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**THE LAKE BRUCE
CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
NEWS**

The Lake Bruce Conservancy board of directors met June 11 with three directors, seven freeholders and one guest present.

The minutes of the May 14 meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Correspondence during the past month included a proposal received from H & G, Inc. for maintenance on the districts generators. An invoice was received from Gudas Excavating. Budget information was received from the Fulton County auditor. A telephone message was received from the RCAP director concerning information in the Lake Bruce Association's newsletter being used without her permission. An email was received from Evelyn Chamberlain offering to explain USDA assistance at a later meeting.

Old business included an update on the dredging process by Kathy Fisher. The catch basin has been completed and some lines have been laid. The dredging work should start around the middle of June.

Rick Tompos reported that construction of an office/meeting hall has been put on hold as the grant people want three complete drawings and estimates from different contractors. Tompos also reported that the weeds were treated May 20 and everything looks good. The conservancy district is still looking for someone to fill the vacancy left on the board of directors by the resignation of Norm Steigely.

Richard Denny reported on the wastewater treatment plant noting that there are still problems, but there is also some improvement. Several violations have been addressed. Someone is throwing rocks in the treatment facility. It was noted that this is a federal crime. Anyone with any information about the rock throwing should contact a director immediately. Director Brad Glasson is looking into acquiring no trespassing signs.

Inspector Paul Bradley reported to the board, noting that 16 hookups were completed last month for a total of 180. A line break on Guise Park Road was taken care of in a timely manner.

Rick Tompos gave a report on sewer billings. The district billed 273.5 EDUs plus 11 vacant lots for a total of \$20,617.

The proposal from H & G quoted a \$1,375 charge for one-time maintenance service on the wastewater treatment facility's three generators. The proposal was declined. Buckeye Power is going to submit a proposal for the work and Richard Denny is seeking other proposals.

The district is searching for someone for ground maintenance

Chuck Phillipy wins first Fred Deutschman fishing tournament

Chuck Phillipy's 43-inch Muskie took the \$25 first prize Sunday at Lake Bruce's first annual Fred Deutschman fishing tournament. Gail Hastings came in with an 11.5 inch catfish to win first prize "of another species".

Bailey Zimpleman carried off the \$10 children's first prize with a 7 1/8-inch bluegill while Hannah Backmann netted a newly hatched bluegill to place second.

Louanna Webb of Winamac, formerly of Lake Bruce, widow of Fred Deutschman, presented the prizes and talked of Fred's love of fishing and the lake.

Fred Deutschman and his friend and business partner, Sonny Cowles, moved to the Kewanna area following World War II. The Michigan men started a heavy equipment/earth moving business and changed to gravel processing later at Collin's Gravel Pit east of Kewanna. In return for work on the Overmyer Ditch, May Overmyer Kline paid the partners with two lake-front lots. Fred was an avid fisherman and hunter and he also enjoyed wood carving and tying flies.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, June 22 - Chicken breast, mashed potatoes, spinach, cookie, roll and milk

Wednesday, June 24 - Barbecued ribbette sandwich, macaroni and cheese, zucchini blend, peaches and milk

Friday, June 26 - Chicken salad, potato soup, peas & carrots, applesauce, crackers and milk

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for all three properties. The district will try to procure equipment to be used.

The \$500,000 grant which the district received to help pay for the wastewater treatment system is in jeopardy as the hookups are not done. The district has received an extension until August 31, 2009 for completion of the project. The district partnered with Fulton County to apply for the grant and the county cannot apply for any more grants until the Lake Bruce project is completed.

Property owners are advised that if their property is not hooked up to the new wastewater treatment system by August 31, 2009, they will be treated like a new customer and will have to pay the \$6,300 hook up fee.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting between the Lake Bruce Conservancy District and the Lake Bruce Association Saturday, July 11, at the Hoosier Hideaway. A potluck dinner will be enjoyed at 11 a.m. with the meeting set for 12 noon.

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The News In Brief

Caston High School is looking for a defensive coordinator for the varsity football team. Interested party must have varsity playing experience and coaching experience would be helpful. If interested call Debb Stevens, athletic director, at Caston High School, 574-857-3505, ext. 319.

Caston softball player, Erica Zartman, has been named to the ICGSA Academic All State softball team. Erica was salutatorian of this year's senior class and will attend the University of Evansville where she was awarded a President's Scholarship, which pays full tuition for four years. She plans to study physical therapy.

The Fulton County Communications Board will meet at 9 a.m. June 24 and 25 to allow vendors to demonstrate the New Generation 911 Solutions.

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a fun and easy-to-use tree identification booklet that will help identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. To obtain a tree identification guide, send your name and address and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree is This?*, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the booklet online at www.arborday.org.

The Nyona/South Mud Lake Boosters will serve an all-you-can-eat fish dinner, including dessert and beverage, Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Nyona Lake Club House, 2999 N. Knoll Drive. Proceeds will support lake projects.

The Federal Aviation Administration plans to propose new limits on how many hours airline pilots can fly in an effort to curb pilot fatigue. The National Transportation Safety Board has been urging the FAA for almost twenty years to strengthen regulations on pilot hours.

The Indiana girls and boys all-star basketball teams swept their Kentucky counterparts over the weekend. The Indiana boys all-stars beat Kentucky 78-65 Saturday at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis and 64-49 Sunday at Bellarmine University in Louisville. The girls won 105-75 Saturday, and 85-75 Sunday.

A rare Abraham Lincoln stamp that was stolen from Indiana in 1967 and surfaced 39 years later in Chicago has sold for more than \$430,000.

A news report out of Washington notes the influential senators working to overhaul the nation's health care system have

Food preservation workshop, June 23 & 25

The Fulton County Purdue University Cooperative Extension is hosting a two-part home food preservation workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. June 23 and 25 at the Extension Office in Rochester. The cost for both sessions is \$5.

This program is good for the first time or novice home food preserver because the video series actually shows participants the "how to" of preserving food properly. Furthermore, if you already know how to preserve, this program is an excellent refresher course.

Home preserving can provide major benefits for individuals and families. First, people can save money by using their own garden produce or buying seasonally fresh food in bulk. Studies have shown that cooking at home versus eating out does save people money, so why not save even more by using your own home preserved food. Additionally, home preserving provides a taste of summer during the winter and spring months when people are less likely to venture out in inclement weather. It's always nice to bake a peach pie in the middle of winter and remember eating the peach picked from the tree.

There are many tips the Purdue Extension workshop will provide to the make home preservation safe. Topics include, but are not limited to, what should and should not be pressure canned, canning tomato products and measuring "headspace" in a jar before sealing it. Information on freezing and drying food will also be discussed.

To reserve a spot for the workshop, call the Extension Office at 574-223-3397 or email Christa Holloway at hollowac@purdue.edu. The workshop will also be offered June 22 and June 24 at the Marshall County Extension Office, Room 304, Marshall County Building, 112 W. Jefferson, Plymouth, IN 574-935-8545.

