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Kewanna Kwikmart opens today

Rick Thompson and Jennifer Ritchie open the doors to their new endeavor in Kewanna, Kewanna Kwikmart, today (Thursday, December 17). The business is located at the former Key Discount Service site on North Troutman Street (State Road 17).

Hours for opening day are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning Monday, December 21, hours will be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Kewanna Kwikmart offers gasoline, which they will pump for you, candy, milk, bread, pop and many other items. Oil changes and discount tires are available by appointment. The telephone number for Kewanna Kwikmart is 574-653-2181.

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Pleasant Hill plans Christmas & New Year's celebrations

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 24.

The church will host a New Year's celebration Thursday, December 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. Soup will be provided and those attending should bring a covered dish as well as a bingo gift for bingo.

Everyone is invited to attend both events.

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Candlelight Christmas Eve service

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host its annual candlelight Christmas Eve service for the community Thursday, December 24, at 11 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to share in this special celebration.

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Send In Your News



The regular meeting of Lake Bruce Conservancy District was held on December 10 in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Station. All of the directors, eight freeholders and one guest were present.

Director Kathy Fisher reported that the final stages of the dredging have been completed. The dredger was able to get down to the hard pack on all of the north channels. All that is left to do is to take down the dewatering basin.

Twin Peaks will be starting on the wastewater treatment plant building. They have the permit and have ordered the materials.

Director Don Morning went to an Indiana Lakes Workshop last month. There were a lot of people from Purdue there. They talked about the impact global warming could have on this area. The district must do whatever is needed to keep the lakes clean. The Lake Bruce Conservancy is doing that by putting in the sewer system and doing the weed control. There are lakes just now trying to get a sewer system and there is no more grant money for that at the present time. The district was fortunate it received as much as it did.

Richard Denney, the wastewater treatment plant operator, reported that there were no violations for last month. The plant is running very well. He covered the inlet to prevent it from freezing.

Paul Bradley, the sewer inspector, said everyone who is going to hook up for now is done. Gerald sent in the final count to the grant people and they said the district is okay. This means the district will not have to refund any money.

Treasurer Rick Tompos reported that there were 49 delinquency notices sent out and three liens filed. The residents in the district will receive a payment coupon this month for the month of December at the old rate, due by January 15,

2010. Before January 15, a new coupon book with the new sewer rate will be mailed.

The board gave a donation of \$150.00 to the fire department for the use of the community building for its meetings.

Election of directors will be held on February 18, 2010 at the KVFD community room. The polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. The annual meeting of the conservancy district will follow at 7 p.m. At that time the new directors will be sworn in.

The candidates are as follows: Don Morning and Paul Bradley for District 1; and Gerald Porter for District 2. If you want to vote absentee, you can pick up a ballot from Gerald Porter. They must be mailed in before February 18. All freeholders in the district are urged to vote.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on January 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the KVFD community room.

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Woodworking demo at fire station

The Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers will conduct a woodworking demonstration from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, January 16, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station, 404 N. Toner Street. The Wabash Valley Woodworkers from Lafayette will be presenting a jig and fixture demonstration.

The public is invited to attend.

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Meeting notice

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board will meet in executive session at 6 p.m. Monday, December 28, at the library. A public meeting will follow.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, December 21 - baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, poke cake, roll and milk

Wednesday, December 23 - oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll and milk

Friday, December 25 - meal sites closed for Christmas

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I know there is currently a lot of confusion going around town concerning the future of the Kewanna Post Office. As of today, the current plan is that the rural routes that run out of this office will be moving their operations to the Winamac Post Office beginning January 16, 2010. This is intended to save the post office money and help to streamline operations. All addresses will continue to remain with the Kewanna zip code and will still be delivered by your current carrier. The post office box section will remain exactly as it is now. We do encourage everyone to make sure that they are using their correct addresses, including post office box numbers.

The window hours and lobby hours will remain the same as they are now. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 574-653-2316.

On a side note, the Kewanna Post Office window hours for Christmas Eve, December 24, will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. On New Year's Eve, we will be open our usual business hours.

Brian Berkshire
 Officer in Charge



H.E.A.R.T. receives grant for festival

Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. (Hometown Expansion and Revitalization Team) has received a grant from the Fulton County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 in support of its annual free Kewanna Fall Festival. Tom Mate, festival chairman, was on hand at the grant awards ceremony held last Friday at the Manitou Banquet Hall in Rochester to receive the grant award. A total of \$44,201 in unrestricted grant funds was awarded. Other recipients include the Akron Area Fine Arts League, \$1,500; CASA of Fulton County, \$1,326; Camp We Can, \$2,900; Fulton County Free Medical Clinic Compassionate Health Center, \$12,400; Fulton County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., \$3,075; Fulton County Historical Society, \$5,000; Fulton Improvement Committee, Inc., \$4,500; Joyfullhands Community Development Corp., \$2,000; Junior Achievement, \$1,500; Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Eta Mu Chapter, \$1,500; Rockfest Ministries, \$1,500; Victims Advocacy

Domestic Violence Taskforce, \$2,000. Since 1997, the Community Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in unrestricted grants to organizations and projects for the betterment of Fulton County.

Rochester High School also received \$200 from the Eric E. Smoker Memorial Fund for its Artistic Wall of Fame featuring professional artwork from RHS graduates and the English 12 class.

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Christian men's breakfast Saturday

Men in the Kewanna community are invited to share a breakfast Saturday, December 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Norm Steigely will again be serving his famous sausage gravy and biscuits.

Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors. Free will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to local missions, but is not necessary.

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**Memorial
Christmas tree**

Hope Hospice in Rochester has chosen this season to memorialize the lives of friends and loved ones by placing a Memorial Christmas tree on display at First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester.

Christmas ornaments hand-inscribed with the names of loved ones will be hung on the tree. A book of remembrance listing the names is on display in the foyer.

For a contribution of \$10 or more, a personalized Christmas ornament will be created. Honorary or memorial gifts for the Memorial Christmas tree will be accepted through December 28.

Forms listing the donor and the person being acknowledged by the contribution are available at First Federal Savings Bank and the Hope Hospice office in Rochester. The completed form and a contribution for each ornament should be mailed to Hope Hospice, Memorial

Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. For more information, call the Hope Hospice office at 574-224-4673. +++

Save those plastic sacks

The third grade class at Caston Elementary School is again collecting plastic shopping sacks hoping to win a contest sponsored by the Cass County Soil and Waste Management District. The school in the district that collects the most plastic stacks will win a bench made from recycled plastic bags.

Interested persons can save their plastic shopping bags and send them to school with a student or deliver them to the school. The bags are delivered to the recycling center in Logansport the second Friday of every month and weighed. It takes about 1,000 bags to weigh 15.6 pounds. Last year, Caston students collected about 2,000 pounds of plastic shopping bags, which gave them a second place finish in the contest for the third year in a row. +++

eleven and under
December 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.
December 25 - Merry Christmas!
December 27 - Open Sunday at noon
December 29 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m. +++

**Indiana State Fairgrounds
Upcoming Events**

Zac Brown Band concert: Dec. 29 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$38.50 gen. adm. on floor; \$31 reserved seating. Tickets available at ISF box office, all Ticketmaster locations, www.LiveNation.com or charge-by-phone at 800-748-3000.

General Merchandise Sale: Dec. 3 - Jan. 3 in the Ag/Hort Building. For more information, contact Aroma Senses (951) 898-1508. +++++

Kewanna Locals

Tom Miller was the guest of honor at a gathering held December 7 at Martinos in Kokomo in celebration of his birthday, which was December 8. Helping him celebrate the occasion were Tom and Barb LaFollete, Bud Landis, Kathy Barlow, Mary Martino, Betsy and Ron Freeman, Lorraine and Bob Moore and Bill and Rita Barber. They all enjoyed a good lunch and good laughs.

Randi Neidig, Cora Lynn Clemans and Angela Gast enjoyed their annual sisters' Christmas shopping trip Monday, Dec. 14.

2010 state park passes on sale

The 2010 state park passes are now on sale at the Tippecanoe River State Park north of Winamac, just in time for Christmas giving.

The annual pass is \$36 and the Golden Hoosier pass for seniors and disabled veterans is \$18. The passes provide unlimited entry to all Indiana state parks and reservoirs.

The park also carries boat launch permits and annual horse tags.

For more information, contact the Tippecanoe River State Park at 574-946-3213. +++

**James F. Talbott VFW Post
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Activities**

December 12 - Men's meeting, 9 a.m.
December 13 - Open Sunday, Christmas party from 2 to 4 p.m. for children age

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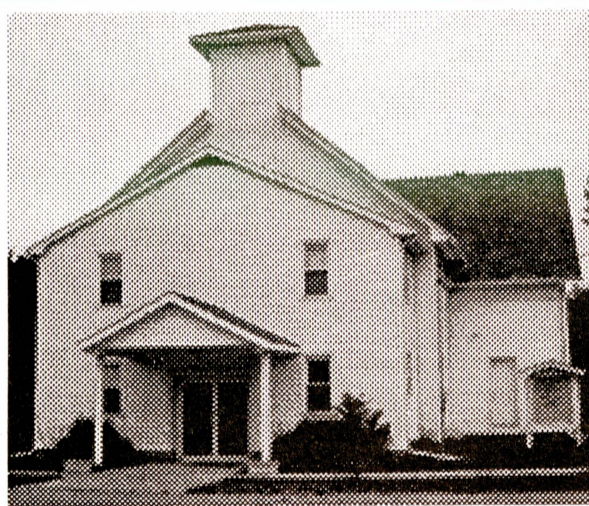
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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 4
Births - Clarissa Elliott, Rochester, a daughter; Brittany Elliott, Etna Green, a son; Amelia Adams, Leiters Ford, a daughter

December 7
Admissions - Daniel Fisher, Winamac; Charles Miller, Rochester; Vivian Redinger, Warsaw

Dismissals - Lawrence Owens, Argos; Leona Good, Sarah Sutherlin and daughter, Clarissa Elliott and daughter, all of Rochester; Kendra Wadkins and daughter, Silver Lake; Willard Hardiman, Kewanna; Amelia Adams and daughter, Leiters Ford; Brittany Elliott and son, Etna Green

December 8
Admissions - Phillip Jackson, Argos; Dasha Hall, Laketon; Shirley Wolf, Tippecanoe; Bruce McQueary, Knox

Dismissals - Paula Blankenship, Rochester; Daniel Fisher, Winamac

December 9
Admissions - Ruby Howard, Rochester; Ross Middleton, Argos

Dismissals - Charles Miller,

Rochester
December 10
Admissions - George Hendrickson, Kewanna; Vicki Dilts, Mentone
Dismissals - Phillip Jackson, Argos; Vivian Redinger, Warsaw; Dasha Hall, Laketon

The News In Brief

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, at the town hall to conduct year-end business, including appropriation transfers.

