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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met Thursday, January 7, at the town hall for its first meeting of 2010. Those present included council members Jeff Finke, Dan Birge, and Mark Smith, clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; Larry Baldwin, assistant fire chief; Tony Pesaresi, fire captain; and area residents, Seth and Grant White.

Larry Baldwin submitted the December fire report adding his appreciation to the town for getting the hydrants flushed and pressure tested before the end of the year. The monthly fire report noted four town responses, all medical, two township responses, both fire related, and two mutual aides. Training was related to radios and medical responses.

Fire department officers for 2010 include Jay Cunningham, chief; Larry Baldwin and Jim Felda, assistant chiefs; Tony Pesaresi and Brock Hinderlider, captains; Chuck Felda and Marcus Kay, lieutenants; and Beverly Baldwin, secretary.

Ted White was awarded the five-year cash rent lease for land at the sewage treatment site on a bid of \$28,670 annually.

The 2010 fire contract between the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department and Harrison Township in Pulaski County was signed by the council. The contract will bring \$4,166.36 into the department's coffers for 2010.

A conflict of interest statement from council member Dan Birge was approved.

All officers, boards commissioners and personnel was retained for 2010. The board of safety will include Larry Baldwin, assistant fire chief, Marshal Dennis Price and Superintendent Mike Molitor; Jeff Finke will continue to serve as council president; Dan Birge as police commissioner; and Mark Smith as building commissioner. The council members will also make up the water board and the sewage board. Mike Molitor will remain as town superintendent; Danny Chew as assistant superintendent; Dennis Price, marshal; and Ed Haines, Chris Sailors, Danny Winter, Sr., Matt Hipsher and Jon Sailors, Jr. as deputies. The council

Free soup at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is serving free soup Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. in the church annex. Those in need of a hot meal are welcome to enjoy the soup, crackers and fellowship. The soup suppers will continue through the month of March.

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approved a request from Sailors to change his pay period from monthly to bi-monthly.

Claims against the town, water and sewage works were okayed for payment.

The marshal's December report revealed five traffic warnings, five criminal arrests, two accident reports, 39 calls answered, one vehicle check, and 1,462 miles patrolled.

The town superintendent's report noted that the leaf equipment was taken off of the dump truck. Repairs were made to a broken leaf spring and a loose wheel bearing. The leaf guards were removed and everything washed up before putting the snow plow equipment on the truck.

The fire hydrants were flushed and flow-checked to aid the fire department with its ISO ratings.

The superintendent attended a three-day seminar in Columbus for water and wastewater.

The catch basins were cleaned and tree limbs on Smith Street were trimmed that might get in the way of the snow plow. A tree behind Kewanna Metal Specialties that was hanging down over a fire hydrant was also trimmed.

The hydrant testing paperwork was updated, the heat tape for the lift station at the treatment plant was plugged in, valves were closed and floats pulled to the contact tank, sand bags carried in the white pick-up truck were made more secure, a light at the south well house was replaced, and a sign was installed at the town dump notifying residents that they would have to get a key from the town clerk to gain access. The town's generator was checked out and an area in the big building was clean up so workers could get to the sand pile. The water works pumped a total of 1,402,500 gallons of water during December.

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Woodworking demo at fire station

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

The public is invited to attend.

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H1N1 clinics

The Fulton County Health Department has scheduled four free H1N1 clinics for January. The H1N1 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 574-223-5152.

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Census workers needed

If you find yourself jobless, there is temporary employment available through the U.S. Department of Commerce as a census worker. The positions offer good pay, flexible hours (up to 40 hours a week) and mileage reimbursement (for field jobs).

Applicants must take a short test. If you would like to see a sample test, stop in at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library or The Observer office. Testing is offered every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the local library and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. at the library in Rochester.

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Layers of Hope needs coats, gloves, hats, etc.

The 2nd annual Layers of Hope is hoping to "warm up Fulton County" with your help. The effort is requesting donations of boots, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, etc. in all sizes. The articles of clothing will be collected through Thursday, January 14, and distributed Saturday, January 16. Distribution will be from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

Collection sites are the Akron Carnegie Public Library and in Rochester - First Federal Savings Bank, Fulton County Public Library, Fulton County Purdue Extension Office, Riddle Elementary School, Rochester High School and The Wellness Center.



All Fulton County government offices will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Fulton County Board of Health will meet in regular session Tuesday, January 19, at 12:15 p.m. in the small conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester.

The Caston Junior High girls basketball game with Carroll that was postponed January 14 has been moved to January 18 in the elementary gym, immediately after the freshman boys game with Carroll, which was originally scheduled for 6 p.m. but will now start at 5 p.m. The elementary girls' basketball practice that night will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Fulton County Historical Society board of directors will meet Saturday, January 16, at 3 p.m. in the museum.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include reports from the highway department, sheriff's department, EMA, EMS and the Plan Commission as well as old and new business.

Plans are underway to construct a huge indoor resort south of Elkhart that will be first of its kind in the U.S. Ground breaking is planned for June for American Countryside Resort that will open in 2011. The resort will provide 500 construction jobs and eventually 500 permanent jobs for the Elkhart area, as well as brining in \$15 million annually to the local economy.

Democratic Rep. Ed LeLaney of Indianapolis authored a bill that would abolish township government in Indiana.

Free H1N1 clinics are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, January 14, 21 and 28, at the Fulton County Health Department, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The clinics are open to the public, including those over 65 and appointments are not necessary.

Charting your farms future

The Purdue Extension Women in Agriculture Team is offering a workshop on "Charting your Farms Financial Future" at three locations including Rochester. The Rochester meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 28, at the Fulton County Extension office located at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1009 W. 3rd St., Rochester.

"Charting your Farms Financial Future" is designed to provide Indiana farm women and men with the knowledge and skills to be a leader in farm financial management decisions for their farm operations.