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Kewanna Town Council Meetings First Thursday of Each Month 7 p.m. - Town Hall

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investments and family ties with some of the biggest names in the industry.

James A. Carr was sentenced to 55 years in prison last Thursday for the shooting of Roy A. Shaffer in 2006. Carr was convicted April 30 in Fulton Superior Court by a jury of ten men and two women.

Hannah Lee was crowned 2009 Round Barn Festival queen last Thursday. She was also named Miss Congeniality.

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Horse and tractor pulls at Power Show

The Fulton County Historical Power Show will be held June 19-21 at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds on U.S. 31 north of Rochester. The event will feature horse pulls, antique tractor pulls and garden tractor pulls. Show hours are Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or whenever the tractor pull ends. Admission is \$5 for adults (age 12 and over) and free for children age 11 and under. Weekend passes are available at \$10 per person. Free parking and tram rides as well as golf cart rental is available on the grounds. The grounds are handicapped accessible.

The different types of pulls will include a team tractor pull at 1 p.m. on Friday and light- and heavy-weight antique tractor pull at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Blue Grass music. Saturday will start with a powder puff pull at 1 p.m. followed by the 50/50 pull which means the tractor and driver must be 50 years and older, at 7 p.m. There will be a Northern Indiana Horse Pullers Association horse pull Saturday also. The Northern Indiana Garden Tractor Pullers will pull Sunday starting at 1 p.m.

A variety of other activities will also be taking place during the power show such as sawmill demonstrations with custom cutting available powered by five steam engines. Filed demonstrations will include baling, corn shelling, threshing and a baker fan. A parade will be held at 11 a.m. daily and there will also be food vendors, a flea market, craft vendors and swap parts vendors every day. A toy show featuring antique and modern toys, farm related to NASCAR, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the museum. The museum, Round Barn Museum and Living History Village will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

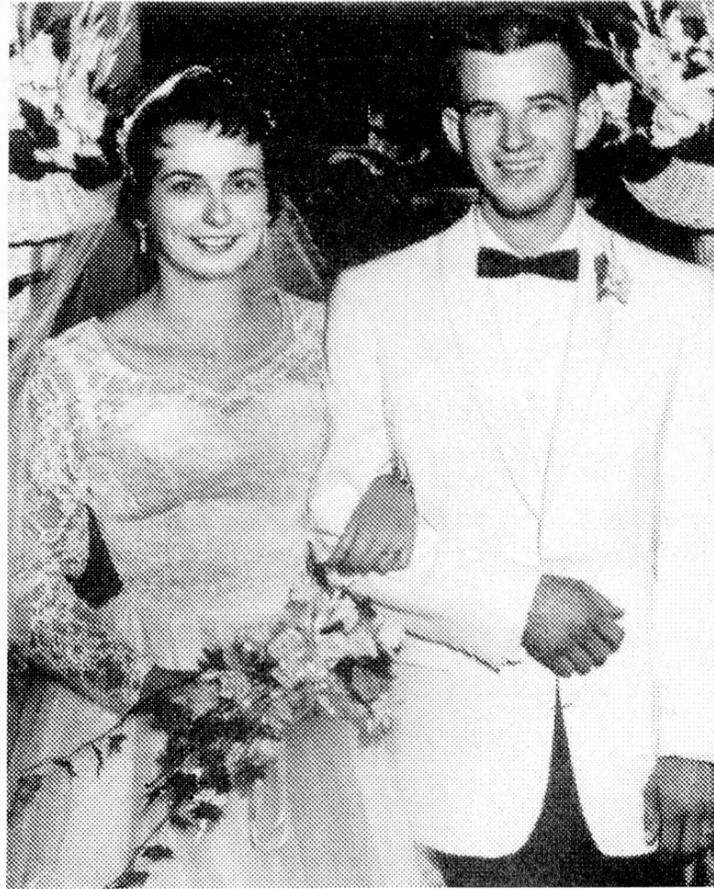
The power show will host Ford/Fordson tractors, New Holland equipment and hit-n-miss engines. The featured tractor will be the Ford 900 series. The honored business this year will be New Holland Rochester in the center field. Exhibitors are welcome to bring equipment to display and can register when they arrive at the show. All colors are welcome. For further information, call the Fulton County Historical Society at 574-223-4436 or see the Web page at www.icss.net/~fchs.

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Recycling Dates
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
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Darla and John Cunningham

Cunninghams to celebrate 50th anniversary

John and Darla (Elmore) Cunningham, 7565 S 800 W, Kewanna, will be the guests of honor at an open house from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the Grass Creek Fire Station in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married June 21, 1959 at the Grass Creek EUB Church.

Mrs. Cunningham is the former Darla Elmore, daughter of Alva and Rhoda Leona (May) Elmore of Boswell. He is the son of Everett and Florence (Jones) Cunningham of Grass Creek.

The couple has one son, Robert, and his wife, Aliya, of Mishawaka. Their grandchildren include Laylea, Azizah and Yasmeen Cunningham.

Darla graduated from Boswell High School in 1958 and Anderson Beauty College. She worked at Wright's Beauty Mark in Logansport for five years and had a beauty shop in her home for 28 years. She retired as a bank teller for First Federal Savings Bank in Winamac after 16 years

of service.

Mr. Cunningham, a 1956 graduate of Grass Creek High School, served two years in the Marine Corps. He worked for Ray's Creamery in Logansport; was bulk plant manager for Cities Service in Logansport until it closed; drove a school bus for the Caston School District for 30 years; and has been the owner/operator of the Grass Creek Garage since the mid 1960s.

The couple requests no gifts, but cards are welcome.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 Calendar

June 3 - Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

June 20 - band Hit 'n Run

June 21 - Happy Father's Day

June 28 - Open Sunday beginning at noon

June 30 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Veterans Home is in need of clothing for large men, pant sizes 44 and up and shirts, sizes 2X to 6X

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Breakfast, lunch July 4 at Twelve Mile

The Twelve Mile Community Board will serve breakfast and lunch in conjunction with the Twelve Mile Lawnmower Race Saturday, July 4, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Twelve Mile Community Building.

Biscuits and gravy, grilled sausage, pancakes and other items will be featured for breakfast. Hot dogs, sloppy Joes, ham and beans, pork sausage sandwiches and homemade pies will be on the lunch menu starting at 10 a.m.

Members from several local churches will provide the food items and cook and serve the meals.

The Twelve Mile parade starts at 11:30 a.m. with the lawnmower races to start shortly thereafter.

