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Grocery closes doors

The Village Market, Kewanna's only grocery store, closed its doors for the last time Wednesday.

The store was originally owned by Clyde Mosher who opened the store about 1934 a little east of its present location. After Depression, the surviving Mosher decided to open a grocery store "so his family would at least have something to eat" in hard times, according to his daughter, Pauline Brown, Kewanna.

After a couple of years of operation, the grocery was moved to its corner location at Main and Toner Streets. The entry was originally located front and center with a window on each side.

Mr. Mosher closed his grocery in 1966 and the building stood empty for a few years before it was purchased by Joe Zellers. Joe, a Kewanna graduate, moved back here from Las Vegas, Nevada, when he purchased the

After a short time, Joe sold the store in 1912 to his employee, Jerry Kimble. Jerry operated the store until he moved out-of-state. In recent years, it has been operated by Jerry's sister, JoAnn Collins.

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The local Village Market was originally Mosher's Grocery and featured a front and center entry

before being remodeled. Clyde Mosher, the original owner, is shown here with Dorothy

Mosher and Loma Urbin, who worked as a clerk.

The News in Brief

The Kewanna town council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 7, at the town hall for its first meeting of the year. Council meetings are open to the public.

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, December 31, in the county office building at 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include transfer requests, a public hearing on an easement, discussion of HVAC, old and new business.

The Fulton County Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 31, in the county office building, Rochester. The agenda will include transfer requests, old and new business.

The Fulton County Commissioners and Fulton County Council will hold a joint meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 31, at the McMahon O'Connor Building to tour the facilities.

Upcoming meetings at the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, include the county drainage board at 9 a.m. Monday, January 11; county park board at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 12; county communications board, 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 13; and Emergency Management Advisory Council, Friday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

Gov. Mitch Daniels has announced plans to cut school funding 3.5 percent beginning in January. Funding has previously been cut to state agencies and universities in order to head off a budget deficit as state income has taken a hit due to the economic downturn.

The Army Corps of Engineers reports that the levels in the Great Lakes have risen for two years in a row. Lake levels had been declining during most of the last ten years.

A new database for tracking the sales of cold medicines in Indiana will go online early next year. Cold medicines are used to make methamphetamine. Police hope the database will help curb the state's growing meth problems.

Figures from the U.S. Census shows that population growth in Indiana has slowed this year.

Administrative services began operating out of the new Ivy Tech campus in Logansport last Monday. Spring semester classes will start in the new facility January 11. The new campus features three large health science labs, two life science labs, state-of-the-art computer labs, new industrial maintenance labs, a library, a community room and a large commons area.

The Fulton County Council will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, January 4, in the meeting room of the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester. The meeting will include election of officers, old and new business.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, January 4, in the meeting room of the Fulton County Office Building. Election of officers will be held and various reports will be heard, with additional along appropriations and transfers. +++

Census workers needed

The U.S. Department of Commerce is hiring people to count area residents for the federal census being conducted in April and May of next year.

About 55 people are needed to work in Fulton County. There are application sessions planned, one at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 30, and the other at the Fulton County Public Library Rochester at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 30.

session and must provide two forms of identification. A short test will be held in the near future. A practice test is available at www.2010censusuobs.gov.

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Soup suppers to begin Tanuary 6

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will resume serving its weekly soup suppers Wednesday evening, January 6, from 5-6 p.m. in the church annex. Those in need of a hot meal are welcome to enjoy the soup, crackers and fellowship.

HINI clinics

The Fulton County Health Department has scheduled four free H1N1 clinics for January. The HlNl vaccine will be offered to the public, including those over 65 years of age on four consecutive Thursdays at the health department, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The clinics will be January 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and January 14, 21, and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call Rhonda, the Public Health Nurse at 574-223-

Woodworking demo at fire station

The Tippecanoe 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.

Donate Blood and Help Save a Life

Winamac Coil Spring will be partnering with Indiana Blood Center in sponsoring a Kewanna community blood drive at the Fire Station, located at 404 N Toner. Donors are invited to visit the blood drive on Thursday, January 7 from noon to 5 pm. Each donation will help to save the lives of up to three Indiana patients recovering from illness. injury or accident.

In order to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Please be sure to bring a photo ID. An individual can donate blood every 56-days. Indiana Blood Center is a nonprofit community service organization serving over 60 Applicants need to attend one Indiana hospitals with lifesaving blood and blood products. To reserve a donation time and sign-up to receive donor loyalty points that can be redeemed for free gifts, please www.donorpoint.org. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, please contact Indiana Blood Center at 765-446-





Clubs Societies



Personals



Four generations of "three sisters"

Lois Shidaker, a former Kewanna resident, came from a family of three sisters -Delia Greer and Lois, both deceased, and Sarah Baxter, North Manchester.

Lois was also the mother of sisters", Trudy "three Shidaker Cilek, Linda Shidaker Worl, and Janice Shidaker Bleeke, all pictured in the top row. Trudy Cilek is the mother of "three sisters", Trisha Cilek Gill, Lisa Cilek Krieter and Debbi Cilek Lula, picture in the middle row.

Lisa Krieter is the mother of the fourth generation of "three sisters", Paytn, Taylor and Jennifer Krieter, pictured in the bottom row.

