



The regular meeting of the Lake Bruce Conservancy District was held Thursday, November 12 in the community room of the ber 12, at 2 p.m. in the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Director Kathy Fisher reported Rochester. that the dredging on South Park, the west and middle channels is now done. The dredger is working on the east and last channel now and should be done in about two weeks. Everything looks really good.

The conservancy purchased some office equipment, including a lap top computer, printer and fire-proof filing cabinet. The district also approved the purchase of a 16' x 20' storage building to house boxed materials, pumps and whatever else needed to help run the district.

Richard Denney, the wastewater treatment plant operator, reported that the district had three ammonia violations for October due to not getting the "seed" sludge from Monterey soon enough. He is also concerned about the freezing that might take place due to not enough flow into the treatment plant. He is taking some action now before it gets too cold. Mr. Denney is also getting bids for a red light to be installed to go on in case of a power failure.

Paul Bradley, the inspector, reported that there was an additional six hook-ups completed in October.

Two seats on the board of directors will be filled by an election in February. Anyone interested in running for these open seats should get a form by calling 574-653-9984. These forms must be signed and mailed in by December 1, 2009.

It was reported that there were 50 delinquent notices sent in October. This amounts to \$3,688.91 in revenue the district did not receive to help run the sewer district along with 21 liens for the fourth quarter that have not been paid. This and other factors influence the sewer rates. The meeting was closed at 7:41 p.m. and a rate/budget increase hearing was convened at 7:42 p.m. After some discussion, a motion to increase the budget was made and passed. The new rates will be \$89.00 for a full rate and \$48.38 for vacant lots. This session was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Three act play at museum

Rochester Middle School will present Players "Saturday in Rochester with lack", an original three-act play based on the published writings of Jack Kingery Overmyer, Saturday, Decemcommunity room of the County Museum, Fulton

The one-time editor/publisher of The Rochester Sentinel, Overmyer founded the Fulton County Historical Society and was its first president. During the fall semester, he served as a special quest lecturer for the RMS humanities class, providing first-hand accounts of growing up in Rochester in the 1930s and early 1940s.

The play will feature Big Band era music and dancing at the Colonial, radio appearances by the King's Jesters and Torn Mix, and imagined conversations with some of the performers from Clyde **Beatty-Cole** the Brothers Circus.

Students chose the title of their play after studying the challenges of creating art as depicted in Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George."

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. +++

Public input requested on library project

Union Township residents are invited to visit the Kewanna-Union Township Saturday, Public Library December 5, between 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon to see what is happening. Attendees are invited to tour the library, ask questions, and offer ideas as there are true needs to be met along with dreams and wishes.

Blood collection dates set for Caston and Rochester

There are two blood collection dates scheduled for this area by the American Red Cross. The first will be Tuesday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester. The second is Wednesday, December 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Caston High School on State Road 25 south of Fulton.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business. A counselor is available every month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for December 9 call 574-223-3326. +++

Christmas trees on parade

The Aubbeenaubbee Advisory Board will host "Christmas Trees on Parade" Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29, at the Leiters Ford Community Building. Saturday hours are 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this family event and view many unique Christmas trees, all in one building. A free will donation will be taken at the door, which will give you a ticket to vote for your favorite tree. The author, Clifford Green of "Alabama Zach", will be on hand for one hour each day with an exclusive on the story. A drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for this drawing are \$1 each or six for \$5.



The Caston football team will be doing a community service project for Cause for Paws from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Fulton Feed Bag restaurant. They will be waiting tables for breakfast, lunch and dinner. All tips collected will be donated to Cause for Paws. They will be dressed in football jerseys and some dressed may be as cheerleaders.

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board will meet in executive session Monday evening, November 30, at 6 p.m. at the library. The regular monthly public meeting will follow.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, at the Von Tobel Center, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac. Persons with vision problems and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

The Kewanna town council will be accepting cash rent proposals on ground owned by the town and irrigated with water from the sewage treatment plant when it meets Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. at the town hall. For

more information, call 574-653-2112 or contact the town superintendent, Mike Molitor. (Check out legal notice elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.)

Mentone's Bell Memorial Library has earned a five-star rating from the Library Journal, a respected book

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review periodical that devised its own rating system based on the number of items circulated, number of visits to the library, number of public Internet uses and program attendance. Out of 239 libraries in Indiana, only 10 made the list. Former Kewanna resident, Krystal Smith, is the library director.

The stock market rose Monday to its highest point in 13 months. The increase was attributed to a weaker dollar and increased home sales.

An annual statewide survey by Indiana Farm Bureau cost of the shows the traditional Thanksgiving dinner has decreased in Indiana for the third year in a row. Also, according to Purdue University, the Consumer Price Index grocerv indicates store prices are 2.5 percent lower this year than last.

The unemployment rate in Indiana was almost unchanged from September to October. The October jobless rate of 9.8 percent was also less than the national unemployment rate of 10.2 percent. Officials say, however, it is too soon to tell if the stability of the rate marks а rebound in employment.

The Caston School Corporation is considering joining a class action law suit due to \$1 million in missing medical insurance reserves. The money, paid in excess over the actual amount of medical insurance claims, is supposed to be held in reserve by the Indiana State Teachers Association Insurance Trust. But according to Superintendent Dan Foster, the trust says Caston has no excess premium money.

TOWN DUMP LOCKED Because there have been several recent oc-

Residents in the district are urged to attend meetings and keep informed on what is going

This informative day is a non-board sponsored event, asking local residents to help make wise decisions regarding changes at the and library how to accomplish them. Refreshments will be available.

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on. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department. +++

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Kewanna Community FOOD PANTRY **United Methodist Church** Open Thursdays by Appointment Call (574) 653-2201 or (574) 653-9052

casions of misuse of the town dump, the gate will stay locked at all times. Items found recently include boards with nails and staples, shelving with contact paper, bathroom fixtures, etc. (Anyone with information as to who dumped them items are asked to please call the town hall at 653-2112.)