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Send In Your News

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Dr. Laurence Bates will be speaking on the topic "Long Term Effects of Chemotherapy in Cancer Survivorship" at the Cancervive support group July 21 in the PMH conference center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Cancervive is a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends. For more information, call 574-946-2180

The next sibling class is scheduled for June 27 at PMH. This class is offered the last Saturday of every other month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10) to adjust to a new baby in the family. They are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule their child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child. To register,

The next prenatal evening classes at PMH will run five consecutive Thursdays from July 30 to August 27. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. The purpose of the classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Parents are encouraged to attend classes any time after the fourth month of pregnancy. To register, call patient services at 574-946-2193 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital. Prenatal classes are offered seven times a year; four sets of Thursday evening classes and three one-day Saturday classes.

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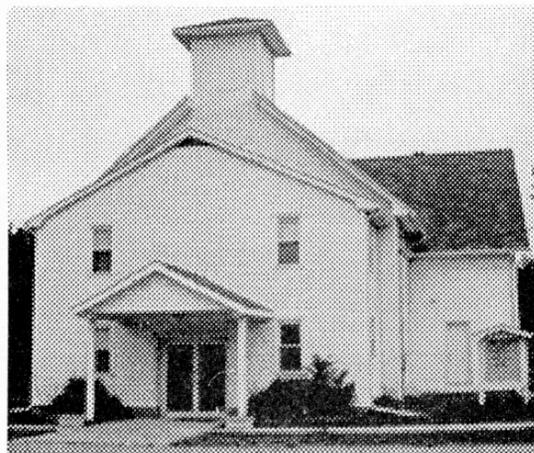
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 June 5
 Births – Nina Click, Rochester, a son; Tonya Kiefer, Silver Lake, a son
 June 6
 Births – Dustin and Jennifer Spicher, Akron, a son
 June 8
 Admissions – Preston Studebaker and Alice Surface, Akron; Silvia Daugherty, Claypool; Shirley Reason, Kewanna
 Dismissals – Charles Bradley, Argos; Patrick Foster, Nina Click and son, Rochester; Alice Surface and Jennifer Spicher and son, Akron; Silvia Daugherty, Claypool;
 June 9
 Admissions – Bettie Gross, Kewanna; Charlotte Samuels and Gloria Eaton, Rochester
 Dismissals – Alvin Fox, Kewanna; Preston Studebaker, Akron
 Births – Annette Fowler, Culver, a daughter; Adam and Amanda Heckman, Bourbon, a son
 June 10
 Admissions – Lynn Edson and Emerson Overmyer, Rochester
 Dismissals – Shirley Reason and Bettie Gross, Kewanna
 June 11
 Admissions – Judith Hutchison, Fulton
 Dismissals – none published
 June 12
 Admissions – none published
 Dismissals – Lynn Edson, Rochester; Annette Fowler and daughter, Culver; Amanda Heckman and son, Bourbon
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Donaldson and Miller's Merry Manor in Culver (Marshall County). There were no nursing homes in Fulton or Cass counties on the list.

A total of 131 nursing homes in Indiana had their annual surveys during this period.

"The management and staff of these facilities are commended for their performance on what is a challenging survey process," said Terry Whitson, assistant commissioner for Health Care Regulatory Services at the Indiana State Department of Health.

"To achieve quality health care, a facility must have a well planned and executed system. Having zero deficiencies means the facility has paid close attention to quality health care components such as assessment, care planning, and care coordination."

For each annual survey of a long-term care facility, a team of three or four professional surveyors performs detailed inspections that last from four days to two weeks. The team members are registered nurses or social workers.

The annual surveys cover these areas: residents' rights, including admission, transfer, and discharge; residents' behavior and facility practices (how the facility protects its residents); quality of life; resident assessment (how the facility determines the appropriate care for each resident); quality of care; nursing services; physician services; dental services; infection control; physical environment; and administration.

Foot Health - Diabetes

Pat Smith
 Director of Media Marketing
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Is it normal for my feet to hurt?

Foot pain is not normal and is often a sign of a more serious medical problem. It is a misconception that foot pain is something that everyone suffers from and many people don't realize that foot problems can often be treated easily and with a high rate of success.

Should I be worried about the bunions and hammertoes

Bone deformities such as bunions and hammertoes are usually progressive and your podiatrist may recommend correcting them before they get severe.

Bone deformities can cause ulcers (sores) that may lead to severe infections and even amputation.

How long does it normally take for a sore to heal?

Healthy individuals can expect a sore to improve daily. Sores that do not improve or worsen over time should be evaluated by a podiatrist.

Why do my feet feel cold?

Cold feet may be a sign of circulation problems. Lack of blood flow to the feet and toes is common for those with diabetes and can make your feet feel cold.

Another sign of decreased blood flow is the loss of hair growth on the toes or feet. Decreased blood flow can make it difficult for people with diabetes to heal sores or infections.

Is there a special examination to evaluate how much feeling I have in my feet?

Diabetic neuropathy is a common complication of diabetes

Signs of neuropathy include: muscle weakness in the legs, pain in the feet and legs, tingling, burning, or numbness in the feet and hands, and decreased pain sensations and loss of feeling.

How should I inspect my feet at home?

Those who suffer from diabetes should check their feet every day. Look for areas of irritation (redness), areas of inflammation (swelling) or any other changes to the feet. People with diabetes lose their sensation and cannot feel an abnormality on their foot so a daily visual inspection becomes very important.

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STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS 16 NURSING HOMES HAD DEFICIENCY-FREE ANNUAL SURVEYS IN FIRST QUARTER

Sixteen Indiana comprehensive-care nursing homes had zero deficiencies in their annual surveys conducted from January through March 2009, according to state health officials. Among these 16 nursing homes are Pulaski Health Care Center in Winamac (Pulaski County) and the Catherine Kasper Home at

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For more information or to apply for the scholarship, contact Pulaski Memorial Hospital Administration at 574-946-2166. The deadline for the 2009 fall semester is July 1, 2009.

The application can also be printed from the PMH website at pmhnet.com.

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NOTICE TO FULTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Fulton County Treasurer, Lorie Hurst, wants to notify all Fulton County taxpayers that the 2008 payable 2009 spring installment will be due July 17,

2009, and the fall installment will be due November 10, 2009.

Tax statements will be mailed June 17, 2009. Taxes can be paid online at www.fultontax.net, Community State Bank, First Financial Bank, Lake City Bank, or in the Fulton County Treasurer's office at 125 E 9th, Rochester, IN.

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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO June 16, 1949

Virgil Gwinn rendered his resignation as principal of the Kewanna schools last week, according to Union Township trustee, Ralph Johnston. Gwinn has accepted a position as principal of Plainfield High School and superintendent of its two grade buildings. He plans to move his family from Kewanna to Plainfield sometime in August to take over his new duties.

The Prairie Grove Home Economics Club met with Mrs. Clurel Hunter recently. Mrs. Howard Mutchler was her co-hostess. Plans were made for a trip to Indianapolis soon.

