exit to Avon closed or obscured. At least we couldn't find it! We traveled on to 10th Street and cut back south. So if you are traveling the west side of Indianapolis in the near future, be prepared for a mess.

Ryan and my other nephew Daniel (brothers for those of you who don't know) are members of an Indiana National Guard unit that begins training Monday in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan later this year – thus the reason for the open house. I'm REALLY looking forward to the open house celebrating their return!

KJG

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**Letter To
The Editor**

Dear Editor:

I was so glad to see Karen Good add opposing comments about the debate on global warming to the Earth Talk articles on page six of the April

16 issue of The Observer. I am not a scientist but please allow me to add the historian's view on this subject.

For the past several years while reading about the "global warming being caused by mankind" issue, I have clipped and saved a folder full of newspaper and magazine articles. Like the columnist John Tomlinson stated, most world scientists do not agree with the terrible scenario of rising seas killing everyone on the coasts, nor the polar bears all dying off, etc.

According to history, our world has experienced global warming before. It seems to come and go in cycles. How did mankind react to global warming in the past? By not having to spend as much time getting fuel to keep warm, they had time to create and invent. The Dark Ages (roughly 500 to 900 A.D.) was a time of colder temperatures, and mankind had to work harder to cut more firewood, stay inside by smoky fires to try to keep warm, and get by with less food. The earth warmed up about 950 A.D. and more food brought about the Renaissance (14th - 16th centuries), when mankind had more leisure time to invent the printing press, paint, write music, think about better government, invent labor-saving things like steam engines, form guilds or unions to promote industries, even religious reform – the Protestant movement. Architecture and art flourished. Science and modern

medicine began. So if the earth does warm up a bit, life may improve.

CO2 is being blamed but it is actually a fertilizer and there are better crops yields in warmer years than in colder years. Climate history tells us that storms are more frequent and more intense in colder periods than they are in warmer periods.

In the 1930s the U.S. experienced very high summer temperatures. They did not continue, but instead went back to "normal." The earth does not have a set "normal" temperature or climate but fluctuates up and down in cycles.

Remember the "hole in the Ozone" scare in the 1960s? It was not a hole but a thinning that varies in its intensity from year to year. So the science behind the scare obviously fell apart.

Remember the big uproar about Y2K when everyone worried that if the computers failed on January 1, 2000, our electric grid would fail and we would all be without electricity? Being warned of the problem, people went to work and solved it. Computers were fixed ahead of time, and the catastrophe did not happen.

In 1976 scientists were proclaiming in science magazines that we were entering an Ice Age. They switched to Global Warming in the 1990s.

What can we average people glean from all this? We

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Grass Creek/North Caston alumni banquet

The Grass Creek/North Caston alumni and friends banquet was

held Saturday evening, April 25, at Caston Educational Center. Members of the 50, 60, 70 and 80 year graduating classes were honored.

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Class of 1929 – Fay Pinder with her escort and son, Jerry Pinder



Class of 1939 – Marie Boldry Leavell, Marjorie Burke Johnson and Annabelle Rouch Clary.



Class of 1949 – Front row, left to right, June Otto Davis, Donna Hill Adams, Nellie Walsh Shanley and Maurine Kuhn Young; and back row – Bob Herrold, Marlene Moyer Glassman and Darl Harvey.

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Class of 1959 – Front row, left to right, Joe St. Clair, Sue Waddups Fellers, Edith St. Clair, Judy Miller Depoy and Shirley Cunningham James; and back row, Wayne McVay, Louis Herd, Phillip Showley, Ed Showley and Howard Smith.

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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Florence Hogan had a house-guest last week. Arriving Monday, April 20, for a weeklong visit was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette. Florence and Wendy spent most of the time visiting with Florence's daughter, Janice Graham, who has been in the hospital.

Helen Whiteman and her daughters, Dr. Cindy Parker of Virginia, Karen Rice of Indianapolis and Sherri Lett and Sherri's grand-daughter, Tiffany Troutman, enjoyed a visit over breakfast at the Kewanna Kafé Tuesday morning, April 21.

Jackie Heidenreich had company Tuesday. Joining her for a daylong visit were her sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Ed Freier of West Bend, Wisconsin. They took a drive around the countryside, enjoyed pizza for lunch and played several games of cards.

Tom LaFollette was in LaPorte Wednesday, April 22. He was a guest of his grandson, Thomas LaFollette, for a school outing to see the Walt Disney movie "Mother Earth" in honor of Earth Day.

Helen Whiteman, Karen Rice and Sherri Lett had a nice time dining at the Kewanna Kafé Wednesday morning.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were in Indianapolis Wednesday. After taking care of a doctor's appointment, they met their son, John Evers, for a visit over lunch.

Alice White accompanied Florence Hogan and Wendy Kelly to visit with her sister, Janice Graham, one day last week.

Barb LaFollette and her granddaughter and great-grandson, Shelby and Eli, enjoyed shopping Wednesday. They were in search of a prom dress for Shelby. Afterward, they enjoyed lunch at Charity's restaurant.

