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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in special session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, at the town hall. Those in attendance included the town council members, Jeff Finke, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; town clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; town superintendent, Mike Molitor; Van Janovic and Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering and Doug Luhnow.

The council tabled a decision on awarding the bid for cash renting land at the sewage treatment plant until more information could be attained.

A Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and contract with Geiger Excavating were signed for the storm drain project. Janovic and Bixby explained the finer details of all three documents and reported that a pre-construction meeting would be held Tuesday, January 5, at the town hall.

Additional appropriations were

approved as advertised. This included \$5,000 from the CCI Tax Levy Fund and \$5,000 from the Casino/Riverboat Fund. Both additional appropriations were funded through reducing other appropriations in the 2009 The budget. additional appropriations were necessary to pay the final bills for the recently completed upgrades at the sewage treatment plant. Appropriation transfers in the 2009 budget were also approved.

Resolution 123009 establishing meeting times and dates for 2010 was adopted.

Claims against the town, water and sewage works, including final payments to Thieneman Construction and The Bonar Group, were okayed for payment.

James F. Talbott VFW Post January Activities

Sat., Jan. 9 - VFW meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Sun., Jan 10 - District meeting in Lafayette, 2 p.m. Open Sunday.

Wed., Jan. 20 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. Tues., Jan. 26 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 31 - Open Sunday. Jackie Briney cooking.

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Kewanna-Union Township **Public Library Hours** Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed Sunday

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New assistance program implemented

Julia A. Wickard, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Indiana, has announced that the USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Wickard also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office beginning January 4 to participate in the program if suffered they crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"The SURE assistance program will address those crops in Indiana that were associated with the historic flooding that occurred in 2008. In Indiana, every county potentially has farms that could be eligible due to Secretarial-declared disaster areas that were issued in 2008", said Wickard. This

program

is

complement to the other suite of FSA programs that are available to farmers across the nation. Providing financial assistance farmers who provide food, fiber and fuel to the country, and who were negatively impacted due to issues beyond their control, is important. These payments will begin in January 2010, just in time to help with planning for next year's crop. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments eliqible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes consideration losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm quarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all

Woodworking demo at fire station

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.

HIN1 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-

Soup suppers to begin January 6

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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.

economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, visit your local FSA county office or http://www.fsa.usda.gov. +++

The News In Arrei

The Caston school board will meet at 7 p.m. this evening, Thursday, January 7, in the administration building.

The Fulton County Board of Finance will meet Monday, Jan. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the small conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The meeting will be to elect officers, discuss county finances and review reports.

A free HIN1 clinic will be held today, Thursday, Jan. 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the County Fulton Health Department in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The clinic is open to the public, including those over 65 years of age. Another clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the same location.

Firemen from Rochester, Akron, Kewanna and Fulton battled a fire Monday evening at the Elite Dental Laboratory, Rochester. The building was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived. The structure couldn't be saved but they were able to protect the warehouse on the former Wilson's Bird Seed property and the Heller Law Office next door.

Miami County's new jail will open this month. The \$17 million facility can house 220 inmates and has a 16-bed work release center. The new facility is located on the Miami County Fairgrounds,

According to an AP report, House and Senate Democrats plan to bypass traditional procedures when negotiate a final compromise on the health care bill. The move will exclude Republicans and reduce their ability to delay or force politically troubling votes in both houses.

As of the first of the year, a person renewing, replacing or applying for a new driver's license identification card will be required to prove his or her identity with a birth certificate or passport, Social Security number with an original Social Security card or tax form, legal status, if not an American citizen, and Indiana residency with a utility bill or bank statement.

Hope Hospice open house, January 13

Those donating to the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree, honorees, families of memorialized persons, and all friends of Hope Hospice are invited to an open house to be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Hope Hospice's new office, 1476 W. 18th Street, Rochester Wednesday, January 13.

During the open house, the commemorative ornaments from the Memorial Christmas Tree will be given as keepsakes of this special season holiday to participating families. The public is invited to attend and meet the staff, board members, and volunteers and see their new building. For more information, call the hospice office at 574-224-

AREA FIVE MENU **Kewanna Fire Station**

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Monday, January 11 Smoked sausage sandwich, red potatoes, peas, sliced apples and milk

Wednesday, January 13 -Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, roll and milk

Friday, January 15 Meatballs and noodles, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, roll and milk

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.

Breakfast canceled

The Christian men's scheduled breakfast for Saturday, January 9, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church has been canceled.

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Societies



Personals

Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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 Indv 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.

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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.

Midwest Reptile Show: Jan. 16 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 & younger free. Contact: Brian (317) 899-1599 www.midwestreptile.com.

Naptown Roller Girls Roller Derby: Jan. 16 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; bout begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 in advance; \$17 at the door; children 6 & younger free; EMTs free with ID; \$8 with Military ID. Contact: Naptown Roller Girls Info Line 522-1958 www.naptownrollergirls.com.