Rev. C. W. Evers, pastor of the Kewanna Methodist Church, has been reappointed to that position by the Northwest Indiana Conference.

The Observer office will be open Monday afternoons and Tuesdays for gathering news and business transactions at its present location next to the Harrison chapel, until further notice.

The Wayne Trophy Finders 4-H Club met Friday evening in the Floyd Van Meter home with Mrs. Ted Miller, Mrs. Orville Thomas

and Mrs. Arthur Feidner assisting Mrs. Van Meter. The junior leader in charge was Gene Horn. The refreshment committee consisted of Bobby Feidner and Tim Woodruff.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO June 18, 1954

Robert Duchess, 37, new owner of the local drug store opened his doors officially Wednesday morning. The fountain, magazine racks and ice cream cabinet are all operating and there is quite a bit of merchandise on the shelves. The merchandise will be increased as the wants of the community are made known.

Rev. Frank R. Briggs was appointed pastor of the local Methodist Church when the 103rd session of the Northern Indiana Methodist Conference was held at Greencastle. He replaces Rev. Forrest Howell who has served the Kewanna congregation for three years. Howell will move to Delphi, which was Rev. Briggs former charge.

Stephen Charles Fear, 20-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fear, Rt. 1, has been seriously ill with chicken pox, but is reportedly better at this time.

Billy Joe Lamb is recovering from chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (Bill) Corsaut have purchased the Witham property in the north end of town from Mrs. William Pickens. They expect to move there some time this month, after the house is papered and a few changes are made.

Mrs. Wilbur Carr was pleasantly surprised on her birthday when a number of friends and relatives gathered at her home in her absence and had a picnic dinner ready when she arrived home.

Cpl. Arthur Nickelson of Grass Creek arrived last week to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Nickelson. Cpl. Nickelson is stationed in Korea.

Miracle Whip was advertised at Bennett's IGA in Kewanna at 43 cents a quart.

FIFTY YEARS AGO June 18, 1959

Leo Marshall, principal at the state's smallest high school in Raub for the last four years, was employed Sunday by Union Township trustee James McKinney as the new principal at Kewanna. Marshall signed a one-year contract.

Harry Foglesong, 75, died Sunday, June 7, in Orlando, Florida. A retired painter and decorator, Mr. Foglesong and his brother, Ralph, owned and operated Foglesong Paint Store in Kewanna for a number of years. Funeral services were held at the Harrison Funeral Chapel with Rev. Charles Cook officiating and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery.

Doris Kreamer was honored at a bridal shower Wednesday evening, June 3, in the home of Mrs. Darlene Sayers. Mrs. Sayers was assisted by Darla Greer, Phyllis Kreamer, Wilma Van Duyn, Esther Rude, Wiladean DeWitt, Delia Greer and Donnabelle Fisher, all members of the Kewanna Saddle Club.

Albert Brooks left Wednesday for Puerto Rico where he will spend 14 days with the Naval

Reserve.

The marriage of Miss Doris Kreamer to Wayne Zellers was solemnized by Rev. Darwin Lavengood Friday evening, June 5, in the home of her mother, Mrs. Artha Kreamer, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO June 18, 1964

David Huffman was one of 163 students receiving their diplomas Sunday, June 7, at Indiana Central's 59th commencement. He is the son of Mrs. David Hill, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and a 1960 graduate of North Caston High School.

Private William Downhour graduated from combat basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, May 22. He is spending 13 days on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Downhour, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blume June 8 in Del Rio, Texas. Mrs. Blume is the former Sandra Miller.

Donald McCroskey, 20, who will be a junior at Purdue this fall, was an award winner in the agricultural program at the 1964 Indiana 4-H Roundup which closed Thursday at Purdue.

FORTY YEARS AGO June 12, 1969

A car driven by Joseph Panici, Rt. 1, Winamac, and a pick-up driven by Mrs. Joyce Luhnnow, Rt. 3, Kewanna, collided Wednesday morning west of Kewanna. Mrs. Luhnnow suffered multiple lacerations and bruises. Christina Luhnnow, her one-year-old daughter, also suffered lacerations and bruises. Both

were admitted to the hospital and released. Mr. Panici suffered bruises on his head and legs and complained of chest pains.

Tim Hildebrandt, who was wounded recently in Vietnam, is now recuperating at the summer home of his parents on Lake Bruce. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hildebrandt of Logansport.

Betty Graffis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graffis, Rt. 3, Kewanna, received a Bachelor of Science degree Sunday, June 1, at Taylor University's 123rd commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walters, Arlington, Texas, are the parents of a son born June 6. Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Steve Ley received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree Monday, June 9, from Indiana University School of Law. He has a B.S. degree in science from Purdue University.

Jacquelyn Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vigus of Kewanna, has been selected to participate in the 1969 European concert tour of the American Youth Band and Chorus.

THIRTY YEARS AGO June 21, 1979

Wayne Pearl has announced his resignation as superintendent, principal and boys' varsity basketball coach at Kewanna, a position he has held for the past two years. Pearl has accepted a position as principal at Borden

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High School in the West Clark Community School Corporation near New Albany.

Larry Clones has been hired as varsity boys' basketball coach at Kewanna. He will also coach baseball, serve as athletic director, and teach social studies. He is a graduate of Roachdale High School and Purdue University.

Kenneth Cook, postmaster, has announced the appointment of Jon Gast as a part time clerk in the local post office. He took over his duties Saturday.

For the first time ever, the average price for one grade of gasoline in Cook County, Illinois, has topped the one-dollar-a-gallon mark, according to the latest Fuel Gauge Report issued by the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

Funeral services were held

Sunday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Arnold Adams, 78, Kewanna. He was married in 1934 to Beulah Leap, who survives.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
June 15, 1989**

Kathy Kegaris cleaned up the flower boxes along Main Street and filed them with flower last week. The flowers were provided by the Progressive Association.

Fulton County's ARISE Academy will present a children's musical, "God uses Kids", June 16 and 17, in the Rochester High School auditorium. Thirty-one students, kindergarten through high school seniors, from throughout the county have been working on the musical since October. The directors are Barry and Donna Frisinger of Kewanna.

Kirsten Deckard, a former Kewanna resident, was one of 186 students graduating from Lebanon High School in

Lebanon, Ohio, Saturday, June 10. Attending the graduation from Kewanna were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weller, along with Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Lois Kumler and Mildred McColley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Thomas, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born June 7 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and has been named Courtney Rae. Mrs. Thomas is the former Deanna Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Troutman and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Troutman and Ryan were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman. The group helped Mrs. Gary Troutman celebrate her birthday.

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**Indiana State
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Region 13 All Arabian Horse Show: June 18 - 21 in the Pepsi Coliseum, West and South

Pavilions and Outdoor Arena. Hours: Thurs.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to noon. Admission: free. Contact: Jan Decker (317) 861-4814 or www.region13.net.