In the future, if you have items needing to be taken to the dump you will have to go to the town hall during office hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for inspection before the key will be given to unlock the gate.

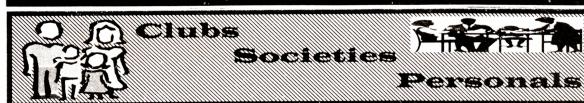
The town dump is to be used strictly for yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches, and boards without nails and stales. All other items are not permitted.

"Happy Thanksgiving"

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Holiday pops returns to Rochester

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will be bringing its full orchestra once again to Rochester for its beloved annual Holiday Pops concert. Sponsored by Psi Iota Xi and Tri Kappa, Holiday Pops 2009 will be Saturday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Rochester High School. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults in advance and \$14 at the door, children 12 and under are \$6. Tickets are available at the Fulton County Library, Flirt and First Federal Savings Bank, all in Rochester.

With Philharmonic Associate Conductor Bradley Thachuk at the podium, Act I will open with "Home for the Holidays" and "Let it Snow", two longtime favorites. A rockin' Christmas medley will include "Christmas Baby, Please Come Home," Christmas", "Blue "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town". Act II will bring more nostalgia with selections such as "I'll be Home for Christmas," "Jingle Bells

Forever," "Carol of the Bells," and "March of the Toys." The concert ends with the popular Christmas sing along.

Featured in this season's regional Holiday performances are vocalist Dawn Ward along with Fort Wayne Philharmonic's favorite narrator, Jeffery Moore.

The concert is additionally made possible by NIPSCO and the W. Gene Marcus Trust.

Give-A-Tree cards available for **Christmas giving**

Give back to the Earth as you celebrate the holiday season with friends and loved ones with the help of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation.

Give-A-Tree cards are an ideal way to send holiday greetings to friends and loved ones and plant trees in America's national forests. Give-A-Tree cards are a unique line of greeting cards that help replant national forests which have been devastated by wildfires, insects and disease. Give-A-Tree holiday cards come in 21 varieties, some of which are available in boxed sets of five or

ion cards.

Every Give-A-Tree card plants a tree in honor of the recipient. This is a gift that will be enjoyed not only by the recipient, but by future generations of Americans

Trees in Celebration allow the giver to honor loved ones while at the same time making a positive impact on the environment. Trees in Celebration include a certificate for the recipient, and for each dollar donated a tree is planted in a damaged forest.

Arbor Day Specialty Coffee makes a thoughtful gift that helps preserve the Earth's precious rain forests. Arbor Day Specialty Coffee is shade-grown, organic and Fair Trade Certified. It gets its delicious, rich taste from the shade of the rain forest, and is part of the foundation's Rain Forest Rescue program. Each cup of Arbor Day Specialty Coffee helps preserve a portion of the rain forest.

Give special friends a membership to the Arbor Day Foundation, and they will also receive ten free trees. A membership costs \$10, and includes many great benefits, including ten free trees that will be shipped at the right time for planting.

www.arborday.org.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 November Activities

November 8 – open Sunday, 12 noon November 11 - Veterans Day

balloon release, 6 p.m., chili supper November 14 - Men's meeting,

9 a.m November 18 – Women's

Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. November 28 – Men's Auxiliary

meeting, 6:30 p.m. November 29 - Open Sunday,

free lunch +++

Upcoming events at Historical Museum

The following upcoming events are scheduled for the Fulton County Historical Society Museum near Rochester:

December 12 annual Christmas open house with "Christmas in the Country"

program. The museum is located four miles north of Rochester at U.S. 31 and County Road 375 N. Everyone is encouraged to attend the various activities to support the museum and other groups using the facilities. For more information, call the museum

office at 574-223-4436. +++

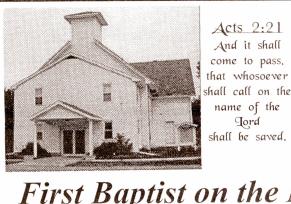
AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, November 30 Smoked sausage sandwich, red potatoes, peas, sliced apples and milk

Wednesday, December 2 - Meat loaf, baked potato, green beans, peaches, roll and milk

Friday, December 4 – Meat balls with noodles, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, roll and milk

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL November 16

Admissions - James Boyd and James Moss, Rochester

Dismissals - Barbara Mills, Macy; Sharon Cook, Connie Vansteenberg, Charlann Cover and James Boyd, Rochester Births – John and Krista Greer,

Plymouth, a son; Chad and Cara Foster, Plymouth, a son November 17

Admissions - Betty Houin, Argos; Johnie Parman, Twelve Mile; Michelle Ogle, Cathy Lowe and Ada Fugate, Rochester; Walter Quier, Macy

Dismissals – Jean Halfast, Melvin Swango and James Moss, Rochester

Births – Eric and Kerrie Green, Rochester, a son; Zack and Brandy Black, Rochester, a daughter; Josh and Heather Holbrook, Warsaw, a son November 18

Admissions - Amanda Spence, Akron

Dismissals - none published Births - Steven and Jean Helt, Rochester, a daughter November 19

Admissions - Melvin Swango, Rochester

Dismissals - Betty Houin, Argos; Krista Greer and Cara Foster and son, Plymouth; Amanda Spence, Akron; Walter

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P.O. Box 465, Kewanna, IN PH.: (574) 653-2387 Quier, Macy November 20 Admissions - Eva Smith. Akron; Zachery Smith, Argos Dismissals – Johnie Parman,

Twelve Mile; Michelle Ogle, Kerrie Green and son, Brandy Black and daughter, Rochester; Heather Holbrook and son, Warsaw

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Deduction filing deadline nears

While Indiana real property owners have until the end of the year to file for property tax deductions, the Fulton County Auditor is urging individuals to file as soon as possible.