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Indiana Stewart's Market: Jan. 22 - 24 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-

www.stewartpromotions.com. Indy Health Expo: Jan. 23 - 24 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10; \$15 for both days; discount tickets available online. Contact: Indy Health Expo LLC (317) 536-8800 or www.indyhealthexpo.com. ++++++

EASTERN PULASKI MENU January 11-15

Elementary Breakfast Monday - Cereal bar, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, juice and

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Thursday - Sausage pancake, juice and milk

Friday - Goldfish crackers, string cheese, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Stuffed crust sausage pizza, green beans, applesauce, cookie and milk

Tuesday Hamburger sandwich, scalloped potatoes, pears, cookie and milk Wednesday - Cold club sandwich, potato wedges, grapes, muffin and milk

Thursday - Breaded chicken leg, mashed potatoes, bread stick, orange juice and milk

Friday - Chicken nuggets, corn, pineapple, biscuit and

Middle/High School Lunch Monday - Twisted Stix,

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

carrots, applesauce, cookie

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, broccoli, donut, pears and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday - Stuffed crust pizza, pepperoni green beans, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Nacho Supreme, Tostitos, corn, apple juice cup and milk. Choice potato bar

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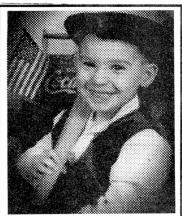
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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

December 26

Births - Jose and Jeanette Arriaga, Plymouth, a son December 28

Pauline Admissions Tucker, Nicholas Schouten and Earl Hall, Rochester; Bethany Tucker, Mentone

Dismissals - Rudolph Rom, Nicholas Schouten, Pauline Tucker, Rochester; Eva Smith, Akron; April Jones and Bethany Tucker, Mentone; Jeanette Arriaga and son, Plymouth

December 29

Admissions - none published

Dismissals - none published Births - James and Chantel Poisel, Argos, a son; Amanda Hazlett, Rochester, a son December 30

Admissions - none published

Dismissals - Chantel Poisel, Argos; Dorothy Donaldson, Rochester

December 31

Admissions - none published

Dismissals - Earl Hall and Amanda Hazlett and son, Rochester; Jacob Poisel, Argos

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DEATHS

KENNETH DEAN BRYANT

A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 3, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Kenneth Dean Bryant, 88, Rochester. Chaplain Charles Azbell and Rev. Junior Bose officiated and burial was in Rochester IOOF where military Cemetery graveside rites were conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Bryant died at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born June 9, 1921, in Athens, he was the son of John Ray and Meda Florence Bernard Bryant and was a lifetime resident of Fulton County. He was married June 12, 1942, in Rochester to Rowena Grace McIntire, who survives. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Other survivors include two daughters, Janice Koch and husband, Gene, her Rochester, and Mary Sundine and her husband, Steven, Rochester; a son, Ronald Bryant and his wife, Shawn, Rochester; five grandgreatchildren; 11 grandchildren; one sister-inlaw, Doris Crabill and her husband, Delmar, Illinois; and four brothers-in-law, Wilmer McIntire and his wife, Shelbyville; Mary Jane, Herbert McIntire, Rochester;



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Lawrence McIntire and his wife, Patsy, Sequin, Texas; and Leonard McIntire and his wife, Jane, Kokomo, He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Todd Bryant, and a sister, Margaret Eileen Kaley.

A visitation was Saturday at the funeral home where the Rochester IOOF Lodge No. 47 conducted services at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made in his name to the Bethlehem Baptist Church or Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Joe and Judy St. Clair have received word of the death of her brother, Steve Rosenbaum, of southern Indiana on December 26.

Hospice care

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SIXTY YEARS AGO January 12, 1950

A car owned by Roy Rans and driven by his son, Carl Joe Rans, and one driven by George Wilson, 19, both of Rt. 1, Kewanna, were involved in an accident on the corner of Main and Smith streets in Kewanna Sunday evening due to snow and ice. Passengers in the Wilson auto were Wilma Woods and Joe Ingram. No one was injured.

The Fulton-Grass Creek road connecting highways 17 and 25 is on its way to becoming a reality as Special Judge Alvin F. Marsh of Plymouth decided in favor of Fulton County in its condemnation suit against five landowners on the purposed route.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton were the guests of honor at a surprise open house Sunday afternoon in their home commemorating their 60th wedding anniversary. The event planned their bv was granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wegner of LaPorte who arrived Saturday to spend the weekend.

A son born to Arnold and Barbara Sommers died Tuesday evening shortly after birth at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include the parents, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rinehart, Rochester; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sommers, Grass Creek.

The Wayne 20th Century Home Ec. Club will meet Friday evening, January 13, at the home of Mrs. Dale Myers with Mrs. Harris Lease as her co-hostess.

Little Randy Rae Weller is starting out life with a bang. As the first baby born in Fulton County in 1950, she is the recipient of something like two dozen lovely gifts ranging from a quart of milk to a bassinet.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 13, 1955

The Fulton County 4-H Fair Association has named Elmer Douglass of Wayne Township as its president for a term of one Douglass succeeds Clarence Werner the in

association's top spot.

Carl Wayne Branson, 18-monthold son of Carl and Patricia (Hurlburt) Branson. Monday at his home at Lake Bruce.

Pfc. Kenneth Hinderlider has returned to the Murphy Army hospital in Waltham, Mass., after spending 14 days leave with his wife, Betty, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hinderlider, Kewanna.

The Pleasant Hill WSWS met Thursday afternoon, January 6, in the home of Mrs. Carroll Skinner with 13 members present. Mrs. Frank Highly was in charge of devotions. Plans were made for the sale dinner at the farm of Harry Meiser on February 9.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrold, Grass Creek, are the parents of a son born January 7. He weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and has been named John Michael.