The Fulton County Courthouse, County Office Building and Extension Office will be closed Friday, December 18, from noon to 5 p.m. for the employee Christmas party.

The Caston Athletic Boosters will serve an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 19, in the cafeteria. The cost of the breakfast is a free will donation.

Hope Hospice of Fulton County has moved from its Main Street location in Rochester to the

former State Farm Insurance building at State Road 14 and US 31.

President Obama recently urged the country's top bankers to help keep the fragile economic recovery from faltering by boosting lending to small businesses and getting behind an overhaul of financial regulations.

Fashion forecasters say that the turquoise will be number one color for fashions and home décor in 2010.

The Indiana State Police are offering veteran troopers a cash incentive for retiring early in a move to cut state budget expenses due to lagging tax collections. The State Police previously laid off 42 Motor Carrier Division inspectors due to the state's financial problems.

Indiana farmers are facing their latest corn harvest in 40 years due to bad weather that has kept them out of the field and also prevented the grain from drying. As of last Sunday, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's final 2009 crop report showed that Indiana farmers had harvested about 91 percent of their crop. It is the latest corn harvest since 1972 when only about half of the corn crop was harvested by early December.

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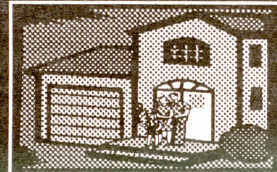
If you have lost or misplaced your gloves/mittens, be sure to pay a visit to the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank where Santa has left a mitten Christmas tree in the lobby!

Stop in, enjoy a piece of

Christmas candy and select a pair of gloves or mittens, if you need them, all compliments of Community State Bank.

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Looking Back.....

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 23, 1954

The Kewanna Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold a rededication service at its regular stated meeting December 28. The refreshment committee is Olive Herrold, chairman, Dean Kumler, Jeanette Sanders, Janece Herrold, Arvin Carr and Lois Kumler.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born December 12 in Carneal Hospital, Winamac.

About 35 members of the Grass Creek Youth Fellowship enjoyed an evening of caroling Sunday after presenting their annual Christmas play. The group returned to the church for a social hour. Carita Rouch and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rouch served refreshments.

Major Roy E. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hogan, Kewanna, was recently graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Sally Crippen was honored at a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Anna Champ Wednesday. Others present were Josephine Vanata, Trella Dague, Bessie Whybrew, Katie Gault, Donna Reffett, Lula Cox, Mable Reed, Fannie Kaufman, Maxine Kistler, Estel Champ and Patsy Crippen.

Mrs. Glenn Skersick was hostess to the Tri Beta Bridge Club Tuesday evening. After a carry-in dinner, gifts were

exchanged and bridge enjoyed. Donna Ley placed first and Helena Shine, second. Mrs. Robert Scott was a guest.

Theresa Miller, who is a student at Indiana University, is spending her Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Miller.

John Enyeart of Chicago is spending a few days in the Oscar Enyeart home. Dorothy Kaley and Tom Enyeart of South Bend spent the weekend in the Enyeart home.

A heavy fog and ice Tuesday morning was blamed for an accident on U.S. 31 near Rochester. Donald VanDuyne, 50, Rt. 1, Kewanna, was traveling south on U.S. 31 in a 1937 Chevrolet when he was struck from behind by a 1953 Ford driven by Tom Hart, 22, Rochester. Neither man was injured but the VanDuyne auto was a total loss.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 17, 1959

Final rites were held today in the Fulton EUB Church for Donald Lee Fry II. The 17-year-old Fulton High School senior and star basketball player was killed in a one-car crash Monday night, December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garner, Rt. 1, Kewanna, received word Monday morning that Mr. Garner's sister, Mrs. Goldie Vahinizer of California, was injured recently in an automobile accident.

Mace Kahler, 72, a resident of Kewanna and a former Fulton County councilman, died at 3:30 Monday, December 14, in the Bluffton Clinic. He had lived in Kewanna six months, moving here from Fulton. Survivors

include three daughters, Miss Essie Kahler, at home; Mrs. Eva Ginn, Rt. 1, Kewanna; and Mrs. Maude Carlson, Rt. 2, Kewanna; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Relatives have received word of the death of Guy Allen in Greybull, Wyoming. Mrs. Allen is the former Susie Ayers of here. She is an aunt of Mrs. Loren Cunningham and Mrs. Kenneth Watkins.

Larry Murhling of Louisville, Kentucky, spent the weekend here.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 17, 1964

Denzil Lee and Randy Ray James, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jim James, Rt. 1, Kewanna, were featured as the "Future Citizens".

Dr. Franklin Dielman, 85, physician at Fulton for 60 years, died at 5:45 Thursday, December 10 in the Woodlawn Hospital following emergency surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crippen were at Purdue University Tuesday where they received a gold medal for their dairy achievement during the past year.

Allen Bitterling, Kewanna, who was injured in a motorcycle accident recently, continues to improve in a Dayton, Ohio, hospital.

Miss Edith Loofborough, 65, Kewanna, died Sunday morning in Pulaski Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness. Born January 12, 1899, in Grass Creek, she was the daughter of Joseph and Christine Shirm Loofborough. Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Glenna Sedam, Logansport; one brother, Joseph, of Benton Harbor, Michigan; one aunt, Mrs. Minnie Evans of Kewanna, nieces and nephews.