Karen Rice returned home to Indianapolis Wednesday after spending a few days helping her mother, Helen Whiteman, celebrate her birthday.

Rich and Jane Green were among those who enjoyed attending the Caston School's spring concert Thursday, April 23. Their grandson, Joshua Green, was one of the participants.

Don and Pauline Scales had visitors Thursday. Stopping by late in the day for a chat were their son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Rosemary Scales of Fulton, and their grand-daughter, Cindy Wiese.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Thursday evening. They helped Beth Larson prepare pizzas for the VFW post's pizza night supper.

Dr. Cindy Parker of Marion, Virginia returned home Friday, April 24, after spending the week helping her mother, Helen Whiteman, celebrate her birthday.

Jane and Rich Green were in Richmond during the weekend. They enjoyed visiting with family friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson.

Virginia Agnew and Florence Baldwin took their lunch to Valparaiso a few days ago and shared it with Lorene and George Wood. Everyone enjoyed the food and visit. Enroute home, they stopped in Hebron and visited with Marsha and Ed Tomerlin and Ashlyn.

Virginia Agnew spent Saturday evening in Rochester helping her grandson, Jeff Agnew, celebrate his birthday. Others helping him mark the occasion were his family, Tina, Shayna and Kayleena and Greg and Jackie Agnew. The celebration included ice cream and cake.

Ruth Ann Anderson had visitors Saturday, April 25. Coming for a daylong family visit were her daughter, Becky Lincoln, and Becky's daughter and granddaughters, Sara Edwards, Kahlan and two-month-old Lilly, all of South Bend. At noon, they were joined for lunch at the Kewanna Kafé by Ruth Ann's daughter, Joyce Luhnaw. In the afternoon, Ruth Ann's sisters, Mildred McColley and Beth Weller, stopped in to visit and take turns holding Lilly.

Ruth Cogdill has returned home after spending several months with her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter, in Bluffton, while recovering from surgery. Ruth was able to spend the Christmas holiday with her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki of Winamac, and their family, before taking ill. Jane brought Ruth home Saturday morning and remained overnight. Linda and Gordon stopped by in the evening to welcome her home.

Earl and Mary Bangel had working visitors over the weekend. Arriving Saturday to work on one of the tractors and help get the fields ready for planting were their son and grandson, Bruce Bangel and Rob of Indianapolis.

Jackie Heidenreich was in Winamac Saturday. She accompanied her daughter, Vickie Molitor, to the 20/20 dinner hosted by the VFW post.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Saturday. They were guests of their daughter, Karina Bohac, and her family for a family celebration. Everyone had a fun time helping Karina celebrate her birthday with cake, ice cream and lots of gifts.

Tom and Linda Garner traveled to Twelve Mile Saturday. They were guests of their daughter and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna.

Jon and Barb Gast were among those who enjoyed attending the vegetable soup dinner hosted by the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Saturday evening.

Pauline and Don Scales had visitors over the weekend. Stopping by for a pleasant visit were their neighbor's nephew and his wife, Doug and Cindy Hull of Traverse City, Michigan.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had guests Sunday, April 26. Joining them for a visit and dinner were their granddaughter and her family, Shelby, Duva and Eli of Rochester.

Florence Hogan and Wendy Kelly had a working visitor Sunday. Coming up to mow the yard was Wendy's husband, Dan Kelly. In the afternoon, he accompanied them to see Janice Graham.

Tim Cogdill of Macy was a Monday morning, April 27, visitor of his mother, Ruth Cogdill.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Trina Doty, Linda Evans, Agnes Kline and Brycen Metzger, May 3; Chelsea Short, Jacob Swafford

and Kenny Swafford, May 4; Clayton Brown, Mary Collins, Aaron Eastwood, Matthew Evers, Steve McColley and Erin Tomerlin, May 5; Dave Bowyer and Jay Cunningham, May 6; Sid Kleiner and Amber McPeak, May 7; Phyllis Cohagen, Mike Mihalik, Emma Masteller, D.J. Pesaresi, Kaelee Smith and Zachary Smith, May 8; and Carter Batta, Molly McKinney, Matthew Meagher, Jordon Moss and Bob Sutton, May 9.

There are three couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Prilliman, May 7 and Mr. and Mrs. Gene DeWitt, May 8.

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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. 9th St., Suite 026, Rochester, or your

accountant can file the return for you. It is no longer required by the state for individual returns (Form 101-S) to be filed which includes campers, ATVs, snowmobiles and human powered boats. Inventory (chickens, turkeys, ducks, livestock, grain, seed supplies, etc. or tangible personal property) is no longer required to be turned in on your farm or business return. You still need to turn in any new equipment you have acquired or any equipment that you no longer use for your business can be taken off your equipment list

Personal property forms can be picked up at the Fulton County Assessor's office, all local libraries in Fulton County, the Fulton County Museum, and the Kewanna Town Hall. Forms are also available from the State website at www.in.gov/dlgf.

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