Mrs. Paul Ley was hostess to the Tri Beta Bridge Club Tuesday evening. Mrs. Glenn Skersick won first prize and Mrs. Blaine Orr, second. Refreshments were enjoyed.

County school superintendent, Earl Rouch, along with Mr. and Mrs Carl Herrold and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brummet of Grass Creek and Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harmon of Kewanna were guests of the athletic department of Purdue University at a luncheon Saturday in the Union Building on campus.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 14, 1960

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 12, at the Harrison Funeral Home in Kewanna for four-year-old Melody Hott. Melody died Sunday night in flames that engulfed her family's farm home on Rt. 4, Rochester. Rev. Arthur Skinner and Rev. Darwin Livengood officiated and burial was in the Moon Cemetery.

The Town of Kewanna and Union Township has purchased a new resuscitator to be used for emergency purposes. It will be

housed at the Harrison Funeral Home, but will be picked up by the fire department every time it goes out. The machine will also be used in the ambulance when necessary.

Walter Pesaresi was pictured with a new automatic coiling machine purchased at a cost of \$20,000. The machine can coil wire up to 1/5 inch in diameter and can also put a straight leg on each end of the spring. The purchase is part of an expansion program at Winamac Coil Spring.

Mrs. Bertha Reinhold, 68, died Wednesday, January 6, at Woodlawn Hospital from third degree burns sustained earlier in the day at her home near Leiters Ford. Mrs. Reinhold apparently threw kerosene on a stove in the living room causing the burns. Mrs. Reinhold is the former Bertha Davidson. She and her husband, Roy, resided for many years at Monterey prior to moving to Leiters Ford.

Henry S. Welling, 56, brotherin-law of Mrs. Floyd Van Meter, Grass Creek, died Monday, January 11, of a heart attack in a Niles, Michigan hospital.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 14, 1965

"Little Citizens" featured Edward Joseph Pinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pinder; Karen Woolington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington; and Barbara DeWitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinney, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Mrs. Rosetta Newgent is the maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney are the paternal grandparents.

The Caston Comets' reign of power over Fulton County basketball teams came to a halt Saturday night after four years when Kewanna defeated the Comets by one point, 67-66, at

Leiters Ford and took the and Mrs. Roy Hoover of Muncie. cherished Silver Horseshoe from Caston. The horseshoe, which is a symbol of rivalry between county teams, has been at Fulton – when it was still North Caston – since 1961 when the Comets won it from Kewanna.

The Grass Creek WSWS met Wednesday at the church. The president, Mary Beehler, read some New Year's poems and offered prayer. Ersa Sommers was the lesson leader. Refreshments were served by Ethel Huffman and Leona Thomas.

Emma Foglesong was hostess to the Birthday Club Saturday evening. Ersa Enyeart and Inez Kestle were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Fisher and sons have returned home from a holiday vacation trip to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huntington and son Mark have returned to their home in New Britain, Connecticut, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie.

FORTY YEARS AGO January 15, 1970

Shirley Hoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoff, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been selected to receive the Good Citizenship Award at Kewanna High School.

Donald O'Dell, Rochester, announced last Thursday that he would seek the Republican nomination for Fulton County sheriff in the May primary. Sheriff Homer L. Carr. 49. Akron. announced soon afterwards his intention to seek re-election to the four-year post.

Sp/5 Charles R. Evans, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Sr., Rt. 1, Kewanna, arrived home Monday, January 5, from Vietnam where he had been serving with the Army since January 6, 1969. While there, he served as a door gunner on a helicopter.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Hoover received word Sunday of the death of their granddaughter, Jane Hoover, 24, daughter of Mr.

senior center, poured in 51 points for the Indians at Kouts Saturday night, but the team still suffered its eighth defeat of the season. It is the first time a

> played for Grass Creek in the 1956-57 season. THIRTY YEARS AGO

Don Reason, Kewanna's 6'5"

Fulton County player has hit the

50-point mark since Phil Wills

January 10, 1980

Janet Speer, music teacher at Kewanna, will be leaving Friday, January 11, to accept a position with the Culver Community School Corp. Replacing Mrs. Speer is Conrad Mast of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Mast is a recent graduate of Goshen College where he majored in piano and trombone.

Fifteen EMTs and drivers held their regular meeting Sunday at the town hall. Election of officers for the current year were held. Chosen to serve were Kenny president; Eileen Donathen, vice president; Tami Powell, secretary-treasurer; and Brenda Johnson, reporter. Neil Milliman was introduced as a new volunteer driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hudkins and Leo left Wednesday for their home in Peking, China, after spending the holidays in the home of his mother, Dora Hudkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carlson and family of LaFontaine were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Carlson.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 18, 1990

Lois Murray, Rochester, has announced her candidacy for the office of Fulton County recorder on the Democratic ticket.

Shannon Overmyer will become the bride of John Kegarise in November. Shannon is the daughter of Dale and Faye Overmyer and will graduate this spring from Rochester High School. John is the son of Don and Kathy Kegarise, Kewanna, and is now stationed at Fort Knox, KY, with the U.S. Army.