CASTON MENU January 4 – 8 Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - no school Tuesday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie and milk. Comet Café - vegetable soup

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Wednesday - Corn dog, seasoned mini cubes, peaches, cookie and milk. Comet Café -

tater tots, green beans, dirt pudding and milk. Comet Café cheese-stuffed breadsticks

Friday - Pizza, peas, mixed fruit snickerdoodle and milk. Comet Café - popcorn chicken salad

January 4 – 8

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Thursday - Breaded pork patty,

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juice and milk

Wednesday - Biscuit and gravy, juice and milk

Thursday - French toast, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Corn dog, corn, pears, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Chicken sandwich, cauliflower with cheese, mixed fruit, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Hot dog, fries, peaches, cake and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, applesauce, cinnamon roll and

Friday - Omelet, tator tots, apple slices, cinnamon toast and

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Grilled chicken sandwich, carrots, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad

Tuesday - Ravioli, cheese breadstick, peas, peaches and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Hamburger sandwich, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, grape juice cup and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday - Pizza, corn, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad

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December 18

Births – Andrew and Emily Schouten, Rochester, a son; Nancy Rush, Argos, a daughter December 21

Admissions – Dorothy Donaldson, Rochester

Dismissals - Rhoda Hensley and Nancy Rush and daughter, Argos; Margo Provo, Barbara Butcher and Emily Schouten, Rochester; Eva Smith, Akron

Births – Lindsey Enyart, Rochester, a daughter December 22

Admissions – Eva Smith, Akron Dismissals – Dasha Hall, Laketon

December 23

Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Vicki Dills,
Mentone; Barbara Murray,
Logansport; Lindsey Enyart and
daughter and Nicholas Schouten,
Rochester
December 24

Admissions - Rudolph Rom, Rochester, and April Jones, Mentone

Dismissals - none published +++

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DEATHS



ALICE J. FRIEDRICH

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. this morning (Thursday, December 31) at the Fulton Baptist Temple for Alice J. Friedrich, 88, Kewanna. Pastor Bruce Russell will officiate and burial will be in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Friedrich passed away Sunday, December 27, 2009 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born June 25, 1921 in Fulton County, she was the daughter of the late Virgil Lyman and Fleetie (Crippen) King. She was married April 13, 1941 to John R. Friedrich, who died August 28, 1980.

She was a 1939 graduate of Fulton High School and also a graduate of the South Bend Business College. A homemaker, she was a member of the Fulton Baptist Temple, Manitou Garden Club and Prairie Grove Home Ec. Club. She enjoyed candy making, flower gardening and bird watching.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Jones and her husband, William, and Katherine J. Smith and her husband, Allan, and one son,

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Larry E. Freidrich and his wife, Gloria, all of Kewanna; one brother, Lyman King and his wife, Helen, Rochester; and one sister, Luella Emery and her husband, Doyne, Macy. Also surviving are grandchildren, Jenny Smith and her husband, Leo, Galveston; Dale S. Friedrich and his wife, Regina, Pierceton; Amy J. Seeman and her husband, Dan, Greenfield; Jeff Smith and his wife, Diana, Kewanna; and a grandson-in-law, Robert P. Kirkley and his wife, Cindy, Columbus, Ohio; and greatgrandchildren, Morgan Seeman, Nataleigh Ashleigh and Friedrich. Andrea, Andrew, Mark and Samuel Smith, and Zachary and Matthew Kirkley.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Lorraine Anne Kirkley, and a sister, Anna Hartman.

A visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Fulton Baptist Temple. Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.

DAVE HARDIMAN

Dave Hardiman, 67, Kewanna, passed away at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 24, at Life Care Center of Rochester. The former Cedar Lake resident was born June 26, 1942 in Hartselle, Alabama, the son of the late Harry D. and Ola M. (Wright) Hardiman. He was married February 12, 1999, to Melva Holley who survives.

Dave retired after 30 years with Ford Motor Company in Illinois before moving to Kewanna. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and playing pool. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a former member of the James F. Talbott VFW Post. No. 1121, Kewanna, and a member of the Eagles Lodge of Cedar Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Melva, Kewanna; one daughter, Carolyn Thill, of Illinois; four brothers, Arthur Hardiman and his wife, Faye, Lowell, Leamon Hardiman and his wife, Martha, Alabama, Billy Hardiman, Alabama, and Donnie Haynes, Mississippi; two sisters, Marie Moore and her husband, Maurice, and Rita Ann Clark and her husband, Norman, all of Alabama; a grandchild, Dakota Thill, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Amber Sue. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Orvil, Oscar, David and William Hardiman and Tommy Havnes.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna chapel. Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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Born April 25, 1958, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Walter "Bill" Malott and Carmen Hall Malott. She was married November 20, 1993, in Logansport to David L. Zartman, who survives.