"With the holiday season and winter weather approaching, property owners should file deduction applications as soon as they are able," said Auditor Judith Reed. "We don't want anyone to miss out on a deduction because they missed the application date."

Deduction applications must be completed and dated bv December 31, 2009, and filed with the Auditor's Office on or before January 5, 2010 for the taxpayer to receive the eligible deductions on the 2010 property tax bills.

Deduction applications are available at the county auditor's office or may be downloaded from the Department of Local Government Finance web site at http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm. In addition to meeting all other

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eligibility requirements for the desired deduction(s). the applicant for the deduction must own or be buying the property under contract on the date the application is filed in order to receive the deduction.

Persons filing for deductions on annually assessed mobile homes still are required to apply for the deduction during the 12 months before March 31 of each year.

For more information, please visit the Department of Local Government Finance's Property Tax Deduction web site at http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2344.htm. Specific questions about property tax deduction eligibility should be directed to the Fulton County Auditor., 125 E. 9th St., Suite 108, Rochester, telephone

574-223-2912. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Panel discussion on property tax caps at Caston

Caston School Corporation will host a constitutional property tax caps discussion panel at 7 p.m. December 3 in the school cafeteria. Appearing on the panel will be State Senator Randy Head and State Rep. Doug Gutwein.

Watchdog Indiana is sponsoring the event and the moderator will be Aaron Smith, founder of the organization. The purpose of the discussion panel is to educate Hoosiers regarding the constitutional property tax caps in

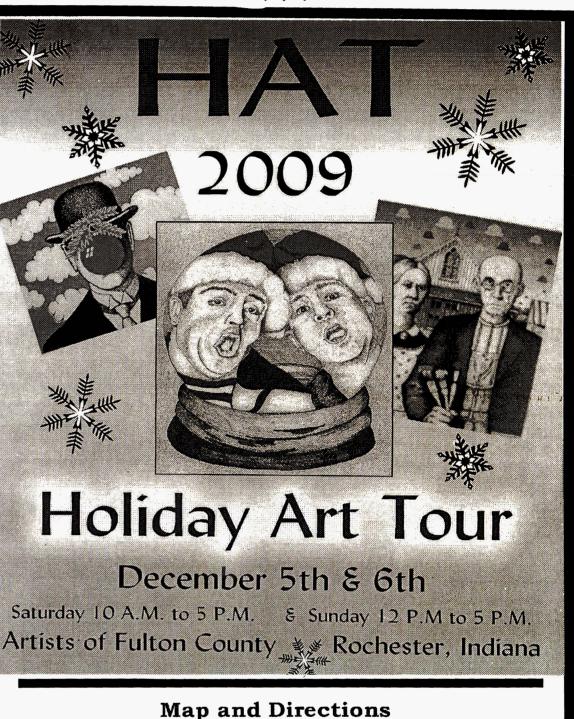
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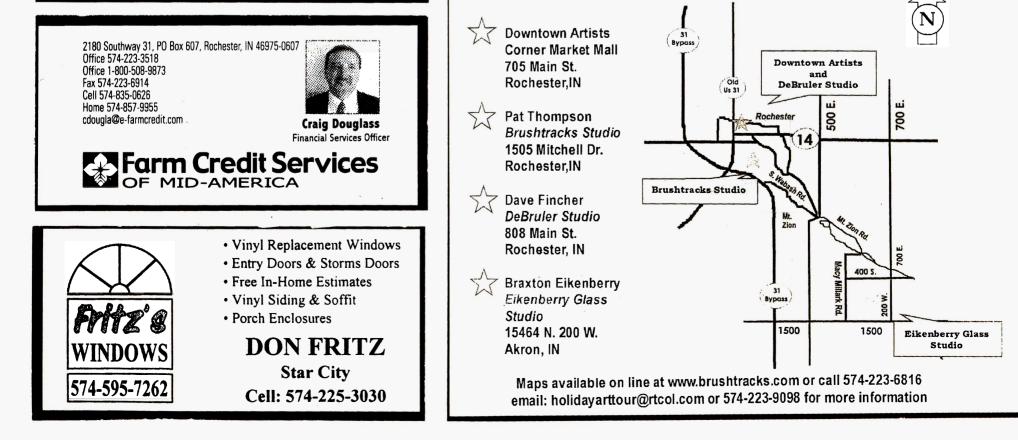
The panel will offer opening and closing comments by the panel members with 45 minutes of audience questions in between. Local government officials are specifically invited to attend."

Meal site at local fire station

The Area Five Agency on Aging operates a meal site in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station serving lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Area residents who are 60 years of age or older are welcome to take part in the program.

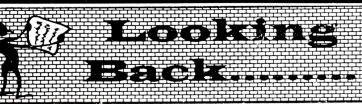
For more information on the meal site, call Alvena Mollencupp at 653-2318.





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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 2, 1954

Francis Thomas, 42, Grass Creek, suffered a fractured rib and concussion Saturday when his 1947 truck was involved in an accident with a truck driven by Frank Fishley, 73, Macy. The accident occurred three miles southeast of Athens on the Sugar Grove Road. Thomas was treated by an Athens doctor and sent home.

The "Future Citizen" was John Richard Vigus, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vigus.

Mrs. Lela Leonard Whiting, 68, died Saturday in Logansport after a lingering illness. She was the mother of Mrs. Emagene Troutman of Kewanna.

A marriage license was issued last week by the county clerk to Ivan Dague and Rachel Oliver, both of Kewanna.

A family dinner was held Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mrs. Effie Hiatt in honor of Mrs. Mary Henning's 91st birthday.

Mrs. Lee Evans will enter Memorial Hospital in Logansport Sunday evening for major surgery.

Mr., and Mrs. Charles Evans, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born November 16 in Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and has been named Fonscene Louise.