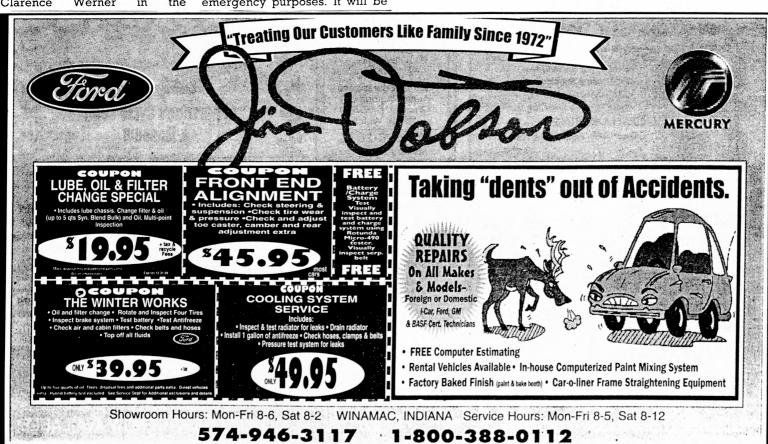
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fisher of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arend of Wheatfield and Mrs. Harriet Stoudt of here were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stoudt, Molly and Susan at Anderson. The group helped Harriet celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Newman and Kyle were Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bauman and family. Later in the evening, several friends and neighbors arrived for a surprise house warming party for the Baumans.

Twelve members of the Kewanna unit of the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service met January 11 for their regular monthly meeting. Election of officers was held with Sharon Carlson elected as president; Michele Corbett, vice president; Beverly Baldwin, secretary; Marge Hendrickson, treasurer; and Martha Ann Cook, scheduler. The service has two new drivers, Tom Hickle and Kenny Smith.

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RECYCLING DAYS Thurs., Jan. 14th & Thurs., Jan. 28th

Letter To The Editor...

Kewanna Community Food Pantry volunteers would like to thank the area churches, organizations and the many individuals who have been most generous in donating food and funds to the pantry this past year.

If it were not for those who share with those in need, we would not have been able to help the 49 families with 167 visits to the food pantry in 2009. This was an increase from the 93 visits and 36 families served in 2008.

Volunteers operate the food pantry on Thursdays by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the United Methodist Church office at 574-653-2201 or the parsonage at 574-653-9052. Families in need may return to the panty in four weeks if the need is still there.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Our president!

We have one president and his name is Barack Obama. He is our president. President of the United States mostly united.

I have received several E-mails that would seem to indicate that many people would wish him to be someone else's president that other country mavbe Hawaii. He was born in that country

I am a little bit suspicious that if he looked more like all the other Presidents of the United States that he would be more acceptable to many people. But he does not and I think that says something about the American

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people. We are more tolerant and probably wiser than in the past. Maybe character is more important than color. Perhaps someday we will elect a woman as President.

There are many who believe that any Democratic President is very dangerous for the United States. Not sure why that is. We had many have Democratic and Republican Presidents. I believe in all cases thev have been great Americans.

I have not always agreed with Democratic Republican. That does not mean that I do not respect them or the office. I have voted for Democratic and Republican politicians. I have been disappointed by both. However, I have not lost faith in the system. Our political system so far seems to find a way to keep a balance between the extremes.

When we lose that ability to maintain a balance in the name of patriotism or national security than the system will indeed be in great danger. Too often we seem to want to destroy the village to save it. I have never understood that concept.

It seems if one person gets out of line we all must march.

We want to make criminal terrorist part of some military effort so that we can justify attacking a country. The current wars are lasting much too long and have never been justified in

my mind. Can not figure what we are doing - saving what or what? I guess if you only have a hammer every nail becomes a problem.

It looks like having a gang from South Bend blow up a building in Kewanna. We now have justification to go on the attack. Send our gang to Culver to take care of the situation. I am sure the citizens of Culver would be wondering what have we done.

If I recall correctly none of the 9/11 terrorist criminals were citizens of Iraq or Afghanistan. I

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just hope someday that we do not have a terrorist that might be educated at say Purdue decide to take action and blow up something in France. Would that give France justification to attack the United States?

Something maybe we should ponder.

> Larry L. Cunningham 8675 S. 700 E. Kewanna, IN

December 27, 2009

Dear Editor:

Except for Gary, Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting in North Lake County, which are political and social extensions of Chicago, the remainder of Northwest Indiana (including South Lake County) are truly Indiana in outlook and values. (Like myself, many are proud graduates of Purdue University, Indiana University or other Indiana universities.) Most have a low tolerance for the kind of rampant corrupt government in North Lake and demand lean and frugal government.

When Indiana the legislature in 2005 created the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, LaPorte County officials refused to join. Porter County officials voted to join, but all that voted yes were voted out of office. And current Porter County officials voted to leave the RDA, but are being sued in state court to prevent them from leaving. (The Lake County Council is totally dominated by North Lake and wants to tax the healthy areas for the benefit of RDA projects in North Lake.)

2009, the Indiana legislature created a NWI Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Fortunately, they included a Nov. 3 referendum. Lake

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DAVID WOODS 6879 West, State Road 14 LaPorte counties refused to the claiming they lacked funds. The vote result in Porter County was NO, 4 to 1. In St. Joseph County, the vote was NO, 12 to 1.