A 1976 graduate of Logansport High School, she was a homemaker and former employee of the Pizza Hut, Logansport.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Kyle Unger, Fulton; one grandson, Brayden Lee Unger, Fulton; sisters, Deb Myers and her husband, Mahlon, Peru; Faye Smith and her husband, Rex, Twelve Mile; and Sis Martindale and her husband, Joe, Kewanna; a sister-in-law, Teresa A. Justice, Macy; brotherin-law. Ierry Zartman and his wife, Stephanie, Rochester; her father- and mother-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Zartman, Fulton; and several nieces nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brayden Unger Scholarship Fund or the American Cancer Society.

NINA ALICE HOWAT

Nina Alice Howat, 68, Rochester passed away at 1:08 p.m. Thursday, December 24, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born October 14, 1941, in Seminole, Georgia, she was the daughter of Steve Donalson and Verneya Buckhalter. She was married to Teary Howat, Sr. on August 18, 2006.

She had lived in Rochester for three years, moving there from the Winamac and Kewanna communities. She had worked at McDonald's in Winamac.

Mrs. Howat is survived by her husband, and five children, Michael Howard and Mark Howard, Rochester; Aaron Wayne Howat, Terry Fred Howat and Anita Marie Howat.

Private family services will be held at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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Wednesday, January 6 – Cheeseburger sandwich, corn, green beans, apricots and milk

Friday, January 8 - Barbecue ribette sandwich, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, peaches and milk

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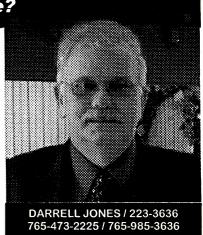
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SIXTY YEARS AGO January 5, 1950

Key Theatre in Kewanna held its grand opening New Year's Day. The theatre is located on Main Street between Calvin's Place and the law office of E. B. DeVault. The movie "In the Good Old Summer Time" was shown for the grand opening event.

At the regular meeting of the Fulton town board last Monday Williams was Joe reappointed fire chief of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Virdell Department and Overmyer was reappointed assistant fire chief.

John Urbin of Guy Urbin Auto Co. has announced that the 1950 model Chevrolets will be shown this Saturday and that free coffee and donuts will be served from 3 to 10 p.m.

Mrs. Kerry Walsh received word last week of the death of her brother, Dan Larkin, in Dwight, Illinois.

Winamac was the setting for a four-way tournament that the Kewanna Indians walked away with last Saturday when they defeated Monterey 50-33 in the first round and then defeated Grass Creek 48-40 in the championship game.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 6, 1955

Before an altar banked with poinsettias and lighted candles the double ring ceremony that wed Bill Lee Masteller and Ruth Benjamin was Darlene solemnized by Rev. Joseph Dux Sunday, December 26, in the local Church of Christ. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benjamin, Rochester, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller, Rt. 1. Kewanna. Both are graduates of Kewanna High School and he is a student at Purdue University.

The Kewanna Fire Department answered 12 calls during 1954, two to locations in Wayne Township.

Elmer Seidel, manager of the Charles Van Meter Implement Co., announced today that the company is in the process of incorporating under the name or Charles Van Meter Implement Co., Inc. This is being done to facilitate operations with the International Harvester Com-

William Moon, 80, well known farmer residing southeast of here, died Thursday morning at Woodlawn Hospital following a three-year illness. Born near Leiters Ford, he was the son of George and Jennie Milliser Moon. He was married to the former Almeda Anderson.

Pat Kumler was hostess at a watch party in her home New Year's Eve. Guests included Doris Kreamer, Pauline Freel, Maxine Reinholt, Saretta DeWitt, Stingley, Sandra Alice Hinderlider, Wayne Baldwin, Bill Werner. Don and Lawrence Overmyer, Wayne Zellers, Jay Ingram, Lowell Rans, Keith Harmon, Francis Hendrickson and George Hoover.

Club Anniversary celebrated the New Year with a carry-in supper Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gillespie. After the meal, the group enjoyed canasta and euchre. Guests included Mr. and Carlton Fisher and daughter of Michigan City, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiland, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Woolington, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Meter and Mr. and Mrs. Vause Polen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Partridge entertained a few friends Friday evening at a watch party. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ley, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lyon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 7, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Saxton, Kewanna, announce engagement of their daughter, Caryl Cay, to Terry Livengood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livengood, Kewanna. Saxton is a senior at Kewanna High School and her fiancé is a 1958 graduate. He is now serving with the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Omaha, Nebraska.

Barbara Talbott became the bride of John Enyeart New

Year's Eve in a ceremony at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Talbott, Kewanna. Charlene Shull was the bride's maid and Robert Scott served as best man. The couple will reside in Mishawaka.

The B & R Truck Stop, located at the intersection of State Roads 14 and 17, is selling out its inventory of groceries and car accessories. The real estate, including three buildings, is also

Final rites were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, January 3, in the Harrison Funeral Home here for Colonel Whybrew, 80, retired feed and coal dealer. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Edna Buchanan and a son, Roy Whybrew, both of Kewanna.

Mary Rachel Hamman, 34, Winamac died Saturday, January 2, at her home after a long illness. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Galbreath, Winamac, and was married to Ralph Hamman of Kewanna.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 7, 1965

Featured as "Little Citizens" were Anna Marie Pesaresi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Pesaresi; Gina Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Farris; Donald Newgent, son of Mrs. Rosetta Newgent; Kimberly Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth Smith; Julia Lynn Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown; and Larry Koebcke, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Koebcke.