Ersa Enyeart was hostess to the Gold Diggers group of the Kewanna Methodist WSCS

Tuesday evening for a pot luck dinner. Meda Hoover offered grace before the meal and conducted the business meeting after the meal. Mrs. Fred Hines conducted an auction and contest prizes were won by Mrs. Edward Shadle and Mrs. Emma Foglesong.

Marine Lance Corporal Charles Beehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beehler, Rt. 2, Kewanna, recently sailed for the Far East to join the Third Marine Division on Okinawa.

FORTY YEARS AGO December 18, 1969

Thirty-two senior citizens in the Grass Creek area enjoyed a Christmas dinner Saturday evening as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas at Sommers Café in Grass Creek. Some of the older members gave accounts of Grass Creek when they first came to live there and pictures were shown.

Miss Susan Kay Donathen became Mrs. Kenneth R. Hamman in a double ring ceremony recently at the Kewanna Church of Christ with Mr. Ronald Prilliman, minister, officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donathen, Kewanna, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamman, Monterey.

Mark Wilson, a student at Vincennes University, plans to spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Wilson.

The Euchre Club met at the Marlo Restaurant Friday for

dinner after which they retired to the home of Mrs. Ersa Enyeart for a social hour.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 20, 1979

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, for Roy E. Reinholt, 81, Rt. 3, Kewanna. Father Richard Smith officiated and burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

The children of Mabel Hill, Rt. 2, Kewanna, will host an open house at the Grass Creek United Methodist Church Saturday, Dec. 22, in honor of her 90th birthday. She and her husband, Lyman, were married in 1907 and moved to Grass Creek in 1913. She now makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huffman.

The Worthwhile Club met for its annual Christmas party December 11 at Pinder's Restaurant, Culver. Madlyn Fort, president, welcomed the 13 members and led the group in the pledges. Gifts were presented to six members for perfect attendance during 1979.

Sixteen members of the Mizpah and Susannah Wesley groups of the Kewanna United Methodist Church met recently for a carry-in luncheon at the church. Margaret Werner opened the meeting with prayer. Christmas carols were sung and several members, Beulah Gillespie, Meda Hoover, Maude Carlson, Elizabeth Hoover, Lula Spar and

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LOOKING BACK...

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Margaret Werner, offered readings.

Jane Hudkins, Dora Hudkins and Virginia Hildebrandt spent Thursday in South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leazenby and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weller of here and Mrs. Rick Weller of LaPorte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Casbon at a company Christmas celebration Saturday. The group enjoyed a performance by the Oakridge Boys at the Holiday Star Theatre in Merrillville and a late supper at The Patio Restaurant.

The Grass Creek Lions enjoyed their annual Christmas party recently at Pinder's Restaurant in Culver. A family style meal was served and the entertainment was provided by the Caston Swing Choir. Lion president, Ed Rentschler, introduced the guests, Mr. and Mrs. Al Heater and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stout. A gag gift exchange was also enjoyed.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 21, 1989

Jill Ditmire, granddaughter of Mrs. George Van Meter of Kewanna, has moved into the news anchor chair on WLFI-TV in West Lafayette, channel 18. She is the daughter of John and Kathy Burns Ditmire of Logansport.

Edie Brady, Kewanna, won the VCR which was raffled off last Saturday at the local VFW.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bonine Funeral Home, Culver, for Donald E. Weirick, 62, Culver. The World War II veteran was married in Culver in 1976 to Mary Esther Henning of Kewanna. She survives.

A Dresden plate quilt was presented to Nancy Evers Monday as a Christmas gift from the Area V nutrition site in Kewanna. Nancy is head of the local site for the Area V Council on Aging. The quilt was handmade by Geneva Enyeart and includes the embroidered names of the members of the group.

Sunday guests of Goldie Hamman were Betty Frazie, Ruth Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hamman, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Good, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamman, Mr. Mike Hamman, Brent and Nicki, of here and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamman of Monterey. The group was celebrating December birthdays.

TEN YEARS AGO

December 23, 1999

Shirley Zartman will hang up her cutting shears and put up the "closed" sign for the last time when she locks the doors to Shirley's Beauty Shop Friday, December 31. Shirley has operated a beauty shop on Kewanna's Main Street for 43 years.

The Caston school board approved a resolution to annex a portion of Union Township when it met Tuesday evening, December 21. The resolution calls for the annexation of the territory south of 200 South and east of 100 West, including the Town of Kewanna.

Lorena E. Kline, Kewanna, a senior at Culver Community High School, appears in the 33rd annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*.

Diane Tesler and her husband, Pat Stanaski, of Alexandria, Virginia, spent the past week at her home in Kewanna. Thursday, Jan. 1st for the New Year

for a trip to Elkhart. Friday, Diane, Pat, Joe and Karen, along with Kelly Smith, Kathy Siders and Wade Bussert took the South Shore into downtown Chicago for the day.

Betty Doty and her grandsons, Hunter and Quinton Doty, had a fun time together Saturday evening, December 11. They attended the Caston High School boys' basketball game. Betty's granddaughter, Amber Doty, was a member of the dance team that performed at halftime. After the game, the children returned home with Betty where they were joined by Hunter's sister, Sydney, for an overnight stay with Betty and Mike.

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Letter To The Editor...

Democracy at it's best?

I have been watching the debates in Washington the last few days.

I noticed something very interesting.

If there is a motion on the floor of the senate and it receives 58 votes, yes and the 42 votes, no the motion fails.