With the Indiana legislature convening in January, I expect the arrogant political class will attempt to make an end run on the NWI public, through the legislature, to get the RTA. Hoosiers throughout Indiana should oppose any legislative attempt to create levels new government in Northwest Indiana or any other region Indiana. Government should not live better than the average Indiana family in these difficult times.

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Varsity wrestling

Caston wrestlers went 4-1 on the day at the Twin Lakes 10-team event December 30. giving them a third place That brings their finish. season record to 14-12. The Comets lost to Twin Lakes. 50-24, but won over Frontier (42-27); Carroll (38-36); Gary Lew Wallace (40-360; and North White (33-26).

Individual scores were: Kyle Harvey (103) 4-1 with

one pin Dylan Berkshire (125) 4-1 with 2 pins

Wil Holloway (130) 5-0 with 5 pin. Wil won his weight class.

Graham Redweik (135) 3-2 with 2 pins

David McMenamin (145) 5-0 with 3 pins. He also won his weight class.

Jeremy Gonzalez (152) 4-1 Austin Ault (171) 3-2 Myles Hardel (189) 4-1 with

4 pins

Caston wrestlers competed in the John McKee Memorial Invitational Saturday Rochester. Individual scores

Kyle Harvey, 3-1 with 3 pins Wil Holloway, 3-1 with 1 pin

referendum, Jeremy Gonzalez, 2-2 with 2 pins

> Austin Ault, 3-1 with 2 pins Caston Athletic Activities Sat., Jan. 9 - Freshman boys basketball MWC tourney at Pioneer, 10 a.m.; JH boys basketball MWC tourney at Winamac, 10 a.m.; JV/varsity girls basketball vs. Tri-County at Caston, 11 a.m. Mon., Jan. 11 - Freshman boys basketball at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.; JH boys

Yours truly, Thomas Drake Munster, Indiana South Lake County



at Caston, 6:30 p.m.

The Fort Wayne Farm Show is scheduled for January 12, 13 and 14 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Wayne. Fort Purdue University Extension Specialists will speak on a variety of topics.

Graham Redweik, 3-2 with 2

David McMenamin, 3-1 with

Blain Hizer, 2-3 with 1 pin

basketball at Columbia MS, 6

Tues., Jan. 12 - Freshman

boys basketball vs. Triton at

Caston, 6 p.m.; JV/varsity

girls basketball at Argos, 6

p.m.; varsity wrestling vs.

Frontier at Caston, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 14 - 7 A/B, 8 A/B

boys basketball vs. Pioneer

at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; JH girls

Fri., Jan. 15 - JV/varsity girls

basketball vs. South Newton

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basketball at Carroll, 6 p.m.



The term "flagstone" comes from the Norse word "flagga," which means "to flake." True flagstone is a hard stone that is flaked into flat pieces for paving.



left Holland at age 22 and came to America as a stowaway on a cattle boat.

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

-Bill Cosby

All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on. -Henry Ellis

Your life is what your thoughts make it. -Marcus Aurelius

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Clearing Up The Confusion About Nutritional Supplements

(NAPS)—Americans have heard a lot of mixed messages about vitamins and may be wondering if they are safe and effective. As with most health questions, it's smart to look at multiple information sources to get the true picture on nutritional supplementation.

"The total body of scientific evidence overall supports the benefits of nutritional supplementation," reports certified clinical nutritionist Neil E. Levin, nutrition education manager at NOW Foods in Bloomingdale, Ill. "Surveys show that most people trust vitamins, relying on them as a form of nutritional insurance, and most doctors surveyed recommend them to their patients.

The Lewin Group has published evidence-based research reporting that the proper use of certain dietary supplements can save billions of dollars in health care costs while improving the quality of life and preserving the independence of

The occasional negative report, however sensational, should be regarded skeptically when contrasted with a solid body of evidence. According to the FDA's Consumer Update, it's a smart idea to "think twice about chasing the latest headline. Sound health advice is generally based on research over time, not a single study touted by the media."

Standard study designs for drug research shouldn't be used for nutrient research because drugs are novel substances not normally present in the food supply or the human body, while nutrients are commonly found in both places. This makes screening out variables much more



When choosing supplements, it's best to base your selections on a body of quality scientific research, not just a single study.

difficult in nutrient studies, sometimes overwhelming competent pharmaceutical researchers who are inexperienced in the study of vitamins and other supplements.

Several articles in prestigious scientific journals such as The New England Journal of Medicine and The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition suggest that welldesigned observational studies provide more accurate ways to evaluate nutritional effects in people than the 'gold standard" methods utilized in drug research.

Jeffrey Blumberg, Ph.D., of Tufts University points out that you can't have a control group with zero exposure to nutrients because everybody eats. Additionally, most nutrients are interactive, with beneficial effects on multiple body systems, yet randomized controlled studies are designed to investigate only single outcomes. He agrees that observational studies are a more accurate way to see how nutrients affect health because they are more likely to include the broad population and bear a closer relationship to real-world use of foods and supplements.

A number of nutritional supplements have shown clear health benefits supported by good scientific research, including

• Vitamin D: This has been shown to benefit bones and teeth, strengthen the immune system and support cardiovascular health.