Kewanna enters 1965 with a promise of continued business growth, members of the Kewanna Progressive Association were told Monday night by its president, Elmer Seidel, and secretary, Garland Masterson. Industrial activities are making necessary the vacating of the Teen Canteen room next to the town hall. The youth group is sponsored by the Progressive Association and a new program is being considered when other

quarters become available.

Robert Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Kewanna, is on a 15-day Christmas furlough from Kemper Military School and College at Boonville, Missouri.

Lucille Zellers returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the Christmas holidays with her sons, James and Joe, and their families in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Partridge and family of Fort Wayne spent New Year's Day in the Raymond Weller home.

FORTY YEARS AGO January 8, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Eugene, Oregon, are the parents of a son born January 3. The mother is the former Kathryn McKinney. Mrs. Lera McKinney, Kewanna, is the maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Anderson, Kewanna, are maternal the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Jr., Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born in Logansport Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Sr., Rt. 2, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

The Kewanna Indians came home with their second victory in a row Saturday night when they defeated Pierceton in the Aubbee gym. The Indians were trailing 52-44 going into the final quarter but outscored their opponents 28-12 giving them a 72-64 victory. It was the first time Kewanna has won two in a row since February of 1967. Don Reason was again high scorer with 29. Mike Clyde poured in 22 points and Steve Perkins added 12.

Kenneth Hinderlider, George Starr, Irene Troutman, Harold Hickle, Howard Gilliland and Esther Hunt were among the list of prospective jurors for the first quarter of 1970 in the Fulton Circuit Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Clurel Hunter, Kewanna. announce the engagement of their daughter, Nedra Jeanette, to S/Sgt. Robert (Pete) Hurley III, son of Mrs. Laura P. Hurley of Winamac. Both are graduates of Kewanna High School. She attended Indiana State University and graduated from the Bryman School in Indianapolis. He is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Air Force.

THIRTY YEARS AGO January 3, 1980

The Kewanna Indians finished second in a four-way tourney Friday and Saturday Mishawaka Marian. The Indians downed the tourney hosts 63-55 Friday evening, but loss to a strong Whiting team, 80-56, in the championship game Saturday. Kewanna had four players in double figures. Rodney Hall and Jeff Markley had 18 and 16, respectively, and Bob Sutton and Malcolm Howdeshell each added ten.

Harriet Stoudt has been named to the Kewanna-Union Township library board for a four-year term. She replaces Helen Woolington whose term has

expired and who did not seek re-appointment.

Jan Agnew reports that her daffodils are starting to come up.

Eight members of the Susannah Wesley circle met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Maudie Margaret Carlson. opened the meeting with a poem. Beulah Gillespie gave devotions and Wanda Cihak gave the lesson. Helen Miller won the contest prize.

New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wilson and Chuck Stamberger.

Arthur Anderson, who was injured in a fall, has been moved from the home of his daughter in South Bend to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luhnow,

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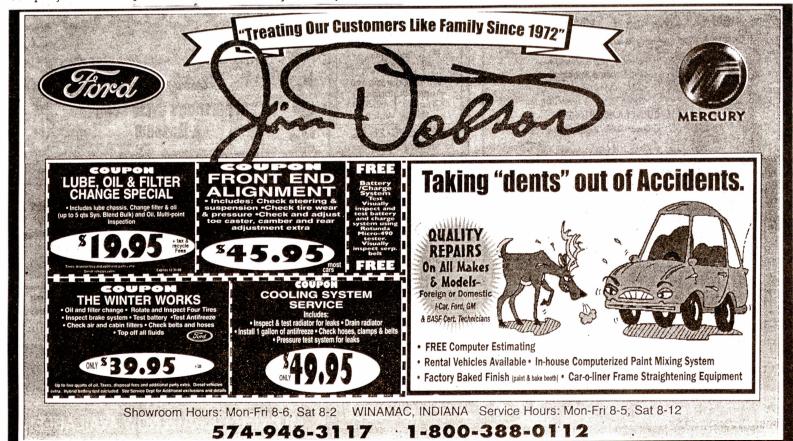
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THURSDAY, Dec. 31st, 2009

"LOOKING BACK" Con't. From Page Four

Kewanna.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Dora Hudkins were Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Hudkins of Bremen, Mrs. Marilyn Hudkins and daughters, Connie Marie and Mrs. Susie Schooler and family of Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hudkins and family Peking, China.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 4, 1990

Douglas B. Morton announced today his plans to run for reelection as judge of the Fulton Circuit Court. Morton will file for the Republican nomination in the May primary.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Harrison-Funeral Home, Metzger Kewanna, for Mary Beatrice Willoughby, 97, Kewanna. A homemaker, she was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and Kewanna Rebekah

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Lodge. Survivors include three daughters, Olive Watkins and Guyla Cunningham, Kewanna, and Charlotte Talbott, Plymouth; and one son, William N. Willoughby, Kewanna.

Rick and Belinda Weller were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Ryan and Stacey, of Fort Riley, Kansas, visited with her mother, Ruth Talbott, and other relatives and friends over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mullins of Titusville, Florida, spent last week in Indiana visiting Ida Mullins and other relatives.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Murhling were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Murhling of Rochester, Bill Murhling of Lafayette, Amy Murhling of Ball State University, Muncie, and Bob Clyde of here.