The registration fee is \$30 per person and includes handouts, meal and resource materials. Additional members from the same family operation may attend at a cost of \$15 per person. Attendance is limited to four per operation. The registration deadline is January 19. Checks should be made payable to Purdue University. Registration, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, number attending and payment should be sent to: Purdue Extension - The Education Store, 231 S. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2094. You may pay by credit card over the telephone by calling 1-888-398-4636, ext. 46794.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 18 - Closed for Martin Luther King Day

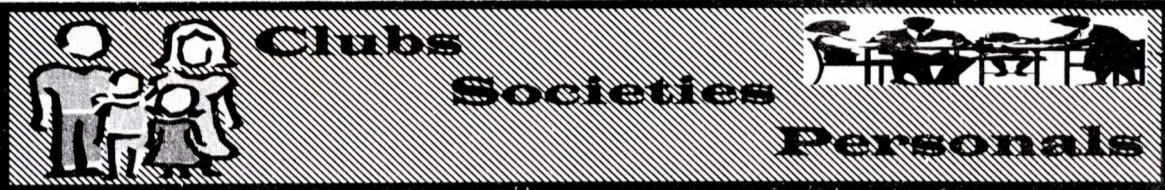
Wednesday, January 20 - Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit salad, wheat bread and milk

Friday, January 22 - Chicken salad, potato soup, peas/carrots, applesauce, crackers and milk

Linn Landis, director of the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester, has submitted her resignation. Becky Williams, the children's librarian and an 18-year employee, will serve as interim director. Landis had held the director's position for over two years.

U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) has asked the Indiana attorney general to check out the legalities of the U.S. Senate's health insurance plan.

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Fish and tenderloin supper at Caston

The Caston cheerleaders will serve a fish and hand-breaded tenderloin supper Friday, January 22, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. before the donkey basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Pre-schoolers may eat free. Tickets can be purchased from any cheerleader or at the door.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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 or www.indy1500.com.

34th Annual Greater Indianapolis Garage Sale & 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.

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 Hahn (317) 899-1599 or 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 (317) 522-1958 or www.naptownrollergirls.com.

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Stewart's Indiana Flea 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) 456-2244 or 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.

87th Annual Indianapolis Home Show: Jan. 29 - Feb. 7 in the West Pavilion & Toyota Expo Hall. Hours: Fridays 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: \$12; \$9 online; \$5 children 6-12; children 5 and younger free. Contact: Marketplace Events (317) 705-8719 or www.indianapolishomeshow.com.

Indiana Judges Cup Gymnastics: Jan. 30 - 31 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: \$5; children grades 1-12 \$3. Contact: Judy Kemp (812) 265-3586 or www.in-nawgi.org.

Indy Circle Track Expo 10: Jan. 30 in the Champions Pavilion & South Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with auction in South Pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 12 and younger free. Contact: Craig Dori (317) 381-9931 or www.shoestringracing.com.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next prenatal evening classes run **Jan. 21 to February 11** from 7 to 9 pm for five weeks on Thursday night. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come too the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Parents are encouraged to attend classes any time after your fourth month of pregnancy.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital.

Prenatal classes are offered seven times a year; four sets of Thursday evening classes and three sets of all day Saturday class.

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Health Education Speaker

Any group or organization that is in need of a guest health education speaker should call 574-946-2189.

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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. Euchre at 1 p.m.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 December 31
 Births - Jeff and Rhonda Heims, Winamac, a daughter
 January 4
 Admissions - Carol Noble, Akron; Aaden Bowers, Mentone
 Dismissals - Rhonda Heims and daughter, Winamac
 Births - Freeman and Laura Detweiler, Macy, a daughter; Cassie Perkins, Claypool, a daughter; Karis Olson, Knox, a daughter
 January 5
 Admissions - Deborah Domke, Judith Duncan, and Larry Andrews, all of Rochester; David Alderfer, Mentone
 Dismissals - Carol Noble, Akron
 Births - Jennifer Hoover, Rochester, a daughter; Troy and Shoda Beehler, Rochester, a daughter; Cecilia Powell, Rochester, a son
 January 6
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Aaden Bowers and David Alderfer, both of Mentone
 January 7
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Laura Detweiler and daughter, Macy; Cassie Perkins and daughter, Claypool; Deborah Domke and Judith Duncan, both of Rochester
 January 8
 Admissions - Dale White, Mona Snook and Tammy Floyd, all of Rochester; Allyson Harman, Claypool
 Dismissals - Jennifer Hoover and daughter, Larry

Andrews, Shoda Beehler and daughter and Cecilia Powell and son, all of Rochester.
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DEATHS

VIOLET TROUTMAN
 Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. this morning (Thursday, January 14) at the Kewanna Church of Christ for Violet Troutman, 86, Rochester. Pastor Scott Meneely will officiate and burial, with military rites, will be in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. The former Kewanna resident died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, January 10, 2009, at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester, which had been her home since 2006.
 Born March 17, 1923, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late William Curtis and Cora Mae (Martin) Hollis. She was married March 16, 1947, to Donald W. Troutman, who passed away May 9, 1996.
 A 1942 graduate of Twelve Mile High School, Violet was a World War II Navy veteran serving with the WAVES including service at Pearl Harbor from 1944 to 1946. She was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ and a former member and past worthy matron of the Kewanna Order of Eastern Stars. She also served her community as a Cub Scout