Americans are often found to be deficient in the "sunshine vitamin" because so many of us avoid direct sun exposure. Seasonal flu occurs far more frequently from autumn through early spring, and intervention studies have shown a direct relationship between low serum vitamin D levels and the number of respiratory infections reported.

• Multiple Vitamins: The American Medical Association has recommended that most people take a daily multivitamin to supplement a healthy diet for optimum nutrition. It helps fill in nutrient gaps when dietary levels may be insufficient.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids: In addition to helping protect heart, brain and nerve health. omega-3s have been shown to have wide-ranging health benefits for inflammatory issues, such as joint problems.

• Vitamin E: A well-publicized report warning against vitamin E supplementation has been seriously undermined by subsequent reports. A vast body of evidence actually shows major health benefits from supplementing this essential vitamin. Long-term studies looking at vitamin E intake from both food and supplements, confirmed by measures of blood levels, support the idea that this antioxidant nutrient prolongs life and health in the general public.

For more information, visit www.NOWfoods.com or call (888) 669-3663.

Americans Weigh In On Hot-Button Topics

(NAPS)—What keeps Americans up at night and what do they feel they can do about it?

You may be surprised at the answers from multiple polls taken by Parade magazine, which asked readers their opinions on various hotbutton topics

Talking Terror Rating

For example, a surprising number of Americans (76 percent) felt the nation's terror alert system did not make them feel safer. Those in favor of the system weighed in at 24 percent, citing a lack of incidents since its inception. The poll was taken in response to a magazine article exploring the history and future of the system, which may soon be overhauled.

Safety Measure Or **Privacy Invasion?**

Another area of concern for many Americans is how to stop drunk drivers. Every year, about 13,000 Americans are killed by drunk drivers. Now, California and Wisconsin are considering new laws that would require people convicted of drunk driving to use a technology called an ignition interlock. Drivers blow into a device that measures blood-alcohol content, and if the level is too high, the car will not start. Is this a valid safety measure or an invasion of privacy? Parade's readers weighed in, with 93 percent overwhelmingly in favor of ignition locks. Only 7 percent said that they were opposed, citing the cost of such a device.

Pit Bulls

Are pit bulls an inherently dangerous breed or have they gotten a bum rap? According to a Parade report, dogs have killed at least 20 Americans so far this year, and in two out of three attacks, the killers were pit bulls. To combat the

situation, some local governments have enacted "breedspecific" legislation that bans owning pit bulls. But animalprotection groups like The Humane Society of the U.S. say the problem lies with irresponsible owners, not their pets, and that U.S. cities where pit bulls are outlawed have not seen dramatic decreases in attacks. Parade asked readers if they think it should be illegal to own a pit bull. Seventy-six percent of readers said no; 24 percent disagreed with them.

An overwhelming 95 percent of respondents favored the use of an ignition interlock system for those convicted of drunk driving. (T)

Hot-Button Topics

Parade conducts such polls to take the pulse of readers on various hot-button topics. The magazine regularly explores relevant and controversial issues such as elder abuse, government subsidies of churches, and whether schools should have the right to strip-search students.

Readers were recently asked to weigh in on the subject of obesity. The leaders of many nations are trying to get their citizens to eat less. In Japan, health officials check the waistlines of citizens over 40, and those considered too fat must undergo diet counseling. Failure to slim down can lead to fines. New Zealand bars people it deems too heavy from immigrating to the country, and some British residents are rewarded for staying active. Does the U.S. need a government-backed effort to end obesity? Sixty-six percent said yes; 34 percent said no.

For more information, visit www.parade.com.



Exactly who started using curling irons remains a mystery but records indicate that the Romans in the reign of Emperor Titus, A.D. 79 to 81, employed little hollow tubes filled with boiling water for that chore.



Sleeping on your back with a pillow under your head might prevent your eyes from getting red and swollen since fluid collects around the eyes when your head is level with or below your heart.

The gap in our economy is between what we have and what we think we ought to have—and that is a moral problem, not an economic one.

-Paul Heyne

After a visit to the beach, it's hard to believe that we live in a material world.

—Pam Shaw

If cats could talk, they wouldn't.

-Nan Porter

You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need.

-Vernon Howard

Thrift is not an affair of the pocket, but an affair of character.

-S.W. Straus

Thrift comes too late when you find it at the bottom of your purse.

–Seneca



Charles F. Kettering perfected the electric self-starter for automobiles, and General Motors demonstrated it, in 1910.



Skateboarding Show Inspires Kids And Tweens

(NAPS)—Sometimes, the best way to learn is to fall down and get up againespecially when it comes to skateboarding.

It's a good reason to always wear protective padding when you skate, and just one of the valuable lessons the sport has taught many of the estimated 13 million skateboarders in America. But it's also the idea behind a show that's made fans out of parents, skaters and kids who prefer to keep both feet on the ground.

The inspiring comedy adventure stars Hutch Dano and Adam Hicks as best friends Zeke and Luthertwo confident, complex and ambitious 15-year-old sidewalk surfers on a quest to become world-famous skateboarders like their hero, Tony Hawk. Along the way, they navigate the literal and figurative luge of teen years with all its tricks, grinds, obstacles and occasional slams. Sometimes they fail, but they always learn and evolve. Called "Zeke and Luther," the program airs on Disney XD.