For some reason I had the impression that if the motion had a majority of the votes for yes the motion would pass. Not so in our Senate. It requires 60 votes for it to be a majority! Some rule. Great if you intend to make it very difficult or almost impossible to get anything meaningful passed.

Not sure when this happened. But it would make for interesting local elections if the principle were to be applied to all voting situations.

No wonder almost nothing can be accomplished in our Congress. Common accepted rules do not apply when it comes to our politics.

Larry Cunningham

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Dear Editor,
'Tis the season for planning holiday celebrations - a time to get together with loved ones,

host parties and go out of town. No matter what kind of gathering you have in store for the family and friends, make sure your holiday list includes planning for a designated driver.

More than 148 million American adults have been a designated driver or have been driven home by one, according to a projection based upon a 2009 survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation CARAVAN. Now, that's a reason to celebrate! And for adults hosting parties, remember these tips to help have a safe celebration.

- When serving alcohol beverages, offer a variety of good food;
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Tippecanoe Beverages, Inc. and Anheuser-Busch encourage adults who choose to drink to do so responsibly and to use designated drivers or alternate transportation if they may have had too much to drink. This year, we are piloting a program with taxi service companies in our territory to pay for the service between midnight and 2 a.m. New Year's Eve. We have also handed out literature encouraging the use of designated drivers.

Thanks to the efforts like these and increased law enforcement, our nation is making progress in the fight against drunk driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drunk-driving fatalities have declined 44 percent since 1982.

For more information, visit www.designateddriver.com. And, remember, Responsibility Matters.

Sincerely,
Frederick K. Zahrt, President
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Sports Shorts

Caston Sports Activities

Friday, Dec. 18 - Ten team wrestling duals at Caston, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19 - Ten team wrestling duals at Caston, 9:15 a.m.; boys freshman basketball at South Newton, 11 a.m.; boys JH basketball MWC tourney at South Newton, 11 a.m.; JV/varsity boys basketball at Frontier, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - varsity boys basketball holiday tourney at Culver, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - varsity boys basketball holiday tourney at Culver, 6 p.m.; JV boys basketball holiday tourney at Caston, 9:30 a.m.

Varsity boys basketball

The Caston varsity boys' basketball team is still winless for the season after losses to Carroll and Oregon-Davis last weekend. Carroll shot 52 percent on its way to defeating the Comets 73-65 at Flora Friday night. Alex Herd led the Comets with 20 points. Wes Rigney and Caleb Brown each had 14 points and Rigney also had seven rebounds. Caston took an early lead Saturday evening on their home court against Oregon-Davis, but subsequently lost the back-and-forth contest, 62-59. Wes Rigney was the leading scorer for the Comets with 24 points. He also pulled down nine rebounds. Trevor Hoover added 13 points. The Comets will travel to Frontier Saturday.

Varsity girls basketball

The Caston Lady Comets fell to defeat at Rossville Saturday, 57-36. Haley Markley tallied 19 points for Caston. Emily See added eight points and Jada Powlen had seven for the 2-7 Comets.

The Lady Comets defeated Northfield Tuesday evening at Northfield, 31-17. Emily See led the Comets with 14 points. Brittany Offenberger had seven points and Jessica Showley added six.

Varsity wrestling

Both Caston and Tippecanoe Valley went 2-3 at the Caston Super 6 Saturday. LaVille won the duals with a 5-0 record. Caston's Kyle Harvey (103), Cole Nilson (112), Wil Holloway (130), Austin Ault (171) and Myles Hardel (189) won weight class titles. Valley beat Caston 34-33 on third criteria tiebreaker in their dual.

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Tips For Preparing Your Home For Winter

(StatePoint) No matter where you live, the cooler months can bring with them an array of problems. While some are merely inconvenient, others can produce potentially serious consequences.

With some simple steps and general preparedness, winter can seem so much easier:

*** Keep Moisture At Bay:** Other than the dip in temperature, winter brings increased precipitation and moisture to your home. Without the proper measures, this influx could cause sizeable damage. One of the easiest ways to avoid it is to clean out your house's gutters. Left unchecked, gutters can fill up, eventually causing water to back up into the home, ultimately leading to nasty water damage. If possible, steer gutters away from the house by at least four feet. If water begins to

pool too close to your home's base, the results could be problematic for your basement.

Make sure cracks in your home's foundation are sealed. Not only does this keep water out of low-lying rooms, but also can prevent bigger cracks from forming should moisture freeze into ice.

*** Clear Out Clutter:** Homes that transition suddenly into winter can see their fair share of clutter. An afternoon spent stowing away last season's gear and bringing out winter wares could help avoid headaches. Rotate the equipment in your garage so gardening gear isn't front and center. Make sure outdoor toys and patio furniture are stowed safely. And stash away lighter clothing in favor of bulkier clothes.

*** Be Ready For Emergencies:** Across the country, unstable winter conditions can cause blackouts, leaving residents without power for indefinite periods. The key in a sudden blackout is to make sure you have a nearby, instant light source, particularly if you get stuck in the dark overnight. One example of a device created with such a scenario in mind is Panasonic's Emergency Light. Already used in many hospitals, hotels and nursing homes, this wall-mounted light is easy to find in the dark and turns on automatically when removed from its main unit. Providing 18 hours of continuous light on alkaline batteries, it's particularly useful during sudden

blackouts. For detailed information, visit www.panasonic.com/BF541.

Also keep extra drinking water on hand, as during blackouts water filtration systems that serve your neighborhood might lose power rendering your water undrinkable. And if your home's heating system is electric, avoid heating your home by running your stove, as this can result in a fire.