den mother.
 Violet was formerly employed at Hart Schaffner and Marx in Rochester and she retired from Kewanna Metal Specialties. However, her primary job was that of a farm wife and mother.
 After retirement, she and her husband Don enjoyed spending several winters in Florida and being at home in Kewanna caring for their house and yard and the special visits from their grandchildren. Violet was also an avid reader.
 Survivors include a son, Dr. Tom Troutman and his wife, Joy, Rochester; a foster son, Robert "Pete" Hurley, Rochester; a special niece, Sue Hamman, and her husband, Ken, Winamac; four grandchildren, April Donahue and her husband, Ben, Honolulu, Hawaii, Adam Troutman, Columbus, Ohio, Alissa Troutman and her fiancé Luis Ferro, Naples, Florida, and Abigail Rom and her husband, Gary, Valparaiso. Several nieces and nephews also survive her.
 Three brothers, Elmer, Leroy and Russell Hollis, and one sister, Eileen Donathen, preceded her in death.
 A visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home in Kewanna, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Church of Christ, Box 337, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the Troutman family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
 January 18 - 22
Elementary Breakfast
 Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
 Tuesday - Muffin, yogurt, juice and milk
 Wednesday - Biscuit with egg patty, juice and milk
 Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
 Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk
Elementary Lunch
 Monday - Cheese sticks, green beans, peaches, cookie and milk
 Tuesday - Spaghetti, lettuce salad, applesauce, cheese bread and milk
 Wednesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, potatoes, pears, cake and milk
 Thursday - Toasted cheese sandwich, corn, pineapple, donut and milk
 Friday - Chicken noodle soup, cheese breadsticks, peas, pears and milk
Middle/High School Lunch
 Monday - Chicken fajitas

with salsa, lettuce and cheese, peach crisp, and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Tuesday - Hot dog sandwich, potatoes, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, pears and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Thursday - Roasted chicken pizza, California blend, applesauce, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar
 Friday - Cheeseburger sandwich, mixed vegetables, grape juice cup, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO January 19, 1950

Word has been received of an accident on December 21, in which Harry G. Wilson, formerly of here, and now a resident of Indianapolis, was involved. His car was hit by another and he suffered three broken ribs and a broken shoulder.

Thirty-five men attended a breakfast given at St. Ann's Catholic Church for the Holy Name Society Sunday morning after mass. Installation of officers for the new term was conducted. Robert Hendrickson was installed as president and Paul Ley as secretary.

The second graders at Reiter School enjoyed a birthday party Friday afternoon and helped Susan Turner celebrate her birthday. Games were played and birthday cake and Eskimo pies were served by the teacher, Miss Hood, Sandra Turner and Mrs. Turner.

Martin Van Meter celebrated his fifth birthday Wednesday when he had Darl McVay as his dinner guest. Later in the evening, friends stopped in to surprise him. Helping him celebrate the occasion were Leroy Mullins, Joe Medbourn, Judy Miller, Darla Mullins, Elizabeth Medbourn, Bus Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Miller, Mrs. Charles Mullins and Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Medbourn.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 20, 1955

A large barn on the Howard Mutchler farm near here was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night, also destroying about 2,000 bushels of corn, hay and other grain, a combine, tractor, manure spreader and other farm implements, two cows and a calf. Mr. Mutchler was burned on the hands, arms and legs and was taken to Woodlawn Hospital for treatment.

While the Kewanna Methodist Church is waiting for repairs to be made on its furnace, Sunday morning worship service and Sunday school are being held in the high school gymnasium.

The Lake Bruce Rod and Gun Club will meet Friday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Fred Deutschman.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the home of Vause Polen about 1:30 Wednesday due to a chimney fire.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 21, 1960

Bill Ingram, 20, narrowly escaped death Tuesday morning when he jumped from his pickup truck only seconds before it was demolished by a speeding C&O freight train southeast of Kewanna. Ingram was driving a truck owned by Roy

Whybrew Feed Mill and loaded with corn. The bed of the three-quarter ton truck landed on the south side of the track, and the cab and chassis on the north side, 140 feet from the impact.

Harvey Rhoades, 79, former Kewanna resident, was found dead of a heart attack at his home in Logansport Sunday evening, January 17.

Mrs. Lee Evans was recently reappointed to the local library board by the Town of Kewanna. Mrs. Fred Graffis has also been reappointed to the board by the township trustee, Jim McKinney.

Mrs. John Enyeart was the guest of honor at a bridal shower Saturday evening, January 16, in the home of Sharlene Shull. Mrs. Pauline Brown was her co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Appleman, Kewanna, announced the engagement of their daughter, Carole Sue, to George E. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 21, 1965

Sherry Carson, Rt. 1, Kewanna, is one of 133 freshmen at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis who received caps Friday in ceremonies held at the hospital's White Cross Service Center.

Mrs. Emma B. Smith, former resident of Kewanna, will celebrate her 99th birthday January 25 at her home in Long Beach, California. She is the mother of Joe Brunk, former Kewanna barber, and Mrs. Gladys Richards, Kewanna.

storm gave way to the season's most drastic drop in temperature this weekend in the Kewanna area. Road crews worked last Saturday night to clear the roads.

Cars driven by Adoph Engel, Galveston, and Robert L. Moss, Rt. 2, Kewanna, collided in Logansport Tuesday morning. No one was injured.

Connie Greer is spending a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greer. She is a student at a Bible college in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greer went to Missouri last week to accompany her home.

Larry Geisler has returned to his duties with the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Virginia, after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Geisler.

FORTY YEARS AGO January 22, 1970

More snow and a new cold wave hit our area after two days of normal temperatures. Temperatures dropped to two below zero Monday morning and climbed to only 12 degrees during the day, then steadily dropped Monday night, reaching 18-20 degrees below zero. Several schools in the area, including Kewanna, were not open Wednesday due to the drifting and cold.

Judy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Wilson, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has been named as the 1970 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Kewanna High School. Judy is a cheerleader, member of the band, French Club, Sunshine Society, Glee Club and is active in 4-H. she plans to attend Vincennes University majoring in home economics.

Dan Pesaresi of Winamac Coil Spring was installed as president of the Chicago Association of Spring Manufacturers Saturday, January 17, at a dinner dance at the Arlington Park Hotel in Chicago. His wife, Vivian, accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foster, Kewanna, are the parents of a son, Steven James, Jr., born January 18 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Guy Stayton was installed as Worshipful Master of the Kewanna Masonic Lodge Tuesday, January 6, with his brother, Ralph Stayton, acting as Installing Officer. Other officers installed included Robert Lancaster, Senior Warden; Jerry Howard, Junior Warden; Kenneth Hinderlider, Senior Deacon; Leroy Wise, Junior Deacon; Dean Kumler, treasurer; Eldon Smith, secretary; and Rev. John Reddix, chaplain.