Pvt. Jerry Myers, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, called his mother, Mrs. Floyd Van Meter, Thanksgiving evening.

FIFTY YEARS AGO November 26, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Becker of Plymouth celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Thanksgiving Day with a dinner in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Merton Snyder, Plymouth. An open house was held later in the afternoon. Mrs. Becker is the former Ethel Walters of the

November 29, with a family dinner in their home after which they will hold open house from 2 to 5 p.m.

Harley Guise is ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Wilson. Callers Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. Guise were Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Milliser, Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Reichard, Leiters Ford, Leona Mow, Richland Center, Mr. and Mrs. James Saltsgiver, Seymour, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tuley, Gary.

Bob Lord of Purdue spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lord.

A son, Kip Daniel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook Tuesday, November 24, at Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO November 26, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rhoades, Kewanna, will mark their 51st wedding anniversary Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Fry, Fulton, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, November 29.

Michele Corbett and Marsha Agnew, juniors at Kewanna High School, are scheduled to visit the United Nations building in New York City February 28 through March 6. The girls became eligible for the trip by writing an essay about the U.N.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jentz, Winamac, announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Carolyn, to Robert J. Lord, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lord, Kewanna.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Catholic Church Sunday, November 29, with the priest facing the congregation and parts of the Mass read in English instead of Latin. This is the first time Mass has been celebrated in this manner and is in keeping with the change in the liturgy decreed by the Ecumenical Council.

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Cub Scout Pack 451 of Kewanna held its monthly pack meeting Saturday evening at the Methodist Church. During the meeting, Greg Corbett was given his Bob Cat pin to start his Cub Scout program.

Sunday evening guests in the John Hoffman home were Mr.

and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman and son of Winamac, Mrs. Ruth Smith Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. They helped Julia Ann Hoffman celebrate her first birthday.

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FORTY YEARS AGO December 4, 1969

Services were conducted this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Kewanna United Methodist Church for Foster D. Stoudt, 57. Rt. 3. Kewanna. Rev. Leroy Wise officiated and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery.

The Kewanna Progressive Association held its annual banquet Monday evening in the school gymnasium. Following the invocation by Father Smith, was dinner served to approximately 80 members and guests by Seidel's Catering Service, Star City. Officers for

1970 will be Loyd Woolington, president; James Norris, vice president; and Victor Montz, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Covert Wentzel, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Burton of Dallas, Texas, are the parents of a son born November 27. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces and has been named Robert Lance. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burton of Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the

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Prairie Grove community.

Burglars broke into the Village Hardware Store, Leiters Ford, sometime Friday night, November 20, and took \$30 in cash and \$526.08 in merchandise. The break-in was discovered Saturday morning, November 21, by the proprietor, Vernie Bowen. Bowen's son, Richard, who has an apartment above the store said he heard noises downstairs during the night, but assumed it was his father. The Leiters Ford Elevator owned by Willis Cripe was broken into during the weekend, but nothing was taken. Richard Crull, Leiters Ford, reported to the sheriff's office that his car was stolen from in front of his house sometime after 8 p.m. Saturday, November 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudkins, Kewanna, will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary Sunday,



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LOOKING BACK... Con't. From Page Four paternal grandparents.

The Welcome Neighbors Club met recently in the home of Jane Green with Alice Sisinger as her co-hostess. Officers for 1970 were installed. They are Nancy Evers, president; Marcella Boyd, vice president; Jane Green, secretary; and Mildred Kreamer, treasurer.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

November 29, 1979

Felicia Hudkins has been selected by the faculty of Kewanna High School as this year's "Good Citizen". Felicia will represent Union Township in the Indiana Daughters of the Revolution American good citizen contest. Felicia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hudkins, presently residing in the People's Republic of China. During her senior year, Felicia is residing with her grandmother, Mrs. Dora Hudkins, Lake Bruce.

The Kewanna Indians are now 3-2 for the season after downing Tri-County Nov. 20 and losing to visiting Mishawaka Marian Saturday. Rod Hall was Kewanna's leading scorer against Tri-County with 22 points. He was followed by Jeff Markley

with 11. Rod Hall and Larry James were the leading scorers against Mishawaka with 12 points each.

> Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Kraemer of North St. Paul, Minnesota, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to FTM3 John Medecke. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cook, Jr. of Bigfork, Minnesota, announced the engagement of their daughter, Gerri Lynn, to Charles Medecke. The future grooms are the son of Darl Jean Caldwell of Deer River, Minnesota, and the grandsons of Mrs. Ida Mullins of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Locke and daughter of Winamac, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson and family of Kewanna, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carlson and family of LaFontaine were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Carlson. Nicki Locke and Dawn and Rick Carlson remained in the home of their grandparents for several days visit. Mr. and Mrs. Theo Carlson spent Saturday and Sunday at LaFontaine when they accompanied Rick and Dawn home.

TWENTY YEARS AGO November 30, 1989

Robert R. Conley, 33, Kewanna was fatally injured in an



automobile accident Tuesday evening, November 21, on County Road 850 West, south of County Road 100 South. Conley's southbound car left the road for an unknown reason, rolled several times and caught fire after crossing a ditch.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Frain Mortuary in Winamac for Charles L. Byfield, 83, Winamac. He had lived in Winamac for 63 years, moving there from Indianapolis. He was a retired music teacher and had formerly taught at Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hizer, Rt. 2, Kewanna, will be honored at an open house Saturday, December 2, at the Manitou Moose Lodge in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be hosted by their children and families, Darla Mattice, Dayton, Ohio, and Gerry Hizer, Rt. 2, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Kip Cook, Kenneth Cook, Micah and Nathan Cook and Derrick Carlisle attended the Bremen football game at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis Friday.