*** Keep Vermin Outside:** It's during winter's cooler months that mice and rats begin their quest indoors. Plug up any potential openings in your home. They can often be found in unchecked spots, like behind radiators and appliances or under sinks. Also be sure to keep trash cans and bins clean. Overflowing waste receptacles are open invitations to rodents during the winter months.

Perhaps more than any season, winter can be unpredictable and even hazardous. But a few quick and simple moves can help ensure peace of mind.

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2010 Farm Program signup

Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are now enrolling farms into the 2010 DCP and ACRE programs. Participants may request advance payments amounting to 22 percent of the final direct payments. ACRE participants agree to a 20 percent reduction in their direct payments, a 30 percent reduction in loan rates, and to forgo countercyclical payments.

The deadline for enrollment into the DCP and ACRE programs is June 1, 2010. Interested producers should call the FSA office to schedule an appointment.

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 by 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 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.

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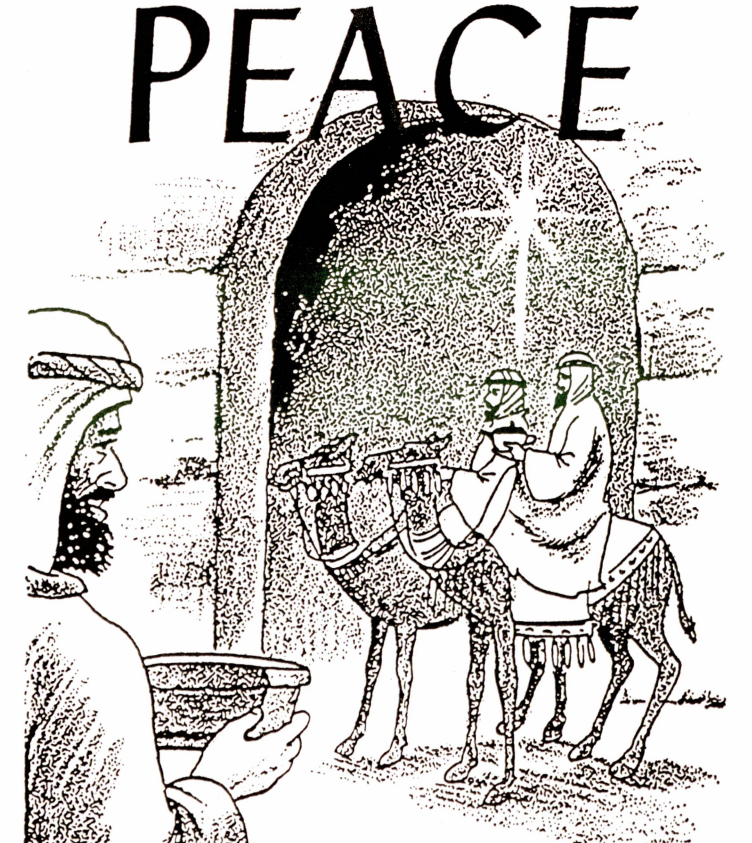
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BBB lists ten top scams and ripoffs for 2009

Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Northern Indiana has released the ten top scams nationwide for 2009. "Every scam listed has touched consumers in our service area," said Michael Coil, President/CEO of BBB of Northern Indiana. "The importance of immediate attention to these scams on a national scale can have a huge impact on whether hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost or saved. The BBB system overall is up to the minute in making the public aware as soon as we begin receiving a sudden increase in calls from business owners and consumers. We encourage the public to report anything suspicious that they may receive through mail, phone, Internet or email."

The ten top scams include:

H1N1 scams - Consumers were contacted in a variety of ways in an effort to scare them into purchasing cures or essential information to prevent getting the H1N1 virus.

Memorabilia - With the election of President Obama and the death of Michael Jackson, 2009 provided great opportunities for scammers to sell memorabilia and collectibles commemorating these historic events. Unfortunately, most items were sold at inflated prices and had only sentimental value.

Weight loss pill free trial offers - Ads offering trial offers for acai or resveratrol weight loss pills were all over the Internet. These ads were displayed on trusted Web sites of national news organizations, and the campaigns often claimed to be endorsed by celebrities such as Oprah and Rachel Ray. As with other "free trial offers", BBB received thousands of

complaints from consumers that these free trial offers ended up costing them money they had not intended to spend.

Phishing E-mails - Phishing e-mails appearing to be sent from all types of government agencies popped up in inboxes everywhere. Whatever the setup, the goal of any phishing e-mail is the same: to trick victims into divulging sensitive financial information or to infect the victim's computer with viruses and malware.

Mystery shopping - Due to our ailing economy, consumers across the country were especially vulnerable to secret shopper job offers. Consumers were told they would be paid to secretly shop at a store and evaluate its customer service. In other instances, victims were asked to wire money back to the scammers in order to evaluate a money wiring service such as Western Union or MoneyGram. The victim is sent an authentic looking check that is supposed to cover the cost of doing business. Of course, the check is a fake and the victims may be responsible for the loss.

Lottery scam - Victims received letters in the mail from companies purporting to be Publisher's Clearing House. The fact is the scammers used this company's good name to perpetrate a scam. Scammers also used false information to convince consumers they had won millions of dollars in a lottery, which was non-existent. In most cases, victims were required to wire hundreds of dollars back to the scammers - supposedly to cover taxes or other bogus fees.