A December 27th wedding in the Kewanna United Methodist Church united in marriage Mary M. Stoudt and James Fisher. The double ring vows were performed by Rev. Leroy Wise, minister of the church.

THIRTY YEARS AGO January 17, 1980

Marvin Rife, 74, Kewanna, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Georgia Davis, Peru. Funeral services will be held Friday at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with Rev. Gene Personett officiating.

Lake Bruce friends and neighbors have learned of the death of Ralph Youngman at a Kokomo hospital Saturday. Former Kokomo residents, the Youngmans have resided t Lake Bruce for several years.

May Kumler, Rochester, will be the guest of honor at an open house Sunday, January 20, at the Grass Creek United Methodist Church in celebration of her 90th birthday.

The Kewanna Saddle Club held a bowling party Sunday afternoon at Rochester. Following the bowling, they met for their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith with the president, Dan Hood, presiding.

Becky Lincoln and daughters of South Bend visited the Fred Luhnaw family Sunday. They were pleased to see Art Anderson doing so well. Art will observe his birthday Wednesday. In celebration, he plans to return to his home. He has been recuperating from a fall.

TEN YEARS AGO January 13, 2000

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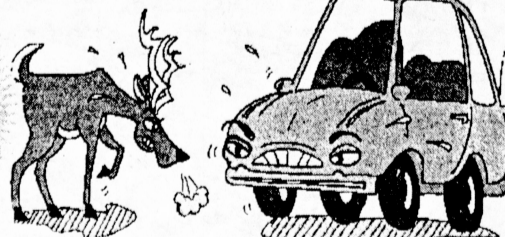
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Department has put its new Chevy Blazer into service. The 4-wheel drive vehicle was purchased from Urban Auto for use by the town marshal and his deputies.

Sarah Purkey of Rochester, hospice nurse, has been selected by the volunteers of Hope Hospice of Fulton County to receive the 2000 Hospice Service Award.

Edna L. Woolington Avery, 77, passed away Tuesday, January 11, in a Rockford, Ohio, nursing home. She was the daughter of Loyd and Hazel Mollencoff Woolington of here and was married in Kewanee in 1941 to Joseph Avery.

Amanda Garner has returned to her studies at Ball State University following a holiday visit with her parents, Tom and Linda Garner.

Kenny and Martha Ann Cook spent a couple of days in South Bend recently. They attended swim meets hosted by Notre Dame University Friday and Saturday. The Cooks' granddaughters, Mallory and Calley Cook of Plymouth, were among the participants.

Mildred McColley had an enjoyable time Saturday afternoon when she attended a basketball game at Culver in which her grandson, Matthew McColley, was playing.

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Attend Church Sunday**Caston Elementary names honor students**

Caston Elementary School has released the name of its honor students for the second nine-week grading period.

Students named to the all "A" honor roll include:

Second grade - McKenzie Baldwin, Elizabeth Byrum, Rayne Craig, Bryce Crown, Aubrey Dague, Kyah Davis, Sam Duvan, Noah Howdeshell, Curtis Hubenthal, Caitlyn Ihnen, Dalton Jones, Sarah Kistler, Luke Lowe, Shanteel Miranda, Dakota Oldfather, Wyatt Pendley, Zoe Roark, Jasmine Rudicel, Carlie Sarver, Cammie Scott, Ginger Slisher and Keagan Slocum

Third grade - Brock Buczkowski, Brianna, Calfee, Noah Colvin, Peyton Crissinger, Hunter Emmerd, Isabel Newcom, McKenzie Paschen, Destiny Ray and Ally Wiese

Fourth grade - Ryonn Doan, Abigail Rimpler, Jayda Shafer and Miranda Thornton

Fifth grade - Brant Buczkowski, Eli Douglass, Trenton Howard, Dalea Hubenthal, Ellei Kay and Marcus Slothour

Sixth grade - Samuel Rhymer, Addison Sarver, Michael Smith and Emily Strain

Students named to the "A/B" honor roll are:

Second grade - Ally Borges, Chris Bowder, Wyatt Brumett, Caleb Conrad, Zach DeFord, Dylan Eastwood, Gavin Hickie, Payton Hines, Emily Holt, Grayce Horn, Hannah Howard, Sophie Jellison, Amelia Lowry, James Maness,

Sarah Mangelsdorf, Daniel Mittica, Josh Mounce, Devin Pinder, Michael Rans, Cole Roush, Aiden Sarver and Dianna VanLue

Third grade - Kailey Beaver, Luis Henderson, Noah Hinkle, Garret Hook, Hailey Hurtt, Brianna Lee, Levi Lowe, Damon Malott, Mackenzie McClory, Vanessa Mifflin, Sydney Moon, Makinzie Nies, Zach Ruby, Adrianna Shires, Hannah Siders, Chris Smith, Cyndie Smith, Mark Smith and Haven Vorhees

Fourth grade - Kasey Ault, Kennedy Ault, Makayla Banta, Arieon Burns, Erin Frye, Holley Hooff, Hannah Holt, Hanna Hoover, Jalyn Louthain, Maegan Pendley, Kendra Pugh, Jamie Sailors and Jacob Taylor

Fifth grade - Efrain Amezcuita, Berkle Blackman, Gaby Brouyette, Adrianna Dague, Megan Evans, Summer Garver, Carson Gates, Kaylah Gearhart, Dakota Hayden, Matthew Holliman, Alyssa Hubenthal, Josh Miller, Dawson Oliver, Matthew Rans, Blake Richter, Emily Rowe, Carrie Sailors, Jon Sailors, Matthew Shelton, Alivia Silva, Cassandra Smith, Hayden Tomlinson, Dakota Townsend, Patience Turnpaugh, Angel Williams and Maddux Zeider

Sixth grade - Dakota Andrade, Nathan Callender, Ethan Coldiron, Jaycee Denton, Catherine Diveley, Alyssa Fagner, Santiago Henderson, Brayton Jellison, Jacob Kistler, Madison Martin, Jonny Miller, Kylie Pugh, Michael Remley, Tori Rentschler, Shane Richardson, Jared Rustman, Kyler Spencer, Emilee Thomson, Miranda Turnpaugh, Morgan Ulerick, Preston Walker and Trey Young

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Letter To The Editor...