TEN YEARS AGO December 2, 1999

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 4, for Lorraine Ann Jones Kirkley of Valparaiso, daughter of William Robert and Patricia Ann Friedrich Jones, Kewanna. A 1983 graduate of Caston and a 1987 graduate of Purdue University, she was a cardiac care nurse at the Northwest Indiana Heart Center, Porter County Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

Don and Amy Wentzel, Indianapolis, are the parents of a son born November 24 at Community North Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and has been named Alexander Covert. The paternal grandparents are Romayne



Wentzel and the late Covert Wentzel, Kewanna.

Trey Young was the guest of honor at a family gathering Monday evening. Helping him celebrate his second birthday were his parents and sister, Steve and Missy Young and Brianna; his grandparents, Larry and Bonalu Young, Peru, and Tom and Linda Garner, Kewanna; his great-grandparents, Alma Johnon of Peru and Don and Pauline Scales, Grass Creek; and his uncle, T.J. Garner.

Mary Kay Williamson and several members of her family enjoyed an outing Friday. Joining her for a day of bowling in Rochester were Rita Williamson, Carol Fernandez and Tony, Karen Kruger and Kay Brown. Also joining them was family friend, Rita Delgado.

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Nov. 27 - 29 in the Ag/Hort Building, Northwest Pavilion & Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or www.stewartpromotions.com Super Sunday Indy Automotive Swap Meet & Car Sale: Nov. 29 in the West Pavilion & South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$6; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Mid America Promotions (708) 563-4300 or www.midamericapromotions. com.

Gem Street USA Show & Sale: Dec. 4 – 6 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Friday & Saturday 10a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7; seniors (60+) & students (12-17) \$5; Children under 12 free. Contact: Jane Strieter-Smith (216) 521-4367 or visit www.gemstreetusa.com.

Hoosier Beef Congress: Dec. 4 – 6 in the West Pavilion, South Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 7 a.m. to 4

free.

Contact: Indiana Beef Cattle Association (317) 293-2333 or visit

www.hoosierbeefcongress.c

Enterprise Car Sale: Dec. 5 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Jeff Kusz (317) 848-2210 ext. 270.

Naptown Roller Derby: Warning Belles vs. Burning River Rollergirls Team B; Tornado Sirens vs. Burning River Rollergirls All Stars

from Cleveland, OH: Dec. 5 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 5 p.m.; 1st bout at 5:30 p.m.; 2nd bout at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 in advance; \$17 at the door; children 6 and younger free; EMTs free with ID; \$8 for 2 tickets with Military ID. Contact: (317) 522-1958 or www.naptownrollergirls.com **Hoosier Cup Gymnastics** Invitational Indiana & \mathbf{Level} 7 State Team Challenge hosted by Spectrum Sports: Dec. 12 -13 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10. Contact: Linda Barclay (317) 891-8260 or

www.hoosiercup.info.

McMiracle on 38th Street: Dec. 13 in the Champions Pavilion. Event begins at 2 p.m. Contact: Reginald O. Jones (317) 926-3663 or www.mcmiracle.org.

EASTERN PULASKI MENU November 30 – December 4 Elementary Breakfast

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Monday – Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday – French toast, juice and milk

Thursday – Cheese breadstick, juice and milk

Friday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Ravioli, peas, applesauce, peanut butter sandwich and milk

Tuesday – Cheeseburger, parsley potatoes, peaches, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Pizza burger, corn, pears, graham cookies and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, biscuit and milk

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Friday – Nacho supreme with Tostitos, corn, orange juice cup and milk. Choice – potato bar +++

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residents about the constitutional property tax caps in Senate Joint Resolution 1 and House Joint Resolution 1. The legal language of SJR 1 and HJR 1, together with a digest explaining the constitutional property tax caps, are included in a handout that will be given to every discussion panel attendee.

The discussion panel will include opening and closing comments by State Senator Randy Head and State Representative Douglas Gutwein with 45 minutes of audience questions in between. There will be an even-handed and factual presentation by the local state legislators on how the property tax caps will affect both those who pay and spend property taxes. The primary purpose of the discussion panel is to help attendees get the facts they need to decide for themselves if the constitutional property tax caps are a good thing.

SJR 1 and HJR 1 must pass the General Assembly again next year so voters statewide can decide by referendum on November 2, 2010, if the property tax caps are included in the state constitution. If the referendum passes, the property tax caps will become a permanent part of the Indiana Constitution where they cannot be changed by the General Assembly or court challenge.

It is hoped that many homeowners will attend the Caston discussion panel so the meeting will not be overwhelmed by the highly motivated singleinterest groups that do not want the constitutional property tax caps referendum to go before the voters next year.

Sincerely, Aaron Smith, founder Watchdog Indiana +++

Fall sports awards banquet held

Caston recently hosted is fall sports awards banquet. Athletes recognized included:

Football – Brant Hartman, mental attitude award; Blain Hizer, rookie of the year; Trevor Hoover, offensive specialist; David McMenamin, most tackle points; Mitch Burns, outstanding lineman; and Austin Ault and Wil Holloway, most takeaways.

Girls cross country - Kara Smith, most valuable; Veronica Sheets, most improved; Maggie Daily, mental attitude Boys cross country - Justin Cousins, most valuable; David McMenamin, mental attitude; and Zachary Smith, most improved Girls golf - Jada Powlen, most valuable; Sarah McManus and Freya Thiel, most improved; and Chelsey Dague, mental attitude

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The Caston varsity girls basketball team won its Midwest Conference opener Friday night with a 46-40 win over Frontier at Chalmers. The Lady Comets lost to visiting Rochester Saturday evening, 56-24. Emily See led the Comets with 10 points and Jessica Showley and Haley Markley each added six. Caston is now 1-3 on the season and 1-0 in conference play.