Midwest Reptile Show: June 21 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599 or www.midwestreptile.com.

Harness Racing: June 22 - 23 in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand and Race Track. Hours: Mon.- Tues. 11 a.m. Admission: free. Contact: (765) 395-3125.

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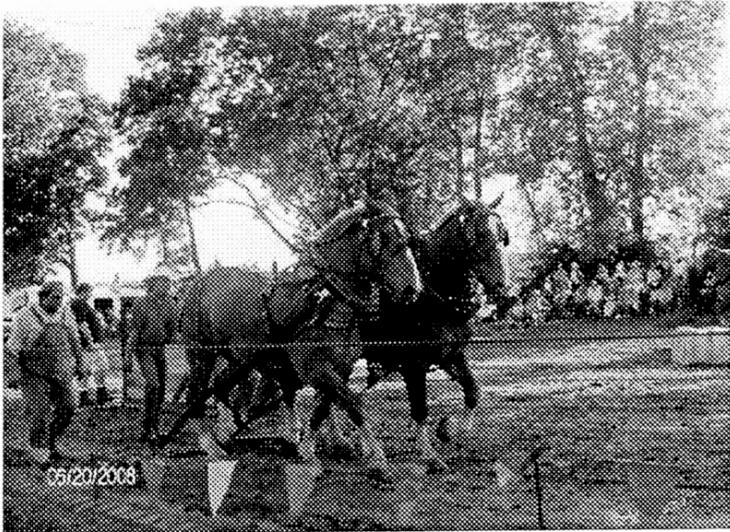
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF FULTON COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the several taxing units in Fulton County for the year 2008 payable in 2009 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the levies and rates on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of net assessed valuation of taxable real estate and personal property in each taxing unit. First installment delinquent after July 17, 2009. Second installment delinquent after November 10, 2009.

Lorie Hurl, Treasurer of Fulton County

| FUNDS | AUBBEE-NAUBBEE | HENRY | LIBERTY | NEWCASTLE | RICHLAND | ROCHESTER | UNION CASTON | UNION ROCHESTER | UNION PULASKI | WAYNE | AKRON | FULTON | KEWANNA | ROCHESTER CITY |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| State Fair Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Forestry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL STATE RATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Co General | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 | 0.2960 |
| Cum Cap Dev | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 | 0.0275 |
| Health | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 |
| Cum Bridge | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 | 0.0230 |
| New Reassessment | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 | 0.0093 |
| Family & Children Welfare HCl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assist to Wards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Co CHCSN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Psychiatric Res Treat. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hospital Lease Rental | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 | 0.0197 |
| TOTAL CO RATE | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 | 0.3928 |
| Airport Authority | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 | 0.0333 |
| Airport Cum Building | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 |
| TOTAL AVIATION RATE | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 | 0.0366 |
| Township | 0.0127 | 0.0197 | 0.0062 | 0.0208 | 0.0080 | 0.0053 | 0.0456 | 0.0456 | 0.0456 | 0.0094 | 0.0197 | 0.0062 | 0.0456 | 0.0053 |
| Poor Relief | 0.0059 | | 0.0063 | 0.0081 | 0.0014 | 0.0029 | 0.0059 | 0.0059 | 0.0059 | 0.0040 | | 0.0063 | 0.0059 | 0.0029 |
| Fire Fighting | 0.0756 | 0.0775 | 0.0189 | 0.0445 | 0.0221 | 0.0772 | 0.0461 | 0.0461 | 0.0461 | 0.0395 | | | | |
| Recreation | | | 0.0063 | | | | | | | | | 0.0063 | | |
| Fire Bldg. Debt | | | | 0.0165 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cum Fire | | | 0.0154 | 0.0154 | 0.0182 | | 0.0154 | 0.0154 | 0.0154 | 0.0241 | | | | |
| Community/Bldg. Services | | | | 0.0046 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cemetery | 0.0087 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL TWP RATE | 0.1029 | 0.0972 | 0.0531 | 0.1099 | 0.0497 | 0.0854 | 0.1130 | 0.1130 | 0.1130 | 0.0770 | 0.0197 | 0.0188 | 0.0515 | 0.0082 |
| Library General | 0.1068 | 0.1102 | 0.1068 | 0.1068 | 0.1068 | 0.1068 | 0.1138 | 0.1138 | 0.1138 | 0.1068 | 0.1102 | 0.1068 | 0.1138 | 0.1068 |
| Library Capital Projects | 0.0000 | 0.0058 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | | | 0.0000 | 0.0058 | 0.0000 | | 0.0000 |
| Library Debt Service | 0.0292 | 0.1220 | 0.0292 | 0.0292 | 0.0292 | 0.0292 | | | | 0.0292 | 0.1220 | 0.0292 | | 0.0292 |
| TOTAL LIB RATE | 0.1360 | 0.2380 | 0.1360 | 0.1360 | 0.1360 | 0.1360 | 0.1138 | 0.1138 | 0.1138 | 0.1360 | 0.2380 | 0.1360 | 0.1138 | 0.1360 |
| School General | 0.1699 | 0.5670 | 0.0964 | 0.5670 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.0964 | 0.2918 | 0.1975 | 0.0964 | 0.5670 | 0.0964 | 0.0964 | 0.2918 |
| School Debt Serv | 0.0354 | 0.0000 | | | 0.0386 | 0.0386 | | 0.0386 | 0.1040 | | | 0.0000 | | 0.0386 |
| School Pension Debt | 0.0718 | 0.2815 | 0.2557 | 0.2815 | 0.2367 | 0.2367 | 0.2557 | 0.2367 | 0.1300 | 0.2557 | 0.2815 | 0.2557 | 0.2557 | 0.2367 |
| School Cap Proj | 0.0809 | 0.2198 | 0.2324 | 0.2198 | 0.1018 | 0.1018 | 0.2324 | 0.1018 | 0.1886 | 0.2324 | 0.2198 | 0.2324 | 0.2324 | 0.1018 |
| School Trans | 0.0289 | 0.0277 | 0.0725 | 0.0277 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0725 | 0.0000 | 0.0837 | 0.0725 | 0.0277 | 0.0725 | 0.0725 | 0.0000 |
| Bus Replacement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pre Sch/Spec Ed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SCH RATE | 0.3869 | 1.0960 | 0.6570 | 1.0960 | 0.6687 | 0.6687 | 0.6570 | 0.6687 | 0.7038 | 0.6570 | 1.0960 | 0.6570 | 0.6570 | 0.6687 |
| City/Town Rates: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corp General | | | | | | | | | | | 0.8042 | 1.3749 | 1.0575 | 0.3263 |
| Motor Vehicle Highway | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0000 | | 0.4251 | 0.1880 |
| Fire Pension | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0168 |
| Police Pension | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0075 |
| Park & Recreation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.1280 |
| Park Bond | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0000 |
| Cum Cap Dev | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0308 | | | 0.0388 |
| Sewer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0008 |
| Sewer Bond | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0022 |
| Cumulative Cap/IMP(Rate) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.1500 | |
| Bond #2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0159 |
| Cum Fire | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0275 | | | |
| TOTAL CORP RATE | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.8625 | 1.3749 | 1.6326 | 0.7241 |
| Solid Waste Mgmt | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| TOTAL TAXING RATE | 1.0552 | 1.8606 | 1.2755 | 1.7713 | 1.2838 | 1.3195 | 1.3132 | 1.3249 | 1.3600 | 1.2994 | 2.6456 | 2.6161 | 2.8843 | 1.9664 |
| Lake Bruce Conservancy | | | | | | | 0.2642 | 0.2642 | 0.2642 | | | | | |
| Mill Creek Conservancy | | | 0.0770 | | | | 0.0770 | 0.0770 | 0.0770 | 0.0770 | | | | |
| % OF SPTRC | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| STATE OF INDIANA SS: COUNTY OF FULTON: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I, Judith A. Reed, Auditor of Fulton County, Indiana hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all levies and rates for taxes collectible in the year 2009. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JUDITH A. REED, FULTON COUNTY AUDITOR. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