Dear Editor,

Recently a friend of mine noticed there was a dog (black lab) sitting in the yard of his rural home. She wasn't moving...she was blind. She had obviously been nursing puppies. She may have been a puppy mill "mom" who was too old to be of much value, so she was abandoned. She couldn't see to find food, water or shelter. She was freezing. I wonder how humans could be so incredibly inhumane!!!

PLEASE don't buy an animal from a puppy mill or pet store. (They usually acquire their puppies from puppy mills that expose animals to filthy over-crowded conditions with no veterinary care.) The animals get no love or attention. They are forced to have litter after litter. They love their puppies, but time after time their puppies are torn away from them and sold to anyone who has the money.

As long as there is a market for their babies, dogs will be

bred, neglected and killed at puppy mills.

Animal shelters are full of great animals in need of a good home. If you want an animal, adopt one of those. Get it spayed or neutered. Keep it in the house to be part of your family. If you don't want a dog in the house, or you can't afford to take good care of it...DON'T GET A DOG!!!

Patti Clodi
South Bend, IN
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Free flowering trees

Residents of Indiana who join the Arbor Day Foundation in January will receive 10 free flowering trees. The trees include two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenraintree.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by January 29, 2010. You can also join online at www.arborday.org/january.

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New Rules Will Give Hoosier Students More Knowledgeable Teachers**Subject-Experts from Outside Education Welcome**

The state board overseeing teacher licensing and preparation voted to advance new teacher licensing regulations that ensure all new teachers will be experts in the subjects they teach and allow adults from other careers to more easily enter the teaching profession. These new regulations—called the Rules for Educator Preparation and Accountability or the REPA—aim to improve student achievement through better classroom instruction.

"We crafted these changes with the belief that students' academic success is determined, in large part, by the quality of their teachers," Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett said. "These new rules for licensing go further than ever before to make sure all Indiana's school children receive the high-quality instruction they deserve."

Members of the Advisory Board of the Division of Professional Standards, including Bennett, have been meeting since July, 2009, working with the Indiana Department of Education and education stakeholders statewide.

In addition to passing exams that test their knowledge, the

new rules require those who teach grades 5-12 to earn baccalaureate degrees in the subjects they teach. This creates a better balance in teacher preparatory programs between coursework on how to teach and subject-specific training on what they will teach.

Dr. James Fraser, senior vice president for programs for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and professor of History and

Education at New York University, said, "The proposal to require every future secondary school teacher in Indiana to complete a full discipline-specific arts and sciences-major makes very good sense. Indeed, such a move will bring Indiana up to a standard that is currently in place in many states across the United States. A solid major in the discipline to be taught is an essential minimum to truly knowing the content one aspires to teach."

Equally important, the rules take steps to address future teacher shortages and bring more knowledgeable adults into Indiana schools. The advisory board will have the authority to approve online and non-traditional teacher preparation programs in the future. Without these alternative licensing programs, it's unduly difficult for successful adults in other careers to enter the teaching profession. These new regulations allow for new pipelines to bring real world experts into Indiana classrooms.

Aniela Rozman from the New Teacher Project said, "We commend the IDOE for taking important steps to increase teacher and administrator quality—through an expansion of teacher and administrator pipelines, a focus on content knowledge which has been linked to student achievement, a requirement to measure the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs and a commitment to school-based professional development."

The new regulations go even further to improve teacher support and provide greater flexibility. Incoming teachers will work closely with school-level administrators to create targeted professional development plans to benefit student instruction. Current and future teachers will have more options to renew their licenses—options that won't require them to pay for college coursework. The new rules also make it easier for teachers to make their licenses more marketable; they can add subjects to their licenses by passing exams that test their knowledge.

"I'm incredibly proud of these teacher licensing changes," Bennett said. "They address a foundational aspect of my plan to reform education in Indiana by targeting instructional quality. This is a great victory, and it should energize all of us to work even harder to improve Indiana's schools in the year ahead."

The REPA regulations go into effect July 31, 2010. Students currently enrolled in teacher preparation programs will be transitioned into these new rules between now and August 31, 2013.

For more details on REPA and to view an updated summary of the rule, visit www.doe.in.gov/news/2009/07-july/REPA.html.

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Head's bill closes loophole that benefits felons

An Indiana Senate panel passed a plan authored by State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport) to close a loophole preventing prosecutors from classifying certain criminals as habitual offenders.

Head said the Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters voted 8-2 in favor of the bill during a hearing Tuesday morning.

Head, a member of the committee, said if a person commits a felony and has been convicted of two prior felonies the prosecuting attorney can file for more jail time under Indiana's habitual offender law. According to Indiana law, the charge must be submitted within 10 days after the court's filing deadline.

"In some cases, a prosecutor must work with other states to obtain criminal records to help prove a person is a habitual offender," Head said. "This can be a lengthy process which makes it difficult for a prosecutor to meet the 10-day deadline. I hope by extending the deadline we can help make sure these repeat felons don't catch a break."

Head's bill would allow prosecutors to file the charge at any time before the trial as long as the defense attorney has adequate time to respond.

"I've agreed to work with the prosecutors and public defenders councils going forward to find common ground on the issue," Head said. "We want a law that allows prosecutors time to gather all the evidence they need to charge someone and protects defendants from unfair surprise on the eve of trial."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 24 states, including Indiana, have habitual offender laws, commonly referred to as "three strikes laws."

In Indiana, a person who is convicted of a felony and has been convicted of two prior unrelated felonies can be considered a habitual offender and sentenced to an additional time in prison. In 2008, there were 282 habitual offenders in Indiana's correctional facilities, according to the Indiana Department of Corrections. Head's bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration. Head represents Senate District 18, which includes Cass, Fulton, Kosciusko, Miami, Pulaski and Wabash Counties.