Friend/family in distress - Also known as the Grandma Scam, the victim receives a message from a "friend" or "family"

member claiming they are outside of the country and have gotten into trouble. The victim is asked to wire thousands of dollars to pay for lawyer's fees or to post bail. This scam cropped up on Facebook this year.

Mortgage foreclosure rescue/debt assistance - Many families have struggled this year to save their homes from foreclosure and/or get out of credit card debt. Scammers were quick to offer help. Victims were asked to pay hundreds of dollars up front for assistance they never received.

Job hunter scams - With unemployment numbers in the U.S. in the double digits, scammers know they have a large pool to prey on. One of the most popular scams is to require the job seeker to pay a fee in order to even be considered for a job. Other scams attempt to gain access to personal information such as bank account or social security numbers, under the guise of somehow evaluating a potential employee.

Robocalls - Thousands of people across the country receive automated telephone calls, often in spite of having their phone numbers on the do-not-call list. The robocalls often claimed that the consumer's auto warranty was about to expire, or that a bank was offering to lower the interest rate on their credit card. The prevalence of robocalls violating federal telemarketing laws prompted the FTC to increasingly restrict the practice in 2009.

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Advertising Claims for Dec. 21, 2009

Four County Counseling Center, 150.00; Reliable Office Supplies Inc., 478.23; Rochester Telephone Co., 338.77; Smith Office Plus Inc., 131.67; Villalon Rafael, 245.00; Xerox Corp., 60.09.

Grand Total.....\$1,403.76
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FULTON CO., INDIANA ON DECEMBER 14, 2009.

JUDITH A. REED
FULTON CO. AUDITOR

Pub. 12/17/2009

ORDINANCE 040609
AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING AN
ANNUAL SEX OR
VIOLENT OFFENDER
REGISTRATION FEE AND
ESTABLISHING THE
FULTON COUNTY SEX OR VIOLENT
OFFENDER

ADMINISTRATION FUND
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana, ("Commissioners") is the executive and legislative body for Fulton County;

WHEREAS, subject to the provisions of I.C. 36-2-13-5.6, the Commissioners may require the Fulton County Sheriff (as defined in I.C. 11-8-8-2) to collect an annual sex or violent offender registration fee and a sex or violent offender address change fee; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to establish the Fulton County Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund to fund the administration of the sex or violent offender registration system.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Indiana, that the sex or violent offender registration fee, the sex or violent offender address change fee and the Fulton County Sex or Violent Offender Administration Fund are hereby established as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund.

The Fulton Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund is hereby established. The purpose of the fund is to defray the expense of administering or ensuring compliance with the laws concerning the Indiana sex and violent offender registry. The Fulton County Council may appropriate money from the fund for this purpose.

Section 2. Fees.
Registration Fee. The annual fee for sex or violent offenders registering in Fulton County shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Payment of the fee shall be made upon the offender's initial registration in Fulton County and subsequently on or before each annual registration date.

Section 3. Payment Fees.
All fees collected under this Ordinance shall be collected by the Fulton County Sheriff Department when a sex or violent offender registers with the Fulton County Sheriff Department.

Section 4. Procedures.
All fees collected under this Ordinance by the Fulton County Sheriff Department shall be transferred to the Fulton County Auditor. On a monthly the Fulton County Auditor shall: (a) deposit ninety percent (90%) of any fees collected under this Ordinance in the Fulton County Sex and Violent Offender Administration Fund; and (b) transfer ten percent (10%) of any fees collected under this Ordinance to the state of Indiana for deposit in the state sex and violent offender administration fund under I.C. 11-8-8-21.

All of which is PASSED and ORDAINED this 21st day of April, 2009.

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Board of Directors
Mill Creek Conservancy District
Jerry Brown, Chairman
Larry Friedrich, Vice-Chairman
William Fred, Board Secretary
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Town of Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at Town Hall, at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day of December, 2009.

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| Casino/Riverboat: | |
| Capital Outlays..... | \$5,000.00 |
| Total for Casino/Riverboat | \$5,000.00 |
| CCI Tax Levy: | |
| Capital Outlays..... | \$5,000.00 |
| Total for CCI Fund..... | \$5,000.00 |

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated 12-15-2009.
Jenny Kay
Clerk, Town of Kewanna
Pub. 12/17/2009

Gift Ideas

On a Budget?

Ideas for Sentimental Holiday Gifts

(NAPS)—Feeling pressed for time and cash this holiday season? You're not alone. However, many families are finding that professional portraits can be the inspiration for homemade holiday keepsakes for families and friends, without extra work or expense.

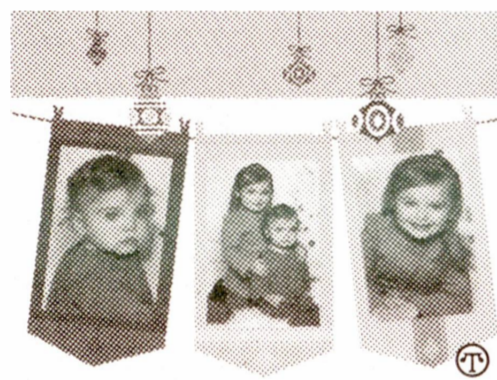
Most of us may think we're too busy to make a meaningful gift for someone. However, a collage that features a family portrait is high on creativity and usefulness and low on time commitment. Plus, portraits from a single studio visit can yield a number of thoughtful presents for everyone from extended family to close friends (and preserve precious time for the gift giver).