Heckathorn family horse pullers practice for Rochester

Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian

The Heckathorn families of Phillip, Keith and Dean, have been entering horse pulling contests for many years, beginning with the father, Phillip, in 1955. His sons, Keith and Dean, will be at the horse pull at the Fulton County Historical Power Show the evening of June 20. Most of the time, they finish in the top five.

Phillip and Shirley Heckathorn have three sons, Dean, Joe and Keith. Their oldest son, Little Phil, died of cancer in 1980. Since 1974, Phil and Shirley and their son, Keith, have lived at 3536 W 1575 N, Macy, where their back fence is on the Miami-Fulton county line. They have 15 acres, an old-fashioned family farm, raising turkeys, ducks in a pond, four Belgian horses, a Tennessee Walker riding horse, coon hounds and Jack Russell terriers. Pam Pine, Keith's girlfriend, lets the Jack Russell puppies out to play a couple of times a day on the spacious lawn. They tumble and bark with puppy joy. The puppies sell for \$75 and are ready to go.

With so many horses to feed, hay is a major crop. They have a half-mile track and a 1,200 pound sled to practice pulling the horses. To get ready for a horse pull, they practice three hours a day.

Dean lives at 350 W and 700 S, which is four miles west of Fulton, but has a Kewanna address. Joe lives in Rochester and helps with judging at horse pulls.

Phil's father, Ed Heckathorn pulled and raced horses in the 1940s. He married and had 10 children, living most of his life near Deedsville. He died in 1985 at the age of 83.

Phil began working with pulling horses when he was 11 years old, logging at Deedsville. Dean started at age nine with ponies. Keith first pulled at age 10 at a pony pull at Auburn. They pull at events as far west as Denver, Colorado; as far south as Ocala, Florida; east to Pennsylvania; and north to Wisconsin. Phillip went to Utah once to participate in a horse pulling contest. Their favorite horse pulls are at Winamac's Power of the Past, Plymouth's Blueberry Festival, and in Centerville, Michigan. They enter 20 to 40 horse pulls a year. In 1999-2004, Dean also went to Florida to pull during the winter. He went to West Virginia the first week of June. In August, he plans to enter horse pulls in

Delaware, Maine and Massachusetts.

Like most horse pullers, the Heckathorns use Belgian horses because they are the best for pulling. Clydesdales are bigger but not as strong. Belgian horses sell for \$6,000 to \$10,000. One sold for \$90,000, but that is unusual.

The Heckathorns are members of the Northern Indiana Horse Pullers Association. There are 21 members in the club. Dean Heckathorn is the only one in Fulton County. The group pays liability insurance of \$350 per event. Insurance is expensive because this is a dangerous hobby. No one in the club has ever gotten hurt. When the horses are hooked to the pulling sled, they immediately jump forward and pull with all their might. Accidents can happen if the man hooking them up to the sled does not get his hand out of the way before the horses jump forward. One man lost both thumbs that way.

These are 2,000 pound horses. If they break loose, damage could be done, so the audience needs to stay back. The sled that the horses pull is weighted according to the weight of the horse team, so that individually they have an equal chance. As each round is completed, more weight is added. Mules can out pull horses every time but with this system of weights, they would not win every time. No one in NIHA owns mules.

Horse pulling is an expensive hobby. Not only are the horses pricey, but the equipment required includes harness, collar, set of double trees and special horseshoes. A horse must be four years old to enter a pulling contest. Together they have six horses. Phil's horses are Dan, age 18, and Charlie, Age 19. Keith's horses include Ted and Don. Dean's horses are named Duck and Dale. Contest results are kept on each horse. Dan and Charlie usually finish in the top five each season. Ted is a new horse which they acquired this year.

Accompanying them to the horse pulls are Phil's wife, Shirley, Keith's girlfriend, Pamela Pine, Joe's girlfriend, Michelle Mendoza, and Dean's sons, Hughston, age 7, and Casey, age 17, his wife, Karla Hughes, and sometimes their younger children, Raquelle age 6, Hailey age 5, and Libby, six months old. The little kids help feed and care for the horses. Karla came from a horse pulling family. Her father, brother, uncle and grandpa pull from their home in Nashville, Michigan.

Shirley and Phil have four

granddaughters and two grandsons. Joe's children include Lacey, Haley and Braden. Lacey has a son and daughter, making Shirley and Phil great-grandparents.

Shirley is well known in Fulton County as she worked at Chamberlins in Akron, Gropp's in Rochester and the Paradise truck stop.

Both Keith and Dean work for B&D Ag Services. They also do logging with the horses. When not logging, they practice with the horses two or three hours a day. When asked if anything funny ever happened, Dean said once he was jerked off the machine and rolled end over end, but kept his cowboy hat on. This happened in Paulding, Ohio, and the guys teased him a lot.

They agree that they like the horse pull at the Fulton County Museum, saying it is really good and a lot of fun.

The fan base for horse pulling seems to be mostly old timers. This is an interesting and exciting sport for young and middle-aged people, too. We urge everyone to come out and take a look. You might like it!

The Fulton County Historical Power Show will be held June 19-21 at the Fulton County Historical Society grounds located four miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. Admission is charged for adults age 12 and older. The show includes antique tractor, garden tractor and horse pulls during the event. Flea market and craft vendors, a toy show and food vendors will be around the museum buildings at the north end of the property.

For more information you can call the Fulton County Historical Society at 574-224-4436 or see the Web page at www.icss.net/~fchs.

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Celebrate America's Independence: Donate Blood

July is a time to bring family and friends together to celebrate America's independence; it is also a time to commend the national spirit of America's blood donors.