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Harriet McAllister Provost, treasurer of Fulton County, has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the office in the May primary.

Delores Foerg, Jo Illingworth, Patricia Koons and Mathilda Lamb were among those who attended the Foerg family reunion Sunday. Over 55 members of the family attended the event that was held at the Moss Creek Country Club.

Believe it or not, it was warmer in northern Indiana than in Tucson, Arizona, over the Twenty degrees weekend. warmer!

Harold Sutton was the guest of honor at a surprise retirement December 29 Rochester. Margaritta's in

Harold has worked for the past 61/2 years at Winamac Coil Spring.

Jack and Florence Hogan spent New Year's Day in Marion. They had a wonderful time attending a ballroom swing dance held as part of the city's holiday The downtown celebration. district was blocked off for the day so that families could celebrate the New Year in safety. There were games,

contests, dancing, prizes and entertainment for every age group throughout the evening.

Save those plastic sacks

The third grade class at Caston Elementary School is again plastic collecting 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.



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The Zartman/ Green family enjoyed their Christmas gettogether Saturday. Gathering for dinner in the Rich and Jane Green home were their daughter and her family, Dawn and Rick Nikolich and Luke of Evansville; their son and his family. Dale Green and Wendy and Joshua and Jacob; their granddaughter, Haley Harding, her fiancé, Jose, and his brother, Carlos, all of Okemos, Michigan; their grandson and greatgranddaughter, Heath Harding and Makhia; their grandson, Holt Harding of Rochester; and Jane's mother and sister, Ann Zartman and Shirley. After dining at the Greens, everyone crossed the street to open gifts at the Zartmans.

Angela Gast returned to Wake Forest, North Carolina Saturday. She had been on an extended visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Florence Hogan visited with her daughter, Janice Graham, Saturday.

Beth Weller had a wonderful surprise Sunday morning, Dec. 27. Arriving between Sunday school and church services were her daughters and granddaughters, Beth Ann Deckard and Linda Tufts, Lauren and Leah of Ohio. The ladies had made the

trip to help Beth celebrate her birthday.

Luke Sutton was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Clayton Brown. Later in the afternoon, Darin Chew stopped in for a few games of snow tag.

Renee Colley returned home Monday, Dec. 28, from a weeklong visit with her son and his family, Eric and Julie Colley, Meghan and Nathan, at Bartlett, Illinois. She also spent part of the holiday visiting in Crown Point.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Jeff Brown, Tracey Cunningham, Jane Unger and Jean Urbin, Jan. 3; Gavin Hickle and Madison White, Jan. 4; Josh Douglass, Kirk Good, Annie Hurley, Billie Jo Hurley, Andrew Riddle and Madeline Yocum, Jan. 5; Joshua Haimbaugh, Jan. 6; Debbie Brown, Joyce Donathen, Pam Evers, Mick Herrold, Bud Leazenby, Ed Mollencupp and Ryan Watson, Jan. 7; Vickie Gupton, Vickie Molitor, Andrew Smith, Seth Studebaker and Tim Wilson, Jan. 8; and Alexandria Baker and Scott Oliver, Jan. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weller will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 8.

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Varsity basketball

The Caston varsity boys' basketball team lost both of its games in the Culver Holiday tournament last week. North Judson defeated the Comets 49-39 in first round action. The Comets railied late but could not overcome the deficit. Alex Herd and Wes Rigney had 14 and 12 points, respectively, for Caston. Caleb Brown added nine points and eight rebounds.

Caston lost the consolation game Wednesday evening to Culver, 52-47. Trevor Hoover scored 20 points for the Comets. Wes Rigney had 13 points and Alex Herd added nine. Caston is now 0-9 for the season.

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Caston Athletic Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 2 - varsity wrestling at Rochester, 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 - boys freshman basketball at Culver, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling vs. Carroll at Caston, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8 - JV/varsity boys basketball vs. West Central at Caston, 6 p.m.

Send In Your News



Every Monday the PCPL in Winamac offers Genealogy help from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and After School "Be Creative" from 4:00 -5:00. For more information, please call 946-3432.

Every Tuesday the PCPL in Winamac offers Toddler Time from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and After School Craft or Movie at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call 946-3432.

The PCPL in Medaryville offers a Family Game Night every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. For more information please call 219-843-

Every Wednesday the PCPL in Winamac will be offering a Pokémon League at 4:00 p.m. For more information please call 946-3432.

Every Wednesday the PCPL in Medaryville offers a Knitting Circle at 1:30. For more information please call 219-843-

Every Thursday the PCPL in Winamac offers Family Game Night from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call

Every Thursday the PCPL in Medaryville offers Toddler Time from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more information please call 219-843-

Every Saturday the PCPL in Winamac and Medaryville offer a Story Hour from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call 946-3432 (Winamac) or 219-843-3021 (Medaryville).