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RECYCLING DAYS

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children's HEALTH

How To Detox Your Home

(NAPS)—There are more products available now than ever before that will help erase stain spots, scour tubs and clean the floors of our homes. According to Dr. Alan Greene, a noted pediatrician, author and green-living expert, recent scientific evidence shows increasing links between common household chemicals and children's health problems.

"When you think about the rise in rates of childhood illnesses such as asthma, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, allergies and cancer, it is not our genetics that have changed, but our environmental exposures—including ingredients in household chemicals," said Dr. Greene.

"The Toxic Substances Control Act [TSCA] was created 33 years ago to regulate our nation's chemicals and has done nothing but allow these chemicals to slide through the system and into household products," noted consumer advocate Erin Brockovich. "Consumers are entitled to have more information about the chemicals that go into the everyday products they buy, and that's why I am urging people to join the Million Baby Crawl to ask Congress to enact stricter safety testing."

Until stricter safety testing on household products exists, Dr. Greene shares five simple ways to decrease toxins in your home now:

1. Be an advocate for change by supporting stronger toxic chemical laws such as the Kid-Safe Chemicals Act. Go to www.millionbabycrawl.com for



Photo credit: Seventh Generation, Diane Bondareff

It's better for babies and children if you use natural cleaning products that don't leave harmful chemical residues. That's why thousands of Americans are asking legislators to favor nontoxic products.

more information and to participate.

2. Open your windows. EPA research has found that indoor air can contain levels of pollutants two to five times higher than the air outside.

3. If you are using plastic, store food in No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 or No. 5 plastic containers, which are less likely to leach unsafe chemicals including BPA. Never heat food or serve hot food in plastic of any kind.

4. Stay informed, read the labels of products before purchasing. Avoid anything that says "danger," "warning" or "harmful."

5. Remove toxic household cleaning products and replace them with natural cleaning products, such as those from Seventh Generation, that won't leave behind harmful chemical residue or pollute indoor air.

For more information on non-toxic living, visit www.seventhgeneration.com.

Your Money

Taking Steps To Manage Debt

(NAPS)—Millions of Americans have banked on debt management as a way to get a better handle on their monthly bills and, in some cases, free up some extra cash. Is this approach right for you? Consider these facts:

Know The Signs
Certain financial red flags could indicate that you could do a better job of managing your debt. They include: Debt levels becoming out of balance with your income and only being able to make minimum payments on your credit accounts.

Know The Benefits
Combining debt into one account won't necessarily improve your credit score, but it can help you effectively manage your debt over time. Instead of making multiple payments each month, you'll make only one, and if that payment is lower than your current payments, it allows you to have choices about what to do with those funds.

Types Of Debt
Debt consolidation is typically used to get a lower interest rate on your debt or to help lower your payments. It's important to understand, however, that this simply transfers the debt to a new account or lender, so you still have debt.

Additionally, a loan with a longer repayment period may lower your monthly payment but may also increase the total amount you repay—although you can always pay off the loan faster by making more than the minimum monthly payment.

Tips To Manage Your Debt

- Call your creditors if you can't make a payment or need to make a partial payment. Talk to them about payment plans you can afford.
- Pay off secured debt first.
- Refinance your mortgage if interest rates have dropped.
- Consolidate debt. It could cut monthly payments.

Know Your Options

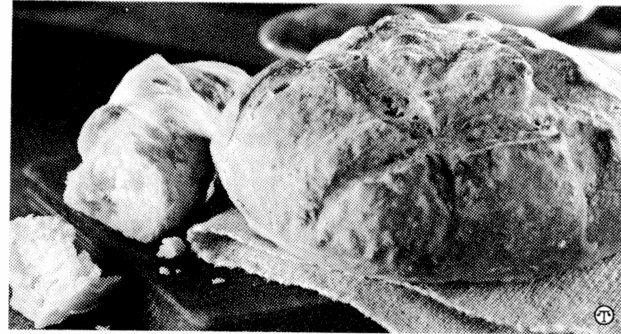
Banks such as Wells Fargo offer a number of consolidation options to qualified borrowers. For example, homeowners who have home equity available may be able to consolidate other higher-interest debt into a lower-interest home equity account. Home equity is the difference between what is owed on a home and what it is worth. Borrowing against that home equity can be an effective way to access money. As a reminder, with this type of credit, your home serves as security for repayment.

Home equity accounts typically have lower interest rates than other forms of unsecured credit, meaning you could save on interest payments. In addition, they are potentially tax-smart (check with your tax adviser), since you might be able to deduct a percentage of the interest paid on the loan, unlike other kinds of financing.

Learn More

You can find more information—including tips on consolidating debt and creating a monthly budget—at www.wellsfargo.com/smarter_credit.

Baking No-Knead Artisan Bread At Home



Delicious artisan bread can easily be made at home with a bread mix.

(NAPS)—Artisan bread that is handcrafted in small batches has become a popular purchase at farmer's markets, bakeries and specialty stores.

While a traditional store-bought loaf might have 20 ingredients, bakery artisan bread will start with only the basics, then be customized with the addition of fresh and simple, flavorful ingredients such as cheese, olive oil or herbs. These delicious, crusty loaves can be enjoyed every day, but their distinctive flavor and appearance can also add a special touch when entertaining.

It's easier than you might imagine to make fresh and authentic artisan bread at home. Specialty bread mixes can help you re-create the delicious flavor and distinctive crust of artisan bread but with much less work. For example, Krusteaz Supreme bread mixes, which come in several delectable flavors, don't even require kneading. And you can store the unbaked dough in the refrigerator for up to three days until you have time for rising.

At www.krusteaz.com/bread_tips you can find a step-by-step instructional video that shows you how to make artisan bread, complete with its delicious crust, in five easy steps. The site also offers tips on how to cus-

tomize your basic bread recipe with simple additions or toppings. For example, you can flavor bread by simply topping with kosher salt or adding chopped herbs to the dough before baking.