The Comet varsity wrestling team won eight matches, including six by pins in defeating White's Monday evening, 49-30. Those winning by pin for Caston were Blain Hizer, 130 lb; Wil 135; Graham Redweik, 140; David McMenamin, 152; Jeremy Gonzalez, 160; and Austin Ault, 189. Caston's Kyle Harvey, 103, and Cole Nilson, 119, won by forfeit.

CASTON ATHLETIC **SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Nov. 28 - Boys varsity and JV basketball vs. North Miami at Caston, 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 - Boys 6 AB basketball vs. Pioneer at Caston. 5:30 p.m.; boys 7 AB basketball vs. North Miami at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; freshman boys basketball at Northfield, 6 p.m.; boys 8 AB basketball at North Miami, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 – boys varsity basketball Cass County tourney at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2 - girls varsity basketball Cass County tourney at Logansport, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 – boys 5 AB basketball vs. Argos at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys 6 AB basketball vs. Argos at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys freshman basketball vs. Argos at Caston, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Triton, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 - boys varsity basketball Cass County tourney at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.

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CASTON MENU November 30 – December 4 Breakfast

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

Lunch

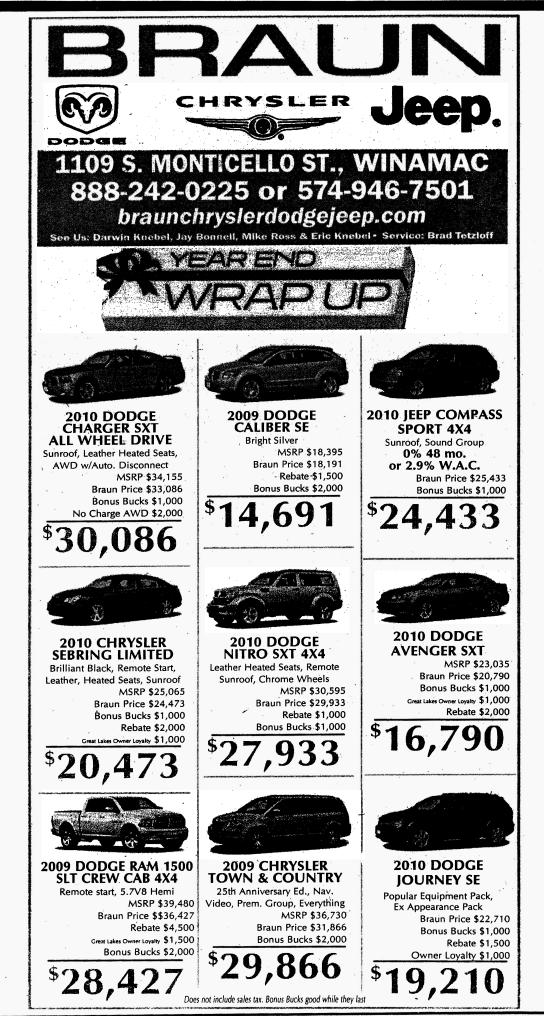
Monday - Chicken tenders, whipped potatoes and gravy, peas, gingersnap cookie, and milk. Comet Café - French bread pizza

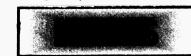
Tuesday – Deli turkey and cheese sandwich, potato smiles, green beans, butterscotch pudding and milk. Comet Café – tacos

Wednesday - Plain hot dog sandwich, potato wedges, peaches, yellow cake/chocolate frosting and milk. Comet Café hot ham and cheese sub and chips Thursday - Sausage/egg/cheese bun, seasoned mini cubes, cinnamon roll, apple juice and milk. Comet Café - potato soup and chips

Friday – Taco salad, corn, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - cheese stuffed breadstick

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Ellen Walsh was a Sunday luncheon guest of her son and daughter- in- law, Dan and Paula Walsh.

Florence Hogan had a caller Sunday. Coming up to plans finalize for Thanksgiving was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette. The ladies worked on the holiday menu before going into Rochester for lunch at Ugaldi's and doing some shopping. Later in the day, they made a short visit Florence's daughter, to Janice Graham.

Julie Brown had fun Sunday afternoon. She attended a party held in honor of one of "munchkins", her Luke Sutton. The occasion was in celebration of his 12th birthday and hosted by his parents, Steve and Wendy Sutton.

Ruth Cogdill had a surprise visitor Sunday afternoon. Her neighbor, Betty Hinderlider, came over to see her. Ruth enjoyed her chat with Betty after Ruth had been gone for so long recuperating.

Don and Pauline Scales had callers Sunday afternoon. Coming by for a very pleasant chat were their daughter and son- in- law, Linda and Tom Garner, and their granddaughter and her children, Amanda Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie of Valparaiso.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jackie Agnew, Harold Dittman, David Jones, Morgan Kegarise and Jerry Kimble, Nov. 29; Hali Berry, Megan Easterday and Rich Powell, Nov. 30; Don Bennett, Sharon Carlson, Jeff Good and Kathy Patty, Dec. 1; Cindy Eisbrenner, Matthew Moss and Shirley Zartman, Dec. 2; Jamie Short, Dec. 3; Mark Hall, Neal Haimbaugh, Austin Kimble and Chuck Kumler, Dec. 4; and Mindi Cogdill; Torrie Crissinger, Amanda Hammond and Juan Sanchez, Dec. 5.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Paul and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Nov. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mills, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Robin Michael, Dec. 4; and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peters, Dec. 5.

Holloway,

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Jetter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Caston School Corporation is hosting a Property Tax Discussion Panel on December 3 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Caston Elementary and Jr.-Sr. High Schools, 9815 South State Road 25, Fulton, IN 46931.