The 3rd Wednesday of every month the PCPL in Winamac will be having a Home-School Program at 2:30 p.m. For more information please call 946-3432 The PCPL in Winamac and Medaryville will be having an AWE computer contest for children ages 10 and under for the month of January. For more information please call 946-3432

The PCPL in Winamac will be having an adult Winter Read program from January 11 to January 31. Read as many Winter Read selections as you can and be entered for special winter-themed prizes. For more information please call 946-3432

The PCPL in Winamac will be having a Bracelet Make and Take January 25th from 2-3 p.m. this activity is free of charge but space is limited. Call 574-946-3432 to reserve your space!

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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

Great Train Expo: Jan. 2 - 3 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; children under 12 free. Contact: Bill Grove 608-4988 (630)www.greattrainexpo.com.

Indiana on the Fly Fishing Show: Jan. 9 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 10 & younger & Boy/Girl Scouts in uniform admitted free. Contact: Patti Beasley (317) 627-1164 or www.reelwomenreelmen.com.

Sunday Super **Automotive Car Meet & Swap** Sale: Jan. 10 in the West Pavilion and South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$7; children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Contact: Mid America Promotions (708) 563-4300 or www.midamericapromotions.co

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: January 15 - 17 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Dan Masters (405)340-1333 www.indy1500.com.

Annual Greater India Marketplace: Jan. 16 - 17 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$3.50 per day; \$5 for weekend; children 12 & younger free. Contact: The Promotion Company (317) 236-6515 or www.familyevents.com.

42nd Annual Central Indiana RV Show: January 16 - 24 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon. - Fri. 1 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$7; seniors (60+) \$6; children 16 & younger free with adult admission. Contact: Mark Bowersox (317) 247-6258 or www.centralindianarvshow.net.

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

Midwest Reptile Show: Jan. 16

Looking Back The Kewanna Herald

Friday, April 19, 1940

The Kewanna Light Guards of 1884



military company organized in Ke- success, a neat sum being realized known as a cow pasture. The resiwanna some time about 1884, just for that purpose, however, the boys fifty-six years ago and flourished for were not permitted to strut their Hardin, farther north was the house a period of time. The company was stuff in the new caps as someone now occuiped by Mr. and Mrs. Harry formed by Jerome Kennedy who at made away with the funds and the Moon and at the left side of the picthat time was a member of the caps were never purchased. Jerry local G. A. R. Post and one well Toner, represented the Kiser in the versed in the manual of arms and a play while Dick Graham was Stiner that part of town being farm land. capable instructor.

newly organized company to use their glory the G. A. R. decided to guns owned by the post, the boys have an entertainment and picnic in using the guns with the understand- what is now the E. C. Cannon grove ing that they were to keep them at the south side of town and among cleaned and oiled and in good con-the day's activities was a sham battle. dition. They were also permited to The company was detailed to guard use the Post hall which was located the battle grounds and to keep all somewhere in the Toner block in a people off that section during the room near the Opera House.

now reside in Kewanna, but the do- and worked at the job faithfully durings of the company is somewhat ing the day. hazy in the minds of most of them. However, they remember that in was recently unearthed by some one 1884 the boys decided to put on a land shows the company in drill forplay the proceeds to be used in buy- mation. The picture having been ing caps for the company. The play taken on the grounds of Mrs. Meta Murphey and Jess Brumbaugh, was put on after a period of ckerman and the Baptist parsonage. Second Lieutenant.

and William Zellers was Zib. During The G. A. R. Post permited the the time that the Guards were in battle. The boys were mighty proud Several members of the company of the honors bestowed upon them

The picture shown with this article

The Kewanna Light Guards was a strenuous practice and was a decided that part of the town being dence at the right side of the picture is now owned and occupied by F. M. ture the rear of the house of William Foglesong stood. The remainder of

> Starting at the left side of the picture and following it across to the right side we find out in front Dick Graham, First Lieutenant; the Drummer boy was William Murphey, at his side in the front rank stood Pete Meridith, in the rear of Meridith stood William Norcross and following the picture through from front to rear was Harry Stookey, Frank Le-Fever, William Zellers, Ed Troutman, Jerome Kennerdy, Captain; Enoch Zellers, Mell Patty, William Cannon, Color Sergeant; Walt Hilton, Nola Blair, Professor Cochran, Charles Zellers, Al Apt, Elijah Bair, Charles Troutman, John Zuck, Al Stubbs, Charles Wilson, E. C. Cannon, Frank

BMV Prepares for SecureID

Federal officials expected to announce delay in enforcement

In response to communication from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced changes to its SecureID initiative that impacts those renewing driver's licenses or ID cards in

DHS officials are expected to officially that announce enforcement of the Federal Real ID Act, which is effective January, 1, 2010, will be delayed. Despite renewed Secretary from support Napolitano for the strengthened protections in the Real ID Act, DHS was faced with two challenges. First, new legislation supported by DHS called "PASS ID" that would increase the implementation options for states has stalled in Congress. Second, several states have indicated that they would not achieve material compliance with Real ID benchmarks by January. DHS has now responded to these issues with a blanket extension to allow states more time to implement procedures that will bring them into Real ID compliance.