Quick to challenge the boys' claim to neighborhood skating fame is their friend and foe, Kojo, played by Daniel Curtis Lee. Kojo's got a big



The comedy adventure "Zeke and Luther" challenges kids to discover their strengths.

attitude and a big mouth and takes great pleasure in taking Zeke and Luther down a peg whenever he can.

Another thorn in their side is Ginger. Zeke's ingenious 12-year-old sister played by Ryan Newman. She's more interested in outwitting her brother and his friends than in their skating skills.

With stories filled with humor, heart and great skateboarding adventures, producers Matt Dearborn and Tom Burkhard combine action and storytelling into funny and inspirational episodes—ones that can teach the value of fun, confidence and never giving up.

For more information, visit www.disneyxd.com.

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Years ago I read that children should be kept at least two feet from the television because of harmful electronic emissions. Is this still relevant? Is there a difference regarding this between older and new flat-screen models? -- Horst E. Mehring, Oconomowoc, WI

Luckily for many of us and our kids, sitting "too" close to the TV isn't known to cause any human health issues. This myth prevails because back in the 1960s General Electric sold some newfangled color TV sets that emitted excessive amounts of radiation—as much as 100,000 times more than federal health officials considered safe. GE quickly recalled and repaired the faulty TVs, but the stigma lingers to this day.

But even though electronic emissions aren't an issue with TVs made any time after 1968 (including today's LCD and plasma flat screens), what about causing harm to one's vision? Dr. Lee Duffner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology isn't concerned, maintaining that watching television screensclose-up or otherwise—"won't cause any physical damage to your eyes." He adds, however, that a lot of TV watching can surely cause eye strain and fatigue, particularly for those very close and/or watching from odd angles. But there is an easy cure for eye strain and fatigue: turning off the TV and getting some rest. With a good night's sleep, tired eyes should quickly return to normal.

Debra Ronca, a contributor to the How Stuff Works website,

argues that some parents might be putting the cart before the horse in blaming close-up TV watching for their child's vision issues. "Sitting close to the television may not make a child nearsighted, but a child may sit close to the television because he or she is nearsighted and undiagnosed," she reports. "If your child habitually sits too close to the television for comfort, get his or her eyes tested.'

Of course, excessive TV viewing by kids can cause health problems indirectly. According to the Nemours Foundation's KidsHealth website, children who consistently watch TV more than four hours a day are more likely to be overweight, which in and of itself can bring about health problems later. Also, kids who watch a lot of TV are more likely to copy bad behavior they see on-screen and tend to "fear that the world is scary and that something bad will happen to them." Nemours also finds that TV characters often depict risky behaviors (like smoking and drinking) and also tend to reinforce gender-role and racial stereotypes.

There has also been much debate in recent years on the effects of TV viewing on infants. A 2007 Seattle Children's Research Institute study found that for every hour per day infants spent watching baby DVDs and videos they learned six to eight fewer new vocabulary words than babies who never watched the videos. But a 2009 study by the Center on Media & Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston found no negative cognitive or other impacts whatsoever on those infants exposed to more television than less.

While it may be inevitable that your kids will watch TV, the key, experts say, is moderation. Limit kids' exposure to screens of any

allowed to watch. As KidsHealth points out, parents should teach their kids that the TV is "for occasional entertainment, not for constant escapism.'

CONTACTS: American Academy of Ophthalmology, www.aao.org; How Stuff Works,

www.howstuffworks.com; KidsHealth, www.kidshealth.org; Seattle Children's Research

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When a giraffe is born, it falls from a height of six feet, usually unharmed.

It is impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more

-Cynthia E. Varnado ***

*** Cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many ailments, but I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia.

-Joseph Wood Krutch

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.

-C. S. Lewis

You must have been warned against letting the golden hours slip by; but some of them are golden only because we let them slip by.

—James M. Barrie ***



The phrase "down in the dumps" is thought to derive from the Dutch word "domp" which means "haze" or "dullness."

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF FULTON

BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROCHESTER, INDIANA ORDINANCE VACATING A
PUBLIC WAY

Upon receipt of A Department of Natural Resources Permit Part of the Original and Subsequent

Plats of Mahler's Ford Site Township of Fulton County, Indiana ORDINANCE NO: <u>120709</u>

WHEREAS, Jerry D. Gibson, has petitioned for the vacation of a public way, in Aubbeenaubbee Township, Fulton County, Indiana. Within the original and subsequent plats of the Mahler's Ford Site, more particularly described as follows:

Platted land North of Lot # 10 and to the South of Lot # 11 in the Mahler's Ford Site plat adjacent to the Tippecanoe River in Aubbeenaubbee Township. Said easement is bordered on the West by Hazel Drive and on the East by the Tippecanoe River.

WHEREAS, public notice of a public

hearing was published in the Rochester Sentinel on the 16th day of November, 2009 per state law: and a public hearing was held on the 7th day of December, 2009 to allow interested parties to make their comments and concerns known; and,

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners duly considered the Petition and proposed Ordinance and determined that the ordinance should be adopted and find the land vacated as a public way upon the grant of a permit to fill in the artificial swale by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT: The County Commissioners hereby vacate the alleyway lying North of Lot # 10 and to the South of Lot # 11 in the Mahler's Ford Site plat adjacent to the Tippecanoe River in Aubbeenaubbee Township in the Original and Subsequent Plats of Mahler's Ford Site in Fulton County, Indiana effective upon the issuance by the Department of Natural Resources of a fill permit for the property.