The purpose of the Discussion Panel is to better inform Fulton County and Cass County

Soccer - Allen Russell, mental attitude; Frances Dale, most improved; Matt Reichart, defensive award; and Garrett Johnson, offensive award

Volleyball - Haley Markley, most valuable, most kills and defensive award; Megan Powell, mental attitude; Misty Gearhart, most improved; Morgan Herrold, serving award

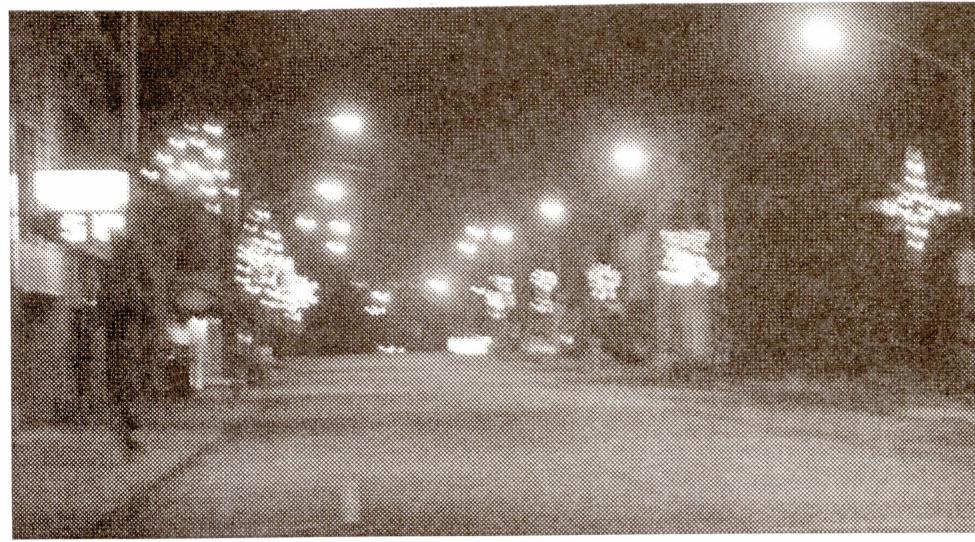
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Kewanna Town Council Meetings First Thursday of Each Month 7 p.m. - Town Hall +++

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



Town of Kewanna employees and several local residents took advantage of last weekend's warm weather to put up their holiday decorations. Be sure to check out the festive scenes as you prepare to celebrate Christmas 2009!





NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana will be, until the 18th day of December 2009, at 12:00 Noon, EST, will receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of said county for the following items in accordance with specifications available at the office of the Auditor, County Annex Building, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana, 46975. Bids will be opened on December 21, 2009 at or about 6:00 P.M., EST.

2010 Police Vehicle Intercepter And

2010 Sport Utility Vehicle All bids to exclude State and Federal Taxes. Each bidder is to state time of delivery. Bid with trade and without trade. Trade will be subject to delivery of new vehicles. The Board reserves the right to reject and and/or all bids. Each bid item shall be separated and sealed and be submitted in

DUPLICATE ON FORM 95 Forms obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's office, and each bidder shall accompany his bid with a bond or cerified check made payable to the Board of Commissioners in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of contract.

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ATTEST: Judith A. Reed **Fulton County Auditor** Pub. 11/26 & 12/3, 2009

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Cash Rent Proposals Sought

The date for receiving cash rent proposals by the Kewanna Town Council has been extended from November 5, 2009, to the next regular meeting, December 3, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Kewanna Town Hall, 308 S. Logan St.

Area farmers interested in cash renting ground in 2 area tracts owned by the Town of Kewanna and irrigated with water from the sewage treatment plant are requested to turn in bids to the Kewanna Town Hall by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Tract 1 consists of 126.2 acres and tract 2 is 15.0 acres for a 5 year rent period.

All crops harvested from Tracts 1 and 2 shall be stored separately from all other crops harvested from any other acreage.

All crops harvested from said acreage shall be sold only to buyers preapproved by the Landlord. Tenant shall obtain said approval prior to planting.

Tenant shall maintain crop fertility at current levels during the duration of this agreement.

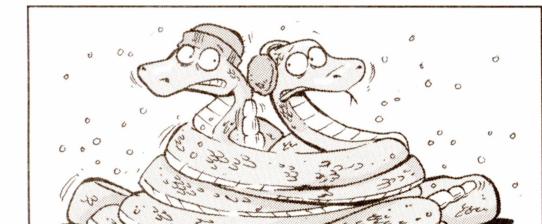
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Dear EarthTalk: Has anyone studied the ever environmental impact of cigarettes? I'm discarded constantly appalled at the number of drivers I see pitching their butts out their car windows .-- Ned Jordan, via email

It's true that littered cigarette butts are a public nuisance, and not just for aesthetic reasons. The filters on cigarettes-four fifths of all cigarettes have them-are made of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic that is very slow to degrade in the environment. A typical cigarette butt can take anywhere from 18 months to 10 years to decompose, depending on environmental conditions.

But beyond the plastic, these filters-which are on cigarettes in the first place to absorb contaminants to prevent them from going into the lungscontain trace amounts of toxins like cadmium, arsenic and lead. Thus when smokers discard their butts improperly-out the car window or off the end of a pier or onto the sidewalk below-they are essentially tossing these substances willynilly into the environment. Studies done by Johns Hopkins University, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC) and even the tobacco industry itself show that these contaminants can get into soils and waterways, harm or kill living organisms and generally degrade surrounding ecosystems.

While individual discarded cigarette butts may be small, they add up to a huge problem. Some 5.5 trillion cigarettes are consumed worldwide each year. The non-profit Keep America Beautiful reports that cigarette butts constitute as much as onethird of all litter nationwide when measured by the number of discarded items, not volume. According to the Ocean Conservancy, a non-profit that advocates for stronger protection of marine ecosystems, cigarette butts are the most commonly littered item found on America's salt and fresh water beaches according to feedback received bv hundreds of thousands of volunteers taking part in the group's annual Coastal Clean-up event.