"Blood donors symbolize our nation's generosity," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Every day, people from coast-to-coast independently step forward to help others in need by donating blood."

Giving blood around the Fourth of July also helps strengthen America's blood supply during the heart of summer. Red Cross officials say that blood donations typically slump in July and around major holidays as some donors focus on summer activities and may overlook donating blood.

"Regardless of the season, hospital patients need blood," said Whitman. "Blood is always needed in the summer as seasonal travel and activities contribute to serious accidents and injury that require blood for emergency care. Plus, cancer patients need blood products year round."

All blood types are needed, but Type O-negative is in especially high demand since it can be transfused to patients with any other blood type and is often used especially in emergency situations. Currently the

Indiana-Ohio Region has less than a 12-hour supply of Type O-negative.

The American Red Cross considers a three-day supply safe and adequate for meeting the ongoing needs of hospital patients, and five to seven days optimal for emergency preparedness.

"Your donation this summer will help shore up America's blood supply," said Whitman. "What greater sense of American spirit can you have than knowing that blood will be there if and when you need it?"

From June 29 to Sept. 7 donors who give blood through the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross will be entered to win a weekly drawing for a \$500 Meijer gift card.

How to Donate Blood

Monday, June 22, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, located at 1400 E. 9th St. in Rochester. All presenting donors in June will be entered into a drawing for a grill package worth \$1,000. The package includes a \$500 Lowe's gift card for the purchase of a grill and \$500 gift certificate to Omaha Steaks.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment or visit IndianaOhioRedCross.org for more information. If you are at least 17* years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification.

*In Indiana, you may give blood at 16 years of age with written, parental consent.

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I know of solar power systems that people can put on their roofs to generate electricity or heat water. Are there systems that serve whole neighborhoods? -- Lee Helscel, via email

Collective bargaining is a good strategy when looking to get the best price on a given product or service. Solar power is no exception, and dozens of neighborhood-wide installations in the U.S. and Canada have created a new model whereby going solar can actually start to pencil out for individual homeowners.

One of the first neighborhood-wide solar installations in the world was at the master-planned community of Drake Landing in the town of Okotoks in Alberta, Canada. The entire community, now with more than 50 homes built and occupied, is heated by a neighborhood-wide "borehole thermal energy" system designed to store abundant solar energy underground during the summer and distribute it to each home as needed for space heating throughout the winter. The system, which launched in June 2007, now fulfills some 90 percent of each home's space heating needs, with any slack taken up by fossil fuels.

While some planned communities like Drake Landing incorporated neighborhood solar power from the get-go,

others decided it made sense after they were first built. One example is the deal that homeowners in Marin County, California can get in on, thanks to the hard work of the nonprofit GoSolarMarin. The group negotiated discounted group rates with several photovoltaic solar panel providers, and eventually signed on with SolarCity, a Silicon Valley based solar provider that operates some 30 different "community solar programs" across California, Arizona and Oregon.

GoSolarMarin was able to negotiate a rate some 25 percent lower than what a typical solar installation would cost for Marin County residents willing to participate. And best of all, homeowners can lease from SolarCity instead of having to pay tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket to buy equipment that may become obsolete in a few years. SolarCity monitors all clients' installations online to ensure that they are running at peak performance, and also makes house calls for maintenance as needed.

While California is no doubt a leader in residential solar power, the concept is spreading. Neighborhood Solar, for instance, is a Colorado-based nonprofit formed to accelerate the adoption of residential solar power in the Denver Metro area. The group organizes homeowners into collective solar purchasing groups, and negotiates significant discounts accordingly. "We act as an independent buyer's agent," the group reports on its website, "with the goal of providing the best value to residential solar purchasers while helping installers put up more solar at reduced overhead costs."

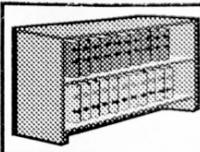
Community-based groups like GoSolarMarin and Neighborhood Solar are springing up all over the country, and dozens of solar companies have now adopted the community installation model. Community leaders interested in neighborhood-scope solar programs should shop around for the best prices and service guarantees before signing with any one solar provider. There's a lot of individuals can do to be part of clean energy solutions; there's even more a group working in concert can accomplish, and community-based solar is but one bright and shining example. **CONTACTS:** Drake Landing Solar Community, www.dlsc.ca; GoSolarMarin, www.gosolarmarin.com; SolarCity, www.solarcity.com; Neighborhood Solar, www.neighborlysolar.com. **SEND YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS TO:** EarthTalk, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; earthtalk@emagazine.com. Read past columns at: archives.php. EarthTalk is now a book! Details and order information at: www.emagazine.com/earthtalkbook, www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/

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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

The June 13 story hour was about circus animals. The children listened to the books *Curious George Visits an Amusement Park* by Margret and H.A. Rey and *Busy Baby Animals: Tiger* by Jenny Johnson. They imitated several types of animals, made tiger hand puppets and took turns trying to tame two noisy "lions". Other books that were used for the program were *Hop-Skip-Jump-a-roo Zoo* by Jane Belk Moncure and *Kids Can Draw Animals of the World* by Philippe Legendre. The next story hour will be Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m. and the theme will be magic.

New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian General Fiction— *The Note II* by Angela Hunt; *The Secret* (#1 of the Seasons of Grace series) by Beverly Lewis; *A Love to Last Forever* (#2 of the Brides of Gallatin County) by Tracie Peterson; and *According to Their Deeds* by Paul Robertson.
Christian Mystery Fiction— *Midnight in Madrid* (#2 of The Russian Trilogy) by Noel Hynd.
Large Print Christian Fiction— *The Secret* (#1 of the Seasons of Grace series) by Beverly Lewis

and *A Love to Last Forever* (#2 of the Brides of Gallatin County) by Tracie Peterson.

Western Fiction— *Pass Creek* by Wayne D. Overholser.

JUVENILES:

Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction— *The Berenstain Bears Play A Good Game* and *The Berenstain Bears Love Their Neighbors* (from the Berenstain Bears series) by Jan and Mike Berenstain and *The Princess Twins and The Birthday Party, The Princess Twins and The Kitty, The Princess Twins and The Tea Party* and *The Princess*

Twins Play in The Garden (#1-#4 of the Princess Twins series) by Mona Hodgson.

Youth Christian Fiction— *Always Watching* (#1 of The Rayne Tour series) by Brandilyn Collins; *Nightmare's Edge* (#3 of the Echoes from The Edge series) by Bryan Davis; *Beyond Corista* (#3 of The Shadowless Trilogy) by Robert Elmer; *Memory's Gate* (#3 of the Time Thriller trilogy) by Paul McCusker; and *Ruby Unscripted* by Cindy Martinusen-Coloma; and *Lucy's Perfect Summer* (#3 of the Faithgirlz: Lucy series) by Nancy Rue.