The vacation will become effective upon the submission of a copy of the permit to the Fulton County Auditor and the recording of the permit in the office of the Fulton County Recorder. The vacation is also subject to the rights of all public utilities currently

existing within said public way.
FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Mark Rodriguez Roger Rose **Sherry Fulton**

ATTEST: Judith A. Reed **Fulton County Auditor**

RESOLUTION NO. 123009 A RESOLUTION OF THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2010

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established that they will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised according to Indiana Code.

WHEREAS, the Kewanna Town Council has established meeting times as set out under IC 36-2-26 et. seq:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

1. The Kewanna Town Council will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 308 S. Logan St., Kewanna, unless the first Thursday falls on an observed holiday, in which case the Town Council will set an alternative date to be advertised.

2. Other special meetings will be scheduled and public notice will be

ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF DECEM-BER, 2009

KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL Jeff Finke Mark Smith

ATTEST: Jenny Kay, Clerk-Treasurer Pub. 1/7/10

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown

Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris were Christmas Day guests of their niece and nephew-inlaw Linda and Gordon Ligocki at their Tortuga Inn in Winamac. Also enjoying the sumptuous feast was Gordon's brother, Marty Ligocki, of Crown Point. Linda's mother, Ruth Cogdill, was missed by all; she was currently a housequest for the holidays of her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter, in Bluffton. A surprise addition to the Ligocki's festivities was Linda's cousin, Sam Norris, and his friend Marta Zatloukalova of Prague, Czech Republic. Sam is also living and working in Prague, but he first met Marta last year in Hanoi, Vietnam, where both were on student assistanceships at Hanoi University. Aunt Janel and Uncle David were delighted to have Sam and Marta as houseguests at their Kewanna home. Christmas evening was spent making tooled leather belts under the expert tutelege of Janel, who has many years experience working with leather, Sam and Marta were very pleased to have such personal and practical souvenirs of their holiday stay in Kewanna to take back to Prague.

Florence Hogan had a visitor at the beginning of the hosted a small family holiday week. Stopping in for a chat gathering Saturday. Their and helping her run some errands was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette.

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday visitors Tuesday, Dec. 29. Coming up for a wonderful Christmas gettogether were Julie's "munchkins" Camile Zimpleman, Addison and Parker of Fulton and Anna Purdue Douglass, of University.

Don and Pauline Scales had Ashlee and Blake. several visitors one day last week. The first to arrive were high school girls' basketball their daughter and son- in- tourney at West Central law Phyllis and Gene Koontz

of Rochester. Later, their granddaughter and family, Cindy and Greg Wiese and Ally, stopped in for a chat.

Bill Evers and Veronica Pardy and Courtney of Henrietta, New York, spent a few days last week visiting with Bill's parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Renee Colley spent the New Year's Eve holiday visiting with Dick Sedorchak and friends in Crown Point.

Earl and Mary Bangel were among those who enjoyed attending the soup supper at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Thursday evening, Dec. 31.

Jerry and Kay Brown celebrated New Year's Eve at the Edgewater Café in Culver.

Helen Miller had weekend houseguest. Arriving Friday, Jan. 1, for a very nice three- day visit was her granddaughter, Suzanne Crump of Muncie.

Florence Hogan had a couple of callers Saturday, Jan. 2. Coming by for a pleasant visit were her grandson, Noah Hogan, and Noah's girlfriend, Ling, of Taiwan.

Pauline and Don Scales had a caller Saturday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat was their daughter, Linda Garner.

Nancy and Leonard Evers quests for a very nice visit and a good meal were their children and their families, Janet and C.J. Yocum of Rochester, Bill Evers with Veronica and Courtney, Dave and Maria Evers, Robert Evers and Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda; their granddaughter, Brenda and their Warner; granddaughter and her children, Jennifer Hamman,

Jerry Brown attended the Schools Saturday. His

granddaughter, Leighnee Smith, plays for Rochester. Wilma Wilson

had company Monday, Jan. 4. Coming by for a pleasant family chat was her daughter, Mary Lou Foerg of Royal Center.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Delores Jones, Patty McKinney, Gavin Evans and Braden Ousley, Jan. 10; Connie Cogdill and Eric Tomerlin, Jan. 11; John Lincoln, Ron Scantlen and Doris Zellers, Jan. 12; Jacob Kiss, Dave Patty and Jay Urbin, Jan. 13; Micah Cook, Kristen Evers and Sarah Johnston, Jan. 14; John Carlisle, Bill Foerg and Jeff Johnston, Jan. 15; and Sarah Burch, Traci Burch, Shirley James, David Kimble, Ed Mollencupp Jr., Wendy Sutton and Marsha Tomerlin, Jan. 16.

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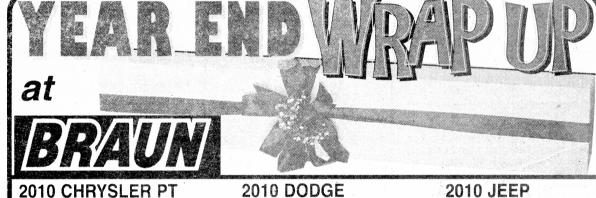
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