Miller. Andy Commissioner, noted, "With the implementation of our SecureID program, Indiana will be compliant with the Federal Real ID Act. We have spent the last six months educating Hoosiers on the importance of providing security standards established greater protection against identity theft and fraud, and we remain committed to continuing this initiative. We have also worked to ensure that these changes will be delivered with continued high levels of and service customer

action, the BMV would remove the restrictions on those renewal customers opting for a non-SecureID driver's license or ID card. Under the current plan, a customer renewing his/her license could opt for a non-SecureID license, but by federal law the card would have the phrase "Not For Federal Identification" printed on it. Given the recent DHS action, the BMV will not print that phrase on any credentials until DHS enforces the law.

He emphasized that first-time applicants for an Indiana driver's license or ID card will be required to obtain a SecureID.

Miller summarized the BMV's position, "Strengthening the security of Indiana driver's license and ID cards is important, and security enhancements will eventually be enforced under the Federal Real ID Act. Because of this, we will move forward with the SecureID plan and encourage all current card holders to provide the appropriate documentation to obtain a SecureID. By obtaining a SecureID now, they will meet the requirements when the Real ID Act is enforced. However, until DHS implements the important provisions from the 9/11 Commission Report incorporated in the Real ID Act, we will not unduly burden our citizens opting for a non-SecureID." Secure ID

Beginning on January 2, 2010, the BMV will offer driver's licenses, driver's permits and identification cards that meet by the federal Real ID Act that was passed in 2005 and based on recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

To qualify for a SecureID, a person renewing, replacing or applying for a new driver's license or ID card will be required to prove his/her (a) However, Miller noted that in identity with a birth certificate or response to the recent DHS passport, (b) Social Security

want. e 177 egat with a zer an Australia cdues or (d) has a residence in the soling Edition banks whence the Tell Thus is a sample of acceptable documents. The complete list of acceptable documents is posted on the myRMV com Web site.)

In addition to the document requirements, the BMV will join 26 other states in issuing driver's licenses and identification cards from a central location, instead of receiving the permanent credential from the license branch, the customer may receive an interim document. The permanent card will be printed at the BMV central office and mailed to the customer within ten business days.

Miller explained that the documentation and central issuance processes will be major steps in preventing identity theft and fraud for all Hoosiers. The documentation will prove that "you are who you say are," and the central issuance will allow the BMV to complete facial recognition and other security steps before issuing the permanent license or ID card.

Miller added that the Real ID Act and the SecureID regulations allow the BMV to issue a non-SecureID if a renewal customer with a current Indiana driver's license or ID card is unable to provide the documentation or chooses not to apply for a SecureID. Until DHS enforces the law, the non-SecureID will function the same as a SecureID. Following the enforcement date, the non-SecureID may not be valid for federal identification purposes, including use as identification for boarding a commercial aircraft or entering a federal building.

State election officials confirmed that both SecureID and non-SecureID licenses and ID cards, as well as interim

NIPSCO SEEKS TO RENEW ALTERNATIVE GAS PROGRAMS

Programs Provide Customers Options for Purchasing Natural Gas

Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced that it is seeking a two year extension from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for the company's current offering of alternative natural gas programs aimed at providing residential, commercial and industrial customers with options for purchasing energy.

Referred to as the company's alternative regulatory program, NIPSCO's ARP is set expire on April 30, 2010. If approved, NIPSCO's request would extend the programs until April 30, 2012.

"We recognize the value that these programs provide to many of our customers," added Guy Ausmus, Senior Vice President of Customer Engagement for NIPSCO. "For more than a decade, these popular programs have offered customers the opportunity to shop around for the natural gas they purchase, to lock-in rates and be assured that they are being supplied with safe and reliable natural gas service."

Initially approved by the IURC in 1997, and most recently renewed in early 2006, NIPSCO's ARP allows the utility's natural gas customers the option to participate in NIPSCO's Choice Program, DependaBill Program and Price Protection Services.

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The NIPSCO Choice Program gives customers an opportunity to choose an alternative natural gas supplier. Today, there are 12 approved suppliers available to NIPSCO customers. While customers have the abil-

in a partie could by the sity to purchase gas from an alseem the stop ternative supplier, NIPSCO is still responsible for safely delivering the purchased gas to a customer's home or business through its existing pipeline system.

Dependabill provides a fixed monthly bill with no annual reconciliation, while the PPS option allows customers to fix or cap their per-unit cost of natural

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The Report Adding Additional Acres to the Existing Watershed of the Fulton County Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor, and a hearing will be held before the Drainage Board on the Schedule of Assessments at 10:30 A. M. local time; Monday, January 11, 2010 in the Commissioner/Council Room in the Fulton County Office Building at 125 E Ninth Street, Rochester, Indiana.

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Ellen Walsh hosted her family's Christmas gathering Sunday, Dec. 20. Joining her for dinner, a lot of visiting and a wonderful day were 28 family members and friends.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Darlington Monday where they attended the funeral for Margaret Lee Wray, the wife of Tom's cousin.

Tom and Barb LaFollette met Dave and Cindy Boettjer at Martino's in Kokomo Tuesday for a visit. Cindy brought one of her famous pecan pies. The LaFollettes visited with her mother, a patient in a Kokomo hospital, Wednesday.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of visitors during the week. Coming for a short chat were Cindy and Doug Hull of Traverse City, Michigan.