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Ivy Tech reports 44 percent increase in dual credit

Ivy Tech Community College enrolled 16,569 Indiana high school students in dual credit this year, a 43.9 percent increase from the number of students enrolled the previous year.

The 16,569 high school students completed 83,971 credit hours saving Indiana parents nearly \$8 million in college tuition costs. Last year, Ivy Tech enrolled 11,512 high school students who completed more than 58,000 credit hours saving Indiana parents more than \$5.5 million in college tuition costs. Since the 2005-2006 school year, dual credit headcount at the college has increased by 141 percent.

Ivy Tech's dual credit program allows high school juniors and seniors to simultaneously enroll at Ivy Tech and their high school to earn both college and high school credits. Dual credit courses are free to students, saving parents even more on their child's college education.

The college currently offers dual credit programs in 235 Indiana high schools and career centers. Approximately 90 percent of all Indiana high school students have access to Ivy Tech's dual credit classes. Dual credit plays an important role in strengthening the connection between high school and college, making the transition between sectors easier for students while providing high school students with a realistic understanding of college-level academic expectations.

"Educational attainment beyond high school is widely recognized as necessary to compete and succeed in the modern economy, yet too few students are able to complete the education they need," said Ivy Tech President Thomas J. Snyder. "We are so very grateful to work with the state's superintendents, principals and instructors to make these partnerships possible. We must work together to make college attainable to all students, and getting students exposed to college as early as possible will open up the prospect of post-secondary education to students who might not otherwise consider going to college."

Ivy Tech Community College offers the majority of dual credit in Indiana. Ivy Tech uses dual credit to encourage greater participation in higher education and to help students overcome real or perceived obstacles to higher education. The most common form of Ivy Tech dual credit involves courses taught in a high school, by a high school instructor, and offered during the regular school day. High school faculty who offer the dual credit course must meet credential requirements and participate in

professional development provided by Ivy Tech. To reach a dual credit agreement for a course taught in a high school by a high school instructor, Ivy Tech works with the high school to establish that the high school class and the college class are equivalent, or if necessary, to suggest changes in order to qualify as a dual credit course. This process involves review of course content, lesson plans, textbooks, exams, assignments, facilities and equipment. Dual credit agreements are reviewed every year to promote collaboration and to ensure continuity of professional staff, course content, textbooks, and other key teaching and learning factors.

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public post-secondary institution and the nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college system with more than 120,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

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KEWANNA YOUTH LEAGUE SCHEDULE

June 1 - 18

Mondays - 5:30 p.m., minor league games

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Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m., t-ball games; 6:30 p.m., minor league games

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Fulton County Drainage Board at its meeting on June 8, 2009 hereby notifies you that the Findings and Order increasing the maintenance rate and correcting the watershed on said drain has been filed and is available for inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor. If a Judicial review of the Findings and Order of this Board is not requested within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the order shall become conclusive.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Mathilda Lamb had a houseguest recently. Arriving Tuesday, June 9, for a week-long visit was her niece, Margie Geiger of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Tuesday. They were dinner guests of Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast, at the River Bend restaurant. The foursome had a nice time celebrating Jon's birthday (even though it was a little late).

Don and Pauline Scales had surprise visitors Tuesday evening. Stopping by for a great visit were their nephew and his son, Darrell Tarver and Brandon of South Carolina. Darrell, who is a long-haul trucker, was in the area and his route ran close enough to be able to spend time with the Scales. After learning of Darrell and Brandon's arrival, the Scales' daughter, Linda Garner, came down to see them.

Mathilda Lamb and Margie Geiger were in Logansport Wednesday, June 10. They enjoyed visiting with Mathilda's siblings, Patricia Koons and David Besse, at Miller's Merry Manor. Also stopping in for a visit were David's daughter, Claudia Winegardner; her daughter, Anna; and Anna's three children.

The Birthday Club met Wednesday at the Log Cabin

restaurant near Argos. All eight members—Willetta Wilson of Rochester and Virginia Agnew, Florence Baldwin, Martha Ann Cook, Barb Gast, Betty Leazenby, Ruth Talbott and Doris Woolington—were able to attend.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Thursday evening, June 11. They helped Beth Larson prepare pizza for the V.F.W. post's weekly pizza dinner.

Margie Geiger and Mathilda Lamb traveled to Monticello Friday, June 12. They met Kim Besse of Baltimore, Maryland; Joe Besse of Fowler; and Tom and Pat Wright of California for a visit at the Wendy's restaurant.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their grandson, Nick Bohac, were among the participants in the Round Barb Festival Parade Friday evening. The LaFollettes rode in their 1957 Chevy Bel-Air convertible.

Pauline Scales and Linda Garner traveled to Logansport Saturday, June 13. They had a delightful time attending the 98th birthday party held in honor of Verna Faylor at Woodbridge Health Center. Verna is a former neighbor of Pauline and her family.

The Arthur Besse family held their annual reunion Saturday in Wolcott. Among the many, many family members in attendance was Mathilda Lamb.

Verna Faylor had a very busy day Saturday. In honor of her 98th birthday, her family hosted a picnic lunch for her family and friends on the grounds of Woodbridge Health Center in Logansport. Afterward, her nephew and his wife, Doug and Cindy Hull of Traverse City, Michigan, took her for a long drive around the area. Upon their arrival in Grass Creek, they stopped at Verna's home to look around before heading back to Logansport.

Leonard and Nancy Evers enjoyed a delightful evening Saturday. They were among those who had fun attending the country music show at the Round Barn Festival.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Sunday. Joining them for dinner and a visit were their daughter and her family, Amanda Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso, and their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Mathilda Lamb and Margie Geiger had several visitors Sunday. Stopping by throughout the day were Roy and Cathy Elzy of Louisville, Kentucky; Bill Foerg of Royal Center; and Mike and Sandy Besse.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had guests Sunday evening. Joining

them for a visit and supper were their granddaughter and her family, Shelby, Duva and Eli.

Sunday afternoon guests of Forrest and Elnora Baker to help her celebrate her 90th birthday were Pat and Larry Bucks, Bruce Baker, Helen Bonnell and Joe and Karen Good. Mark and Kelly Smith called on the Bakers Sunday morning.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Terry Bohac, Angela Gast, Tyler McLane and Samantha Sparks, June 21; Theresa Bangel, June 22; Amy Agnew, Clay Hilliard, Ed Murhling and Terry Troutman, June 23; Alexis Agnew, Jessica Bruce, Ethan Perry and Charles Thomas, June

24; Tom Davies, Nicki Miller, Beulah Milliser and David Urhausen, June 26; and Grant Boldry and Andrea Kamp, June 27.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bland, June 21; Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew Jr., June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Bo Klinefelter, June 24; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kelly, June 25; and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Webb, June 27.

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