Some portrait gift ideas to consider include:

- 2010 portrait calendar: Help family and friends ring in the new year with a keepsake calendar gift with portrait photos of your family.

- Annual or seasonal portrait collage: Start a new tradition by capturing as many as three portrait poses of your family in a collage. Frame this year's gift and then send updated collages every year, or even each season for close family members.

In addition, portrait CDs are a great solution for families who want a variety of high-resolution, special portraits to conveniently use as they wish to create holiday keepsakes for loved ones. A



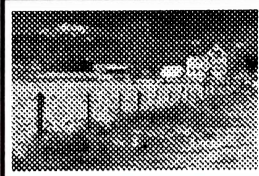
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To beat the holiday crowds, Conrad suggests booking your appointment now to ensure your preferred time slot. Mornings or early afternoons Monday through Thursday are the least crowded. Before a session, prepare a list of everyone you plan to give portrait gifts to the photographer can create beautiful shots for everyone.

For tips for a low-stress portrait visit and more gift ideas, visit www.pictureme.com.



Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown

Ph.: (574) 653-2451

First a note: Ruth, we have you married again.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Monday, Dec. 7. They enjoyed a short visit with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Helen Whiteman traveled to Winamac Tuesday, Dec. 8. She took care of some business in the morning.

Mathilda Lamb had company Wednesday, Dec. 9. Coming for a delightful visit were Peggy Lee of Edwardsburg, Michigan and her son, Gene Cramer of Ft. Worth, Texas. At noon, they came into town and had lunch at the Kewanna Kafé.

Romayne Wentzel had a houseguest during the week. Staying with her for a few days was her son, Roger Wentzel of Falls Church, Virginia.

Joan and Mike Gallagher and Patrick, the dog, of Wilmington, Ohio arrived Thursday, Dec. 10, for an extended working visit with Joan's mother, Mathilda Lamb.

Julie Brown had a fun evening Thursday. She accompanied Wendy Sutton, Luke and Tanner, to the Caston Elementary School Christmas program.

Renee Colley spent the weekend in Bartlett, Illinois. She had a delightful time as a houseguest of her son and his family, Eric and Julie Colley, Nathan and Meghan. While in the area, she attended several Christmas parties and took her grandchildren to a pottery class.

Leonard and Nancy Evers

had company Saturday, Dec. 12. Coming down for a visit were their son, Gary Evers of Michigan City, and his daughter and granddaughter, Rachel and Hailey. The family also celebrated Hailey's 6th birthday with cake and ice cream.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina arrived Saturday for an extended holiday visit her parents, Barb and Jon Gast.

Mathilda Lamb and Joan and Mike Gallagher traveled to Ft. Wayne Saturday. They had a wonderful time attending the play "Follow the Star to Bethlehem." Joan and Mike's grandsons, Drew, A.J. and Austin Gallagher, portrayed the three kings.

Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris, spent last Saturday socializing. They joined South Bend friends, Patty and Tony Trinca, for a hearty brunch at Mashiana Paradise Auto Truck Stop in Rochester. Among the topics of conversation were the Trinca's plans for their upcoming motor trip to New Mexico, accompanied by pooch Tater Sue. While chatting with their genial waitress, Janel was surprised to learn that she was Karen Long, who, as a teenager, had babysat for Janel's stepson, Stevie Fox (aka "Punk"). The group was sorry to hear that Karen's mother, Charlotte Swafford, has had some serious medical problems this past year, but is now feeling

somewhat better. The Norris siblings stopped in Kewanna on their way home to visit their sister, Ruth Cogdill, who is also recovering from two surgeries and several months of rehabilitation. In fact, over the past few months, Ruth and Charlotte were in the some of the same medical facilities, but at different times. On a more pleasant note, Ruth shared some of the latest pictures she has received from her grandchildren and their offspring. The afternoon sped by catching up on all the activities of the far-flung family.

Wilma Wilson had a real nice time celebrating Christmas with all the members of her family Sunday, Dec. 13.

A Sunday brunch was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Culver, to celebrate the 17th birthday of their daughter, Clar. Helping her celebrate the occasion were Alex Baker, Sandy Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven, all of Culver; Mr. Bill Plummer and Hannah and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pugh and Kyle of Kewanna; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, Rochester; Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; Lowell Reinhold, Winamac; and Rebecca Pugh, Auburndale, Florida.

Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile hosted the Scales Family Christmas celebration Sunday. Over 45 members of the family were able to gather for a day of visiting and good food.

Florence Hogan had visitors Sunday. Coming up

for a day of chatting and taking care of some last minute winter preparations were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette.

Riley Hicks was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The event was in celebration of his 8th birthday and held in the community room of the local fire station. Helping him mark the occasion with lots of birthday goodies were his parents and sister, Kim and Justin Jenkins and Katelyn; his grandparents, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans and Junior and Krista Sutton; his great-grandparents, Barb and Jon Gast, Ray and Beth Weller and Harold Sutton; his great-aunts and uncles, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon and Angela Gast; and his cousin, Shelby Wagoner.

Mathilda Lamb and Joan and Mike Gallagher had a visitor Sunday. Stopping by

for a chat was Mathilda's son, Wayne Lamb of Peru.

Zach Wassermann was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of his birthday. Helping him mark the event with all the birthday trimmings were his parents and sister, Don and Amanda Wassermann and Mackenzie; his grandparents, Tom and Linda Garner; his aunt and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna and his uncle and aunt, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

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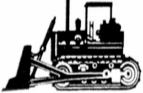


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