Helen Miller left Wednesday, Dec. 23, for a three- day holiday visit with her son and daughterin- law, Kenneth and Barbara Miller at Plymouth, and their family.

Tom and Linda Garner had visitors Christmas Eve. Joining them for dinner, lots of visiting and a gift exchange were their children and their families, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso; Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile; and T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Christmas Eve guests of Tom and Barb LaFollette were Terry and Karina Bohac, Nick, Shelby, Duva and Eli. The group enjoyed supper and a gift exchange.

Mildred McColley spent the weekend as a houseguest of her son and daughter- in- law, Ron and Karon McColley at Frankfort. Ron came up Thursday to pick up Mildred for the three-day visit.

Helen Whiteman hosted her annual Christmas Eve soup supper for her family Thursday evening.

Joe and Karen Good were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary.

Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pugh and Kyle were Cassie Hensley, Argos; Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Allie and Clar, and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh and Steven of Culver.

Barb and Jon Gast and Angela hosted their family Christmas gathering Thursday. Joining them for a wonderful day were 28 members of their family. Among the many in attendance were Barb's son, Don Weller of Georgia (who Kathleen. returned home early Monday) and her nephew and his children, David Leazenby, Zach and Ava.

Drs. Cindy and David Parker of Marion, Virginia and their son, Quentin Parker of West Virginia spent four days over the holiday weekend visiting with friends and family in the area.

Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda, hosted their annual Christmas Eve open house Thursday evening. Among the many friends and family in attendance were Brian's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Wilma Wilson had a busy day Christmas. In the morning, her son and his family, Tim and Deb Wilson, Taylor and Kaylee, stopped in with gifts for her. In the early afternoon, her daughter and son- in- law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center and their son, Eric Foerg of Indianapolis, arrived with gifts and dinner for a holiday visit. The last ones to arrive were Wilma's daughter and son- in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne and their son, Kurt Graham of Lafayette.

Mathilda Lamb spent Christmas Day celebrating with Charlie Williams and his family in Fulton.

Earl and Mary Bangel paid a short visit to Elsie Scheffer at Pulaski and her family Friday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder of Culver for a Christmas morning breakfast were Tim Peters and Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Chase, Brandt and Cassie of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, Monterey; Bill Snyder, Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Hershberger, Middlebury; Jackye Pugh, Lake Bruce; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kilecki, South Bend.

Christina Pugh and Cole Reinholt of Winamac were Sunday guests of Jackye Pugh at Lake Bruce.

Romayne Wentzel hosted her family's Christmas get- together over the weekend. Joining her for dinner and an extended visit were 18 members of her family.

Ron, Karon and Mildred McColley had holiday visitors Friday. Joining them for a delightful day were Ron and Karon's children and their families, Rush and Mendi McColley and Allison and Ginger and Chris Batta and Carter.

Christmas Day guests of Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary, were Lindsey Smith, Joe and Karen Good and Bruce and Denise Baker.

Jerry and Kay Brown hosted their family's Christmas gathering Friday. Joining them for dinner and a delightful time visiting were Kay's mother and sisters, Mary K. Williamson and Rita of Winamac; the Browns' sons and daughters- in- law, Kerry and Karen Brown of Connersville and Mark and Mick Brown; their daughter and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, William and Aidan of Rochester; their son, Mike Brown; their grandchildren, Kyle McKinney of Muncie, Molly McKinney of Rochester, Jason Brown of Columbus, Jessica Brown and Michael C. Brown; and their granddaughter and her husband, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer of Monterey. Joining them later in the day were their grandsons and their families, Steve and Brenda Fox and Griffin and Ted and Faith Brown. Chloe and Barrett.

Doug and Robin Whiteman and their family hosted the Whiteman family Christmas dinner Friday.

Janet and C.I. Yocum of

Rochester hosted a small family gathering on Christmas Day. Their guests for dinner were Janet's parents, Nancy and Leonard Evers, and her siblings, Diane Evers of Indianapolis, Gary Evers of Michigan City and Robert Evers. Everyone had a good time visiting and catching up on all the family news.

Florence Hogan hosted her family's Christmas get-together Friday. Joining her for dinner and a lot of visiting were her daughter and son- in- law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette; her children, Alice White of Winamac and Mike Hogan; her granddaughters and their husbands, Johnna and Allen Bouda of Oklahoma and Sarah and Mike Cleary of Indianapolis; and her grandson, Noah Hogan, and his friend, Ling.

Mathilda Lamb had company Saturday, Dec. 26. Coming over for a holiday visit were her son and daughter- in- law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb of Peru. Accompanying them on the visit were their children, Tillie Lamb and David Allor, and Tillie's boyfriend.

Saturday guests of Tom and Barb Lafollette were Chris and Nita LaFollette, Mike, Lizzy, Thomas, Michelle and her friend Jordan and Rebecca and her friend Claire. Karina and Terry Bohac, Nick and Eli, joined them for supper and the opening of Christmas gifts.

Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker, traveled to South Bend Saturday. They had a real nice time doing some shopping in the area.

Pauline Brown and Julie had weekend visitors. Arriving late Saturday for a couple of days of holiday celebrating were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

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