Create Your Own

Use Krusteaz's White, Sourdough and Italian Herb mixes to create these specialty breads:

- **Rosemary Parmesan Bread:** Add 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese to the dry mix; sprinkle finely chopped rosemary on top of the loaf before baking.

- **Sun-Dried Tomato Bread:** Mix in two tablespoons finely chopped sun-dried tomatoes to the dry mix and then bake as directed.

- **Decorating the bread** can also make it distinctive. Cutting a pretty pattern into the crust is an easy way to impress company, and easy-to-follow directions can be found on the site.

Bread Baking Tips

- To make sure bread rises, be sure to add yeast as directed and measure the temperature of the water used.

- If dough looks uneven or bumpy, simply add water a tablespoon at a time until dough forms into a smooth round ball.

- For a crunchy crust, make sure to remove the bread from the pan to cool.



The Sacred Cod hangs over the rear of the chamber of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in Boston. The five-foot carved fish symbolizes the importance of the fishing industry in the state's early growth and development.

The hardest tumble a man can make is to fall over his own bluff.

—Ambrose Bierce

A lie has speed, but truth has endurance.

—Edgar J. Mohn

When you stretch the truth, watch out for the snapback.

—Bill Copeland



The life span of insects ranges from a few days or hours for adult mayflies to 50 years or more for some queen termites. Most insects live less than one year.

Sheriff's report

Fulton County Sheriff Walker Conley has released the following report for the month of December. His department opened 24 criminal case investigations; served 24 warrants; arrested one juvenile and five adults on preliminary charges; wrote 22 traffic tickets and 30 warnings; received 615 calls from the public; investigated 34 wrecks, five involving injuries; logged 11 car/deer wrecks; served 411 civil papers; booked inmates 74 times; released inmates 79 times; patrolled 25,661 miles; and used 1,709.6 gallons of fuel.

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Elections committee approves bill creating guidelines for drawing legislative districts
Bill seen as 'first step' in providing historic, objective reforms

Members of the Senate Committee on Elections took the first step toward redistricting reform in Indiana by approving legislation establishing in law, objective guidelines the state would follow in creating legislative boundaries after the 2010 census.

"In the past, there has been little guidance in either the Indiana law or the Indiana Constitution regarding redistricting," said Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport), a member of the committee. "These new objective principles will be very helpful to my fellow lawmakers and me in constructing new legislative districts next session."

Head said Senate Bill 80 will provide lawmakers with the following guidelines to keep in mind when drawing legislative districts in the future:

- Preservation of traditional neighborhoods;
- Preservation of local communities of interests;
- Protection of minority voting rights;
- Simply-shaped, compact districts; and
- Respect for county and precinct lines.

Senate Republicans recently unveiled a package of sweeping redistricting reforms that included the new guidelines, an in-depth bipartisan study of best practices of other states and the establishment of an independent commission to draw both state and federal districts in Indiana.

Senate Bill 80 passed the committee by a vote of 6-2 and now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES ONLINE TRAINING COURSE FOR PAINT RETAILERS

The Indiana State Department of Health announced an online training program for paint retailers is now available. This online training course meets the requirement for employees of retailers selling paint and painting supplies to receive basic training on lead hazards per Indiana rules regarding prohibited work practices and the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Remodeling and Painting Rule. This is the first online training course for paint retailers in the nation.

In 2008, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation mandating that retail establishments selling paint and painting products provide their employees with basic information regarding lead-based paint. This groundbreaking legislation was created after numerous attempts to work with paint retailers to ensure that advice that was given to customers buying paint and/or paint products was accurate and did not create a lead hazard.

The Indiana State Department of Health, partnered with the National Center for Healthy Housing, Environmental Management Institute, Improving Kids' Environment and the Custom Electronic Design Installation Association to create this online training course. The course is about an hour long and provides basic information on lead hazards, lead poisoning, lead-safe work practices, prohibited work practices in Indiana and the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Remodeling and Painting Rule. Individuals completing the course will receive a completion certificate which will serve as validation that they have met the state required training. There are approximately 3200 retail establishments that must train their employees within the next three months to meet the state training requirement.

"This online training course is a great opportunity for businesses in Indiana to provide useful information that will protect Hoosier children from the devastating effects of lead poisoning," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D.

The online training course is located at <http://www.cedia.net/paintretailer> and provides the training at no cost to the user. Please contact the Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program at (317) 233-1250 for information on the requirements for this training.

To find out more about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit: www.statehealth.in.gov.

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Constitutional Property Tax Caps Pass House, Advance to Senate

Representative Doug Gutwein (R-Francesville) released the following statement in response to the passage of HJR1, the constitutional amendment to permanently cap homeowner's property taxes. The measure passed the House by a vote of 75 to 23.

"The passage of HJR1 out of the House is very encouraging. I hope the Senate will take quick action on this matter to get the issue into the voters' hands," said Rep. Gutwein. "Hoosiers deserve the right to make this critical decision. With this action we're one step closer to

making that a reality in November

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What's better for the local ecology, sewers or septic tanks? -- T.H., Darien, CT

You probably won't have much choice as to whether that home you're thinking of buying is on sewer or septic. Most likely it's a done deal, unless the neighborhood is presently all on septic but is considering a petition to the town to switch to sewers (in which case you can usually agree to hook up or stay put).

There are pros and cons to each in regard to the environment. Both types of systems are designed to handle and treat so-called "blackwater" (wastewater from toilets) and "graywater" coming from our sinks, showers, dishwashers and laundry machines. On-site septic and community-wide sewer systems work in similar ways, utilizing micro-organisms to filter out bacteria, viruses and other disease-causing pathogens before releasing the cleansed water back into the environment.

In general, most people prefer to be on a shared sewer system if they have a choice, as the burden of keeping the system running smoothly falls on the local government, which presumably has the money and expertise to ensure that wastewater is properly treated across the region. Also, in a shared sewer system, wastewater is whisked away to a centralized treatment facility; anyone who has ever experienced a septic system backup on their property can appreciate what a benefit off-site wastewater treatment can be.