While the tobacco industry may have its hands full just trying to stay afloat in the maelstrom of ongoing bad publicity, critics say it should be doing more to prevent cigarette butt litter. "Just as beverage manufacturers contribute anti-litter to campaigns, and have invested in public education on litter issues. so too should the tobacco industry," says Kathleen Register, founder and executive director of Clean Virginia Waterways, a non-profit that has spearheaded the fight against cigarette butt litter in the mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. She

adds that cigarette manufacturers "need to take an active and responsible role in educating smokers about this issue and devote resources to the cleanup of cigarette litter."

Register suggests a number of strategies including putting antilitter messages on all cigarette packaging and advertisements, distributing small, free portable ashtrays, and placing and maintaining outdoor ashtrays in smokers where areas congregate. She also suggests putting an extra tax on cigarette sales, with proceeds going toward anti-litter education efforts and to defray the costs of cleaning up butts. "Picking up littered cigarette butts costs schools, businesses and park agencies money," she says. "By taxing smokers for anti-litter educational efforts, some of the costs of cleaning up cigarette butts will shift onto smokers." One way or another, Register hopes, smokers will learn that the Earth is not one giant ashtray.

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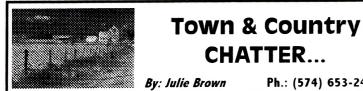
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Tom and Barb LaFollette spent a week in Panama City, Florida, recently but were foiled against snorkeling, swimming with the dolphins and deep sea fishing due to Hurricane Ida. They still had a pleasant week with lots of good seafood to eat. They also saw a lot of classic cars while there. The next week, they traveled to Dadeville, Alabama. Enroute, they came across a restaurant in Brantley, Alabama called "It Don't Matter". They enjoyed their lunch buffet of southern cooking including fried chicken, pork chops, collard greens, rice, black eyed peas and corn bread. The resort they stayed at was on Lake Martin, a 44,000 acre lake, said to be the second cleanest lake in the USA. There is a story that the lake is so clean, the bait fish can't The LaFollettes survive! report they had a beautiful view of the sunsets.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Monday, Nov. 16. Stopping by for a pleasant chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, Ruth Cogdill enjoyed a visit with her son, Tim Cogdill of Macy. As always, they had a great morning catching up on all the family news over a pot of coffee.

Pauline and Don Scales were in Fulton Thursday, Nov. 19. They had a delightful time visiting with their granddaughter, Cindy Wiese, as her luncheon guests at the Fulton Feed Bag restaurant.



Ph.: (574) 653-2451 Jon and Barb Gast were in

Winamac Friday, Nov. 20. They enjoyed a visit with Ion's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Harold Sutton and Janet Calhoun enjoyed dining at Pizza Hut in Rochester Friday evening, followed by some shopping.

Tom and Barb LaFollette attended a funeral in Rochester Friday for a friend, John Larson, who was Post Commander of the Rochester VFW #1343. The Indiana Patriot Guard stood guard in a very impressive ceremony. At least 40 members were holding American flags in honor of John, a very fitting tribute.

Whiteman had Helen company Saturday, Nov. 21. Coming down for the day to check out the deer population was her nephew, David Whiteman of Elkhart. They enjoyed a very nice visit and lunch at the Dumplin's restaurant.

Nancy Evers and her daughter, Janet Yocum of enjoyed Rochester, pleasant day together

Saturday. They were among those who attended the crafters' show at the Fulton County 4-H fairgrounds. After looking over all the offerings, Nancy accompanied Janet home for lunch.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Merrillville Saturday where they attended "The Ultimate Doo Wop Show" at the Star Plaza which included music from the mid-50s to the mid-60s, a golden era for music. Prior to the show, they enjoyed a meal at an Outback Steak House.

Harold Sutton and Janet Calhoun met some of Harold's old school classmates for dinner Saturday evening at the Fox's Den in Walton.

Stuart and Rachel Gast enjoyed dining with Jon and at Kosta's Barb Gast restaurant in Winamac Saturday.

Rylee Daugherty was a Saturday overnight houseguest of her grandmother, Sherri Lett.

Mathilda Lamb and Wilma Wilson enjoyed a nice Saturday. They evening joined Mathilda's nephew and Wilma's daughter, Bill and Mary Lou Foerg of Royal Center, for dinner.

Earl and Mary Bangel had company Sunday, Nov. 22. Joining them for an early

Thanksgiving and working day were their children and their families, Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan; Darel and Nancy Bangel of Ft. Wayne, Andrew, Josh and Sara; Louis and Jean Bangel and loyce of Winamac; and Bruce and Theresa Bangel, Kevin and Rob of Indianapolis. Also joining the family were Kevin's girlfriend, Rachel Bernatt, and Rob's hunting buddy, Keith Whittset.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their grandson, Nick, attended a bake sale at the VFW in Rochester Sunday. Proceeds from the bake sale went to the Beth Larson family and Ruth, another member of the VFW who is suffering from cancer. The bake sale brought in \$1,150.

The Pugh family celebrated Thanksgiving Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder at Culver. Those in attendance included Tim and Brock Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Chase,

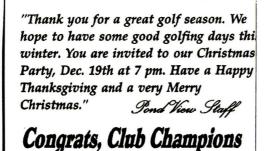
Brandt and Kassie, all of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Clar and Allie, and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven of Cuiver; Ivir. Steven Pugh and Kyle, Kewanna: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, Monterey; lackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pugh, Harley and Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh, Kole and Luke, Emily Larkin, Will and Cal, Mike Haschel, Christine Turnip and Cale Reinholt, all of Winamac.

Whiteman Helen was accompanied to church Sunday morning by her daughter, Sherri Lett, and great- granddaughter, Rylee Daugherty. Afterward, the ladies enjoyed lunch at Helen's, and Sherri set up some of Helen's holiday decorations outside. After Sherri left in the afternoon, Rylee stayed to play several games with Helen.









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