Another advantage to a shared sewer is that such systems are usually built to withstand heavy loads and can better accommodate periods of heavy precipitation or storm surges that might overwhelm smaller, poorly conceived or maintained home-based septic tanks, which are by virtue of their size and the laws of physics more prone to overflow and send contaminants into nearby surface and ground waters.

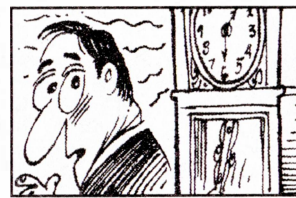
Septic systems have their proponents, though, who say that a professionally designed, installed and maintained system should hold up in even the biggest of storms. The University of Minnesota Extension (UMNE), which publishes the useful online "Septic System Owner's Guide," says vigilance is key: "The only way to guarantee effective treatment is to have a trained professional ensure adequate unsaturated and suitable soil exists below the soil treatment area to allow for complete wastewater treatment."

When homeowners don't take care of their septic systems properly, though, they can become a nuisance for the surrounding ecosystem. Wastewater that is not properly treated can contaminate surface and groundwater and threaten public health. According to UMNE, improperly treated sewage can be the culprit

behind the spread of hepatitis, dysentery and other diseases resulting from pathogens in drinking water, while also compromising the purity of lakes and streams. Additionally, flies and mosquitoes that are attracted to and breed in wet areas where sewage reaches the surface can also spread disease.

Improperly treated sewage can also lead to increased nitrates in local water supplies, which is dangerous for infants, pregnant women and those with already compromised immune systems. In and around lakes and streams, this influx in nitrates can lead to plant growth out of whack with the local ecosystem's ability to handle it, resulting in oxygen-free "dead zones" devoid of marine and riparian life altogether.

CONTACT: Septic System Owner's Guide, www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/dd6583.html. **SEND YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS TO:** EarthTalk®, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; earthtalk@emagazine.com. Read past columns at: www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/archives.php. EarthTalk® is now a book! Details and order information at: www.emagazine.com/earthtalkbook #####



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—Thomas Carlyle

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STATE OF INDIANA
 COUNTY OF FULTON
 IN THE FULTON CIRCUIT COURT
 2009 TERM PROBATE DIVISION
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
 DOROTHY E. HENDERSON,
 Deceased

CAUSE NO.: 25C01-0912-105
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 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. HENDERSON

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of December, 2009, Mary Ruth Rans Scher and Joyce Ann Purtee Henderson were appointed Executors of the Unsupervised Estate of Dorothy E. Henderson, deceased, who died on the 8th day of December, 2009.

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Dated at Rochester, Indiana, this 29th day of December, 2009.

Letty McKee
 Fulton County Circuit Clerk
 Connie J. Stevens (#19179-09)
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Notice

Persons in the Kewanna-Star City area are asked to keep an eye out for a lost long-haired, gray and white Shih-tzu dog that answers to the name of Maggie. The dog came up missing last Thursday. If found, please call 574-225-7587.



Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Mother Nature has been on the rampage since just before Christmas—ice, high winds, snow, sub-zero wind chills and now melting is expected. Several people around Lake Bruce and the countryside surrounding Kewanna have been expressing their gratitude to the Fulton County highway snowplow drivers for keeping the roads as clear and safe as possible.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had company at the beginning of the New Year. Barb's daughter, Sue Janes of LaPorte arrived Friday, Jan. 1, for a day-long visit. In the evening, Sue's son, Joey Wilk, arrived for an overnight holiday stay. The following day, Joey's brother, Tom, was able to come and stay for a couple of days. (The weather and work obligations made it difficult for them to come together.)

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Monday morning, Jan. 4. They took care of some errands and visited with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Ellen Walsh had guests Monday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a chat were Elof and Nedra Carlson of Bloomington, Sarah Webb and Rosie McKinney of Michigantown and Sonya Weise of New York City.

Helen Whiteman had working visitors Tuesday, Jan. 5. Coming over in the evening to join her for supper and take down her Christmas decorations were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski.

Florence Hogan had a houseguest for a few days last week. Arriving Wednesday for a four-day visit was her daughter, Wendy Kelly of Lafayette.

Mathilda Lamb recently spent several days as a houseguest of her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Cathy Lamb at Peru.

Florence Hogan and Wendy Kelly traveled to Ft. Wayne Thursday, Jan. 7. The ladies spent a pleasant night at the Las Qunitas Hotel while Florence's dog recovered from leg surgery.

Sandra Blume of Fallbrook, California arrived Friday, Jan. 8, for a month-long visit with her mother, Helen Miller.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Friday. Coming over to play and help put away Christmas decorations was their great-granddaughter, Ally Wiese. Ally's father, Greg, spent several days at the Scales keeping the driveway open.

Most of the schoolchildren in the area enjoyed their first snow-day from school Friday. The way this winter is going, it will probably not be the last.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Sunday, Jan. 10. Coming for an entertaining visit were their daughter and her children, Amanda Wassermann, Zach and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso, and their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Bob and Susan Rothgeb of Logansport and Joe and Karen Good enjoyed a production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso Sunday afternoon.

Barb and Jon Gast had a couple of callers Sunday. Joining them for a visit over lunch and taking care of some inside chores were their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon.

Helen Whiteman had a guest Sunday. Stopping by for a family chat was her daughter, Sherri Lett.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Caleb Baldwin, Jason

Federer and Shaun Wilson, Jan. 17; Devin Good, Jan. 18; Kevin Easterday, Becky Lincoln, John Stacey and Brenda Warner, Jan. 19; Brian Doty, Jan. 20; Christie Davis, Brittney Markley and Shelby Wagoner, Jan. 21; Amelia Hawkey, Sarah Miller, Aaron Scantlen, Eunice Urbin, Pastor David Webb, Janice

Wentzel and Wiletta Wilson, Jan. 22; Karrie Goelz, Elijah Stevens and Harold Sutton, Jan. 23; and Donna Dugan, Jan. 24 (according to her sister, she will be hitting the half century mark!)

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Doty will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 21.

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